

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 4



Prelude Music

I Am Redeemed

BLC Choir

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life,

C: let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song:

Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)

Brown & Doerksen

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Your love makes me sing.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Your love makes me sing.

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging. Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet.

Your love is a myst'ry, how You gently lift me. When I am surrounded Your love carries me.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Your love makes me sing.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Your love makes me sing.

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Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising, all the joy that's growing deep inside of me.
Ev'ry time I see You all Your goodness shines through. I can feel this God song rising up in me.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Your love makes me sing.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Your love makes me sing.

Yes, You make me sing. Lord, You make me sing, sing, sing. How you make me sing.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Your love makes me sing.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Your love makes me sing.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Your love makes me sing.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Your love makes me sing.
Lord, You make me sing. How You make me sing.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all!
C: And also with you!

Kyrie

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**
A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**
A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**
A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.
A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together,
C: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

1 Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God.
2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, 3 saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" 4 Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. 6 As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 7 I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' 8 But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. 11 At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12 The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14 he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'

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15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" 18 When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm: Psalm 148

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

2 Praise the Lord, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

3 Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

4 Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created,

6 who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

8 fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

9 mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

10 wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

11 sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

12 young men and maidens, old and young together.

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia



Gospel: John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

P: A reading from... C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song of the Day:

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church / Sign of the Peace *(Let us give one another a sign of peace according to your comfort level.)*

Offering / Offering Song:

Zeke Clemons

Offertory:

Come to the Table

ELW 481

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray together.

C: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion *(Please note: gluten-free wafers and white grape juice cups are available)*

Communion Songs:

*I Come with Joy
United at the Table*

ELW 482

ELW 498

Final Blessing

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Bethlehem May 18, 2025
LUTHERAN CHURCH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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5/18—Jim Achard

5/19—Jennifer Gaston

5/20—Brandon Bugai

5/20—Brandon Williams

5/23—Courtney Leatherman

5/23—Ally Leatherman

5/24—Cindy Hitesman

5/24—Tom Rockne

5/25—Amy Haara

Worship Servants for May 18

Presiding & Preaching—Pastor Paul Busekist

Assisting Minister—Cindy Monroe

Lector—Tina Dohm

Musicians: David Husser, Zeke Clemons, Phil & Denise Bossardet, Pr Paul

Today's altar flowers are donated: *by Barbara Oster in Celebration of her great-nephew, Jon Igloe's birthday and Confirmation Day*

Hospitality—Phil Anderson / Susie Burton

A/V—Jim Monroe / Paul Ton

Cookies/Coffee—Diane Cunningham / Mary Ann Tanis

Welcome Table—VOLUNTEER

Bell Ringer—Tim Goebel

Front Door Monitor: Jana & Tom Rockne

Altar Guild—Kate Holtfreter

Tech Support—Julia Acker

Counters—Cindy Cuba / Jane Passmore

VISION IN ACTION: YES, you read that right!! The Vision Team, with the help of all who have so generously participated in the numerous congregation discussions, is ready to get us moving!! Immediately following today's worship, we will gather for our coffee/fellowship time and you will be provided with exciting information regarding BLC's direction for the future. Our time together will be filled with some general information regarding our findings, brief discussion about how we anticipate moving forward, and small group time to hear specifically about three areas of direction. Snacks will be served and we are anticipating taking only one hour of your time. This is going to be an informative time, an opportunity to say "How Can I Help," and a way to get connected as we move into the next phase of our life together. As the song goes: "We Got to Move It, Move It!!" Hope to see you there. Many Thanks! Your Vision Team



More Chair Yoga: Bethlehem has added another Chair Yoga class per week. You now have two opportunities to attend: Monday and Wednesday at 3:00pm. The cost is \$5 and Janet Weaver will be the instructor. People can attend one or both classes per week. Gail Goldsmith will continue to be the church representative for the Monday class and Cindy Monroe will be the church representative for the Wednesday class. It is a great opportunity to stretch and work on balance issues.

