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BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

SERVICES: Sundays at 10:00 AM

Join us for traditional worship on Sunday mornings. Contemporary Christian Worship services are on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Choir practices Every Sunday at 8:40 AM

ONLINE SERVICE

www.sharingchrist.org

Watch LIVE during our Sunday services via YouTube or Facebook (Link below):

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

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Every Wednesday:

5:30 PM Community Meal

6:00 PM Worship & Confirmation

Join us for **Supper at 5:30pm (Freewill offering)** and follow up with a brief yet exciting praise and worship service. Music provided by our very own "Average Worship Band." Pastor Calvin will provide the message.

SOCIAL MEDIA

<https://www.facebook.com/BethlehemLutheranGM>

www.sharingchrist.org

GIVING



We appreciate your giving. Did you know that you can also give online? Go to our website and click on the giving tab on our homepage. You can also stop by and drop your offering in the offering box in the lower entryway.

WORSHIP NOTES

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2023

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM

The prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

IN-PERSON & ONLINE EVENTS

TEXT STUDY

Day: Wednesdays at 12:30 PM

An informal meeting to discuss the scripture lessons for the upcoming Sunday. We welcome everyone. Shelby Anderson can give you more information by contacting her at 218.387.2698.

BIBLE STUDY

Day: Thursdays at 8:00 AM

Mike Chmelik leads these weekly bible studies in the library and via Zoom. Any "man" is welcome to join this study.

BIBLE STUDY/CIRCLE-BLCW

Day: **Thursday November 30 at 9:30 AM—New Time!**

All women, friends and members, are invited to this bible study which includes discussions of BLCW business. Refreshments are always served and lots of laughter.

QUILTING

Day: Thursdays at 9:00 AM

Anyone is welcome to join weekly or just occasionally. Any or no skill level is required. This group produces over 200 quilts per year, some are sold but most are donated to those in need.

This Week at Bethlehem

Sat. Nov. 11	-----	Veterans Day
Sun. Nov. 12	8:40 AM	Choir Practice
	10:00 AM	Traditional Worship & Sunday School
	11:15 AM	Meeting: All Youth Gathering
	2:30 PM	Borealis Orchestra
	4:00 PM	Borealis Chorale practice
Mon. Nov. 13	3:30 PM	Girl Scouts
	6:30 PM	Executive Committee Mtg
Tues. Nov. 14	-----	Continuing Ed Day for Pastor
	5:30 PM	Worship Planning Mtg
Wed. Nov. 15	12:30 PM	Text Study
	5:30 PM	Community Meal - Taco
	6:00 PM	Confirmation
	6:00 PM	Healing Service
Thurs Nov.16	8:00 AM	Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Quilting

Please communicate prayer & praise items to:
bhc@boreal.org or 218-387-2227

If you have photos to share regarding Bethlehem connections,
please forward to bhc@boreal.org.

Hi Bethlehem!

I'm looking for a ride from Grand Marais to the Fargo-Moorhead area over the Thanksgiving holiday (and a ride back this way afterwards). Anyone heading that way and have space in their vehicle for me? I would gladly pay for gas. My schedule is flexible for travel for any days between November 19th and 27th.

If this is a possibility you can reach me at: jess.markusen@gmail.com or 641-590-3876

Thanks, Jessica Markusen



Healing Service

November 15th at 6:00_{pm}

You are invited to come to our Healing Service on Wednesday, November 15th at 6:00 pm (dinner for all is at 5:30 pm). The healing service will be a traditional service (rather than a contemporary service).



At the service, everyone who wants will receive a prayer by name

and an anointing with oil. James 5:14 tells us, "Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord."

Come all who need healing of any kind: spiritual, physical, relational, mental, or emotional.

Peace be with you,

The Worship Committee



Prayer Requests

For Healing:

Louise Larson
Joyce Heiskari
Emily Ulhorn,
Linda Zenk,
Bruce Johnson,
Lynn Schulte,
Vera Finn,
Lois Johnson,
Barbara Erickson,
Char Anderson,

Rhonda Schulte,
Paulina Backstrom,
Les Donek,
Carly Hawkinson-Sohm;
Emi Heikkinen
Betty Jones,
Butch Nelson
Kristi (Speck) Perales,
Greg Keebaugh,
Eric Tofte
Stanley Markusen
Dorothy Peterson

Gracious God, keep us working and praying for the day when your justice will roll down like waters, and your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Replenish our strength and stir up our hope as we look for signs of your coming reign. And fill us with the peace that passes understanding—the deep peace of Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose holy name we pray. **Amen.**

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Merciful God, our help in every trouble, we pray for peace in the Holy Land. Protect those traumatized by escalating violence, especially those with no access to safe spaces; release people held hostage; provide food, water, fuel, and supplies for all in need; sustain medical personnel as they work in horrendous conditions; tend to those who are wounded; comfort all who grieve. Direct your people into the way of peace.

In your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

O God, as war in the Holy Land rages, we pray:

For all trapped by blockades...

For all living in fear of attack...

For all in need of basic necessities and their safe transport...

For those who are hospitalized and all who provide care...

