SEPTEMBER 2019



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"We journey with God, to serve with love"

Our Vision...

"As a community of believers journeying with God together, we at Bethlehem are called to serve with love by growing a premier youth ministry; enlivening Christian discipleship through lifelong learning, care, and spiritual formation; fostering a vibrant and inspiring worship experience; utilizing our natural setting and location for faithful creation care and outdoor ministry; and opening our doors always to be a "campus at the crossroads" for the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ."

Moving Forward / Making Difficult Choices

Greetings to All,

I hope all of you have had a wonderful Summer and now, in September we will begin our transition into Fall, for many the best Season of the year. We start September with a number of projects and programs ramping up. Our Visions Committee is working through their Vision Surveys and the All Church Forum with Consultant Pastor Adam. We also have many events scheduled: Craft Show in October; Little Arms Open Baby Pantry in November; Our Membership Committee Outreach in November; and many other events that are planned for Fall. Let's not forget Thanksgiving and dare I say.....the Christmas Holiday is not far off either.

As we begin September, I am very appreciative of those that sit on Council this year. We are challenged with providing a path for the Congregation over the next year and we will be making some difficult decisions. Council has been focused on some very frank and honest conversations about how we plan to meet the needs of BLC. Our conversations have centered on the number of Council Members needed (as we have not filled open positions for the last five + years), how to provide meaningful support for our volunteers, Collaborative Committee Planning, modifying the Committee structure we currently have and meeting the needs of new and younger members along with respecting those that have built the foundation of BLC. The initial discussions suggest that we may need to adjust some of our programs, however, more work needs to be done. We will keep the Congregation informed by providing copies of the Minutes of all Council Meetings to the Congregation going forward.

Front and center for the next two months is planning and working through the 2020 budget. Katie Fox, our new Treasurer, has provided Council with detailed information on managing the budgeting process. Our goal this year is to have a finalized budget by the end of October. We are asking all Committees to adhere to the timeline provided at the Council meeting in August.

As many of you are aware, for the past two years we have run deficits. This year, even though we have increased our user donations by 20%, received additional funds from the Craft Show and Ads in the Star, we anticipating another deficit for 2019. I do want to thank all the people who spent hours working to help increase funding for BLC. Your hard work kept our finances afloat, despite higher than normal expenses. Your efforts are appreciated.

I have taken the opportunity to attend the Finance Committee meetings. The members who sit on the Finance Committee have learned, taught and worked with finance in their careers and have strong backgrounds in analyzing budgets and numbers. Their role is to provide details and facts about the financial health of BLC. I was taken by a comment made by a member of the Finance Committee who provided some insight by stating, "we have been treading water for a while and we need to do better at managing our resources if we want BLC to remain viable". I am not saying we are in any difficulty at this time, but as we move ahead to fund our church, we have to work diligently on providing a balanced budget going forward, which may require us to make some difficult choices.

Moving forward we will begin to develop a Vision for BLC. There will be a lot of information reviewed and discussed. If your you have questions, please feel free to ask or provide comments, as any feedback will only add value to the process.

One final comment.....the happiest people don't always have the most of everything, the happiest people make the most of what they have.

Chuck

CONSENT CALENDAR: Reports asked to be removed from the Consent Calendar were as follows: Sustaining Endowment Fund, Vision Committee, Membership and Evangelism. Leonard Graf motioned that we approve the Consent Calendar Reports and remove the reports listed above for further discussion. Seconded by Mark McPherson. Approved with a Roll Call vote by Council. Sustaining Endowment Fund Committee: Phil Anderson:

1) The committee will be meeting on July 23rd at 8:00 a.m. Visions Committee: Phil: 1) The Congregational Survey will be either paper, electronic or both. 2) There was a Face Time meeting with Pastor Adam to discuss Visioning and the Survey. 3) Phil handed out a sample survey and questions and he asked Council to review and comments back to him. 4) Cindy Monroe then asked how the survey would work online. Phil state that they are still working out the details but most likely the survey would be through Google Survey or Survey Monkey. 5) Pastor asked how we would blend the paper and Survey Monkey surveys and Pastor Adam suggested putting the paper surveys into Survey Monkey or Google Survey. Membership and Evangelism: Cindy Monroe: 1) Cindy mentioned that there wasn't a meeting this past month but that they are very tuned in to watching dollars spent. 2) Cindy mentioned that Membership buys the New Testament Bibles but the cost will be covered by a Thrivent Grant.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Re-Imaging Council and Committees: Chuck Ardingo: 1) Chuck stated he is off as the Fellowship Chairman and that the position is open. 2) Carl Lehto is going to head the Property Committee but will not be on Council. 3) Mark McPherson to head the Stewardship Committee. 4) Chuck spoke regarding the aging Funeral Group and that we are in need of volunteers. 5) Chuck then mentioned that by fall we will be thinking about the Re-Imaging of Council. BLC has 300 members total. Think about creative ideas for BLC's future, such as, doing the property work on a Saturday versus Tuesday to get new workers. Pastor then spoke on the Council make up and mentioned there were two retreats in prior years and a nine to ten member Council and five people on the Executive Committee. Pastor mentioned the changes should be set one year prior to the actual change. There was conversation on having non-Council members run a committee, for example Carl Lehto on Property. Pastor also mentioned Laura working with Christian Education as a volunteer and non-Council person, but also the "go to person" for Christian Education.
- b. Personnel: At this time the Council moved, as suggested by Leonard to go into Executive Session with no minutes taken. Motioned to move to Executive session by Jan Stretlien, Seconded by Mark McPherson. Motion carried. Leonard Graf motioned to adjourn Executive session. Seconded by Jan Stretlien. Motion carried.
- c. Marriage Policy: Chuck Ardingo: 1) There was discussion regarding using the Fellowship Hall for small venues, 75 people range, allow wine and beer and that the host family would be responsible for liability coverage. Chuck stated that he was just bringing this up for discussion. Pastor asked how many events are needed to sustain a commercial kitchen. It was mentioned that the big issues of maintaining a commercial kitchen were inspections and other health department related issues. Cindy Monroe mentioned she liked the idea as she and Jim Monroe belong to a small group, a Scottish Group, that may love to use the Fellowship Hall. Pastor stated that he misses having Safe Harbor at BLC and could see a commercial kitchen as a ministry. Again, it was mentioned that other churches allow these events with up to 500 attendees per event. That is not what we are currently considering.
- d. Non-ELCA Donation for 3rd Quarter: Phil Anderson: Asked for a suggestion for our 3rd quarter donation. We have this year given to the Baby Pantry and Women's Resource Center. Chuck as Phil to email Council a list of possible charities to receive our 3rd quarter donation. Phil stated he would and we will select one at the August Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time.

VISITOR OR CONGREGATIONAL COMMENT: None

GOOD OF THE ORDER: A time for general/undocumented comments by each Council Member is so desired.

LORD'S PRAYER: The Lord's Prayer was said by all.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn by Mark McPherson, seconded by Leonard Graf. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M,

Respectfully submitted by: Tim Fox, Council Secretary

ABRIDGED WITH ANNIE: A SUMMARY OF YOUTH EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER...

Hello, Friends! This past month I have been taking the time to adjust to my new role as Director of Youth and Outreach but I am getting very excited for the start of the 2019/2020 school year. This past month has given me lots of time to get to know the youth, parents and other members of the congregation and I can't wait for fall to start! It's my favorite season and there is always so much going on to start off the Semester in Style!



SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS ...

God's Work Our Hands starts off our school year on **Sunday September 8**th. It's going to be a LOT of fun. We are going to have some fun activities planned for the younger students and the older students are invited to spend some time with me getting coffee and hot chocolate so we can get to know each other!

High School Night kicks off for the school year on **Sunday September 15**th. We'll naturally be saying goodbye to summer by cooking burgers and dogs on the grill (with vegetarian options, of course) and playing some outdoor games! We'll be meeting at Bethlehem at 5pm.

BLUES also starts off this month for the year on **Friday September 27**th. We're going to be going on a grand adventure to Pahl's Pumpkin Patch in Buckley, MI for hayrides, corn mazes cider and donuts! We will be meeting there at 5PM. If your child is planning on going to let me know soon!

