

E-WEEKLY



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Worship *Schedule*

Wednesday at 6:00 pm

Sunday at 10:00 am

Wednesday Activities

have resumed

5:30 pm Meal

6:00 pm Worship

with the Average

Worship Band

and Confirmation

See you Wednesdays!



Please join us during coffee an' time after church on **April 28th** to **make bee boxes** for our church



gardens and to take home for your home garden if you wish. Protect our precious pollinators! All materials will be provided. It is a pretty quick and simple project. It will be helpful to sign up in the narthex (so we will have some idea of how much wood we need.) But feel free to come and participate even if you decide at the last minute.



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<https://www.youtube.com/@bethlehemlutheranchurch7397/streams>



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Online @<https://www.sharingchrist.org/strategic-giving>



Prayer

Requests:

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers

Jody Daugherty,
Kati Kristenson Stieler
Bruce Johnson,
Lynn Schulte,
Joan Bieber
Paulina Backstrom
Kim Schulte
Emily Ulhorn,
Lois Johnson,
Barbara Erickson,
Vera Finn,
Char Anderson,
Rhonda Schulte,

Les Donek,
Carly Hawkinson-Sohm,
Jill Pederson,
Stacey Schulte
Elsa Sorenson,
Kristi (Speck) Perales,
Emi Heikkinen,
Betty Jones
Hank Ferland,
Sharon Bloomquist
Jerry & Karen Edinger
Jesse Derscheid

Member Families to
Pray for this Week:

Kelsey Saladin & Patrick
O'Neill
George & Marilyn
Carlson
Lois Eyinck
Carolyn Dry
Peter Ranum

Bethlehem has a Prayer Chain. All requests to Laura Popkes, call or text 218-370-0721 or office, 218-387-2227 blc@boreal.org. We appreciate updates on all persons on our

For what shall we pray?

For peace among nations, especially Palestine and Israel, Myanmar, Iraq, Haiti, Russia and Ukraine, and South Sudan...

For victims of gun violence, especially in Minnetonka, MN; Washington D. C.; Chicago, IL; and West Philadelphia, PA...

For safety, protection, and compassion for all refugees, migrants, and those fleeing political violence...

For areas affected by storms and extreme weather, especially tornadoes and flooding along the Gulf Coast...

For Muslim communities celebrating Eid al-Fitr...

E-NEWS

This Week at Bethlehem

Sun. Apr 14 8:40 AM Choir practice
10:00 AM Worship and
Sunday School

Mon April 15 6:30 PM Church Council
meets in library

Wed Apr 17 12:30 PM Text Study
5:30 PM Make your own
Sub Meal for
Everyone
6:00 PM Worship with the
Average Worship Band
6:00 PM Confirmation

Thurs Apr 18 8:00 AM Bible Study
9:00 AM Quilting

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Readings & Psalm:

Acts 3:12-19

*Health and forgiveness through
the risen Jesus*

Psalm 4

**The LORD does wonders for the
faithful.**

1 John 3:1-7

*The revealing of the
children of God*

Luke 24:36b-48

Eating with the risen Christ

Watch our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/>

[@bethlehemlutheranchurch7397/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@bethlehemlutheranchurch7397/streams)

Note from our Pastor

Pastor Calvin can be reached by emailing him directly at blcpastor@boreal.org.

Pastor's personal cell can be used in case of emergency: 763-226-5425

(Texting works best)

Pastor's office hours are:

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Wednesdays: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm plus Worship & Confirmation



Mission Of the Month

EcoFaith Network

In honor of Earth Day and to celebrate the renewal that comes with spring, the Church in Society committee has chosen the **EcoFaith Network** as our April Mission of the Month. The mission of the EcoFaith Network is *to live out God's call to be stewards of the earth for the sake of the whole creation.*

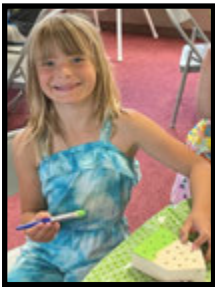
The EcoFaith Network is a growing network of ELCA Lutheran congregations and their members finding and sharing ways to live out God's call to be stewards of the earth for the sake of all creation.

To contribute to this mission of the month please note "EcoFaith Network" on your special offering.

Member Challenge


We encourage you to visit their website, <https://www.ecofaithnetwork.org/> and the NE MN Synod's EcoFaith network: <https://nemnsynod.org/ecofaith-network/>.

Read the **Green Blade Rising** newsletter published there to see information on seminars and to read about projects underway at various congregations. <https://nemnsynod.org/green-blades-rising-newsletter/>



Stay tuned for information about a **hands-on project** coming this month. We are planning to **build bee boxes** to be placed in our church gardens and for members to put in their home gardens. We will also be looking for people to help with the planting and care of our church pollinator gardens when the time comes later this spring.

