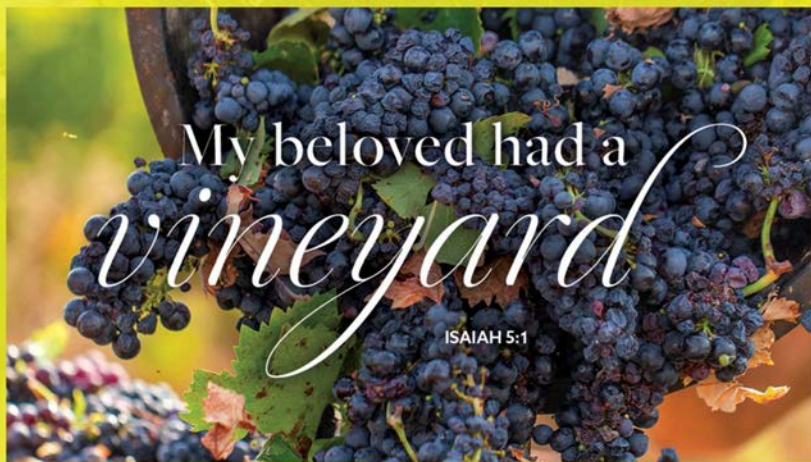


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Livestream link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sw4_7M2snHg

Readings and Psalm:

Isaiah 5:1-7

The song of the vineyard

Psalm 80:7-15

Look down from heaven, O God;
behold and tend this vine.

Philippians 3:4b-14

*Nothing surpasses the value
of knowing Christ*

Matthew 21:33-46

The parable of the vineyard owner's son



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Church Homecoming



**HOMEcoming
CELEBRATION
THIS SUNDAY!**



Homecoming Sunday—October 4

Come home for Homecoming!

Current and former members, friends and neighbors are invited to join us on Sunday, October 4, for a joyful day of worship, remembrance and fellowship. Worship begins at 10:00 am, followed by a “Walking Tacos” meal on the south lawn/patio; lawn games, and TWO bounce houses.

Please invite someone with a special connection to our church.

Bring a dessert to share this Sunday



When God's the baker, every bite is a blessing!



Begins during
worship
This Sunday
October 4th
Register :



Classes begin Wednesday
October 7

Register Now:





Women Following Jesus

Adult Education Opportunity:

Women in the Life of Jesus

This October we will be studying Women in the Life of Jesus. This is a 4 week Bible Study with two study groups on either Tuesday mornings or Wednesday evenings through the month of October. This is open to all adults and is free to join. Bring a Bible, or ask Pastor Calvin for a Bible if you don't have one.

The study will focus on a different woman from Jesus' life in each of the 4 Gospels. In Jesus' day, "Rabbis were not permitted to speak to women in public, and the words of the Torah (Old Testament) were not taught to female students. By his words and by his example, Jesus of Nazareth challenged these practices." (From The IVP Women's Bible Commentary)

By studying how Jesus and these women interacted, we can learn how to challenge practices of oppression and exclusion in our world today, and help us to see the expansive love and grace of God through Jesus. Sign ups are in the Narthex, or email Pastor Calvin at

blcpastor@boreal.org



Wednesday
Activities
begin this
week
October 7th

5:30pm Meal
6:00pm Worship
6:30pm Confirmation
6:30pm Bible Study

PRAYER list

Healing prayers are requested:

Milly Gestel, Kent & Janet Peterson, Bonnie, Linda Zenk, Stacey Johnson, Clayton & Nancy Koss, Lois Johnson, Butch & Rhonda Schulte, Luke Gulstrand, Sarah Coe, Phyllis Olson, Paulina Backstrom, Shae Lindholm, Char Anderson, Stacey Schulte, Hank Ferland, Margaret Dahl, Katrina Crouse, Karen Shannon, Tom Christiansen, Al Fuller, Loretta Bloomquist.