What IS GRIEVING? Could it be the loss of a marriage, your home, or community, good health, a dream or something else? The list can go on and on. No matter the loss you have a family here at Bethlehem that loves you, wants to support you, and be here for you! We meet here on the first Monday of the month from 3:30-4:30 and on the third Monday from 5:30-6:30. **Due to Peggy being out of town at the Synod Assembly on May 19th, there will not be a grief group on that date.** If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Burns 231-392-6913.

BOOK CLUB NEWS: We are changing our location AND our date this month to the 4th Wednesday.. The next meeting will be Wed, May 28 at 5:30. We will be reading "Signal Fires" by Dani Shapiro. We will again be at the home of Betsy Morley for a potluck picnic. If you plan to come please contact Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net to indicate what you would like to bring for the meal.

WELCA Appreciation Dinner for ALL MEN of the congregation on June 1 at 11:45am (after church service). Old Fashioned Roast Beef dinner with all the trimmings will be served. Come for dinner and an uplifting program. There is a sign-up sheet next to the sign in the Narthex.

WE NEED YOU!!!! Can you do something more? What about stepping forward to being on council? There will be three-3 year positions and two-2 year positions open because of some unexpected relocations of some council members during the past year. There will also be openings on the Sustaining Endowment and Mission Endowment Committees. Please submit your names to anyone on council, on those committees or in the office. And even if you cannot volunteer, please try to be at the Congregational Meeting on June 8 after the service to learn what's going on and to VOTE.

Thank You Note: Dear Friends at Bethlehem Lutheran Church: On behalf of the GT Baby Pantry, I'd like to thank you for your gift of \$181.50. Your support of this service has been so important to our success. We appreciate the donation of space, the involved volunteers and the monetary donations you have gifted us over the years. Thank you again! Sincerely, Sally Hanley GT Baby Pantry



National Cherry Festival Volunteer Opportunity Bethlehem Lutheran Church has the opportunity to volunteer 3 times at the National Cherry Festival to earn money for Pastor Paul's future Sabbatical. We are asking for 5 volunteers for each event to earn \$200 per shift from the Community Share Group. The sign up to volunteer has changed this year. Every person who volunteers will need to go online to the Festival Foundation Website and complete the waiver form and read the volunteer handbook. This year we have volunteered for **Monday, June 30th from 9:45 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Souvenir tent.** We are also signed up for **Tuesday July 1st from 9:45 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Pepsi tent.** And **Thursday July 3rd from 9:45 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Pie and Ice Cream tent. We will need 7 people for this tent.**

There are sign up sheets in the Narthex for each event. You can sign up for one or more events. Each day after our work shift we are invited to go to the Oasis to have lunch. It is nice to be able to sit down as a group and eat and have time to talk. If you have any questions please talk to Gail Goldsmith.

BLC partners with Old Town Playhouse for the musical telling the story of Moses in THE PRINCE OF EGYPT: How exciting that this summer we will have rehearsals for this amazing musical here in this building! If you want to audition to be on stage or be part of the supporting community choir you can follow this link to sign up: www.OLDTOWNPLAYHOUSE.COM/EGYPT Performances will be Aug 21 and 22 at 7:00 and Aug 23 at 2:00 at Milliken Auditorium. The youth will be running the concessions on Thursday, Aug 21 and their youth fund will receive the benefits. We need other volunteers for the two other performances and the funds earned can be designated to the charity or cause recommended by the volunteers. Bethlehem's Good Samaritan Fund? Project Feed the Kids? Safe Harbor? Grand Traverse Baby Pantry? Another idea? It's easy to sell items before the show and during intermission. Sign up in the gathering space or contact Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net or 231 631 0887 if you can help one of those days. Also, do you want to reserve tickets to see the show? If tickets are purchased in groups of 6 each will cost \$42 for an adult and \$18 for youth under the age of 18. Sign up sheets for the tickets will also be in the gathering space.

Bethlehem will take the third Tuesday of the month for May, June, July, August, and September to staff volunteer positions at Safe Harbor. That's tentatively May 20; June 17; July 15; August 19; and September 16.

