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## SPRING FORWARD

*Into Brighter Days and Longer Evenings*

**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR  
CLOCKS FORWARD**

Sunday, March 8, 2026

**THIS SUNDAY**

Third Sunday in Lent  
March 8, 2026

Exodus 17:1-7

*Water from the rock in the wilderness*

Psalm 95

Let us shout for joy to  
the rock of our salvation.

Romans 5:1-11

*Reconciled to God by Christ's death*

John 4:5-42

*Baptismal image: the woman at the well*

*Livestream Link:*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=BTOK00trrkw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTOK00trrkw)

**Ethel is turning 95 on March 5**



**HAPPY  
Birthday  
FROM YOUR  
CHURCH FAMILY**

On Sunday March 8 the Johnson  
family will serve Coffee An' in  
honor of Ethel

# PRAYER list

Healing prayers are requested:

Joan Bieber; Gene Erickson; Enno Limvere; Martha Rosbacka; Mary Sanders; Kristin Lindholm; Rolf Morck; Linda Zenk; Clayton Koss; Kamryn Johnson; Lois Johnson; Sarah Coe; Luke Gulstrand; Lynn Schulte; Christy Buetow; Annalisa Winje; Char Anderson; Bruce & Stacey Johnson; Rhonda & Butch Schulte; Stacey Schulte; Paulina Backstrom; Shae Lindholm; Hank Ferland; Margaret Dahl; Katrina Crouse; Tom Christiansen; Karen Shannon

This week we lift up these members: April, Soren & Sonja Wahlstrom; Joan Bieber; Craig & Lynn Schulte; Tom, Kim, Tommy & Rylee Kerntz; and Rebecca VanGinkel, Derrick, DJ, June & Joe Seidel. May God walk with these faithful friends in their Lenten journey.

## This Week at Bethlehem:

Sun Mar 8 8:40 AM Choir Practice  
**10:00AM Worship Service & Sunday School**

Mon Mar 9 3:30 PM Girl Scouts  
 6:30 PM Executive Committee

Tues Mar 10 8:30 AM Staff meeting

Wed Mar 11 12:30 PM Text Study  
**3:30 PM Bethlehem Builders!**  
 5:30 PM Community Meal  
**6:00 PM Lent Worship**

Thurs Mar 12 8:00 AM Bible Study  
 9:00 AM Quilting  
 9:30 AM Esther Circle  
 6:30 PM Table Tennis

Fri Mar 13 - - - - Office is closed

Sat Mar 14 4:30 PM Irish Dinner

Sun Mar 15 8:40 AM Choir practice  
**10:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday School**  
**11:15 AM Communion Class**  
 1:00 PM Daisy Troop  
 2:00 PM Worship Service at Care Center



Mark your calendars  
 Memorial Service for:

- **Ed Bolstad** will be Sat. May 2 at 11:00 am
- **Barbara Erickson** will be Sat. May 16 at 11:00am

# Worship Resources in a Time of War



March 2, 2026. As the United States has begun military combat operations in Iran, we are called to pray and ask for God's mercy. Below are three prayers from the resource *Prayer Book for the Armed Services*.

## Time of war

Eternal God, whose steadfast love never ends, we ask that you look upon the nations now engaged in war and hasten the day of peace. Look in mercy on those exposed to peril, conflict, sickness and death; and show compassion to the dying. In your good providence, remove all causes and occasions of war. Incline the hearts of all people to follow the path to peace and concord, that war may cease and the day of reconciliation may come quickly, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Those Who Suffer from War

Merciful God, you grieve amid the pain, fear and suffering of your children. Look with compassion on all who endure the miseries of war. Be mindful, too, of those who day and night face peril in defense of our nation. Guide them in their duties as they seek justice for those subjected to tyranny and liberty for those who are oppressed. Eternal Protector of the helpless, hear the cry of the distressed and grant speedy deliverance in a new day of peace and concord. Amen.

## Those in the country's service in a time of war

Almighty God, let your protection be upon all those who are in the service of our nation. Guard them from all danger and harm; sustain and comfort those at home, especially in hours of anxiety, loneliness, and sorrow. Prepare the dying for death and the living for your service. Uphold those who bear arms on land and sea and in the air; and grant unto us and all nations a speedy, just and lasting peace, the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Let us pray without ceasing for peace in world, for peace in our homes, for peace in our hearts.

