

SEPTEMBER 2021



Bethlehem
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER

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Building Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 9am to 2:30pm

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 9am to 2:30pm

Worship Times:

Sunday: 10 am Modern Worship including
Communion with service Livestreamed on
Facebook and YouTube

Parking Lot Communion: 11:00 am

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Our Mission...

“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.”



"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.' " – John 8:12



Dear Bethlehem brothers and sisters,

September is often the time in the church and school year for truly new beginnings. With its many challenges, 2020 kept us from feeling that way. 2021 greets us with the mixed blessing of seeing a light at the end of a tunnel – a good light (John 8) – but with the cautious optimism we have come to embrace as somewhat normative.

This September I want to fully embrace the optimism, and leave the “cautious” part to the end of our thoughts. We have a lot to be thankful for, now officially a year and a half into a journey of twists and turns – still seeking Christ together, still found always in the arms of God. Here are some of those thanksgivings:

- **Bethlehem has opened its doors** for weekly worship, life transitions and passages (weddings, baptisms and memorials), community programs (Drivers Education and soon the Baby Pantry and food kiosk) and will open up soon to large fellowship gatherings. Our Ice Cream Social September 12th will do just that (outside) as we invite the neighborhood to join us for new fall beginnings.
- **Bethlehem has made a conscious choice to take the “good” (i.e. “silver lining”) from the past 18 months** by installing new livestreaming equipment, allowing staff to spend less time (pre-)recording and emphasize the importance of gathering to worship in person, when possible for all. We have even made a conscious effort to support that technology with staff (more on that soon.)
- **Bethlehem has placed an emphasis on self-care and renewal**, and soon we will look for new ways to enhance our space and our sense of ministry (more soon on this as well!)

That last point of thanksgiving has me personally wanting to share how I believe it's time, finally time, to begin revisiting our vision at Bethlehem. As I shared with you in August, my own renewal time emphasized a need for discernment overall and for re-imagining self and church. Keep on the lookout for further thoughts in October as we delve squarely into Stewardship and a process of renewed visioning together.

Finally, we do all of this with one eye on the future and one on the present. As I type this, we are adjusting Covid guidelines for the short term. Please check your email periodically for updates. Our bishop also encourages us (on page 8) to remember God's saving image of the Ark. Please be safe and remember we are all in this together.

In peace,
Pr. Paul

President's Corner...

It is hard to believe that it is September already. Summer is over and fall is here. I am very thankful to the church council and the congregation as a whole for Pastor Paul's renewal time. It is hard to put into prospect the strain that this pandemic has placed on all clergy and the faith based community. Clergy and congregations have had to adopt to new situations that at times can change daily. We are blessed to have him. Many of us have learned to telecommute, do telehealth and pastors to telepreach!

As we move into the fall you will see things start to progress into a new sense of normalcy. As of this writing the pandemic is still looming over us and there has to be adjustments ongoing in our lives. Some we may want to do and others we may not. Having the best interest of Bethlehem and the community at large is a very important task.

Fall is also the time of Stewardship. In light of the impact the pandemic has had I am thankful to you for your stewardship. Yes, we are behind on income but mostly on plate offerings. To those of you that are fulfilling a pledge and/or a regular offering, again THANK YOU! It is never too late to catch up.

I look forward to the fall season and activities that it brings. Bethlehem is a blessed community!

Mark McPherson

God's Work, Our Hands

Sept 12 will be a special day in the life of our church, so please join us if at all possible:

- *Installation of council members for 2021-2022
- *Dedication of Sacred Grounds on east side of building
- *outdoor ice cream social after the service to which members of the surrounding area have been invited
- *Start-up of BLC 24/7 Food Pantry..please consider bringing a staple food item in appreciation for the ice cream treat

Our thanks to Thrivent financial for the grant to sponsor our outreach to the community for the Ice cream social in addition to the Trapp family grant which allowed for the building of the pantry and will assist with providing food.



Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Traverse City Michigan

"We Journey with God to serve with Love"

MINUTES FOR CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: JULY 20, 2021

CALLED TO ORDER: Leonard Graf 6:00 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Cindy Monroe, 1 Peter Chapter 4 verse 10 and Luke Chapter 16 verse 10 and an Erma Bombeck Quote.

ROLL CALL: Gail Goldsmith; Maureen Bauer, Pastor Paul Busekist, Denice Bossardet, Scott Farley, Gail Goldsmith, Leonard Graf, Laura Hahn, Jim Hinds, Mark McPherson, Cindy Monroe, Jim Monroe, Paul Wiemerslage all present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Cindy Monroe made the motion to approve the Agenda, Maureen Bauer seconded the motion, the motion carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President: Mark McPherson was nominated and accepted the position and presided over the meeting.

Vice-President: Maureen Bauer was nominated and accepted the position.

Secretary: Gail Goldsmith was nominated and accepted the position.

Treasurer: Leonard Graf was nominated and accepted the position.

Financial Secretary: James Monroe was nominated and accepted the position.

All positions were voted on and carried by the council.

VISITOR/S OR CONGREGATIONAL COMMENT: Chuck Ardingo discussed what the Property Committee has been doing around the church; they took down the fascia that was rotting, someone else will have to take care of the soffits as they need repaired. The clapboard is rotting and needs to be removed and then possibly vinyl or aluminum siding put up there that can be quite costly. Also the old vent system will need to be removed. In the near future the front sidewalk will need repaired.

The Baby Pantry will be starting back up in October for 2 weeks per month. They would like storage space possibly in the basement for diapers.

The ladies who put on the funerals had donated \$500 for tables and Chuck would like to check on the availability of tables.

Chuck had talked about a face lift to the gathering space and church, The Sustaining Endowment Fund can do asset replacement so maybe look at laminate in the nursery and lighting in the hallway.

Chuck also discussed the bell in the gathering space to be placed in a garden with a covering.

Chuck would like to do a plan within the next month or 2 to go through the nursery and talk with Nancy and Annie about new windows in the 2 classrooms.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM June 15, 2021: Cindy Monroe made the motion to approve the minutes, Maureen Bauer, seconded the motion, the motion carried.

REPORTS:

PASTOR'S REPORT: 1.) Pastor Paul just returned from his trip from St. Louis on his renewal time. He said the time is going well and thankful to have the time. 2.) There are concerns as the Delta variant of COVID is rising so we need to watch to see if there will be more mandates for masks and social distancing. 3.) The Sacred Grounds video is in process and he will be doing the editing once he is back from his renewal. 4.) Tech Support; the audio went out on Live Streaming on Sunday this position is not a luxury, it really is needed. 5.) The Music Director is in place a little like duct tape with a lot of volunteer assistance. Cindy Monroe is doing some planning and meeting with Pastor. It is a hybrid volunteer position at this time, hoping soon to fill the Music Director position. 6.) We need to work on a Vision with resources and to open our arms to the community. He has been feeling out of balance for the last 1 ½ years to stay operating. He has to achieve balance and work on delegation.

TREASURERS REPORT: Leonard Graf just took on the treasurer's duties and does not have a report this month.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT: James Monroe reports July funds are looking good as they are up, 41001 pledged income is at 93% and 41002, unpledged income is low, but expected to be up by the end of the year.

The PPP Loan forgiveness has been approved, once received Phill Anderson will show it as other income and this will make the budget appear in better shape.

There is money in the budget for Tech Support if we can find someone for the position.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Cindy Monroe will meet with Nancy Ammann and Paul Wiemerslage to talk with parents and Sunday School staff to determine when they would like to have Sunday School, which will help in determining when to start the 2 church services on Sunday. This will then be discussed at the August Council meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Maureen Bauer has been working on getting a Media Tech person and updating the Youth/Y2A job description.

