

# E-NEWS



**welcome New  
Members:  
Teresa Shannon  
and  
Jon Gunderson**

**Joined BETHLEHEM on Sunday  
January 21, 2024. We are SO GLAD  
you are here!**

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## Worship Schedule

**Wednesdays 6:00pm  
Sundays 10:00am**

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**Instagram** [@BethLuthGM](https://www.instagram.com/BethLuthGM)

## Upcoming Events

**Community  
Meal Tonight  
January 24, 2024  
5:30 PM  
Join us for a Pizza  
Supper tonight.  
Free will offering**

**Contemporary  
Worship and  
Confirmation  
Tonight  
January 24, 2024  
6:00 PM**  
Join us for Praise songs  
and brief worship service.  
The Average Worship Band  
will lead us in music and  
Pastor Tom Murray will  
deliver the message.

**Annual Meeting  
January 28, 2024  
11:15 AM**

The Annual Congregational  
Meeting of Bethlehem  
Lutheran Church will take  
place following worship on  
January 28th in the  
Fellowship Hall.

All voting members are  
encouraged to attend, in  
person or via Zoom:  
Meeting ID: 882 6028 1569  
Passcode: 991509  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/  
j/88260281569?  
pwd=akhlcXoxcWtTU2hDN2  
wwNzI1K1JRZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88260281569?pwd=akhlcXoxcWtTU2hDN2wwNzI1K1JRZz09)

**Fourth Sunday After  
Epiphany  
January 28, 2024  
10:00 AM**

*In Deuteronomy God promises to  
raise up a prophet like Moses, who  
will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God  
shows the people the power of God's  
works. For the church these are ways  
of pointing to the unique authority  
people sensed in Jesus' actions and  
words. We encounter that authority  
in God's word, around which we  
gather, the word that prevails over  
any lesser spirit that would claim  
power over us, freeing us to follow  
Jesus.*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=KU1dh35VzAw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KU1dh35VzAw)



# Prayer Requests

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers

Kati Kristenson Stieler  
Kim Schulte  
Jim & Jody Daugherty,  
Jill Pederson,  
Emily Ulhorn,  
Bruce Johnson,  
Lynn Schulte,  
Lois Johnson,  
Barbara Erickson,  
Vera Finn,  
Char Anderson,  
Rhonda Schulte,

Paulina Backstrom,  
Les Donek,  
Carly Hawkinson-Sohm,  
Elsa Sorenson,  
Kristi (Speck) Perales,  
Emi Heikkinen,  
Betty Jones  
Hank Ferland,  
Ray Baker,

Member Families to  
Pray for this Week:

Jimmy, Samantha, Corrie  
& Rhett Wallner  
Mike, Sue, Abby & Josh  
Prom  
Kyle, Theresa, Amery &  
Grant Oberg  
Sue Hennessy  
Paul & Kelly Dahl

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Bethlehem has a Prayer Chain. All requests to Laura Popkes, call or text 218-370-0721 or office, 218-387-2227 [blc@boreal.org](mailto:blc@boreal.org). We appreciate updates on all persons on our prayer list. Thank you.

## Ways to Give:

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.

Online @ <https://www.sharingchrist.org/strategic-giving>



# January Mission of the Month



Our January Mission of the Month is our local **Ruby's Pantry**.

At our December meeting a couple of our committee members shared that Ruby's Pantry has had a **50% increase** in the number of people needing gift certificates, to cover their shares, at the last few distributions. On December 6th, the Cook County Ruby's Pantry Facebook page shared the following:

*The rising costs of food, utilities, and rent have pushed family budgets to breaking! We have nearly exhausted our Ruby's Pantry bank account and it is time to ask for help from our community of caring people!*

If you feel called to join other Bethlehem members in supporting this effort, please note "January Mission of the Month" or "Ruby's Pantry" on your special offering.

If you are not familiar with Ruby's Pantry, we invite you to visit [www.rubyspantry.org](http://www.rubyspantry.org) to learn more. Keep in mind, our offerings will directly support our local chapter, Ruby's Pantry is alleviating food insecurity and cutting down on food waste in communities throughout Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Iowa.



