

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 10



Prelude Music

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

BLC Choir

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful and loving God,

C: ... we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen.

Gathering Song:

Gather Us In

ELW 532

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

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1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together,

C: O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Pr Paul

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

1a Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. 4 Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, 5 who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, 6 who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! 7 Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia

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Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

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

Jesus said: 19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24 He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’

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25 But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ 27 He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house 28 for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ 29 Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ 30 He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ 31 He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Busekist

Song of the Day:

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

Baptism of Ava Ann Wenzel

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God’s mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors: I present Ava for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

P: As you bring Ava to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with these responsibilities:

to live with her among God’s faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P: Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Ava in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God’s Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Ava and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do.

(the assembly stands)

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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 again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the water of the flood you delivered Noah and his family and through the sea you lead your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Baptism

P: Ava, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

C: Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

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P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Ava with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Pastor makes sign of the cross on Ava's forehead three times with oil representing The Triune God)

P: Ava, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

Welcome

A: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Let us welcome Ava Wenzel.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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:

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray together.

C: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

We Come to the Hungry Feast
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW 479

ELW 596

Final Blessing

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song:

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.



Bethlehem September 28, 2025
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9/28—Aleah Graf

9/29—Bella Gaston

9/29—Austin Leatherman

9/30—Jan Schmidt

10/1—Bob Rogers

10/1—Lindsay Susalski

10/2—Braxton Rhodes

10/2—Eileen Rubino

10/2—Jason Nellist

10/3—Pam Reid

10/4—Scott Schlagel

10/4—David Susalski

Worship Servants for September 28

Presiding & Preaching—Pr. Paul Busekist

Assisting Minister—Sherri Helman

Lector—Jan Stretlein

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

Today's altar flowers are donated: *By Barb & Carmen Svalstad in Celebration of our 60th Anniversary*

Hospitality—Susie Burton

A/V—Jim Hinds / Paul Ton

Cookies/Coffee—Diane Cunningham / Mary Ann Tanis

Welcome Table—VOLUNTEER

Bell Ringer—Tim Goebel

Front Door Monitor—Gail Goldsmith

Altar Guild—Patty Leibenguth / Erin Word

Counters—Carl Lehto / Forest Bowling

Today we welcome by Baptism: Ava Ann Wenzel, daughter of Kevin & Kayla Wenzel and granddaughter of Craig & Maureen Bauer.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Today, you should receive an order sheet for Christmas poinsettias. They are \$10 per plant. Please return the order form before the deadline of Sunday, October 26th.

PECANS: Pre-order forms for this fundraiser were handed out a couple of weeks ago. If you did not receive yours, there are copies at the back of the sanctuary. Deadline for pre-orders is Sunday, October 5th.

JOIN US FOR THE NEW LIFE TOGETHER MEETING: We are in the early stages of getting organized as we begin the ministry of New Life Together. This is a team that is “birthed” out of the Mission and Visioning Work that has taken place over the last year and a half. It is not too late to voice interest, to attend a meeting, to see if this is a good fit for you and your interests. We will meet here at Bethlehem on Tuesday, September 30, at 6:30 p.m. and conclude by 8:00 p.m. Please join us; bring your ideas and enthusiasm!! ALL ARE WELCOME!!!! Peggy Burns, Tim Goebel, Sherri Helman

We Are Having Guests, Let's Get Ready: BLC has been chosen to host the Fall Theological Event from October 19th, 20th and 21st. We will have 2 Synods including 2 Bishops as well as many Pastors involved with activities at our church. There will be approximately 80 to 100 participants. So we are asking for your help. On October 5th right after church we are asking for about 10 people to help with extra cleaning our church. We will be vacuuming carpets in the Gathering Space, Narthex, hallway, sanctuary and fellowship hall. Spot cleaning carpet in Gathering Space and fellowship hall, cleaning the entryway and dusting. Please sign up if you can stay and help. Snacks will be provided.

BOOK CLUB NEWS: We are again meeting early this month on Wednesday, October 8 at 5:30 at the home of Betsy Morley. We will be reading *HELLO BEAUTIFUL* by Ann Napolitano. If you are not currently on the email list and would like to receive information please contact Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net. The dinner this month has a Mexican theme.

XYZ continues on Friday, October 10th with a potluck at 12pm, followed by a presentation. Our speaker this month will be Nicole Westrick of Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, bringing us a "Peace of Mind" presentation on pre-planning for funerals and other final wishes. Remember, XYZ is predominantly geared toward seniors but is open to adults of any age - if you would enjoy a great lunch and fellowship followed by an interesting and educational presentation, we invite you to join us!

Bayside Travellers will be back with contra dances at BLC in October! The first dance will be on Saturday, October 11th, with dances continuing on the second Saturday of each month through June 2026. Dances are by donation - \$10-20 per person is suggested to help cover dance costs. There is no need to have any dance experience - everything is taught and all dances are guided! All dances feature live music by local folk bands, so even if you're not a dancer, you are welcome to attend just to enjoy the music. Reach out to Alanna with any questions!