Need four volunteers for each of those nights (Remember, 3 professional staff will lead); one Bethlehem volunteer in the morning.

Volunteer staffing - 4 total in evening and one in the morning; Please sign up; I'll be in touch.

- Facility Manager (6:00 or so to 9:30 or so)
- Shelter Prep/Check-in (6:00 to 8:30)
- Shelter Prep/Floater (runner, guest meds, FM assist) (6:00 to 8:30)
- Check-in Assistant (6:00-8:30)
- Morning Volunteer (7:00AM to 9:30AM) This is the following morning...

(I have noted 6:00PM for all positions- until 8:30PM- Facility Manager may run an hour later)

This costs us nothing but our efforts... Sign up in the Gathering Space. Please call BLC Safe Harbor Coordinator Tom Rockne with questions... and your commitment! 231-631-0040... Yes, also planning a BLC Hot Dog Picnic at Safe Harbor on June 25... Check with Tom on this... Make a green salad? Potato salad? Macaroni salad? A pot of beans? Cheesy potatoes?

SAVE YOUR PAPER SACKS: Please check the nooks and crannies of your home for paper sacks. The Baby Pantry fills requests from preschool teachers for their students whose parents cannot make it to the pantry. Paper sacks are the perfect size to place the needed items for each child. Just place your bags on the Care table in the coat room. Thank you!!

HOW DO WE CARE AND SERVE? John 12:26 “Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant will also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me”. **YOU ARE LOVED BY YOUR CHURCH FAMILY.** If you would like to have a visit and you would like to receive Communion, Christian Care Giving is here for you! Please let Peggy Burns at 231-392-6914 know and we will have one of our Care Givers come and see you.

DRIVING VOLUNTEERS?: Thanks to those who have already said “yes” to being a regular or substitute driver to transport a delightful member couple to church. They have good mobility but due to other health issues currently cannot drive. They live just north of the east end of 14th street. If you would like to be added to the list of volunteers please contact Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net or 231 631 0887.

PROTECT OUR CARPET: spills always happen, but we now have TWO consistent ways to deal with them. Thanks to an anonymous donor we now have an actual carpet cleaning machine stored in the maintenance closet. **If you cause one or see a spot, please grab the spot cleaner in the squirt container below the sink in the fellowship hall ASAP. Just follow the directions on the bottle and we should be able to keep our carpet in good condition. But, if the stain is too big or too resistant, please use the carpet cleaning machine. The longer the stain sits, the harder it is to clean. Thank you!!**

Alcoholics Anonymous: TC Groups are holding their Open Talk here at Bethlehem on three Saturday nights of each month from 8:00-9:00pm. They will not meet here on the second Saturday due to Contra on that night where they will meet at their TC Group office across from Sara Lee.

Coffee and Cookies on Sunday: Remember that treats and a drink on Sunday are appreciated by all. The sign-up sheet has many BLANK spaces so please take a moment to sign up to bring cookies or some other tasty treat on the Sunday that works best for you. Or sign up to prepare the coffee to give our loyal volunteer Mary Ann Tanis a day off.

A big thank you to all who have turned in Olesons' slips. On March 31st, we received a check from Olesons for \$275.60 from receipts turned in. This makes a grand total of \$592.66 for the year 2025. Olesons' slips never expire. Please continue to turn in your Olesons receipts to Bethlehem. Thanks so much!!! Also, the area for the Oleson receipts is in the lower cabinets below the mailboxes (under the A-B-Cs...). The cabinet door is marked with the receptacle inside. Unfortunately, we are no longer collecting the receipts from Family Fair.

Volunteers for Watching the Front Door During Worship: The Safety and Security Committee has the new sign up sheets available. We need volunteers who can be available to stay in the Gathering Space to lock the doors and let in late comers for Sundays. We appreciate all of the volunteers. If you have any questions, the committee members are Gail Goldsmith, Maureen Bauer, and Jana Rockne.

