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**BETHLEHEM'S OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY:
THURSDAY & FRIDAY NOV 27 & 28**

We have been left without!

Without any advanced communication, Bethlehem has been dropped by the snow shoveling service which we depended on the last couple of years. (They notified us yesterday!)

Do you know of any service or persons who could do this?

Our criteria is to shovel all sidewalks, entryways, and curb to street areas after each snowfall (2" or more). Weekdays and Sundays by 9am.

The biggest complaint we have had with the shoveling service is that it may require "after care" shoveling. Meaning: the snow plows leave a hump on the side of the street with their street clean up processes causing the sidewalks/curbs need to be re-shoveled to make it open for passage. This has been a safety issue and claimed "reason" that we have been left without reliable snow shoveling service.

Now, what do we do?

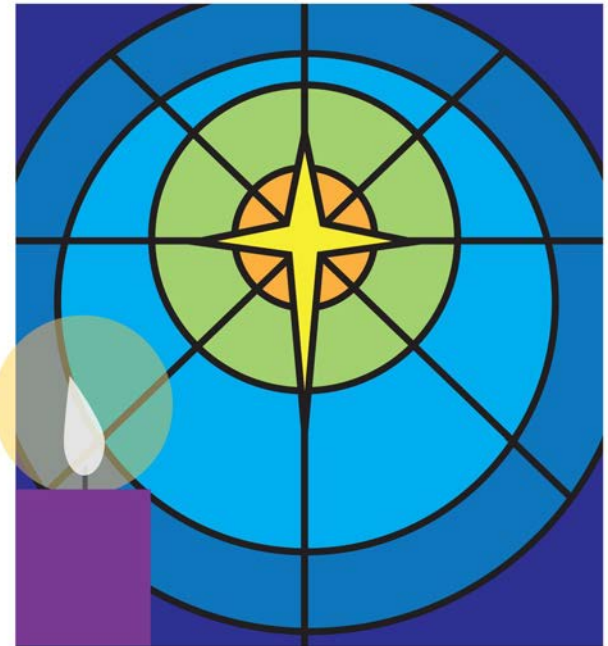
First: BE SAFE! In the event that the sidewalks are not shoveled upon arrival, please take caution when entering the church.

Second: We have shovels posted in the each of the entryways. If it is within your capacity, we ask that you shovel a path until it can be taken care of.

Third: Spread the word that we are looking to hire someone to do this job. If you know of anyone, please talk to them and pass the information to Pastor Calvin or Mike Chmelik.

Reminder: During the work hours the door by the offices is unlocked. The alley door is opened before meetings, etc., but is not always reliably open. There is a sign on every door with the phone number of the church and you can call to get the door open while you wait. (If you have a cell phone.)

**Thank you for your help
and understanding!**



**FIRST SUNDAY
OF**
Advent

*Sunday
November 30th
10:00am*

Live stream at:

[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=c6zxfkHSTuk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6zxfkHSTuk)

Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner

First Congregational Church to host holiday event

The First Congregational Church of Grand Marais is excited to invite the community to its annual Thanksgiving Dinner, on **Thursday November 27**. The meal will be **served family-style at 1 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The doors open at 12 noon. All are welcome.

The meal is free, but donations will be accepted.

This year's menu will include roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green bean casserole, peachy sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.

Volunteers Needed

Please help if you can. Volunteers are needed to help prep the food and set up tables on Wednesday, November 26, and to cook, serve and clean up on Thanksgiving Day.

To learn how you can contribute to the success of this year's dinner, please call Bruce Tyler at 651-315-1573 or Jenny Delfs at 218-370-0652.

Take-Out and Limited Delivery Available



West-End Community Thanksgiving Meal

We'll gather at Lutsen Lutheran Church at 1:00 PM on Thanksgiving Day for conversation, laughter, and a potluck meal hosted by folks from our neighborhood.

Everyone is Welcome: Young, Old, Families, Singles, Locals, & Tourists. There's only one rule ... No Talking Politics or Religion

Lutsen Lutheran Church is located on Hwy 61 next to the Clearview Store





This Week at Bethlehem:

Sun Nov 30	8:40AM	Choir practice
	10:00AM	Worship Service & Sunday School
	2:30 PM	Borealis Orchestra
	4:00 PM	Chorale Practice
Tues Dec 2	8:30 AM	Adult Ed class
	9:30 AM	Staff meeting
Wed Dec 3	12:30PM	Text Study
	5:30 PM	Meal
	6:00 PM	Advent Worship
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
	6:30 PM	Adult Ed Class
Thurs Dec 4	8:00 AM	Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Quilting
Fri Dec 5	- - - -	Clarity Hearing
Sat Dec 6	11:00 AM	Julefest & Bake Sale
	1:00 PM	Hanging of the Greens
	?????	Tree Delivery, set up & Decorating
Sun Dec 7	8:40AM	Choir practice
	10:00AM	Worship Service & Sunday School
	2:30 PM	Borealis Orchestra
	4:00 PM	Chorale Practice