Bethlehem members of all ages are invited to join us at Incredible Mo's on Saturday, October 11th from 12 - 2pm to have some fun on the bowling lanes! This is a 'pay-your-own-way' event, but we hope many of you will be able to join us for a few hours of fun outside of church! Look for Alanna Steffunick-Boomer or Tina Dohm when you get there! If you have any questions, reach out to Alanna.

Congregational Informational Meeting October 12, 2025 Immediately after Worship Service As most of you are aware we have many issues with water coming into the basement. There was a committee that started working on the water levels from the bay. This problem has gone on for many years. We currently have 2 companies looking at the issues and we are waiting for their proposals. The second problem in the basement is the storm drain, causing more water each time it rains. So there have been several companies trying to find the problem so it can be repaired. Then we have the issues with the infrastructure. We replaced one boiler and looking at repairing or replacing the "old blue". We met with Keen Technology Solutions and have contracted with them to analyze our aging system. In this informational meeting we will have discussions about all of the needs of our building. We will take suggestions of ways to fund all of these projects. Please bring ideas and questions of what you see could be future needs of the church. This is an important meeting to discuss our current and future needs. Please plan on attending. More detailed information will be given out.

The BLC Creation Care team will meet on Monday, October 13th at 6:00pm in the Youth Room. Go, Green Team!

Third Thursday: Join us for the next Third Thursday service, Beyond Our Light, on October 16th at 7:00pm. Linda Hansen is making the Third Thursday meal which will be pulled pork on a bun, veggie tray, chips, gluten free brownies, cupcakes and beverages. Come at 5:45 and enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship before the service.

BLC SOCIAL MINISTRY/OUTREACH GROUP MEETING ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 19 AFTER THE SERVICE: Anyone who is interested can attend even if you did not attend the September meeting or have indicated an interest in more than one Visioning area. The main purpose for this meeting will be to receive an update for each of the outreach groups already formed and to determine if there are any other heartfelt passions among BLC members that we are not reaching. If you are not able to attend but want to be involved in some way please reach out to the leader for your area of interest. Together we can do so much.... Cindy Monroe and Jim Hutchison volunteered to be co-chairs for the social ministry/outreach area.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH ART & CRAFT SHOW SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025 9:00am TO 3:00pm Featuring 50 local artists and crafters with original, handmade goods! Please sign up in the Narthex hallway to volunteer for our fundraiser. Your help would be greatly appreciated. There will be a Silent Auction of items donated by the crafters and a Grand Traverse Baby Donation booth for items to bid on. Both auction and donation sales support the baby pantry and Bethlehem's ministries. Our Christian Education Team will have a bake good table and would appreciate a cookie/brownie/etc. for their table! "Many hands make work light"

BAKE SALE ITEMS NEEDED! We are having a bake sale during the Craft Show on November 1st with proceeds to benefit the youth of Bethlehem. Any type of baked goods is much appreciated as well as sugar-free and gluten-free items. Please pre-package in groups of 6 or so and label on the outside what they are and if they contain nuts, peanut butter, etc. Items can be dropped off on Friday during the day OR early Saturday morning, Thank You!

Sunday School and Sunday's Adult Education hold their classes at 9:15am on Sunday. **The Wednesday Zoom Bible Study** meets at 1:30pm with a study of *Esther The Hidden Hand of God*. You may attend either on Zoom or in person in the Youth Room.

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 and third Mondays of the month from 3:30-4:30. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Burns 231-392-6913.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION COMING IN NOVEMBER: Are you interested in becoming an "official" member of Bethlehem? This is your chance to learn more about Bethlehem with some others who are making new discoveries at the same time. Best dates for the group facilitators are either November 2 or November 23. Please contact Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net or the office to indicate if you are available for both or only one of those dates. We want to have the gathering when the most people can attend.

Choir News: The choir has resumed its practice schedule on Mondays at 2:30. Come and join in the musical fun!

Chair Yoga: now meets on Mondays and Wednesdays at Bethlehem at 3:00. It will continue to be \$5 per class.

Fellowship Chair Person Needed: Since Gail Goldsmith has taken on the role of President of the BLC Council she is not able to continue as the chair person for the Fellowship Committee. There is a wonderful group of people on the committee, so there is great help in the kitchen. The primary responsibility are planning and shopping for dinners, such as Third Thursday meals before service, Advent and Lenten Dinners, Easter Brunch pot luck and Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. There are other church activities such as game days after church, community activities such as arranging Pit Spitters games. These are just some ideas that we have done in the past. Some years we have had more and some years less. This person does not need to attend Council meetings, just write up a short summary of monthly Fellowship activities for the council meeting. Please talk to Gail Goldsmith with any questions or interests.

Garden News: Thanks to all who have been involved in the garden in any way. Now it's time for the fun part... harvesting. There is a group that gathers the ripe veggies every Tuesday morning beginning at 9:00am. It doesn't have to be just Bethlehem's gardens. You can help with anyone's garden!

