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*A Service of Worship
and the Celebration of Life of
Nancy Lindquist*

Saturday August 30, 2025

11:00 am

Light lunch to follow

SUNDAY
AUGUST 31, 2025
10:00 AM WORSHIP

Livestream link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KrN-9_TH2AE

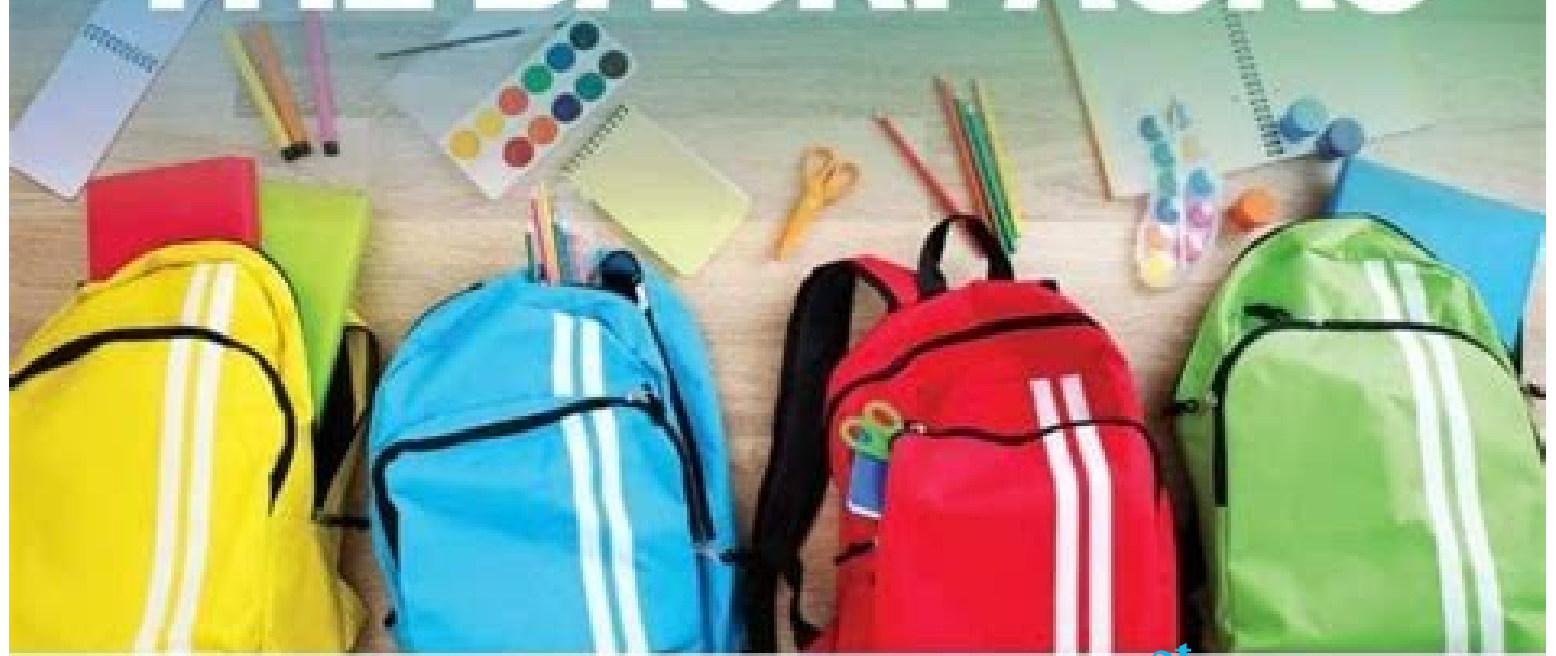
Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated, as if you yourselves were suffering.



HEBREWS 13:1-3

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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



Sunday, August 31st

Attention: Students and Teachers

Bring your backpack/school bag
to church for a special blessing
and kickoff to the new school year

All participants will be given a backpack tag

Bethlehem will also bless the school supplies
collected during August's Member Challenge
before sending them to school.

(Bring your final donations to church Sunday.)

This Week at Bethlehem:

Sun Aug 31 10:00AM Worship Service
Mon Sept 1 Office Closed
Tues Sep 2 8:30AM Staff meeting
Wed Sep 3 8:00AM Church in Society
12:30PM Text Study
Thur Sep 4 8:00AM Bible Study
9:00AM Quilting
Fri Sep 5 - - - - Clarity Hearing appointments
Sun Sep 7 8:40AM Choir practice
10:00AM Worship Service

Readings and Psalm for August 31, 2025

Proverbs 25:6-7a

Do not put yourself forward

Psalm 112

The righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

*God is with us:
let acts of mutual love continue*

Luke 14:1, 7-14

An image of God's reign: invite the poor, crippled to your banquet

Livestream link:



PRAYER LIST

Healing prayers are requested for:

Tom Christiansen, Lynn Schulte, Annalisa Winje, Lois Johnson, Joan Bieber, Bill Lyght, 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, Linda & Dale McIntire,

This week we lift up these members:

Janet Simonen; Sam Hedstrom, Abby Tofte, Freja & Aren; Jeanne Peterson, Brianna & Elias; Carl & Luana Brandt; and John Ceryes. *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 August Mission of the Month will be to support the programming at **North Point** (NP).