There are lots of local and regional opportunities to get involved including the Cook County Earth Day Fair on April 20. →




BIBLE

EMERGENCY NUMBERS


UPSET	-----	JOHN 14
WEAK	-----	PSALM 18:1-29
LONELY	-----	PSALM 23
SINNED	-----	PSALM 51
WORRIED	-----	MATTHEW 8:19-31
ANXIOUS	-----	PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9
UNHAPPY	-----	COLOSSIANS 3:12-17
IN DANGER	-----	PSALM 91
DEPRESSED	-----	PSALM 27
LACK OF FAITH	-----	EXODUS 14
NEED COURAGE	-----	JOSHUA 1
NEED DIRECTION	-----	PSALM 73:21-26
SEEKING PEACE	-----	MATTHEW 11:25-30
LEAVING ON A TRIP	-----	PSALM 121
STRUGGLING WITH LOSS	-----	LUKE 15
STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY	-----	PSALM 37
DISCOURAGED WITH WORK	-----	PSALM 126

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EARTH MONTH EVENT CALENDAR



EVENTS:	*FREE ADMISSION*	WHERE:	WHEN:
<u>FILM SHOWING OF 2040</u>		NORTH HOUSE FOLK SCHOOL, BLUE BUILDING	APRIL 4, 7PM
<u>*SPRUCE BUDWORM IN MINNESOTA'S FORESTS: 2024 UPDATE</u>		COOK COUNTY HIGHER ED/ ZOOM	APRIL 15, 11 AM
<u>FILM SHOWING OF SOVEREIGN SOIL</u>		NORTH HOUSE FOLK SCHOOL, BLUE BUILDING	APRIL 16, 7 PM
<u>*NATURALIST BOOK GROUP: NO ONE IS TOO SMALL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE</u>		COOK COUNTY HIGHER ED / ZOOM	APRIL 18, 6:30 PM
<u>COOK COUNTY EARTH DAY FAIR</u>		COOK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ISD 166	APRIL 20, 11- 3:30 PM
<u>*COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY READ- POTLUCK & DISCUSSION: THE ROCKS WILL ECHO OUR SORROW: THE FORCED DISPLACEMENT OF THE NORTHERN SÁMI</u>		COOK COUNTY HIGHER ED/ ZOOM	APRIL 25, 5:30 PM
<u>*LUNCH & LEARN: ENJOYING THE GREAT OUTDOORS AS WE AGE</u>		COOK COUNTY HIGHER ED/ ZOOM *ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED	APRIL 27, 12 PM

Our Sincere Sympathies to the family of:

Leone (Jaenson) Nelson Zopff, age 94, passed away March 9, 2024, at Presbyterian Homes Care Center in Bloomington, MN. She passed away after suffering a stroke earlier in the week. Lee was a long-time summer resident on the Gunflint Trail and previously was owner, along with her husband Jocko, of Clearwater Lodge. She is survived by her four children, Margy (John) Nelson, Jacolyn (Mike) Nelson, Dan Nelson and Robert (Angela) Nelson, along with 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Lee loved her life on Leo Lake and especially loved the Gunflint Trail Quilters group and her volunteer work at Chik-wauk Museum.

A Memorial Service will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, on Saturday, May 4th. Visitation will be held from 10-11am, followed by a funeral service at 11.

There will be a reception afterwards at the church. A private family burial will be held later.

The family plans to host a Celebration of Life for Lee on the Gunflint Trail later this summer for family and close friends. Details will follow. There will be a private burial later at Poplar Grove



Live Generously® award nomination

Do you have a friend, family member, neighbor or colleague who embraces a lifestyle of generosity and made a meaningful difference this past year? Did they see a challenge and come up with a creative solution to help?

This spring, Thrivent is recognizing individuals for significant acts of service and generosity. The Live Generously® award celebrates individuals who exemplify the Christian values of compassion and selflessness in addressing the needs of others.

Who in your faith community has made a meaningful difference this past year? Did he or she see a challenge and come up with a creative solution to help?

From now through **April 27**, you can nominate them for a 2024 Live Generously® award. Honorees will be recognized for embracing generosity and have the opportunity to select an organization to receive a \$1,000 donation from Thrivent.

You can submit a nomination in just a few simple steps:

- Share your contact information so we can reach out if your nominee is selected.
- Tell us about the nominee by sharing a photo and a brief description of their great work.

<https://onboard.cotribute.co/flows/cff7250f-e5ca-411e-8175-1bf058d4bda1>



Libby's activating the BLC signal!

Libby Larson and her partner Ben have begun the house hunting process and would appreciate any leads that you might know of. (In town or within a 10-minute drive to town.) Please pass it on to Libby: (218) 849-4643, lib.lou.lars@gmail.com



Stretching Your Grocery Dollar

Find us on [Facebook](#)

Tuesday April 10th at Community Center

Volunteers needed: 2-4pm or 4-6, or 2-6



To learn more about Care Partners

carepartnersofcookcounty.org



Aging Well Resources
COOK COUNTY MN

For access to Cook County aging services, information & events
agingwellresources.org



Spring Chore Days

May 9-11

Connecting volunteers with Cook County older adult neighbors to help with spring chores such as raking leaves, planting flowers, and general yard or garage cleanup!

Contact Care Partners by April 15 to:
Find out how you or your group can volunteer
Ask about getting help with a spring chore

218.387.3788

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