CONFIRMATION will be starting up again in September. We are still working out some of the details but keep an eye on your emails, the Bethlehem Weekly emails and the Kiosk for further information. I'm very excited to be working with our confirmation youth this semester.

YOUTH IN ACTION is something that I would like to continue so keep on the lookout for an email from me. If you don't want to wait and give me your child's school activities ahead of time go ahead and send them to me!

Be sure to mark your calendars for all these fun events!

As we begin this transition from summer to fall, I ask that you keep Bethlehem's Youth, Teachers, Classroom Volunteers and anyone involved in both public and private education in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for another amazing year.

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Cheerfully in Christ,

Annie Slabaugh

Director of Youth and Outreach
Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Traverse City

A Creation Care Moment

from an August 30, 2019 entry in Pastor Paul's not-so-frequent blog website, "TrailVerseCity.com"

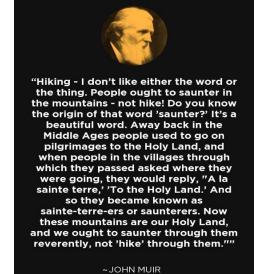
End of Summer: Sabbath, Struggle, Saunter

Last Sunday was a special day – not because it was a particular calendar date of any known significance, and not just because Sunday for many humans is a "day of rest" we call "The Sabbath."

Last Sunday was special because a groups of Lutherans, Methodists (and a few cool connoisseurs of Creation who prefer not to be labeled) took an hour or so to wander together in the outskirts of Traverse City, Michigan. We wandered and wondered on a trail that would take no time at all to hike at the "usual walking pace" of two to three miles per hour. But instead of that clip, we challenged one another to walk at half-speed: the self-proclaimed pace of a "saunter-er." For an exact definition, see Muir's words below:

Somewhere in the saunter is a need to leave the struggle of daily life behind and let God's handiwork do its *work* on us. That's not to say life's struggles are inherently bad. Some might argue they are necessary to find oneself or be found (see Jacob's wrestling with God or the "angel" in Genesis 32:22-32). But "sabbath" for me is something between an effort to serve one another (i.e. not oneself) with real work, and allowing ourselves to rest in God's mercy in the outdoors.

The picture I chose for this article above is one from Sunday afternoon's "End of Summer Saunter" with my hiking friends. And the trek on the Cedar Lake loop trail at DeYoung Barn Natural Area culminates, you might say, at this opening from the deep woods onto a fishing pier and panoramic view of the Lake. On that pier we shared short stories of our lives and what circumstances brought us to this outcrop together.



azquotes.com

But looking back, into the woods that appeared dark for just that moment, a different image came to mind: the mystery of what sabbath means, as it opens up a scenic vista within, yet still invites us into the unknown on the remainder of the loop...if only to help us rest, and struggle, to find our true saunter.

Also available at https://trailversecity.com/2019/08/30/end-of-summer-sabbath-struggle-saunter/

Christian Education News September 2019





Sunday School needs teachers for all our classrooms:

Pre-K K-2nd grade 3rd-6th grade

This very brief commitment runs between services approximately 9:45am-10:45am Sunday mornings, and

simple lessons are pre-scripted with all the material.

Please prayerfully consider this service ministry for our children.

Call Nancy Ammann 946-8433 for more details.

9:45-10:45am Sunday, September 8, 2019
Join us for music,
a special service project,
and the official kickoff of the new Sunday
School season!
1) We will be cleaning Bryant Park!
Wear old clothes
2) We will also have a special
back-to-school backpack blessing!
*Please have your children bring their
school backpacks labeled with their names*



Christian Ed. is looking for musicians to accompany our Sunday School opening songs from September through May.

We love piano music, but guitar, ukulele, or other instruments are also welcome!

This short commitment is approximately a 15-30" slot typically twice per month with very simple songs.

Please prayerfully consider this service ministry for our children.

Call Nancy Ammann 946-8433 for more details.





<u>Reminder---</u>All are welcome at our Council Meetings: Tuesday, September 17 at 6 pm. is our next meeting. There is a time slot for guests to speak at the beginning of the meeting.