The May issue of the STAR is now available. If you receive the weekly email, your May issue was emailed on May 1st. The shut-ins will receive an issue by mail. There will also be a few copies available on the counter by the mailboxes. You may also contact the office at 947-9880 to request that mail delivery continues. For current issues of the Star, feel free to check online at www.bethlehemtc.org < About Us > “The Online Bethlehem Star” or type this URL to get these directly: <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/the-bethlehem-star-newsletter>.

Wednesday Bible Studies:

The Adult Bible Study which meets from 9:30am—11:30am has ended for the summer. They will resume in September.

The Zoom Bible Study meets from 1:30pm—3:00pm – The class is studying the book, *A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World* by Paul Miller. Contact either Pr. Paul or Barbara with questions.

Food pantry news: Finally we are seeing glimpses of Spring. Hopefully it will stick around. The food pantry supplies are running low and could certainly use some donations. When shopping for donations, please consider items with protein like peanut butter, canned ravioli or spaghetti, tuna, and chicken. The items that we do not need any more of are dried beans, peas, and lentils. Right now we have plenty of soaps but can always use feminine care products. We don't have to worry about items in the pantry freezing any more so anything you donate can be used immediately. Thank you all for your continuing generosity and willingness to serve our community. Suzanne and Kathie
REMEMBER, YOU CAN GET A THRIVENT GRANT FOR UP TO \$250 FOR FOOD PANTRY ITEMS.

The Grand Traverse Baby Pantry works out of our church to provide a variety of baby items to almost 100 families each month. You may not know it, but they also provide food items and cleaning products when they are available. Right now the pantry is in critical need of household cleaning products. They have completely run out. Next time you're out shopping, please consider picking up a few cleaning products for the baby pantry. You can leave your donations in the coat room on the table. On behalf of the Grand Traverse Baby Pantry, thanks to all who continue to donate so that we can provide this much needed resource to the community.

You are Invited to Sunday Morning Adult Education: it is that time again, time to power up our learning and sharing of Scripture. We will meet in the Youth Room from 9:15 to 9:45 each Sunday to discuss the lessons for the day. This is a relaxed venue, with inquisitive sharing, practical application, and an opportunity to get better acquainted with your brothers and sisters in Christ! We hope you will join... All Are Welcome!!!!

Spotlight on Zeke: So many of us enjoy Zeke's talents with religious music, but did you know that he plays other kinds of music at various locations in the Traverse City area? Here is a list of his engagements in the next month that are close to TC:

Tues 5/20—The Parlor, Traverse City 8:00pm **Wed 5/21**—The Pub, Traverse City 7:00pm

Sun 5/25—French Valley Vineyard, Cedar 3:00pm

Offerings: Even though the offering plates are passed during the service, you may use the vase in the back of the Sanctuary if you prefer not to touch the offering plate.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We often find the front door and/or the kitchen door unlocked when there is no one in the building. Please be sure that the doors are locked when you leave.

Please Note:

Barbara Oster/Administrative Assistant works 9:00am-2:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Phil Anderson/Bookkeeper works 8:30am-12:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and **Thursday. (this is Phil's summer schedule)**

Alanna Steffunick-Boomer/Ministry Coordinator works 9:00am-2:30pm – in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday and from home on **Thursday – Please note that this is a new schedule**

Looking for a link to last month's full Council minutes? Type this address/url into your web browser to get the latest approved minutes from Council: bethlehemtc.org/Council-Minutes OR you may call the office to request a copy.

Prayer Requests:

- Prayer Chain: Please contact Jan Stretlien at jstretlien@gmail.com or 231-947-3265
- Prayers read from the altar: Please call Administrative Assistant in the church office 231-947-9880 or admin@bethlehemtc.org

Celebrate a new child in your life with a rose on the baptismal font! Cost \$10.00 per rose. Contact Barbara Oster at beo6475@yahoo.com or 231.668.7038.

Norm Fred has helped a previously homeless couple for a few years. They are proud people and do not like to be given charity but they will accept help in the form of donated cans that they can recycle for money. Please bring in your recyclables in for them. **Leave them in plastic bags by the garage.** These are nice people. There, but for the Grace of our God, go we.