North Point is **Celebrating 5 years of Bringing Hope and Support to Teens in Cook County!** Brad Shannon, Executive Director, and Brooke Shannon, Co-Director, are so grateful for the opportunity to walk with students, offering spaces, programs and experiences where teens feel safe, known, and unconditionally loved. North Point averages 65-70 students weekly and over 360 check-ins each month.

More than a program, NP is a philosophy that hope shows up when people who care show up. "We are so thankful to be able to do the things we do because of the generosity of people who care about teens and believe that what we do matters," shared Brad.

For the month of August we are asking for your financial contribution through our Mission of the Month to be directed to North Point. Currently they have been given a challenge gift. A wonderful opportunity to have the impact of your gift doubled! This gift will **match contributions give locally up to \$15,000** through the end of August.

Secondly, all donations will go towards meeting their program budget for the year. **Your contributions go directly to teens!** Though this may seem like a large number, everything at NP is provided to teens either free of charge or heavily subsidized. With that said, if this matching gift is met by the end of August, it will go a long way towards meeting North Point's program needs for the year.

Your contribution may be given through Bethlehem (marked "**Mission of the Month-North Point**") or directly to North Point (P.O. Box 71, Grand Marais, MN 55604).

Thank you for the positive impact you make in teens lives as community leaders and employers and for considering North Point.

Member Challenge:

The first day of school is quickly approaching! Help support local students as they return to the classroom by ensuring they have the necessary tools for successful year of learning. The HUB is once again collaborating with Bethlehem Lutheran Church to help Cook County students start the year off on the right track. Please consider helping ensure all kids have what they need to learn and succeed this school year to reach their full potential.

How can you help? Help spread the word! Purchase supplies and bring to Bethlehem, or make a financial donation to purchase supplies. (Mark on your donation: "School Supply MOM".)

Collection period: NOW through September 1, 2025.

Bethlehem will bless these supplies before we get them to the HUB. (August 31st)



August MOM Member Challenge

2025-2026 BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE!

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How can you help? Help spread the word!

Purchase supplies & bring to drop-off location or make a financial donation to purchase supplies.

Collection Period

August 1 — September 1, 2025

DROP OFF LOCATION

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
417 First Avenue West
Grand Marais

218-387-2227



School Supply List

- Backpacks
- Erasers
- Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Notebooks
- Folders
- Pencil box
- 24 Count Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Markers
- Glue sticks
- Bottled Glue
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil sharpener
- Loose-leaf paper
- Hand sanitizer
- Folders
- 3 Binders
- Highlighters (pink, yellow, green, & blue)



Optional and Appreciated:

- Back Pack
- Kleenex
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Gallon & quart size Ziploc Bags
- Dry Erase Markers
- Sticky notes (High School)
- Index Cards
- Healthy Snacks to share
- Band Aids
- Hand Sanitizer
- Cups, plates, napkins, forks, spoons
- Decks of cards
- Dice
- Scientific Calculator (High School)
- Head Phones
- Ear Buds

Daily grace



Peace isn't just quiet

At the passing of the peace, we engage in reconciliation as we prepare to be guests at the table Jesus prepares for us. This serves as a model for how we are called to live in our world. If we as Christians are going to get to the place of true reconciliation, according to God's standards, we need to be sure that the peace we share, the peace we offer others, isn't just quiet. Peace and quiet are not the same thing.

In a March 1956 sermon, "When Peace Becomes Obnoxious," the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. noted that peace is not merely the absence of tension, but also the presence of justice. King said that a peace that is boiled down to stagnant complacency, deadening passivity, is simply obnoxious. He wrote: *If peace means accepting second class citizenship, I don't want it. If peace means keeping my mouth shut in the midst of injustice and evil, I don't want it.*

King also said that peace is "the presence of a positive good." This is the kind of peace Jesus stood for, lived out and called us to in our communities.

This message is excerpted from "Passing the peace" by Tiffany C. Chaney in the July/August 2020 [Gather](#) magazine. Today we commemorate Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 430 and Moses the Black, monk, martyr, c. 400.



City of Grand Marais

The City of Grand Marais is working with an engineering company (AE2S) to complete a water service line inventory that involves inspections at homes and businesses in town.

"Grand Marais needs to identify all the pipe materials in our drinking water infrastructure. It's important that we identify any lead in our water system so we can address it," says Scott Warner, Grand Marais Superintendent. Staff from AE2S will be knocking on doors through the end of September.

If you prefer to inspect your own service line, you can complete a short survey using this link bit.ly/GrandMaraisPipes or by scanning the QR code. The survey requires respondents to upload a photo of the pipe attached to their shutoff valve and water meter so the survey responses can be confirmed.

If you have questions about the service line inventory, please email the Grand Marais Water Utility at water@grandmarais.city.

Service Line Inspections



The City of Grand Marais is working with AE2S, an engineering firm, to inspect unknown water service lines. The names and photos of the AE2S inspectors assigned to Grand Marais appear above. If they knock on your door, they will ask to see the pipe attached to your water meter and shutoff valve.





Always
give
yourselves
fully to
the work
of the
Lord ...

1 Corinthians 15:58



Lord, in my work — whether at a
job, at home or in a service—

help me
to do it with
purpose and
peace.

Keep me from being
overwhelmed, and remind me
that my worth is not in what I
produce, but in
who I am in You.
Amen.