DEADLINE FOR COUNCIL REPORTS IS WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11

SEE THE BACK AD PAGE

In the 2019 budget, we created a couple of small line items for new revenue/contributions to address our tight budget moving forward. One of those ideas is hosting an "Ad Page" on the back page of the STAR newsletter. We have volunteers who will help make this happen and would like to get the word out that if you or someone you know would like publicity for an organization or business, we will offer 1/16th of a page for \$25/month or 1/8 page for \$50/month or 1/4 page for \$80. A parishioner with graphic design experience has graciously offered members a free, one time layout for their ad (i.e. the equivalent of about 20 minutes of work to get set up) and another member has offered to lay out the page. Our bookkeeper, Phil Anderson will track and document the contributions/donations to help us move forward. Please contact Renae Wells

616-204-8900/wellsrenae17411@gmail.com and/or Barbara Wright

231-735-3227/ mzbright9006@yahoo.com in the office if you are interested.

Your Stewardship Committee

CHURCH COUNCIL'S SECRETARY COMMENTS

Our August 20th Council Meeting was a great meeting, the meeting contained a lot of passion and concern for Bethlehem. Two of the items that stood out to me are as follows

First, on the suggestion of our President, Chuck Ardingo, we will now have the monthly Council Meeting Minutes available in hard copy for you to pick up and review. These hard copies will be available in the Narthex/Lobby about the second week the month following the meeting. This is a new process, so please bear with your Secretary as I get the timing and distribution completely figured out.

Secondly, as of the August Council Meeting, with a membership of around 300, we had received only 50 surveys for the Vision Survey. At the time of the meeting we had less than a week to go before the deadline of midnight August 25th for online surveys. This was bothersome news as we need as many surveys completed as possible to get an ideal of what our membership feels are the needs of Bethlehem. (If you are reading this article I would bet you completed the survey, so I am as they say, preaching to the choir.) Having a Vision that we all at Bethlehem can get behind is so important for our future we need as many people to participate as possible. Hopefully we can have a great turnout the weekend of September 7th and 8th when Pastor Adam will preach and have a Vision Forum meeting, with lunch, after the 11:00 service.

As always, thank you for all you do for Bethlehem, your Council really appreciates it! Tim Fox Council Secretary

A Thrivent Financial Event - Wednesday, September 11, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

At Thrivent Financial, our purpose is to strengthen Christian communities by helping people be wise with money and inspiring them to live generously. We hope you'll join us for this fun event!

Join us for a free movie night featuring the groundbreaking documentary *Code Blue:* Redefining the Practice of Medicine. This inspiring film follows a passionate physician, Dr. Saray Stancic, as she reflects upon her journey from a multiple sclerosis diagnosis to wellness through lifestyle medicine. Dr. Stancic introduces viewers to expert physicians and scientists who are paving the way to make meaningful and necessary changes in healthcare, and in turn, empowers audiences to stand up and reclaim control of their health.

Please consider bringing a canned food item for Father Fred Foundation. Especially needed items include bleach, garbage bags, ketchup and salad dressing.

There is no charge for this event. Please RSVP by calling (231) 486-6021 or visiting our webpage at https://www.facebook.com/northern.michigan.group.thrivent/

Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 11th by calling Dee Moss at (231)486-6021

July 2019 Financial Results:

July income of \$31,905 was \$528 under budgeted income of \$32,433.

July expense of \$32,917 was \$2,236 over budgeted expense of \$30,681.

July was budgeted to have a surplus of \$1,752. The actual deficit was \$1,012. This was a decrease of \$2,764 against budget. The bottom line in July was challenged by lower than expected contributions, unexpected repairs, and personnel expenses.

YTD income of \$227,972 was \$3,009 above budgeted income of \$224,963.

YTD expense of \$224,496 was \$4,094 over budgeted expense of \$220,402.

YTD we budgeted to have a surplus of \$4,561 as of the end of July. We ended July with a surplus of \$3,475 which means we are \$1,086 behind where we budgeted to be at this point in time. Contributions under budget YTD and large unexpected expenses continue to challenge the bottom line.