CONSENT CALENDAR: COMMITTEE REPORTS: The committee reports are: Financial Secretary's report, Financial and Executive Committee report, Christian Care Report, Christian Education Report, Membership and Evangelism: Cindy Monroe found out Life Touch Church Photography has gone out of business due to COVID so there is no longer a membership portal Online. Personnel Report, Property Report, Stewardship Report, Worship and Music, Youth/Y2A Report, Fellowship Report, Visions Report, Endowment Fund Report (Quarterly) and Sustaining Endowment Memorial Fund Report (Quarterly). All reports submitted were accepted as filed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Sanctuary Capacity, etc.: Leonard Graf made the motion to remove the sanctuary capacity limit at this time, Cindy Monroe seconded the motion, the motion carried. Discussion: if COVID numbers should increase we can go back to the restrictions set up previously. Also it was suggested to put the Hymnals back in the pews along with passing the offering plates.
- B. Leonard Graf made the motion to cease parking lot communion music as of August 1, 2021, Maureen Bauer seconded the motion, the motion carried. Discussion: Cindy Monroe will let the musicians know. Zeke has done a great with the pre-service music, welcoming people to the service.

- C. Food Pantry update: Norm Fred is working on making containers for the food and items to go into the food kiosk. There is concern over one person possibly taking all of the food.
- D. Open Door Grant update: We did not receive the grant so it was suggested to use a Thrivent Grant to make the brochures for the Chili Cook Off, Arts and Crafts Sale, and Rally Day/Ice Cream Social and Open House for the Sacred Garden.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Appointment of Committee Chairs:
 Christian Care – Jim Hinds
 Christian Education – Leonard Graf
 Fellowship – Laura Hahn
 Membership and Evangelism – Cindy Monroe
 Personnel – Maureen Bauer
 Property
 Stewardship – Scott Farley
 Worship and Music – Denice Bossardet
 Youth/Y2A – Paul Wiemerslage
- B. Date for installation of council members: September 12th, 2021
- C. 2021 Budget to congregation: we will wait on this at this time.
- D. Resolution for check signers: Mark McPherson made the motion and Cindy Monroe seconded the motion to have the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Financial Secretary be authorized to sign church checks. The motion carried.
- E. Distribution of Non-ELCA Benevolence of \$75.00: Maureen Bauer made the motion to have the funds go to Coins for Kids, Cindy Monroe seconded the motion, the motion carried.
- F. Safe Harbor: Discussion, this subject will continue to be discussed. We would like to continue this ministry.
- G. Leonard Graff made the motion to authorize Chuck Ardingo and the Property Committee to make a prioritized plan for repairs and upgrades to the gathering space, church and classrooms to present to the council. Maureen Bauer seconded the motion, the motion carried.

VISITOR OR CONGREGATIONAL COMMENT: see above

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

LORD'S PRAYER: was said by all.

ADJOURNMENT: Leonard Graf made a motion to adjourn, Cindy Monroe seconded the motion, adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Goldsmith, Council Secretary

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

Hello there, Bethlehem! I miss you all while I'm away on Maternity Leave. While I am enjoying this time with my family, I am excited to see you all next month and hope you are all doing well. God is good! All the time!

SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS ...

To kick off the school year, the **BLUES, Junior High** and **High School Groups** will all meet together for an **All Youth Event** at the Boardman River to do a **service project with Au Sable on Sat September 18th**. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the September All Youth Event contact, Paul Wiemerslage.

Confirmation Class is starting back up this month! We will be having a **Parental Informational Meeting on Sun, September 12th** and then a class on **Sun, September 19th**. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Pastor Paul.

Unfortunately, our annual Chili CookOff Fundraiser which had been scheduled for **Sun October 31st** has been cancelled by the BLC Council. We hope to be able to reschedule sometime in the future.

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

MATERNITY LEAVE CONTACTS ...

Until I return from maternity leave, general inquiries about Youth or Outreach can be directed to Rebecca Eaton or Barbara Oster at admin@bethlehemtc.org OR 231.947.9880 and they will be able to assist you.

If you have a specific Youth or Outreach related inquiry, please contact the appropriate individual below.

