

E-NEWS



Irene Peterson turns 103 on January 22, 2024

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Worship Schedule

Wednesdays 6:00pm

Sundays 10:00am

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Upcoming Events

Shared Meal

January 10, 2024
5:30 PM

Join us for a wonderful home cooked hotdish meal tonight!

Come to celebrate fellowship and good food.

Free will donations are asked to help cover costs.

Contemporary Worship

January 10, 2024
6:00 PM

Our Contemporary Worship services resume this evening. Join as we sing praises, led by the **Average Worship Band**, and hear a brief message from Pastor Tom Murray tonight.

Come on Wednesdays and bring a friend!

Confirmation

January 10, 2024
6:00 PM

Middle School Confirmation starts with the Worship Service and follows with classes taught by Theresa Oberg, Pastor Tom and Pastor Calvin.

Tonight they will learn about Hannah, Samuel and Saul.

Classes will be done by 7:30pm

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 14, 2024
10:00 AM

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

New Members Are Invited

Bethlehem invites anyone that is interested in becoming a member, or has questions about being a Lutheran, or wants information about Bethlehem and its teams, committees, etc.

Join Pastor Calvin following worship this Sunday, January 14, 2024. We will meet in the library.

New Members will be received the following Sunday, January 21st during worship, and a reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

There is a place for you here!

Sweet Irene

Irene Peterson will be turning 103 years young on January 22.

Irene was born and raised in Grand Marais. I think of all the changes she has seen in our area and in the world.

She is still pretty healthy. She has short term dementia and at times gets a little confused. She is an amazing lady.

There will be a story in the Cook County News Herald.

If you have any questions just give me a call 387-2938 or email Lorri Peterson.

We will have a birthday card to sign. If you would like to send your own card send it to:

Irene Peterson, NSH Care Center, 515 5th Ave W, Grand Marais, MN 55604

Upcoming Commemorations:

Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968, Monday, January 15, 2024. An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356, Wednesday, January 17, 2024. One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346, Wednesday, January 17, 2024. Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

Confession of Peter, Thursday, January 18, 2024. Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156, Friday, January 19, 2024. When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him. Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

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Amazing Members

Take a look at what some of our members do in their free time:

Emma Spoon & Shane Steele Ice Climbing waterfalls of the North Shore. <https://youtu.be/UxVZxOgf0JQ>



Prayer

Requests

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers

Kati Kristenson Stieler,
Ray Baker,
Jim & Jody Daugherty,
Jill Pederson,
Hank Ferland,
Emily Ulhorn,
Bruce Johnson,
Lynn Schulte,
Lois Johnson,
Barbara Erickson,
Vera Finn,
Char Anderson,

Rhonda Schulte,
Paulina Backstrom,
Les Donek,
Carly Hawkinson-Sohm,
Elsa Sorenson,
Kristi (Speck) Perales,
Emi Heikkinen,
Betty Jones
Jim Ringquist
Karen Lashinski & family

Member Families to
Pray for this Week:
Lyle & Shelby Anderson'
Will, Nan, Eddie & Arthur
Onkka
Jacob, Laura, Matteo, &
Daniella Muus
Annalisa Winje & Katie
Peck
Peter Dixon & Susan
Backlund Dixon

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 prayer list. Thank you.

Vera Finn has moved!

Her new address is:

Carefree Living
36 Bell Circle, Room 24
Silver Bay, MN 55614

Ways to Give:

We appreciate your giving. Did you know that you can also give online? Go to our website and click on the giving tab on our homepage. You can also stop by and drop your offering in the offering box in the lower entryway.

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





Care Partners Offers

“Powerful Tools for Caregivers”

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a free six-week class that gives you the skills to take care of yourself while caring for someone else – either in your home or from a distance.

The class is free and includes a Caregiver Help book which accompanies the course and provides additional resources. Winter sessions will be led by trained facilitators Kathy Reeves, Retired RN, and Julie Wilson, MSW, LGSW and will **meet online via Zoom on Wednesdays from 10-11:30am, February 7 – March 13**. You can register by calling Care Partners at 218-387-3788 or via the Care Partners website: www.carepartnersofcookcounty.org. You can also contact Care Partners for information about respite care during the class.

Christie John
Programs Administrator
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Care Partners of Cook County
P.O. Box 282
Grand Marais, MN 55604
218-387-3788

Senior Rides Volunteers Needed!

A quick shout-out that we are in need of senior rides volunteers - especially those who are willing to consider helping with medical rides to Duluth. Our volunteers are required to submit an application, complete a self-directed training program, and pass a background check. Our volunteer drivers choose their assignments on a ride-by-ride basis and are reimbursed for all miles driven. Give me a call or email me at christie@carepartnersofcookcounty.org for more information or to get started on the volunteer training

How to avoid slips and falls

 <p>Walk like a penguin Use short, slow, flat-footed steps and maintain your balance.</p>	 <p>No shortcuts Only use pathways that have been cleared.</p>	 <p>Carry only what you can Free up your hands by using a bag or backpack.</p>
 <p>Wear sensible footwear Choose shoes with a non-slip, thick sole and a wide, low heel.</p>	 <p>Use caution around curbs Step flat footed on and off curbs.</p>	
 <p>Don't be distracted Don't text or use your cell phone while walking.</p>	 <p>Step down, not out from cars Swing both legs out, place both feet flat on the ground and hold the door frame or steering wheel for support.</p>	



A FUN HOLIDAY CARD FROM OUR FORMER INTERN BEN AND HIS WIFE JULIANNA.

A GALACTIC MOVE!!

A long time ago, in a galaxy not so far away, a new chapter unfolded in the epic saga of the newly married Nikodym couple. In January of 2023, the Nikodyms daringly traveled across the galaxy from the snowy winter wonderland of Hovland, Minnesota to the bustling city of St. Louis, MO.

Beginning the year as a mere bounty hunter (i.e. contract employee), Julianna was recruited as a Padawan (i.e. part-time employee) midway through the year at Prosperity Connection, a nonprofit committed to offering quality financial education at no cost to lifeforms across the galaxy. Finally, 2024 will see Julianna as a realized Jedi Knight (i.e. full-time employee with benefits!!) at Prosperity Connection, providing marketing and program operational support.

Julianna and Ben Nikodym
3909 Randall St.
St. Louis, MO 63116

After graduating from Luther Seminary in December of 2022, Ben embarked on a mission in the automotive landscape at Valvoline. There, he refined his mechanical skills and stabilized the couple's finances enough to make a monumental purchase: a house of their own! Proudly residing in their new homeworld, Handyman Padawan Ben tackled the challenges of home ownership head on. With the kind support of family, friends, neighbors, and the Force, Ben and Julianna (but mostly Ben) fixed basement flooding, replaced the siding, installed a family heirloom porch swing, and updated the circuitry of the house, rivaling the work of any astromech droid. 2024 will no doubt offer Ben more home maintenance projects, job searches, and lessons from the YouTube Council.

Their tiny part of the galaxy has been filled with love, joy, music, and the spirit of Christmas. To their cherished allies and loved ones across the galaxies, may your holidays sparkle with the Force of family, friendship, and festive cheer. From their new cosmic abode to yours, may the holiday season and beyond be as epic as a Star Wars saga.

May the Force be with you this holiday season and in the coming year.

-Julianna and Ben