To net this out, after the first seven months of the year we have a surplus cash flow of \$3,475. Our budget over the remaining five months shows a deficit cash flow of \$11,769. Said another way, we will have a deficit of \$8,294 at year end compared to the \$7,208 deficit that was originally projected. This of course assumes our giving stabilizes and non-operating income levels remain strong along with no additional large unexpected expenses.

From Your Stewardship Committee:

WE'RE ASKING, PLEASE ANSWER

What does it mean to you to be a good steward of the gifts God has given you?

,	Write your thoughts here.	Your thoughts are only for you to ponder and reflect upon.

We asked you on the previous page what your stewardship thoughts might be. Here are some Stewardship thoughts by others, as printed in the June, 2019 THRIVENT magazine.

WE ASKED, YOU ANSWERED

What does it mean to you to be a good steward of the gifts God has given you?

Being a good steward means living in a way as if everything I own doesn't belong to me. It belongs to Christ, and he's just lending it to me for a short while.

Josiah Hoagland Fosston, Minnesota

I will always treasure my father's philosophy of life: Everything we have today is a blessing from God. What we do with it is our gift back to God. Let us thank God for blessing us with so much more than we deserve.

Ronald L. Smith Salisbury, North Carolina

Being a good steward means taking care of the people and things in my life, to walk gently on the earth, to be satisfied with enough, and share my time, talents and treasures with others.

Carol Burris Grove City, Ohio

Being a good steward of the gifts God has given me isn't just about money. It's how I use my time and talents to serve others.

David Petr Street, Maryland

Treating people as if they are God in disguise. *Catherine Keller*

St. Augustine, Florida

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WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM

WELCOME SEPTEMBER, 2019!

It is not what we do that matters but what a Sovereign God chooses to do through us.

God doesn't want our success; He wants US! (Charles Colson)

You are valuable just because you exist; not because of what you do or what you have done. But simply because you are. (Max Lucado)

EVENTS AND PROJECTS OF WELCA

COSMETIC BAGS: Due to the generosity of Bethlehem MEMBERS and a grant supplied by Thrivent, members of Bethlehem's WELCA provided 42 cosmetic bags for women and 15 toiletry bags for men. We distributed them to Women's Resource Center, Goodwill Inn, Community Meals, and Traverse City High School.

Many thanks to you for helping with this ministry!

BIBLE STUDIES BEGINNING: Our new year of Bible Studies begins this month.

Two circles are enjoying the Bible Study printed in the *Gather* magazine. The study for September is entitled "No Hard Feelings? - The Angst of Anger" One circle is studying the Bible from the beginning. If you are interested in joining one of these circles, please contact Nancy Ammann 946-8433.

ALL WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

FALL CONVENTION & RETREAT will be held in Cadillac at Zion Lutheran Church on Friday and Saturday, September 27-28. There is still time to register. We will car pool on Friday. SEE REGISTRATION FLYER IN THIS STAR!

You can also contact Nancy Ammann 946-8433

AGAIN. ALL WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM ARE INVITED!

WELCA GENERAL MEETING will be held on Wednesday, September 18th at 6:30 PM with a potluck meal followed by a program "I Love To Tell The Story" presented by Sarah Circle. We will also have elections for President, Vice-President and Treasurer.

AND AGAIN, ALL WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

CONVENTION / RETREAT NW LOWER MICHIGAN SYNOD

"Therefore as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people" Galatians chapter 6 verse 10

WHERE: Zion Lutheran Church 350 Pearl St. Cadillac, MI
There are no peanuts or tree nuts allowed in Zion Church

WHEN: September 27 and 28, 2019	6:30 pm Friday	y till 3:00 Saturday
Name:		
Address:	3	_
City	State:	Zip
Email address:		Phone
Congregation		
Emergency Contact		
PRICES: Friday and Saturday:	\$50.00	
Don't forget to get your hotel rooms	early! They are at	a reduced price of \$93, at the <i>Hampton Inn</i> ,
1650 S Mitchell St, Cadillac, MI 496	01 (phone 231-779	9-2900). A breakfast buffet is included in the
price.		
rate.		ate, a room may still be available, but at a higher
Be sure to mention you are with the V	Vomen of the ELC.	A to get the discounted rate.
Other hotels in Cadillac are the Holid	ay Inn Express (23	31-779-4656) 7642 S. US 131 Cadillac MI or
the Evergreen Resort (844-741-8928)	. 7880 Mackinaw	Trail, Cadillac MI 49601
PLAN AHEAD FINAL DAY F	OR REGISTRAT	ION IS September 15, 2019!
Send to: Clarene Kersting, 1733 Woo	dside, Muskegon,	MI 49441. Make checks/money orders payable
to Women of the ELCA.		

