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E-Weekly November 15, 2023

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 19, 2023

THANKOFFERING SUNDAY 10:00 AM

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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.

QUILTING

Day: Thursdays at 9:00 AM

Anyone is welcome to join weekly or just occasionally. Any or no skill level is required.

ΤΟΝΙΓΗΤ:

HEALING SERVICE AT 6PM
NOVEMBER 15, 2023
following meal at 5:30PM
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
ΓΡΑΝΔ ΜΑΡΑΙΣ, ΜΗ
ALL ARE WELCOME. BRING A FRIEND.

JOIN US IN PERSON OR LIVE STREAM.

LIVE STREAM LINK:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUzngEW9cb8>

A decorative border of autumn leaves in various colors (red, orange, yellow, green) surrounds the text.

Thankoffering Sunday

November 15, 2023

We receive so many blessings, don't we? And we are so grateful. That's why we give Thankofferings.

Thankofferings are a long-standing custom among Lutheran women. "*We give in thanksgiving for blessings received because are so grateful.*" Many women set aside small amounts at home throughout the year and then bring together their gifts with those of the other women at the end of the year. This annual service is only one way to take part in this age-old practice among women of faith.

It has been shown time and again that **gratitude is good for us** - spiritually, mentally, and even physically. Making a Thankoffering is gratitude in action. And Women of the ELCA is grateful to you for taking that action.

Thankofferings are to support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization. Ongoing ministries include many online and printed communications channels, justice and advocacy work, training and development for elected leaders throughout the women's organization, constant work in support of congregational and synodical women's organizations, the administration of grants and scholarship programs. . . all that goes into the triennial business meeting/convention and so much more.

Thankoffering envelopes were included in your copy of the November Bethlehem Star Newsletter and extras can be found in the Narthex on the Greeters table. These envelopes will be collected in the offering plate on Sunday.

Thank you.

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

9 Volunteer Opportunities:

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

This Week at Bethlehem

- 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
- Fri. Nov. 17 12:00 PM All Youth Gathering leaving
For Cragun's
- - - - - Clarity Hearing
- Sun. Nov. 19 8:40 AM Choir Practice
10:00 AM Traditional Worship
& Sunday School
2:00 PM Service @ Care Center
2:30 PM Borealis Orchestra
4:00 PM Borealis Chorale practice
- Mon. Nov. 20 3:30 PM Girl Scouts
6:30 PM Church Council Mtg

Pastor Calvin will be on vacation Nov. 21—27

Please communicate prayer & praise items to:

blc@boreal.org or 218-387-2227

If you have photos to share regarding Bethlehem connections, please forward to blc@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



Thanksgiving Meal

49th Annual Community Thanksgiving at the United Church of Christ (UCC, aka “Congo Church”)

Traditional Thanksgiving Sit-down Family-Style Dinner with Roast Turkey and all the trimmings. Served at 1 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall. **All are welcome.**

Limited take-out meals and delivery to the homebound within the city limits between noon and 12:30 p.m. by RESERVATION ONLY. Call Helen Carter at 218-235-3954 by Thursday Nov. 16th.

Volunteer Help is Needed:

Wednesday Nov. 22:

10:00 am to set tables, prep veggies and make pies

Thursday- **Thanksgiving Nov 23:**

8:30 am: begin set up

1:00 pm: serving

Clean-up afterwards.

Email Jenny Delfs if you would like to assist at jendelfs@boreal.org Or just show up!



Lutsen Lutheran Church is hosting a Thanksgiving Day meal at 1:00 PM on Thanksgiving Day. You're invited to gather with your 'Friends in Christ' down the shore. RSVP not required ... but it'll help Pastor Tom [218-370-9491] plan if you let him know you're coming. Bring a dish to share if you wish and let your neighbors know they're invited, too. Lutsen Lutheran Church is located on Hwy 61 just east of the Clearview Store.



Prayer Requests

For Healing:

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

A prayer for peace among the nations

Gracious God, grant peace among nations. Cleanse from our own hearts the seeds of strife: greed and envy, harsh misunderstandings and ill will, fear and desire for revenge. Make us quick to welcome ventures in cooperation among the peoples of the world, so that there may be woven the fabric of a common good too strong to be torn by the evil hands of war. In the time of opportunity, make us be diligent; and in the time of peril, let not our courage fail; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer for those oppressed because of religious identity

God of mercy and new life, you love all people, whom you have made in your image. Empower your faithful people to stand in solidarity with all those oppressed because of religious identity. Deepen respect, community, and love among all those who seek justice and peace. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

A prayer for refugees, migrants, immigrants

Holy God, as you have accompanied your people through times of captivity, wilderness, and exile, shelter and sustain all those who flee persecution, oppression, warfare, violence, hunger, and poverty. Open our hearts and homes, our gates and doors, so that they find safety, peace, and welcome—a place to live in freedom and without fear; through Jesus Christ, our refuge and our hope. Amen.

For What Shall We Pray?

For peace in our world...

For all victims of war in Israel and Palestine, and for all victims of war and conflict around the world...

For hospitals and other essential resources in Gaza...

For victims of the terrorist shooting in Brussels, Belgium...

For severe drought and wildfires in Brazil...

For all victims of hate crimes across the nation and world, especially in Plainfield, IL...

For renewed concern for human rights and the common good, especially among legislators and world leaders...

For de-escalation of political tensions in our nation and around the world...

Taken from ELCA Worship website:

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

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)**



**Sunday November 19:
Readings and Psalm:**

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Philippians 1:3-9

Matthew 26:6-13

**Do you know someone that would
like to get a card in the mail?**

**Please contact Denise in the office with the
name and address. We will send them a
card and keep them in our prayers.**

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.**



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.