This week we lift up these members: Calvin & Ashley Konop; Kathy Kippley; Trent, Diedre, August, Elliot & Sylvie Anderson; Mickey & Dee Brazell; and Paul & Diane Jacobson. May God walk with these friends in their journey of peace.



Lutheran Disaster Response

The October Mission of the Month will support Lutheran Disaster Response.

Lutheran Disaster Response's work spans the globe, providing aid to those experiencing flooding in Nepal, earthquakes in Columbia and Venezuela, the crisis in the Middle East, and severe storms and wildfires in the United States.

Envelopes are on the Narthex table for your convenience.

This Week at Bethlehem:

**Sun Oct 4 10:00 AM Worship Service
& Sunday School**

11:15 AM Homecoming celebration

Tues Oct 6 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Staff meeting

**Wed Oct 7 8:00 AM Church in Society
Zoom mtg**

12:30 PM Text Study

5:30 PM Community Meal

6:00 PM Worship Service

6:30 PM Confirmation Class

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study

Thur Oct 8 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

9:00 AM Quilting

9:30 AM BLCW Esther Circle

Sun Oct 11 8:40 AM Jazz Practice

**10:00 AM Jazz Worship Service
& Sunday School**

Upcoming Events:

October 7: Wednesday Programs begin! 5:30pm Community Meal; 6:00pm Worship; 6:30pm Confirmation

October 9-10: Care Partners Fall Chore Days. Volunteer at 218-387-3788. **Apple Festival in Grand Marais.**

October 17: Memorial Service for Lynn Schulte. 11:00 am. Light meal to follow in the Fellowship hall.

October 25: Confirmation of 9th grade students

**October 28: Lefse Making—Intergenerational Event
6:00pm**

Oct. 31: Trunk or Treat 5:00-6:30pm at Community Center (Jess is organizing event—contact her to help/donate candy.)

**November 1: All Saints' Sunday and Daylight Saving
Time ends**

November 13: Rye Bread Making Day

November 14: Lutefisk Dinner, 4:00 & 6:00 pm seatings

November 20: All Youth Gathering at Cragun's Resort



Sunday Morning Volunteers We are seeking more help with Sunday morning worship. specifically we would like a larger pool of ushers, communion servers, greeters and lectors. Now you can online signup by using this **QR Code**:

(Printed sign up sheets will still be available on the Narthex tables on Sundays.)



Lectors needed

Webinar:
Stretching Our Civic Engagement Muscles:
introductory webinar, now available as a 50-minute video, with opportunities for discussion with a group.

<https://vimeo.com/1223201648?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci>



Fall Pollinator Share & Learn

October 15, 2026, 12-1:00pm



Does your congregation have a Pollinator Plot? Is it on the wish list? How about in your own garden? Or do you have a plot and are looking to share your experiences or to hear what others are doing?

Content will include a PowerPoint presentation which focuses on how loss of biodiversity threatens the wellbeing of our planet, and why pollinator plots - if adhering to certain guidelines and suggested best practices - can help redress this crisis. A limited but pragmatic discussion of how to start up a pollinator plot for your church or individual residence will be included.

The NE MN Synod Pollinator Plot Steering Committee is having a **"SHARE AND LEARN"** via zoom on **Oct. 15, noon to 1 p.m.**

To register for Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/qVhx1uglReGJgDpY9HWeSQ#/registration>

Advocacy in Action: Joining Our Voices for Neighbors and Nature

Now through November 2026

Learn and practice faith-based civic engagement from a Lutheran perspective. Together.



PREPARE

Webinars
Resources for faith-based civic action and learning in your congregation

CONNECT

Bi-monthly check-ins for information, ideas, and support - 10/8, 10/22, 11/12
Ideas for how to connect "two or more" people in your congregation

ACT

Write to elected officials and candidates during and after the election season
Encourage and equip people for informed voting

To register for Connection Check-ins via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/mzRlRpYZRzi5WFqJNXDX3A#/registration>



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.

