

E-WEEKLY



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Worship *Schedule*

~~Wednesday at 6:00 pm~~
Sunday at 10:00 am

**Wednesday Activities
resume next week,
April 10th**

**5:30 pm Meal
6:00 pm Worship
with the Average
Worship Band
and Confirmation**

See you next Wednesday!

Coffee An' Opportunities!


**April 7th: Kathleen Johnson
could use another person
to help (218.370.9056)**


**April 14, 21 & 28 are all
open and waiting for you!**

**New clipboard to sign up is on the
kitchen counter.**

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CHRIST IS RISEN!
CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

Alleluia!

Christ is Risen, indeed!



Prayer Requests:

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers

Kati Kristenson Stieler
Bruce Johnson,
Lynn Schulte,
Paulina Backstrom
Stacey Schulte
Kim Schulte
Jody Daugherty,
Jill Pederson,
Emily Ulhorn,
Lois Johnson,
Barbara Erickson,
Vera Finn,
Char Anderson,

Rhonda Schulte,
Les Donek,
Carly Hawkinson-Sohm,
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:
Brad, Brooke, J, Ryan &
Katie Shannon
Shelley, Dallas & Morgan
Starkey
Pat & Valerie Eliassen
Clayton & Nancy Koss
Paul & Marilyn Ranum

Jesse Derscheid, local resident and friend, continues to struggle with cancer. Please keep Jesse and his family in your prayers.

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.

For what shall we pray?

For victims of the Francis Scott Key bridge collapse in Baltimore, MD and for emergency personnel, government agencies, and all organizations offering services and support, including port chaplains Pastor Vitali Guzs and Pastor Bob Schmitt...

For the family and loved ones of the Moscow Concert Hall attack in Russia...

For justice and peace among nations where war and violence rage, especially Palestine and Israel, Myanmar, Iraq, Haiti, Russia and Ukraine, and South Sudan...

For aid and food to successfully enter Gaza, along with a permanent ceasefire...

For the thoughtful and compassionate discernment of our courts...

For resurrection hope this Holy Week as we move past Easter...

For the eradication of racism and hate crimes; may we learn to celebrate one another...

For new immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in the United States...

E-NEWS

This Week at Bethlehem

Wed April 3 12:30 PM Text Study
Thurs April 4 8:00 AM Bible Study
9:00 AM Quilting
Fri April 5 - - - - - Clarity Hearing
Sun. April 7 10:00 AM Worship and
Sunday School
Mon April 8 6:30 PM Executive Comm.
meets in library
Tues. April 9 Denise is off
Wed Apr 10 12:30 PM Text Study
5:30 PM Hotdish Meal for
Everyone
6:00 PM Worship with the
Average Worship Band
6:00 PM Confirmation
Thurs Apr 11 8:00 AM Bible Study
9:00 AM Quilting
9:30 AM Esther Circle meets
in library—all women are
welcome

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

Readings & Psalm:

Acts 4:32-35

The believers' common life

Psalm 133

**How good and pleasant it is to
live together in unity.**

1 John 1:1--2:2

Walking in the light

John 20:19-31

***Beholding the wounds of the
risen Christ***

Watch our YouTube Channel:

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

[@bethlehemlutheranchurch7397/streams](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb2h1eHemlutheranchurch7397/streams)

Note from our Pastor

Pastor Calvin is on vacation this week. He will be back for worship on Sunday April 7, 10:00 am.

Please call the office at 218-387-2227 if you need anything.

Or email him directly at blcpastor@boreal.org.

Pastor's personal cell can be used in case of emergency:

763-226-5425



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. →



"Cross-Currents in the Flood: Building Arcs Together for a Livable Planet" The EcoFaith Network's Summit will be held in Duluth on April 6th. It is being presented by the NE MN Synod, the St. Paul Area Synod, and the NW WI Synod, all of whom are now partner synods of the EcoFaith Network. This summit in April will feature Dr. Larry Rasmussen, author of *"The Planet You Inherit"*, as its main presenter.

This year, Summit Worship will debut the hymn **"A New Song"**, composed by Paul Jacobson (our associate member), based on Psalm 98. The hymn raises the question, "How can we sing a new song to the Holy One?" amid the flood of climate upheaval, and calls us to respond with the arcs of hope we build together.



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Cook County Earth Day Fair

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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

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Tuesday April 10th at Community Center

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



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