As we have done in the past, we will be having raffle
and silent auction of quilts and gift baskets that participants bring in from your Congregation



Has taken its meetings into the Community. We now meet on the 4th Tuesday at 5:30 at the Cottage Café (During the summer only back at church.) You can choose a meal or just join in the discussion. ALL ARE WELCOME & bring a friend.

Attention All Ladies: Something for everyone, please come to "I Love To Tell The Story" presented by Sarah Circle on Wednesday, September 18th at 6:00 PM here at Bethlehem. Please bring a dish to pass and your table service. A general meeting will be held with election of officers. We hope to see you there for wonderful food and enjoyment.

Finger-Food Fellowship!

Finger Food Fellowship is back...but only if you are generous with your time, talent, or \$\$\$. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for groups or individuals to sign up for treats after each of the Sunday services. As long as it only needs a napkin, you can bring it to share. Please be kind to your fellow church members.



SHOP AT FAMILY FARE AND HELP RAISE MONEY FOR QUILTS!!

Shop at Family Fare, 905 E. 8th Street here in Traverse City (or at any Family Fare in the area) and help raise money for quilts!

To warm others with more than a prayers,
save register receipts when you shop Family Fare!
Lutheran World Relief quilters need help from you.
Bring Family Fare receipts to us that you could do.
This helps raise money for the supplies it will take...
for fabric, thread, and shipping necessary for the quilts we make!

Questions? Please call Betty Rutila at 231-947-1013



The Worship & Music Committee has restored the custom of honoring new members of the family of God with a rose at the Altar. Those who wish to celebrate their new child or grandchild can contact the church office. The cost is \$10.00 to be submitted to the church office, or labeled as such and placed in the collection plate. The rose and vase can be taken by the family after the 11:00 service on Sunday.

Musicality

Another way to support your Bethlehem Music Department is to join one of the music groups. Depending on the one you join, you could be a part of services every 2 months, once a month, once every three weeks, or about every other week. They all have different schedules. What fits you best?

Your choices are steel pans, bells, Worship Team, and choir. They rehearse once a week with trained directors and really build up quite a comradery. It's fun. Think about it.





Did you know Love Thy Neighbor has a Medical Equipment Loan Ministry? If you, a friend or a family members needs a wheelchair, walker, cane, bathroom equipment or more, we can help! We have closet locations at Christ the King in Acme, Grace Episcopal mid-town, St. Patrick in the Grawn area and at the Love Thy Neighbor office on East Front Street. **Call 941-5683** to speak with us about a loan or a donation of equipment. Thanks to our partnership you can have love and care at home!

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is always looking for volunteers:

- 1.Skilled/Unskilled volunteers to serve as site coaches leading and teaching groups of volunteers in finish carpentry. No experience necessary.
- 2. Committee Members. Time commitment is about three hours a month. Committees needing members are Faith Relations, Family Selection and Events.
- 3.Re-Store volunteers / Donation drives / Pickup and Delivery
- 4. Lunch volunteers to feed construction site crews.
- 5.Deconstruction teams to salvage materials to be sold at the Re-Sale Store. If you're interested in helping out, please call Michelle Reichert at 231-941-4663

Health Concerns*



Richard Fernholz, Nancy Smith, Hazel Lautner, Tom Miller, Margie Whitney,
Jo Hasse, Mary Gordon, Ruth Boerman, Ellie Tacke,
Bev Attwood, Roy Stowe, Priscilla Thompson,
Marlene Baesch, Alvin Kober, Bill Gourdie, Lynn Hoyt, Jan Waisanen,
Alvin Kober, Roy Dumond, Molly Eastman, Suzanne Lehto,
Harper Wiemerslage, Brenda Denoyer and Byron Pearce

Grand Traverse Pavilions: Bev Attwood, Bill Gourdie, Ellie Tacke

Homebound: Hazel Lautner, Ruth Boerman

Traverse Manor: Margie Whitney

French Manor LaFranier: Jo Hasse, Roy Stowe

French Manor: Mary Gordon

Boardman Lake Glens: Inge Thomas, Bill & Dee Springer

Samaritas (Acme): Priscilla Thompson

Hospital Visits: Please let the church office know if you are going into the hospital for a scheduled procedure or an emergency so Pastor Paul can visit you.



