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Sunday November 8, 2026

Livestream link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lKXQ20b7hs

Readings and Psalm:

Exodus 35:20-29
Offerings for the Tabernacle

Psalm 133
The Blessedness of Unity

Acts 2:43-47
Live among the Believers

John 13:31-35
The New Commandment



This week: The Joy of Living in Christian Community: Caring for each other

WEEK TWO

THE JOY OF LIVING IN COMMUNITY

This week our stewardship emphasis will explore "The Joy of Living in Community." We are called together in joy by a God who has a soft spot for community.

One of Jesus' most famous commandments to his followers is **"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34).**

Living together as Bethlehem, we strive to keep this commandment. Our Church in Society Committee leads us in a Mission of the Month throughout the year; our CYF ministry reaches families who are unchurched; we open our building to community groups who need space; we offer meals for the community and never turn people away because of money; we lift up the needs of people and places in prayer.

As you prepare for worship this weekend, think about how you have contributed to our congregation's love for one another and benefited from this love. Think also about the important ways your gifts of money and time have made possible the ministries that help the congregation keep Jesus' commandment.



Joyful Community



PRAYER list

Healing prayers are requested: Abby Spry. Virginia Hahn, Bonnie Hromidko, Patty Nelson, Shae Lindholm, Gene Erickson, Mary Sanders, Ed Hedstrom, Patrice Konop, Milly Gestel, Linda Zenk, Stacey Johnson, Nancy Koss, Lois Johnson, Butch & Rhonda Schulte, Luke Gulstrand, Sarah Coe, Phyllis Olson, Paulina Backstrom, Char Anderson, Stacey Schulte, Hank Ferland, Katrina Crouse, Karen Shannon, Tom Christiansen, Al Fuller

This week we lift up these new members & their families Will, Nan, Eddie & Arthur Onkka; Craig & Dianne Peterson; Brian & Marcy Olsen; Patrick, Kelsey & Leah ONeill; Kay Olson; Dick & Becky Kayser. May God walk with these friends in their journey of peace.



Volunteers needed for Sunday Worship Sign up with QR code

This Week at Bethlehem:

Sun Nov 8	8:40 AM	Choir Practice
	10:00 AM	**Worship Service & Sunday School**
	3:30 PM	Borealis Orchestra practice
	5:00 PM	Borealis Chorale practice
Mon Nov 9	1:00 PM	Girl Scouts
Tues Nov 10	8:30 AM	Staff meeting
Wed Nov 11	**Veterans**	**Day**
	12:30 PM	Text Study
	5:30 PM	Community Meal
	6:00 PM	**Worship Service**
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
Thur Nov 12	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Quilting
	9:30 AM	Esther Circle—BLCW
	11:00 AM	Meatball Baking
	3:20 PM	Children's Choir practice
Fri Nov 13	8:00 AM	Rye Bread Making
Sat Nov 14	4:00 PM	Lutefisk Dinner 1st seating
	6:00 PM	Lutefisk Dinner 2nd seating
Sun Nov 15	8:40 AM	Choir Practice
	10:00 AM	**Worship Service & Sunday School**
	2:00 PM	Care Center Worship Service
	3:30 PM	Borealis Orchestra practice
	5:00 PM	Borealis Chorale practice

Upcoming Events:

November 13: Rye Bread Making Day, 8:00 am. Talk to Sue Hennessy if you can help.

November 14: Lutefisk Dinner, 4:00 & 6:00 pm seatings (Hospitality teams: Patti Beyer, Robin Johnson, Cindy Muus & Kathy Johnson)

November 22: December newsletter articles due.

November 29: Advent Begins!

1st Week of December: Christmas Tree set up and decorating. Date to be determined by Kent Anderson. We'd like to get families to help with this. Check in with Pastor or Jess.

December 5: Hanging of the Greens (Time to be determined. Talk to Janet Simonen or Hilja Iverson)

December 11 & 12: Borealis Concerts, 7:00 pm (Hospitality Teams: Dec. 11th Gwen Lenz & Kris Hedstrom, and Dec. 12th: Joy Oberg)

Lutefisk Preparation Week: Your help would be nice

Thursday November 12:

11:00AM MEATBALL BAKING

Friday November 13:

8:00 AM RYE BREAD MAKING

PLEASE JUST SHOW UP AT THESE TIMES TO HELP.