From the Church in Society Committee:
Pastor Calvin, Libby Larson, Sue Anderson,
Brad Shannon, Sue Hennessy, Kris
Hedstrom and Joni Kristenson

In August your School Supply Donations reached over 25 families in Cook County. That's incredible. Your financial giving and the remaining school supplies will be distributed by the HUB to our 4 schools.

In September we hosted **God's Work Our Hands Sunday** with a potluck lunch for everyone and a variety of tasks that were done by many hands at Bethlehem.

A favorite comment, "We need to do this again, it was fun to work together"

Please say a special thanks to Cindy Muus, Kent Paterson, Mike Chmelik and Denise Murray, they all gave Great guidance in what tasks to do.

It was a great day of working together with our hands.

We will do this again!





Fall Chore Days Friday & Saturday, October 9-10

The Fall Chore Days event connects volunteer workers with Cook County neighbors age 60+ to help with outdoor fall chores such as raking leaves, cleaning/moving patio furniture, and general yard cleanup. Individuals, families, and groups are welcome to sign up for a morning or afternoon shift on either or both days.

Contact Care Partners to learn how you can volunteer - or to ask about getting a helping hand with your fall chores!

Email Minda
at minda@carepartnersofcookcounty.org
phone [218-387-3788](tel:218-387-3788), or visit the Care Partners



The Cook County Historical Society's Johnson Heritage Post (JHP) Art Gallery is pleased to announce the **Local Artist of the Month for September, Lyle Spry**.

Spry is a White Earth band member who was raised in Grand Portage and spent the first 35 years of his life on the reservation. Since then, he has lived in Grand Marais with his wife, Laurie.

After seeing Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse on a trip with Laurie to the Black Hills in South Dakota, Lyle said he felt inspired to try carving himself, on a "much smaller scale." By the time the couple returned home, Lyle found that Laurie had already ordered soapstone and a set of stone carving tools.

The first piece he carved was a bear (or as he says, "a bear of sorts"). However, upon seeing it, a friend asked him if he had purchased it at Sivertson's Art Gallery. Although Lyle admits that friend perhaps was just being kind, he was determined to keep at the art skill, and slowly he improved.

In his artist's statement, Spry said, "I discovered once I start on a project, I really don't want to quit! Often I am outside at my little table and many hours go by in a blink. There are a lot of steps and work in each piece, and I truly enjoy all aspects of this craft."

Once he has completed a carving, he says Laurie gives her "okay," and then Lyle begins the sanding process. "I sand the stone with anywhere from 6 to 8 different grits, multiple times. The shine you see is only done by sanding, and literally the sweat of my brow."

Of his artwork, he says, "I've learned the carvings don't always end up looking like I had intended; the stone has a way of telling me what it will be."

STONE BEAR CARVING RAFFLE

Tickets Available September 2nd - October 4th



**\$5
TICKETS**

Carved by Lyle Spry

Tickets can be purchased at the Johnson Heritage Post Art Gallery.

Proceeds go to the Cook County Historical Society.

Good luck, and thank you for your support!





Friday October 9th:

6:00—7:30 pm

Cook County Higher Education
300 W. 3rd St., Grand Marais

Ask Your Questions

Zoom talk on apples by Daniel Busey, the famous creator of the Illustrated History of (16,000) Apples, and Orchard Curator in Wisconsin.

Taste Heirloom Apples



8th Annual Apple Festival
sponsored by Carolyn Dry's
Johnny Appleseed Project

Explore, Learn & Taste
Heirloom Apples, as well as
apples grown in our area.

Saturday October 10th:
The HUB

10 Broadway, Grand Marais

10:00 am —12:00 pm Contests
Pie Baking & Apple Products
(jellies, sauces, etc.)

10:00 am —12:00 pm

Kids Activities: Apple games,
recipe book making, hat making.

1:00 —4:30 pm Tour Apple
Orchards & Pick Apples.

Start at the HUB at 1:00 pm

5:00—7:00 pm

Cook County Higher Education
300 W. 3rd St., Grand Marais
Taste locally grown apples & learn
history of local apple orchards,
learn from growers how to make a
winter green house.