September All Youth Event: Paul Wiemerslage - 612.210.3135 - wiepau@gmail.com

October Junior High Youth Group: Martin Graf - 231.645.4610 - martingraf@charter.net

October High School Youth Group: Meghan/Sarah Denton - 231.590.1007/231.944.0511

Confirmation: Pastor Busekist - Contact Office

Chili CookOff: Renae Wells - 616.204.8900 - wellsrenae17411@gmail.com

Weekly Email Blast: Rebecca Eaton - Contact Office

Screen Announcements: Barbara Oster - Contact Office

Cheerfully in Christ,

Annie Slabaugh

Director of Youth and Outreach, Bethlehem Lutheran Church – Traverse City





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Life Aboard the Ark

"Then [Noah] sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him in the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more" (Genesis 8:8-12).

I think we know how Noah, Noah's family, and both the wild and domestic animals reacted when the dove returned not once but twice to indicate that it was not yet time to disembark the ark. We do not know what everyone said when Noah took in the dove and shut the window of the ark. We do know what the children of Israel said when it was not yet time to abandon the wilderness and arrive in the promised land. "And all the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron; the whole congregation said to them, 'Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness!'" (Numbers 14:22).

The COVID-19 flood continues; our wilderness journey is not yet done. We need to get vaccinated to protect ourselves and others. We need to wear masks to slow the spread of a more contagious variant. I assess that we are at the worst place in the pandemic because the COVID-19 virus has been joined by a virus of anger, impatience, frustration, and complaining, which often seems to be expressed at church and directed at pastors.

A pastor recently told me that they are exhausted from doing everything possible to keep the congregation safe and healthy and then having to respond to their complaints for doing so. Another pastor described feeling like a complete failure because of the impossibility of finding a way to please anyone, since every decision madeangers and alienates someone. I have talked to several pastors who are actively wondering what they could do other than serve the church. I regularly recall words of the prophet Ezekiel read when I was installed in my first call: "The people also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them; and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that there has been a prophet among them" (Ezekiel 2:4-5). I love that God tells Ezekiel not to be afraid of their words nor dismayed by their looks.

First, I share all of this to indicate to our pastors and deacons that I am aware, I care, and I implore you to reach out to me when you need help. Second, I ask everyone in our Synod to get vaccinated and to wear a mask to help contain the virus. Jesus commands us to love one another as he loves us (John 13:34) and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:31). Christianity is not an "I" but a "we" faith and so we must do our part in loving and protecting one another. Third, I recommend congregations begin to plan now for what they will do when things get worse and restrictions return. I expect the dove to return to the ark because there is not yet a place for it to land.

When you need to grumble and complain, when you're running short on patience, take it to the Lord in prayer rather than to your pastor in anger. Ask our gracious God to increase in you the gift of patience, to soften your heart, and to grant you grace to put the best construction on things. Eventually the flood subsided, the exodus concluded, and this pandemic will end. We're just not there yet.

With you in the ark,

The Rev. Craig Alan Satterlee, Ph.D., Bishop

FINANCIAL NEWS

July income came in at \$29,735 compared to budgeted income of \$31,076 resulting in a shortage of income against budget of \$1,341. On the expense side we came in at \$36,865 compared to budgeted expense of \$30,625 resulting in spending \$6,240 more than budgeted. The July budget anticipated income to exceed expense by \$450...basically a breakeven month. From a cash flow perspective expense exceeded income by \$7,130. Primary drivers of this deficit were shortage of income, rental property tax payment and three payroll periods.

Year to date income came in at \$199,013 compared to a budget of \$222,784 resulting in a shortage of income against budget of \$23,771. On the expense side we came in at \$210,876 compared to a budget of \$222,734 resulting in spending \$11,858 under budget. The July budget anticipated income to exceed expense by \$50...basically breakeven for the year. From a cash flow perspective income of \$199,013 is short of expense of \$210,876 leaving us behind (in the hole) \$11,863 year to date. Said another way...over the first seven months of this year BLC fell short of covering expenses by \$11,863.