BLC's PRAYER CHAIN is always seeking partners in prayer.

More volunteers are needed for this crucial ministry.

For more information or to set the Prayer Chain in motion,
call Jan Stretlien @ 947-3265 or email jstretlien@gmail.net

*If you would like your name, or the name of a loved one, to appear on this list which appears here and in the weekly bulletin, please call the church office at 947-9880.

Are you checking for the latest BLC updates at: www.bethlehemtc.org?

You saw Norm and others take the photos...be sure you see them at www.bethlehemtc.org!

Good News...and great news...at www.bethlehemtc.org...



Wittenberg: Bringing People Together from All Over the World

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) <u>Wittenberg Center</u> celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, just as the <u>Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Wittenberg Center</u> celebrates 20 years in the city of Martin Luther. <u>Read more from LWF about this historic anniversary celebration</u>. https://www.lutheranworld.org/news/wittenberg-bringing-together-people-all-over-world.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) Consultation for Women Pastors

Last month, approximately 300 ordained women gathered together at this year's ELCT **Consultation for Women Pastors**, held in Katesh, Tanzania. During this event, leaders discussed issues such as the formation of ministry, equality in leadership and management, and gender-based violence and harassment, as well as commitment, accountability and good governance. Among those attending the meeting was ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, who preached at the opening worship service. https://www.facebook.com/pg/lutheranworld/photos/? tab=album&album id=2629089320443242&ref=page internal

Global Mission Updates — Summer/Fall 2019 edition now available

Updates," a biannual report on important programs, activities and events in Global Mission and around Curious to know more about recent happenings in the global church? Check out "Global Mission the world with our companion churches." Download the latest edition today.

https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Global Mission Updates Summer CWA 2019.pdf

International Women Leaders Endowment Fund

An endowment fund was recently launched to ensure the sustainability of our new and important ministry: International Women Leaders. We are excited about this new opportunity to invest in women's education alongside our global companions. To donate to the fund, visit the Global Mission donation page and select "International Women Leaders Endowment Fund" from the drop-down menu.

A New Era of Storytelling

Over the next few months you might notice some changes in "Global Links" and other places where we share the stories of God's global church. As we bring a close to *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*, we will transition to new ways of lifting up the ministries of our global companions. ELCA Global Church Sponsorship has been an important way to support these global ministries — including our ELCA missionaries, Young Adults in Global Mission, International Women Leaders and global ministries. As we transition into a new era as a church, we will continue to support the same critical ministries and lift up the stories of global engagement and the work of our companions under the name: Global Mission. Thank you for being part of this journey — we look forward to the road ahead!

Come One Come All Bethlehem 8th Annual Fall Family Campout September 20-22

At the beautiful **Turtle Lake Campground**In the outskirts of Beulah
Come for one night, two nights, or Saturday only
Or join us for Saturday evening meal (bring a dish to pass)
Or just a campfire, "S'mores" **Give Barb or Leonard Graf a call, 946-5120.**They have set aside some sites for us (lake view).



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Make your own campsite reservation.

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5am - Membership &	10am - AlAnon-B	9 am - Prayer Shawl	6pm - Worship Team	7 pm - Vocal Choir	10am - Alanon-LR3	9am - AAUW Meeting
am - Modern Worship - S	10am - Alanon-LR3	9 am - Property Work Group			2:30pm - Front Street Jazz	5pm - Celebrate! Worship
30pm - Wor. & Mus.	6:30pm - Gamblers	10am - Staff Meeting			6pm - Mtg. with Pr. Adam	5pm - Worship-S
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