**Almighty God, all thoughts of truth and peace come from you. Kindle in the hearts of all your children the love of peace, and guide with your wisdom the leaders of the nations, so that your kingdom will go forth in peace and the earth will be filled with the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Prayer of the Day for Peace, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*)



"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" Psalm 139:14a

My right leg is stronger than my left, but together they've carried a crying toddler through an airport, and swum for miles in the pool. I am fearfully and wonderfully made. The nutrition app on my phone chides me for rarely hitting my Vitamin A goals and only occasionally meeting protein goals, but the food in my body takes me through days of counseling students, caring for a home and loving my family, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

My contacts lens prescription might be stronger, but my eyes can now pick now my daughter's face from the farthest seat in the bleachers. I have orthotics in my shoes, seven types of lotion and three vitamins I sometimes remember to take, but I am fearfully and wonderfully made. My body, imperfect, but perfect too, is a wonder. It's done what I need it to do – maybe not perfectly, but enough. God has made me perfectly and awesomely, fearfully and wonderfully. God has made me enough.

*This message is excerpted from "Enough" by Susan K. Olson in the March 2018 [Gather](#) magazine. Today we commemorate John Wesley, 1791 and Charles Wesley, 1788, renewers of the church.*

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
A FEAST OF  
**Céad míle fáilte**  
A HUNDRED THOUSAND WELCOMES



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HELPING OUR IMMIGRANT SIBLINGS

**Saturday, March 14**

**Seating times:  
4:30 & 6:00 PM**

**Corned Beef and Cabbage  
Vegan Irish Stew  
Potatoes  
Irish Soda Bread  
Irish Cream Chocolate Cake**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Grand Marais, MN  
417 1<sup>st</sup> Ave W - Across from the YMCA**

**Tickets - \$20 Adult - \$10 Child**  
**Purchase tickets at church office or by phone**  
Advanced Ticket Sales Only

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# Join us for Bethlehem Builders Club!

An afterschool program for 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders where we are building a strong foundation of faith!

We will be meeting every Wednesday in March from 3:30-5:30

During this time we will worship together, play games, have snacks, have Bible study & more. All are welcome!



**Register  
NOW**



Contact Jess with any questions, comments or concerns!  
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## Communion Class at Bethlehem

Come and learn about Communion! For 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders **and anyone who missed this class.**

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> @11am after Worship.



Register online now or contact Jess!

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# Attention High School Seniors or first-time post secondary students



*Bethlehem's  
Mission Endowment  
Committee is  
pleased to  
announce  
scholarships for  
members:*

- 1) Mission Endowment  
Scholarship \$1000 one-  
time award.*
- 2) Concordia College  
Congregational  
Scholarship, \$5000/year,  
renewable for 4 years\**

*\* for full-time students*

*Both forms are found in file  
folder on the Youth Bulletin  
Board, and at:*

*<https://www.sharingchrist.org/forms>*

*Application Deadline is  
Friday March 27, 2026*

# Looking to go to camp this summer?

Camps are a great way to meet new people, grow closer to God and spend time outdoors.

Here at Bethlehem, we want every student to be able to experience camp! Bethlehem offers a \$250 scholarship to any Christian camp, they would like to go to!

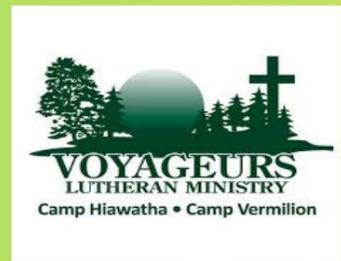
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Here are some camps that we love, if you are looking for an amazing camp experience!



**Wilderness  
Canoe Base**



Application forms may be found at: <https://www.sharingchrist.org/forms>



## Bethlehem Lutheran Church Camper Scholarship Application



Camper Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade entering \_\_\_\_\_

Church Camp attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

It is Bethlehem's intent to make Church Camp affordable so every child gets to go to camp.

How much money are you requesting? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to receive your campership?

Please reimburse me. (Please attach payment receipt)

Please mail the scholarship directly to camp



Camp Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

CONFIDENT. CARING. CERTIFIED.



# FREE BABYSITTING TRAINING

Head of the Lakes United Way is proud to offer free babysitter training to youth 11 years of age and older.



Training will be provided by FirstAidMN and will follow the American Red Cross curriculum.

## TRAINING CLASSES:

### HERE IN GRAND MARAIS

April 25, 2026

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Grand Marais Community Center

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- This is a one-day training; class starts at 8 AM and concludes at 4 PM.
- Space is limited to 24 participants
- Lunch and snacks will be provided.
- Parent/caregiver must provide transportation and accompany child to building for drop-off and pick-up. Parent/caregiver does not need to stay during the training.

Register here:



[hlunitedway.org/babysitting](http://hlunitedway.org/babysitting)  
or scan qr code

## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- How to care for infants and children.
- What to do in an emergency and how to stay safe.
- Choosing activities that are age appropriate.
- Recognizing, understanding and handling certain behaviors.
- Starting your babysitting business.
- Receive certification of babysitting training and Pediatric CPR after completion of class.

For more information contact:

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