Choir news:

The choir hopes to continue singing one time per month on weekends when the majority of singers are in town. If you are interested and have not already been contacted by Cindy Monroe, please leave her a voice or text message at 231 631-0887 or send an email cmonroe@chartermi.net



The BLC community pantry has been the wish of a BLC member who chooses to remain anonymous. Through his gentle coaxing your current council decided that the time was right for BLC to have its own pantry due to its unique location. A sturdy cupboard has been purchased, assembled and placed outside the kitchen door thru a grant from the Trapp family. Funds will also be used from this grant to supplement what we as members of the congregation provide as donations to the pantry. There will also be some funds used from a Thrivent grant to provide staples for the pantry. You are encouraged (but not required) to bring a canned good or nonperishable item to the Ice Cream Social on Sunday Sept 12. Thanks to Scott and Lisa Schlagel and Cindy and Jim Monroe for leading this project. Contact them with any questions.

Pecans are coming! Pecans are coming! The Worship and Music committee will sell the popular Schermer pecans again this Fall. Instead of having a table set up inside the church, we will take orders for **Dark Chocolate Pecans, Caramel Cluster Pecans and Cinnamon Glazed Pecans.**

We will be trying something this year: There were a few requests for the **Plain Pecans** which we had tried to sell a few years ago. Since we were unable to sell the entire case of 24, we did not order again. But this year, if we can get orders of at least 15 bags of the case, we will order again. The plain are great for baking or roasting. They do freeze well.



The \$12 bags are perfect for holiday or hostess gifts or just plain munching. We will be ordering the first week of October for delivery at the end of October/early November. Make your list of who you need gifts for and please contact Barbara Oster (231-668-7038 or beo6475@yahoo.com) by October 3rd.

Y2A News: Our next fundraiser, a Chili CookOff, was planned for October 31st. Council had this event on their agenda in August, and they determined the Chili CookOff be cancelled. Hopefully, things will improve in the future, and we will still be able to hold this popular event.

Stewardship Thought - Look back and thank God; look forward and trust God.

This stewardship thought came from the Home Touch publication that Bethlehem sends to our homebound members every week.

I think it makes the stewardship of all the things we have, including our time and talents, very simple. We all are given equal amounts of time each day to use as we each determine. We also are given talents, but they are different for each of us. All are different but are equally good and useful. We cannot add minutes or hours to our days because they are gifts from God and for them we can only be thankful. Likewise with talents, we can't add to them but we can sharpen or refine them and show our thankfulness to God by using them as God would have us do.

When it comes to physical things, all the tangible things in our lives such as money, homes, cars, and property of all sorts with which God has richly blessed us, we have to look back and thank him. We are guilty of thinking that all the things we have are ours because of our hard work. No, we have them because God has generously given them to us to use, to enjoy and to share.

What about tomorrow? We need not worry about tomorrow. We only need to look forward and trust God.

STAR and Bulletin Deadlines

To be sure that your article or announcement is in STAR or Bulletin issue that you want, please note the following deadlines:

STAR: by the third Wednesday of the month
Bulletin: by the Wednesday before each weekend

Submission by email is preferred (admin@bethlehemtc.org) with either the word STAR or Bulletin in the subject line. Please write exactly what you want in the article or announcement. Be sure to include all pertinent information about your event, i.e. dates, time, location, etc. You can put it in the body of the email or as an attachment as a Word doc or .pdf. Also, please include the month(s) for the STAR issue or the date(s) for the Bulletin issue that you need your article or announcement included. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Oster when she works in the office on Mondays.

Also note that if you want an announcement on the weekly PowerPoint, please send to annie.slabaugh@bethlehemtc.org.

BLC Book club continues to meet the 4th Tues of the month at 5:30 on ZOOM. There is a change for the book for this month. It will be "Educated" by Westover. The book bag was available from the library so there are copies in a plastic bin outside the front door of church. There are additional copies so if you need one, or want to be added to the ZOOM List contact Cindy Monroe at Cmonroe@chartermi.net.



A big thank you to all who turned in their Olesons' receipts to Bethlehem. We just received a check from them for \$179.90. So far this year, we have received \$435.52 total from Olesons' receipts. Please continue to turn in your Olesons' receipts to Bethlehem. Thanks again.