Sunday November 30, 2025

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5

*Weapons of war transformed into
instruments of peace*

Psalms 122

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go
to the house of the LORD."*

Romans 13:11-14

Salvation is near; time to wake from sleep

Matthew 24:36-44

The sudden coming of the Son of Man

Livestream link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=c6zxfkHSTuk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6zxfkHSTuk)



PRAYER list...

Healing prayers are requested for:

Linda Zenk; Jane Gellner; Luke Gulstrand; Sarah, Cam, Barb & Paul Coe; Lois Johnson; Lynn & Craig Schulte; Butch Schulte; Christy Buetow; Clayton Koss; Patty Nelson; Annalisa Winje; Joan Bieber; Gene & Barbara Erickson; Bruce & Stacey Johnson; Paulina Backstrom; Shae Lindholm; Rhonda Schulte; Char Anderson; Betty Jones; Stacey Schulte; Hank Ferland; Ramiro Acero; Margaret Dahl; Katrina Crouse; Tom Christiansen,

This week we lift up these members:

Luke, Carin, Ruby & August Gulstrand; Sue Hennessy; Anne & Chris Hegg; Dan Helmerson; and Matt, Maria, Jessen, Adyssey, Mathiass & Odesseia Conlan.
May God walk with these Faithful Friends as they live their gospel-filled lives.

NEED PRAYER?

Contact Pastor Calvin
763-226-5425

or Laura Popkes, Prayer Chain
Leader 218-370-0721



The
Season
of

Advent READING PLAN

Hope

- ◊ Day 1: Jeremiah 29:10-14
- ◊ Day 2: Romans 15:8-13
- ◊ Day 3: 1 Peter 1:3-12
- ◊ Day 4: Hebrews 10:19-39
- ◊ Day 5: Psalm 33
- ◊ Day 6: Titus 2:11-3:8

Joy

- ◊ Day 13: Philippians 4:4-9
- ◊ Day 14: Psalm 16
- ◊ Day 15: James 1:2-18
- ◊ Day 16: Psalm 30
- ◊ Day 17: Luke 2:8-20
- ◊ Day 18: John 15:1-11

Peace

- ◊ Day 7: Isaiah 9:1-7
- ◊ Day 8: John 14:1-7, 25-31
- ◊ Day 9: John 16:25-33
- ◊ Day 10: Romans 5:1-11
- ◊ Day 11: Ephesians 2:11-22
- ◊ Day 12: Colossians 3:1-17

Love

- ◊ Day 19: Micah 7:18-20
- ◊ Day 20: Romans 8:31-39
- ◊ Day 21: John 3:16-21
- ◊ Day 22: 1 John 4:7-21
- ◊ Day 23: Philippians 2:1-11
- ◊ Day 24: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
- ◊ Day 25: Ephesians 2:1-10



CHAMBER MUSIC UP NORTH

NOTES FROM THE ROAD

Did you attend the concert on Saturday night? If so, would you be able to submit a quick review for the newsletter? If you don't feel like writing it up, please call Denise in the office and provide a report.

Thank you!



Mission of the Month

ELCA Good Gifts

Our Mission of the Month for November will once again be the **ELCA Good Gifts program**. This program reaches out to people all over the world who are living in poverty. It provides resources for families to create and sustain income to provide a better way of life for themselves. **Last year our contributions were able to have the ELCA provide two "family farms",** each of which included a cow, two goats, two piglets, and a flock of chickens. The animals not only provide milk, meat, and eggs for a family but also will get them started producing enough excess to sell to afford necessities and even school tuition. We hope Bethlehem will be able to do at least as much this year for our neighbors around the world.

For our neighbors close to home we will be promoting contributions to the local food pantry. We know that as food prices rise and nutrition programs lose funding the need keeps increasing. ***Let us respond with generosity and care.***

November Member Challenge

Food insecurity is on the rise, especially with federal employees currently not receiving paychecks and health insurance costs spiraling. Businesses in Cook County are stepping up to help and you can help by stocking up the food shelf. We encourage you to bring a bag of non-perishable food and supplies to church and drop it off in the shopping cart located in the narthex during the month of November and throughout the coming year.