For all who search for safety elsewhere and are separated from loved ones...

For children surrounded by confusion and chaos...

For those consumed by the lure of terrorism and control, that they are filled with compassion for all people...

For the difficult work of diplomats, world leaders, and international organizations in this prolonged conflict ...

For a desire to understand those of different faiths...

For all grieving those who have died...

In your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For What Shall We Pray?

For peace in our world...

For access to humanitarian aid amidst conflicts in Israel and Palestine, Russia and Ukraine, and all places of war and violence...

For all refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers...

For clean air and for the health of those living under pollution, especially in India...

For relief efforts following earthquakes in Nepal...

For areas affected by wildfires in West Virginia...

For peaceful elections and transitions in government, and for the repair of community relationship...

For all who are tasked with serving nations as members of the military, and for those who support and love them...

For the spiritual and emotional impact of changing seasons...

Taken from ELCA Worship website:

<https://blogs.elca.org/worship/8167/>

Mission Of the Month

ELCA Good Gifts

The Church in Society Committee has selected the ELCA Good Gifts program as our November Mission of the Month. This program provides a variety of gifts such as livestock, agricultural equipment, wells, water filtration, education, and many others that help people in places all over the world to gain a sustainable path to a better standard of living. We hope our congregation will donate generously as we go into this season of giving with thankful hearts.



November Member Challenge

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

(ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world – together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference.

ELCA Good Gifts is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to you and the people you love.

1. Choose your gift. Catalogs and order forms are in the Narthex or go to the website:

<https://goodgifts.elca.org/>

Browse and choose the gifts that mean the most to you, or choose gifts to give in honor of friends and loved ones.

2. Get a card

If your gift is in honor of a friend or loved one, it's easy to tell him or her about it.

3. Where your money goes

Every project in every community starts with listening. We believe that our congregations, companion churches and partners know their communities best. That's why they identify the needs and priorities in their communities, as well

as the solutions they believe will make the biggest impact.

The items in this catalog are real examples from projects currently supported through different churchwide ministries. The projects have been planned by our partners – meaning that each community receives exactly the kind of support they need and none of what they don't.

Your donation will be used where it is needed most within the wider category of each gift you've selected. This allows our church to stay adaptive, flexible and effective in the work that we do. Because we seek to honor your generosity and keep administrative costs low, we do not track individual financial gifts to specific families or locations in the U.S. or abroad. More than 85 percent of your gifts directly support our programs. Less than 15 percent is used for administration and fundraising

How to give: direct or through Bethlehem? You can give either way, but if you give through BLC you will be adding to the “**Holy Cow**” fund. (Every year prizes are given at the Synod Assembly to the church that gives the most to ELCA missions.)

To make your financial contribution through our Mission of the Month, note “ELCA Good Gifts” on your check and drop it in the offering plate. You may also attach an order form to your check to Bethlehem and we will make sure the order will go with our November donations.

Thank you for your continued support of our Mission of the Month.

In peace, the Church in Society Team - Jess Markusen, Sue Anderson, Libby Larson and Joni Kristenson.



All- Church Meeting

RESULTS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5:

**THE VOTE APPROVED THE
CHURCH TO FUND A FULL-
TIME CHILDREN, YOUTH AND
FAMILY MINISTRY
POSITION.**

**Now the hard work begins...
Stewardship Campaign starts this week!**



Do you know of any College kids?

Send us their mailing address and we will send them a card and keep them in our prayers.

**Sunday November 12:
24th Sunday after
Pentecost**

**Readings and Psalm:
Amos 5:18-24**

*Let justice roll down like
waters*

Psalm 70

You are my helper and
my deliverer; O Lord, do
not tarry.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

*The promise of the
resurrection*

Matthew 25:1-13

*The story of the wise and
foolish bridesmaids*

**Beware of scams! Pastor
Calvin will **never** email, text or
social media message asking for
money, gift cards, or anything like
that. It is a common scam. Alert us
if this happens to you.**

Singles, Families, People Wanted!!

Come one, come all.

Wednesday nights...Church is the place to be!

It's easier than being at home!

**Community Meal 5:30 to 6 pm
(free will donations)**



Brief Worship Service (30 minutes)!!

It's not just for Confirmation kids!

Just come. . .

Input Wanted!!

Cook County Schools wants your input about the possibility of improvements to school district facilities and grounds!

Please plan to attend one of the input meetings!!!

When: November 1st or 9th at 6:30pm
Where: Cook County Schools Cafeteria
Who: All Cook County residents are invited to attend and participate

****The Nov. 9th meeting is right after parent/teacher conferences****

Giving Thanks to God

- All Day, Every Day

The daily practice of giving thanks to God for blessings received is at the heart of our lives as women of faith. Even the ordinary blessings of daily life call us to gratitude

Lutheran women have a time-honored way to practice giving thanks — Thankofferings.

Please bring your “Thankoffering” envelopes to church next Sunday

Thankoffering Sunday

November 19th

Volunteer Opportunity:

Looking for Women to take part in the Worship Service.

Sign up on the Blue Clipboard in the Narthex

Contact Gwen Lenz

218-387-9860