BLC's Art & Craft Show has returned for 2021. Mark your calendar for Nov. 6th. The show will feature 50 local & original handcrafted artists and crafters.

Christian Education News September 2021



SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!!!

We are working on plans to have Sunday School lessons during the 10am service starting 9/19/2021.

Students will be dismissed just before the Gospel lesson.



Please watch for more details if you would like to be involved 😊


We are fervently praying
each and every day
for our precious
Sunday School children
and their families!
May God bless all of you
with safety and good health
as you return to school!!
Jesus loves you VERY much,
and
so do we!!!



Happy Labor Day!



-Christian Education Committee



WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM SEPTEMBER 2021

Be present.

Let the day flow with grace.

Expect nothing. Give thanks.

Surrender. Be open.

Speak only kindness.

Impart only love.

Never forget: You are not alone.

Give so you may receive.

See goodness in others.

Written by Mary Davis



Welcome to a 'new' year. It seems like forever since we had any 'normal' happenings with the Women of Bethlehem. So let's get started. Fall circle meetings will begin this month. Please contact the following if you are interested in joining us:

Jane Passmore 947-7172 Sally Ton 421-9677

Ann Rundhaug 9381607

GENERAL MEETING: We will have a 'getting reacquainted' general meeting on Wednesday, September 29th at 6:30 PM. This will be a potluck meal so please bring a dish to pass and your own table service - including cup, plate and silverware. Plan on coming for some food, fun and fellowship. All are welcome!

'Your faith has to be greater than your fear.'



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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ELCA GLOBAL LINKS

Stay informed. Be inspired. Get involved.

News Around the World

The COVID-19 pandemic has had severe economic and social impacts on vulnerable communities around the world. This has increased food insecurity in places such as the **El Bosque region in Chile**. In response, the *Educación Popular en Salud (EPES, Popular Education for Health)* Foundation initiated a project with community health promoters and nutrition teams to cultivate home gardens. When strict quarantine orders were lifted, program participants decided to create a community garden. In the video link below, you will hear these women gardeners speak about how they came together to sow hope and cultivate solidarity. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8wS4mWuidiq>

New Missionary Orientation

In July, new missionaries gathered with staff and colleagues from across the ELCA for Summer New Missionary Orientation. The missionaries attended sessions on topics such as the accompaniment model, what it means to be a missionary, regional area desk time, health tips and practices, safety and security, and race, power and privilege.

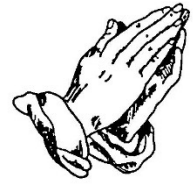
Eleven long-term missionaries will begin service in Japan, Indonesia, Jamaica, Bolivia, Colombia, Slovakia and Zambia.

Young Adults in Global Mission

After a two-year hiatus caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the **ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program** is getting ready to send young adult volunteers out into the world again! In the 2022-23 program year, YAGM participants will have the opportunity to serve in these country programs: Senegal, Rwanda, Madagascar, Cambodia, Central Europe, Argentina/Uruguay, Mexico, Jerusalem/West Bank, United Kingdom.



Health Concerns*



The Power of Prayer

*Richard Fernholz, Nancy Smith, Tom & Lee Miller,
Margie Whitney, Ellie Tacke, Sue Allen,
Priscilla Thompson, Julie LaPeer, Dirk,
Alvin Kober, Lynn Hoyt, Logan Goodson,
Jan Waisanen, Molly Eastman, John Stretlien,
George Ammann, Russ Luttinen, Sherry,
Roy & Marilyn Dumond, Shawn Rivard, Brenda Denoyer,
Betty Evans, Patti McCracken, Jeffrey Hentschel,
Robert & Carman Waters, Sharon Vanmeter*

Traverse Manor: Margie Whitney

Boardman Lake Glens: Inge Thomas, Bill & Dee Springer

Samaritas (Acme): Priscilla Thompson

Grand Traverse Pavilions: Roy Dumond

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.com

***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...

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