Good news! After months of just barely being able to keep the food pantry stocked, Mission Endowment has gifted us \$1,000 to use for the pantry. Shortly afterward, we were surprised to receive about \$500 from the concession sales at the play *Prince of Egypt*. What a blessing. This is the first time in a long while that we can report having a fully stocked food storage closet. And, we still have some funds to purchase additional items. As you know, when the pantry is filled, it is typically empty again within 24-48 hours. The need is great and our pantry is helping many! The food purchased through these 2 donations will no doubt be quickly used up. Please continue to donate to this wonderful pantry that truly serves our community. Suzanne and Kathie 'God is good. All the time. All the time. God is good.'

CASH OR CHECK WORKS TOO: Are you one of those people like many of us who come home from the grocery store and say, "Dang... I forgot to buy some extra things for the food pantry." Never fear. The pantry has some savvy bargain hunters who are willing to shop and there is now a line item for food pantry in the budget. Feel free to put some cash or money in an envelope and label with "food pantry" (add your envelope # if you want a record of giving). Or add to your weekly/monthly donation and indicate that a specified amount goes towards the food pantry. You will truly be following the gospel command to "Feed the hungry!" And if you are of the electronic age and only use plastic, just notify Cindy Monroe to bring in the "Square" which is linked to direct money to Bethlehem... (just remember that the app takes a percentage of your donation).

Bethlehem was allowed to run the concessions at the 3 performances of The Prince of Egypt. Thanks to all those who helped: Alanna Steffunick-Boomer and Sammy, Tina, Makena and Lincoln Dohm, Camden and Elysha Vincke, Erin and Kate Word, Peggy Burns, Janet Landis, Nancy Ammann, Kathie Bair, Cheryl Wegener, Cindy and Jim Monroe. Because of the FUNDING THROUGH THE THRIVENT ACTION TEAM and the donated time and efforts of many of these people the Youth Fund made \$426 on Thursday and a combined \$588 was made the next 2 days for the food pantry. A donation was also made on behalf of OTP to the general fund of BLC for the use of the building. Thanks to all who participated in any way.

NEW INSERT IN YOUR MAILBOX FOR YOUR DIRECTORY: If you haven't already retrieved it from your church mailbox, please stop there and get it. Please tuck it in the back cover of your directory in case you want/need to contact any of these new members. For those of you who cannot stop by church please contact the office so a copy can be sent by email or snail mail.

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!!

Alcoholics Anonymous: TC Groups are holding their Open Talk here at Bethlehem on three Saturday nights of each month from 8:00-9:00pm.

Coffee and Cookies: Our wonderful volunteers Mary Ann Tanis and Diane Cunningham have indicated a willingness to continue offering this after the Sunday service during the summer as long as there are volunteers who bring the goodies and help with clean-up after. Our thanks to these two women for their wonderful display of the goodies and the clean-up after. Thanks to all of you who have shared goodies, and please feel free to continue to do so.

A big thank you to all who have turned in Olesons' slips. On August 27 we received a check from Oleson's for \$232.59 for a total of \$824.25 so far this year. 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 or any other grocery store. We just collect for Olesons

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 October issue of the STAR will be available this week. If you receive the weekly email, your October issue will be emailed on October 15th. 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 continue. 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>.

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:

Wed 10/1 & 10/8—The Pub, Traverse City

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 Wednesday. Please note that Phil will work these days until next summer

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

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.

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.

Today's Prayer Recipients: Please send and changes or additions by email to admin@bethlehemtc.org

Harper Wiemerslage,
Jerry Hill,
John Block,
Roy DuMond,
Mary Woodring,
Norm Fred,
Lynn,
Steve,
Sherry,
Bob,
Carol Bowes,

Debbie Knopf,
Ron Hellenga,
Jim Rumbach,
John Stretlien,
Judy Fenton,
Cindy Hitesman,
Richard Fernholz,
Julie Lapeer,
Tom & Lee,
Chris,
Dale and Cheryl,

Leroy,
Julie Barrett,
Patti,
Sharon,
Kyle,
Ben,
Marianne,
Christine,
Janet,
Cheryl,
Jef

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, September 28

9:00am—Bibles to Youth (Library)
9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
9:15am—Sunday School
10:00am—Baptism of Ava Wenzel (S)
10:00am—Worship Service (S)
12:30pm—Youth Discipleship Class (YR)

Monday, September 29

2:30pm—Choir Rehearsal (S)
3:00pm—Chair Yoga (FH)

Tuesday, September 30

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am—Property Work Group
9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)
6:30pm—New Life Together meeting

Wednesday, October 1

Kitchen & Restrooms Floor Stripping

11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)
1:30pm—Zoom Bible Study (Zoom & YR)
3:00pm—Chair Yoga

Thursday, October 2

Kitchen & Restrooms Floor Stripping

5:30pm—ACA (FH)

Friday, October 3

Kitchen & Restrooms Floor Stripping

6:00pm—LifeRing Recovery Group (Library)

Saturday, October 4

8:00pm—AA (FH)

Sunday, October 5

9:00am—Bibles to Youth (Library)
9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
9:15am—Sunday School
10:00am—Worship Service (S)
11:30am—BLC Cleaning
1:00pm—CROP Hunger Walk