Thank you to our Lutefisk Dinner Team:

Philis Anderson
Rolf Anderson
Patti Beyer
Sue Hennessy
Linda Zenk
Kent & Lyndsay Anderson
Dianne & Craig Peterson
Hospitality Teams #1 & 2
Patti Beyer, Robin Johnson, Cindy Muus & Kathy Johnson

Symbols denote person in charge

Thank you to our Lefse Making Team:

Joanne Smith
Carrie Jansen
Philis Anderson
Denise Murray
Dianne & Craig Peterson
Jess Christenson and the Confirmation classes



We are seeking donations of butter to be used at the Lutefisk Dinner. Please drop off in the church's refrigerator by Friday Nov. 13.





WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES NOVEMBER 11:

5:30 PM MEAL

6:00 PM WORSHIP

PASTOR ROLF MORCK, PRESIDING

6:30 PM CONFIRMATION



Second Annual Scandinavian-style lutefisk Dinner

With meatballs, potatoes, peas, lefse, rye bread, beet pickles and dessert

Saturday, November 14th

Two seating times:

4:00pm and 6:00pm

Tickets: $20/person

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

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Mission Of the Month

We also want to encourage the people of Bethlehem to bring **food shelf donations** to church this month.

At this time, there is especially a **need for canned meat items like tuna, chicken, or spam, as well as juice products.** Particularly, they could use food for Thanksgiving such as: **canned meats, chili, stews, coffee, (some of the more expensive items for the holidays).**

The Church in Society committee has chosen to give **November** monetary gifts to Empty Bowls.

Empty Bowls supports 39 different food distribution organizations in this county.



We are sure Bethlehem can respond in a big way at this time of increasing needs.

The Cook County Historical Society is excited to announce a brand-new event, "**Museum by Candlelight**." The 1st annual "Museum by Candlelight" will take place on *Saturday, November 28, 2026, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Cook County History Museum.* A second event will take place on a weeknight in December. Stay tuned for a specific date.

We invite you to join us at the former lighthouse keeper's residence, built in 1896, to celebrate the season of winter holidays. Walk through the History Museum, lit by candlelight and festive decor, as we gather to celebrate the warmth of the season.

To help make this event a success, we're looking for decoration donations! If you have extra garland, string lights, or natural decor taking up storage space, we'd love to take them off your hands. Your contributions will help us host this event for years to come.

Donations will be accepted during regular Museum hours, which are Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Saturday, November 14.

Learn more about what type of donations we are looking for here: cookcountyhistory.org/museum-by-candlelight

Additionally, we are looking for volunteers to help us decorate the Museum ahead of the event on Saturday, November 21 any time between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.! Learn more here: cookcountyhistory.org/events/2026/11/21/museum-by-candlelight-volunteer-decorating-day

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Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to have a poinsettia placed in the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve services, please fill out the following information and bring this form to the church office or place it in the offering plate.

By Sunday, December 20th 2026

The cost for each poinsettia is $20.00



Your Name: _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of: _____

____ *I will pick up my poinsettia after 5 pm worship On Christmas Eve*

____ *I wish to leave my poinsettia in the sanctuary*

BLOOD DRIVE IN GRAND MARAIS

DONORS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Tuesday, November 17

9:30AM - 4:30PM

Bus Parked at The HUB—10 Broadway Ave. GM

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YWCA Duluth connects individuals and families with resources, services and opportunities across Northeastern Minnesota.
Our services are available to all new Americans.

We can connect you with services and resources including:

Social	Legal
• Clothing • Rent & utility bill payments • Grocery gift cards • Transportation pass • Driving lessons • Medical bills payment support • Employment assistance • Housing services • Navigation support • International credential evaluation	• Adjustment of Status (I-485) • Petitions to Remove Conditions to Residence (I-751) • Naturalization (N-400) • Employment Authorization (I-765) • Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (I-360) • T Visas (I-914) • U Visas (I-918) • VAWA Self-Petitions (I360) • Certificates of Citizenship for Children (N-600) • Replacement of lost, stolen, or expiring documents (I-90 or I-765)

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If we don't answer or the line is busy, please leave a voicemail with your name, phone number and reason for calling. We will return your call promptly.

Location

Our office is located at 32 East 1st Street #202, Duluth, MN 55802

We also have access to:
8 office locations, 2 justice buses, and 121 legal kiosks in NE Minnesota.
We can help in person, online, or by phone - even in rural areas

Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday 9-5pm