Some general suggestions for food donations:

- ◆ Check expiration dates. Don't bring expired food.
- ◆ Boxed milk
- ◆ Canned goods
- ◆ Cooking oil
- ◆ Spices, salt, and pepper
- ◆ Tea and coffee
- ◆ Tuna and crackers
- ◆ PB & J
- ◆ Dish soap, laundry soap
- ◆ Feminine hygiene
- ◆ Paper products such as toilet paper, facial tissue and paper towels

Right now, the local Food Shelf is in need of financial support. Donations are always welcomed and will assist the immediate needs crucial to our community.

God's Global Barnyard

An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.

 Cow A cow's milk, meat, fertilizer and calves can quickly strengthen a family's financial security. \$500	 Chicks Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, protein-rich meals for families who are hungry. \$10
 Goat Fresh milk from a goat is very nutritious and can be used to make products like yogurt and cheese to sell at the market. \$50	 Honeybees Bees pollinate plants and boost crop growth — helping the wider community. Soaps and candles can be made from their wax and sold at the local market. \$20
 Pig Within months after birth, piglets grow to weigh over 200 pounds — bringing a big payoff at the market. \$30	 Fish Farm A fish farm and training in good business economics can provide a lifetime of meals for a community. \$250



Family Farm \$715



Julefest



LUNCHEON, BAKE SALE & RAFFLE



Saturday, December 6th
11am to 1pm

Luncheon will be served at 11:30 am
Followed by the raffle... All are welcome!

Adults \$10 Children \$5

Luncheon Includes:

Chicken Salad Croissants,
fresh fruit, chips,
Coffee & Dessert!



Bethlehem Lutheran
Church Women

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Grand Marais, MN
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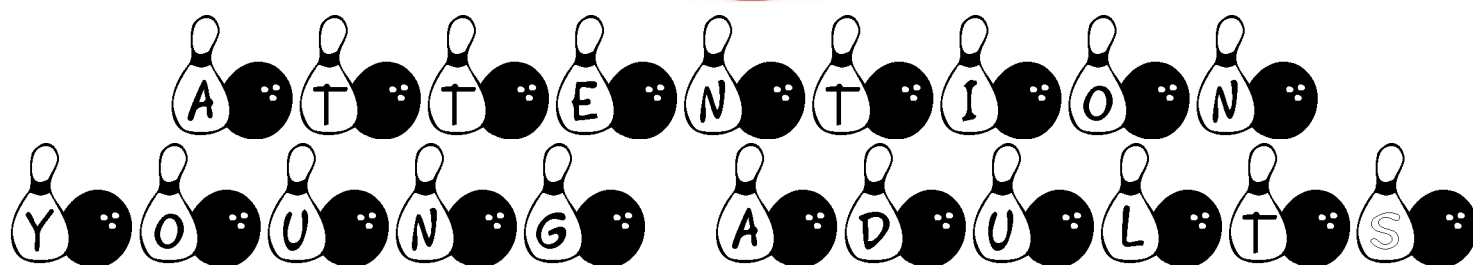


Children's PROGRAM

"NO REHEARSAL PROGRAM"

DECEMBER 14, 10:00AM

SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS



(age range 20's – 30's)

LET'S GO BOWLING!

Sunday December 14th

Leaving after worship service.

Sign up in the Narthex

Questions? Reach out to Libby at lib.lou.lars@gmail.com or 218-849-4643

Food insecurity is on the rise, especially with federal employees currently not receiving paychecks and health insurance costs spiraling. Businesses in Cook County are stepping up to help and you can help by stocking up the food shelf. Cook County is home to a variety of nonprofit food access resources and residents have access to county initiatives. Here is a list of local resources:

AEOA Mobile Food Pantry: 4th Wednesday of each month, household size and income information collected (no proof required) Grand Portage Community Center (73 Upper Rd, Grand Portage): 11:30 a.m. –Noon
Cook County Community Center (317 W 5th St, Grand Marais, MN): 1:30–2 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church: Free meals on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm. The schedule follows the ISD166 school calendar. We also have grocery cards available to those experiencing food insecurity; and offer gift cards to anyone in the community who needs to travel out of town for medical appointments. People can contact Pastor Calvin Konop or the office at Bethlehem.