This Member Challenge is easy! **Volunteer your time in the next Ruby's Pop-Up Pantry: February 13<sup>th</sup>, 3:30–6:30 pm** in the high school cafeteria. There is a place for you, especially during the winter when many of the regular volunteers happen to be snow birds.

**Volunteers** are always needed with the local distribution. It's about a 3-hour commitment every month. And is a great opportunity to wear your "God's Work. Our Hands" T-shirts!

Whether or not you use Ruby's, please consider donating funds to the Mission of the Month and sponsor a family by donating \$25 per month or buy gift certificates for those who need ones. Donations can also be made directly to Ruby's Pantry, P. O. Box 5, Grand Marais, Mn 55604

*Thank you for considering volunteering your time and talents! Truly this ministry could not exist without wonderful people like you.*

Thank you for supporting our neighbors. Happy New Year!

Jessica Markusen, on behalf of the Church in Society Committee

## RUBY'S MISSION

To activate people in being alert to the needs of others and to be proactive in encouraging faith, showing friendship and meeting tangible needs of neighbors, friends and strangers regardless of race, religion or ethnicity.

**2024 Stewardship Drive:** It is time to get your stewardship pledge turned in so we can begin the budget process for this coming year. Forms and drop box are in the Narthex.

**Choir rehearsals:** Sundays at 8:40 am. All singers are very welcome to join us. The choir generally sings on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

**Wednesday Text Study** Join us at 12:30 pm on Wednesdays for a study of the scripture lessons.

**Men's Bible Study:** Every Thursday morning, beginning at 8:00 to 9:15 am. Contact Mike Chmelik for information, 218-387-1790

**Quilting:** Need a warm project? Are you craving the company of others? Come to quilting! Every Thursday morning at 9:00–11:30am. No experience necessary. Fun guaranteed.

**Free Bibles:** Help yourself to a large print English Standard Version Bible, on the counter in the Narthex. Share with a friend.



## Prayer prompts for this week:

For peace among nations, especially between Israel and Palestine, Russia and Ukraine...

For relief and recovery efforts following an earthquake in western China and a landslide in southwestern China...

For political protests in Germany and France, for primary elections in the United States, and all areas of political deliberation and tension...

For those suffering severe storms and flooding in southern California and for all areas of the country experiencing storms, ice, and other difficult weather...

For all victims of gun violence, especially in Joliet, IL; Tinley Park, IL; Moody, AL; Oakland, CA; Covington, KY; and Tampa, FL...

For safety and provision for all migrants...

For all facing unemployment and underemployment, and for all seeking fair wages and equitable employment opportunities...

For collaboration and hospitality among people of faith, across denominations and across faith traditions...

## This Week at Bethlehem

- Wed Jan 24-12:30 PM Text Study  
 5:30 PM Community Meal  
 6:00 PM Worship  
 6:00 PM Confirmation
- Thurs Jan 25-8:00 AM Bible Study  
 9:00 AM Quilting
- Sun. Jan 28 8:40 AM Choir Practice  
 10:00 AM Worship and Sunday School  
 11:15 AM Annual Meeting
- Tues. Jan 30 4:00 PM Payout Party for  
 1st & 2nd Thrift Store  
 at Johnson Heritage  
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# The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Jan. 28, 2024

**Live Stream Link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KU1dh35VzAw>

## Readings and Psalm

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

*The prophet speaks with God's authority*

**Psalm 111**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

**1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

*Limits to liberty: the case of food offered to idols*

**Mark 1:21-28**

*The healing of one with an unclean spirit*



## PASTOR CALVIN'S SERMON SERIES:

*Call is not (only) being a Pastor - 1/14/24*

*Call is not Comfortable - 1/21/24*

*Call is not (only) in the Church: Sunday - 1/28/24*

*Call is not alone- 2/4/24*

*Previous sermons can be watched on our YouTube Channel:*

<https://www.youtube.com/@bethlehemlutheranchurch7397/streams>