

Fifteenth Sunday after Sunday

September 21, 2025 – 10am
Modern Worship, ELW Setting 10



Prelude Music

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:

Now We Offer

WOV 761

Now we offer you, our Father, with the bread and with the wine
all our joys and all our sorrows all our struggles and our time.

As the fields of wheat now growing will become a holy sign,
so shall we reveal you, Jesus, that in us you now may shine.

Now we offer you, our Father, with the bread and with the wine
all our joys and all our sorrows all our struggles and our time.

Like the grape put in the cellar, there to change into the wine,
all the poor on earth who suffer shed their sorrows in this sign.

Now we offer you, our Father, with the bread and with the wine
all our joys and all our sorrows all our struggles and our time.

In these gifts we see our oneness throughout city and the field,
and we find a life of solace where the scars of strife are healed.

Now we offer you, our Father, with the bread and with the wine
all our joys and all our sorrows all our struggles and our time.

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All your people who are yearning for the freedom still ahead
offer fruits of your creation in these gifts of wine and bread.

Now we offer you, our Father, with the bread and with the wine
all our joys and all our sorrows all our struggles and our time.

We sing glory to the Father and to Christ who lives above,
and we praise the Holy Spirit for the gift to us of love.

Now we offer you, our Father, with the bread and with the wine
all our joys and all our sorrows all our struggles and our time.

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: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths.
Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

4 Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, 5 saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, 6 buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat." 7 The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 113

1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

2 Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised.

4 The Lord is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,

6 but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

7 The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

8 enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.

9 The Lord makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia

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Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

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

1 Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. 2 So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' 3 Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' 5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' 7 Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' 8 And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. 10 "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. 11 If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

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12 And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? 13 No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Busekist

Song of the Day:

Lord of Light

ELW 688

Recognition of Church Leaders – Council Members and Sunday School Teachers

P: The following people have volunteered to teach or have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brother will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

Council Members:

Gail Goldsmith, President
Maureen Bauer, Vice-President
Nancy Pflasterer, Secretary
Dave Peppler, Treasurer
Jim Monroe, Financial Secretary
Peggy Burns, Christian Care Giving
Tina Dohm, Y2A and Christian Ed

John Halstead, Membership/Evangelism
Doug Cunningham, Property
Jana Rockne, Personnel
Bethany Uhl, Stewardship
Denice Bossardet, Worship Music
Pr. Paul Busekist

Sunday School Teachers:

Nancy Ammann

Lindsay Susalski

Meredith Busekist

Christian Ed/Y2A: Nancy Ammann, Laura Acker, Tina Dohm, Alanna Steffunick-Boomer, Renae Wells

P: A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

P: You have been entrusted to positions of leadership in this congregation.

You are to see the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to see to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

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P: On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry the duties of the position to which you have been called?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

P: I now declare you are officers / teachers of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

C: Amen.

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:

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:

*Taste and See
Shine, Jesus, Shine*

**ELW 493
ELW 671**

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:

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 583

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.



Bethlehem September 21, 2025
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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www.bethlehemtc.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9/21—Makena Dohm

9/26—Margaret Burns

9/28—Aleah Graf

Worship Servants for September 21

Presiding & Preaching—Pr. Paul Busekist

Assisting Minister—Cindy Monroe

Lector—Makena Dohm

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

Today's altar flowers are donated: *By Dale and Barbara Wentzloff in Memory of Our Parents*

Hospitality—Dan and Laura Hahn

A/V—Jim Monroe / Jim Hinds

Cookies/Coffee—Diane Cunningham / Mary Ann Tanis

Welcome Table—VOLUNTEER

Bell Ringer—Dave Susalski

Front Door Monitor—Tina Dohm

Altar Guild—Barbara Oster

Counters—Carl Lehto / Forest Bowling

The Fellowship Committee will have a meeting immediately after today's Worship Service to discuss reorganization of the Fellowship activities. If you are interested in participating in meals or church activities please come to the meeting. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. If you cannot attend, but are interested in being involved, please talk to Gail Goldsmith.

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. The pre-order deadline is Sunday, October 5th.

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.

XYZ is resuming on Friday, September 26th! Please note that this is a different date than our normal second Friday, to accommodate other church activities. We will enjoy a delicious potluck lunch at 12pm, followed by a presentation by Jack Lankford, president and founder of Evergreen Community Group. Evergreen is a 501c3 nonprofit that specializes in social events for adults of any age to encourage community building. Their mission is to be a beacon of warmth, connection, and support for those feeling isolated or lonely in Northern Michigan. Their goal is to create a welcoming space where individuals can find solace, community, and an uplifting presence. XYZ stands for EXtra Years of Zest, and while originally intended to be primarily for seniors, adults of any age are encouraged to attend! The presentations would be enjoyable and informative for anyone. We hope to see you there!

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.

Pr. Ruth: Our beloved friend in Christ, Pr Ruth Overdier, has some devotions in the September portion of Christ in Our Home. You can read her selections from September 16 – 30.

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

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.

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. 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.

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.

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.



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 September issue of the STAR is available. If you receive the weekly email, your September issue was emailed on August 31st. 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>.



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:

Sun 9/21—Bel Lago, Cedar 3:30pm **Wed 9/24**—The Pub, Traverse City, 7:00pm
Fri 9/26—Brady's, Traverse City, 6:30pm

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

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.

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,
Kate Holtfreter,
Ken,
John

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 21

9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
9:15am—Sunday School
10:00am—Worship Service (S)
10:00am—Recognition of Council and
Sunday School Staff
11:30am—Craft Show Meeting (Library)

Monday, September 22

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

Tuesday, September 23

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am—Property Work Group
9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)

Wednesday, September 24

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

Thursday, September 25

5:30pm—ACA (FH)

Friday, September 26

STAR Articles Due Today

12:00pm—XYZ (FH)
6:00pm—LifeRing Recovery Group (Library)

Saturday, September 27

8:00pm—AA (FH)

Sunday, September 28

9:15am—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)

Art & Craft Show



**Saturday, November 1st, 2025
9am to 3pm**

Dozens of local
artists & crafters
with original,
handmade goods!

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
1050 Peninsula Drive
Traverse City, MI 49686



*Please share with others
so they may attend!*

Each crafter is donating an item for a silent auction.
The auction will begin at 9am and run until 2:30pm;
all bids must be entered at this time.

All proceeds from the silent auction will benefit
Bethlehem Lutheran Church's ministries.

The Grand Traverse Baby Pantry will have a booth
where donated items may be purchased, with proceeds
benefiting the pantry.

Bake Sale

Support the Christian Education Committee's Bake Sale
at the November 1st craft show!



*Donations of
baked goods needed!!*

The CROP Hunger Walk happens in just two weeks, on Sunday, October 5th. At 1:00 pm we will gather at the gazebo in the south marina in Northport, for the mostly flat, one-mile stroll through our village. You'll see the big banner there! Your dog on leash is welcome and we'll have a midway hydration break.

Make your checks payable to "CWS/CROP" and be sure to write "The Next Step" in the memo line--this is important. That memo means that your contribution is attributed to our specific walk, and so Leelanau Christian Neighbors will receive their portion from it. You can scan the QR code below or also donate online here:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/northportmi>

Online donations are immediately available for Church World Service to use world-wide. Please give generously. It may not appear that we are able to make up the crippling deficit in funding that Church World Service is experiencing because of the dissolution of USAID. Nonetheless, we give in faith; knowing that what we do offer will make a difference to populations, to people, to souls, in need.

Sincerely,
James Thatcher
CROP Hunger Walk Coordinator
Trinity Church, Northport
(231) 386-5801