Cook County Courthouse self-service food bank: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the courthouse lobby. County residents are welcome to both drop off and pick-up shelf-stable goods during regular courthouse hours. Copies of additional food access resource lists also available

Cook County Food Shelf: Mondays 3–5 p.m. and first Wednesday of each month, 5–7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church (300 W 2nd St, Grand Marais). Income information collected during registration. Fresh and shelf-stable food available for pickup, vouchers for use at local grocery stores. Call for more information (218) 387-2113

Clearview General Store – 25% discount on food items for SNAP/EBT card holders, 20% discount on food items for furloughed federal workers or those working without a paycheck (proof of furlough or lost paycheck required). 5323 W Highway 61, Lutsen

Snacks and Packs Backpack Program: in-school support organized by Second Harvest Northland and facilitated by [Cook County Extension](#). Food is delivered to qualifying students in their backpacks on Thursdays or Fridays, along with grocery gift cards. Extension office phone: (218)387-3015

Fisherman's Daughter at Dockside: Grocery store gift cards, warm food, deli items available for those whose benefits are disrupted. Contact Katie or Parker Slanga, katie@tfdgm.com, or through social media. Restaurant located at 418 W Hwy 61, Grand Marais

Grand Portage Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP): Monday-Friday 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Grand Portage Community Center (73 Upper Road, Grand Portage). Reservation required by 9 a.m. on the day. Contact (218) 475-2655 or enpdirector@grandportage.com Price based on age: 65+, \$2; ages 50–64, \$3; under 50, \$5. Food delivery available.

Grand Portage Food Distribution Program: Monthly distribution for participating households. Pick-up at 101 Store Rd, Grand Portage. Packs include canned, frozen, and traditional foods. Contact (218) 475-2480 or fdp@boreal.org

Grand Portage Food Shelf: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Grand Portage Human Services (2 Casino Dr, Grand Portage)
Call ahead for pick-up (218) 475-2453

Gunflint Tavern: Free soup and bread for pick-up on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Gunflint Tavern (111 W Wisconsin St, Grand Marais) until SNAP benefits are restored. Email Gunflinttavern@gmail.com to arrange pickup

Java Moose Coffee Shop: local grocery gift cards available. Contact Sarah Jorgenson-Hallberg at javamoosgrandmarais@gmail.com Shop located at 218 W Hwy 61, Grand Marais

Johnson's Foods: offering 10% discount on food items to SNAP, WIC, and EBT card holders, and federal employees going without pay. Food assistance card or proof of federal furlough required. Johnson's also holds weekly gift card drawings. Located at 317 E Hwy 61, Grand Marais

Lunch at The Hub / Grand Marais Senior Center: Monday-Friday at noon at The Hub (10 N Broadway Ave, Grand Marais) Requires a phone call by 9:30 a.m. on the day to reserve lunch. Call: 218-387-2660
\$4.50 for those who qualify based on age, disability, or income; \$8.00 for others
*veterans eat free in November

Meals on Wheels – The Hub / Grand Marais Senior Center: provides home meal delivery for those 60+ or who are homebound and located within 5 miles of Grand Marais. Register for Meals on Wheels through AEOA by calling 1-800-662-5711 ext. 7323. Call the Hub at (218) 387-2660 by 9:30 a.m. day of service to request a meal. Service for the week can be requested on Mondays. Frozen and pick-up meals can be requested for weekends.

Minnesota Food Helpline: phone line open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to connect people with food access resources 1-888-711-1151

Nutrition for Seniors: Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank provides monthly food packages for pickup at the Cook County Food Shelf in Grand Marais. Contact by phone (218) 336-2307, (888) 727-5653, ext. 112 or info@secondharvestnorthland.org

Small Requests Project: Direct community assistance for food support via grocery store gift cards. Funded by Donna and Orvis Lunke with support from Empty Bowls and community donations. Contact Donna [through facebook](#) to request assistance or to contribute to the project.

Ruby's Pantry – Cook County: monthly pickup of pre-packed bundles on the second Tuesday of each month from 5-6:30 p.m. at Great Expectations School (550 5th St, Grand Marais). Location subject to change throughout the year. Primarily shelf-stable and frozen items with some fresh produce. \$25 suggested donation, but gift certificates are available and no one is turned away until all packages are collected. Contact (218) 387-1314

Sawtooth Mountain Clinic – Giving Tree Program: support for SMC patients in need. Local grocery gift cards and support for gas and lodging for those needing to travel for medical services provided. Contact the clinic at (218) 387-2330

Senior Lunch at Birch Grove Community Center: every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Birch Grove Community Center (9 Good Neighbor Hill Rd). \$5 suggested donation

YMCA – Snacks in the Entryway: free snacks in the main entrance to the Cook County YMCA (105 W 5th St, Grand Marais) during YMCA open hours (Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Zoar Lutheran Church – Soup Suppers: free community dinner every Wednesday through May 7 from 5:15-6 p.m. at Zoar Lutheran Church (7241 MN-61, Tofte)

*And God is able to make all grace come in abundance to you,
so that you may always have complete sufficiency in everything,
and have an abundance for every good work and act of charity.*

◇ 2 Corinthians 9:8

*“May the God of hope fill you with
all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

– Romans 15:13