Are you looking for the Caring Table for your donations? It is now located inside the coat room to the right. Your donations are very much appreciated.

LOST AND FOUND: If you lose something in the church building, please check our new Lost and Found box located in the Coat Room. Also, if you find something, please put it in the box.

Yarn Available: There is yarn available free for the taking located in the cabinets located under the mailboxes in the Narthex. Take what you need.

Name tags: Your name tags are in your mailboxes. Please retrieve them so you can proudly wear them on Sunday mornings. We often have visitors and with so many recent new members it helps them if they can see a friendly face and attach a name to it.

We are wanting to update the list of people we pray for. If everyone could look at the list and let us know of any changes, whether it is people who can be taken off, or should be added, we would appreciate it. Please respond by email to admin@bethlehemtc.org

Harper Wiemerslage,
Jerry Hill,
John Block,
Roy DuMond,
Mary Woodring,
Norm Fred,
Lynn Hoyt,
Steve,
Carol Collins,
Sherry,
Bob Pierce,
Milt & Carol Bowes,
Debbie Knopf,
Ron Hellenga,
Jim Rumbach,
John Stretlien,
Judy Fenton,
Cindy Hitesman,
Richard Fernholz,
Julie Lapeer,
Tom & Lee Miller,
Chris Rhee,
Holman Family
Dale and Cheryl Leider,
Leroy Schlagel,
Earl Manuel,
Julie Barrett,
Patti McCracken,
Jennifer Mowers,
Sharon Vanmeter,
Kyle Scheunaman,
Ben,
Marianne,
Christine,
Janet Burmeister



Hoop's Pet Food Pantry: This is the only pet food pantry in NW lower Michigan. They primarily provide dry food, wet food, treats, cat litter and toys for mostly dogs and cats but they will support any type of pet to the best of their ability. Please visit them at the Square Deal Country Store, 900 Woodmere Ave, TC **from 11:00am – 2:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month with** your donations OR you may leave donations in the tub on our “donations” table in the coat room. The volunteers have expressed their appreciation when receiving our donations.

Have something important going on at Bethlehem that you'd like others to know about? Maybe a Small Group? A Club Event? Feature it on the Screen Announcements, weekly emails and on our Facebook Events Page! If there is something you'd like featured or included in any of these, please reach out to alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org **If you are not getting the weekly emails for any reason, please contact Alanna.**

Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers for a Sunday service. Please use the sign-up poster in the Narthex by signing on the date you request. Then fill out a pink slip with the necessary information and place it and a check for \$45 (This is a new amount. The check should be payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or BLC) in the offering plate on Sunday morning (Preferable) or during the week, in the Administrative Assistant's mailbox near the church office entrance. You may select either “in honor” or “in memory” or “to celebrate”. If someone has already signed on the date you would like, feel free to add your name – we welcome more than one on a Sunday.

The church calendar is below. Please be sure to notify the office (admin@bethlehemtc.org or 231.947.9880) to be sure that your group is of the calendar.

Sunday, May 18

Synod Assembly in Mt Pleasant – Sunday – Tuesday

Thanks to our Delegates, Peggy B, Jim H and Pr Paul

9:15am—Sunday School

9:15am—Adult Education (Library)

10:00am—Worship Service (S)

11:30am—Vision in Action

2:00pm—Girl Scouts (Library)

Monday, May 19

3:00pm—Chair Yoga (FH)

Tuesday, May 20

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)

9:00am—Property Work Group

12:00pm—Sarah Circle (Library)

6:30pm—Council Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, May 21

11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)

1:30pm—Zoom Bible Study (Zoom and In-Person)

3:00pm—Chair Yoga (FH)

Thursday, May 22

5:30pm—ACA (Library)

Friday, May 23

STAR ARTICLES DUE TODAY

Saturday, May 24

6:00pm—LifeRing Recovery Group (Library)

8:00pm—AA (FH)

Sunday, May 25

9:15am—Sunday School

9:15am—Adult Education (Library)

10:00am—Worship Service (S)

