



The BLCW has set **February 13th** as our **Annual Valentine Cookie Packaging Day**. The cookie packs will be delivered the afternoon of the 13th to people in the community, at the Care Center and at North Shore Health.



If you know someone you would like to have a Valentine treat delivered, please let us know! Drop off their name and delivery address at church. (phone numbers help too!)

If you would like to donate cookies, help put cookie packs together or deliver cookies we would appreciate your help. All varieties of cookies are welcome

Drop off cookie donations any time on Thursday, Feb 12th or Feb 13th by 9:30 am.

Cookies will be packaged Friday, Feb. 13th at 10 am. If you would like to help put cookie packs together meet at Bethlehem at 9:30.

Delivery of Valentine cookie packs will take place immediately after packaging! If you are able to deliver a few, let us know, we would appreciate your help.

Thank you for helping put Valentines smiles on faces in our community!



Bingo Party



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February 14, 2026 - 2:00 pm

**North Shore Living Care Center
515 Fifth Avenue West
Grand Marais, MN**

The Church in Society Team
invites you to Party
with our friends at the
Care Center

Saturday, February 14th
Valentine's Day @ 2:00 pm

Play BINGO with the
Residents,
Eat Snacks,
& Win Prizes

More information available from
Joni Kristenson 218-370-9554

Bingo Party
will take place
in the "Waves"
side dining
room.

Help us set up starting at
1:00 pm.

Feel free to bring prizes for
the residents.

Suggested prizes or gifts:

- Personal care items
(lotions, nail care, etc.)
- Room "brightener,"
"happy" items—
something to put in
their windowsill or on
their door.
- Puzzles (500 pieces or
less)
- Snacks
- Lap robes
- Plant—easy care
- Note cards

Any extra prizes will go to their
"General Store" used by residents with
their "winnings" from the weekly Bingo
and Pokeno game nights.

ATTENTION FAMILIES & YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12

**COME TO OUR LOCK IN!
FRIENDS ARE WELCOME**

Owl Night Lock In

It's going to be a hoot!

**February 21st @ 8pm -
February 22nd @ 11am**

For 6th - 12th students.

All are welcome!

→ Register Now! ←

Contact Jess with any questions,
comments or concerns!

blcyouth@boreal.org

507-530-2763



**We need chaperones!
Sign up in the Narthex..**



REGISTER TODAY

Anyone not registered before **February 19th** will not be allowed to participate

Readings and Psalm
For Sunday
February 15, 2026

Exodus 24:12-18

*Moses enters the cloud of God's
glory on Mount Sinai*

Psalm 2

You are my son; this day have
I begotten you.

2 Peter 1:16-21

*The apostle's message confirmed
on the mount of transfiguration*

Matthew 17:1-9

*Revelation of Christ as God's
beloved Son*

This Week at Bethlehem:

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| Sun Feb 15 | 8:40 AM | Choir Practice |
| | 10:00AM | Worship Service & Sunday School |
| | 2:00 PM | Worship at Care Center |
| Mon Feb 9 | 3:30 PM | Girl Scouts |
| | 5:00 PM | Girl Scout Leaders |
| | 6:30 PM | Executive Committee meeting |
| Tues Feb 10 | 8:30 AM | Staff meeting |
| | 5:30 PM | Girl Scouts |
| Wed Feb 11 | 12:30 PM | Text Study |
| | 5:30 PM | Community Meal |
| | 6:00 PM | Worship |
| | 6:30 PM | Confirmation |
| Thurs Feb 12 | 8:00 AM | Bible Study |
| | 9:00 AM | Quilting |
| | 9:30 AM | Esther Circle |
| | 6:30 PM | Table Tennis |
| Fri Feb 13 | 10:00 AM | Cookie Pack |
| Sat Feb 14 | | |
| Sun Feb 22 | 8:40 AM | Choir practice |
| | 10:00 AM | Worship Service & Sunday School |

February 18
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WEDNESDAY

Join us each Wednesday in Lent:
5:30pm Meal; 6:00 pm Worship

Nursing
Home
Worship
Service



*Please join us on Sunday February 15th at
2:00pm for Worship at North Shore
Living. Pastor Mark Ditmanson will
preside at this service. Come, visit, and
commune with our friends at the Care
Center. Snacks will be served.
(We could use some back-up singers!)*

PRAYER list...

Healing prayers are requested:

Mary Sanders; Kristin Lindholm;
Rolf Morck; Linda Zenk; Clayton
Koss; Kamryn Johnson; Lois
Johnson; Sarah Coe; Luke
Gulstrand; Lynn Schulte; Christy
Buetow; Annalisa Winje; Joan
Bieber; Char Anderson; Bruce &
Stacey Johnson; Gene & Barbara
Erickson; Rhonda & Butch Schulte;
Stacey Schulte; Paulina Backstrom;
Shae Lindholm; Hank Ferland;
Ramiro Acero; Margaret Dahl;
Katrina Crouse; Tom Christiansen;
Karen Shannon;

This week we lift up these
members: Lavona Czaolicki; Martha
Williams; Guy, Sheila & Patience
Sifferath; Parker, Katie & Sophia
Slanga; and Pat & Valerie Eliassen,
*May God walk with these faithful
friends in their journey of peace with
Christ.*

“For what shall we pray?”

This is from a weekly post inviting individuals, groups, and congregations to lift up our world in prayer. This resource is prepared by a variety of leaders in the ELCA.

Prayer prompts:

- For an end to war, conflict, and uncertainty, especially in Gaza, South Sudan, Ukraine, Iran, and Venezuela...
- For victims of violence and abuse and for those who tend to their physical, emotional, and psychological wounds...
- For protection, compassion, and dignity for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers...
- For those who were killed and injured in a bus accident during the pilgrimage of Our Lady of Candeias in northeastern Brazil...
- For the safety of athletes, reporters, and others who travel to and participate in the Winter Olympics in Milan and Cortina d’Ampezzo, Italy...
- For pastors, deacons, church administrators, and musicians preparing for Lent...
- For congregations and their leaders in the midst of annual meeting season...

Events and observances:

February Observances: Black History Month, American Heart Month, National Cancer Prevention Month

The Martyrs of Japan, died 1597 (Feb 5)
Cyril, monk, died 869; Methodius, bishop, died 885;
missionaries to the Slavs (Feb 14)
Valentine’s Day (Feb 14)
Ash Wednesday (Feb 18)

Prayers from ELCA resources:

A prayer for congregational ministries (ELW p.76)
Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Make us ready to live the gospel and eager to do your will, so that we may share with all your church in the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

A prayer for those who suffer abuse and violence (ACS p.53)
Mighty Jesus, living Word, soothe the bodies, souls, and minds of the victims of sexual abuse, sexual violence, domestic violence, or gender-based violence. Bring them peace, hope, comfort, and strength. Bring abusers to justice and prevent them from causing further harm. Stir up the heart of your church gathered here and around the world, that we value justice and healing over silence and shame. Show us the way to your righteousness, led by the voices of those who suffer. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

NEED
PRAYER?

Contact:

Pastor Calvin 763-226-5425
or Laura Popkes, Prayer Chain
Leader 218-370-0721



Dazzling

A Blessing for Transfiguration Sunday

Believe me, I know
how tempting it is
to remain inside this blessing,
to linger where everything
is dazzling
and clear.

We could build walls
around this blessing,
put a roof over it.
We could bring in
a table, chairs,
have the most amazing meals.
We could make a home.
We could stay.

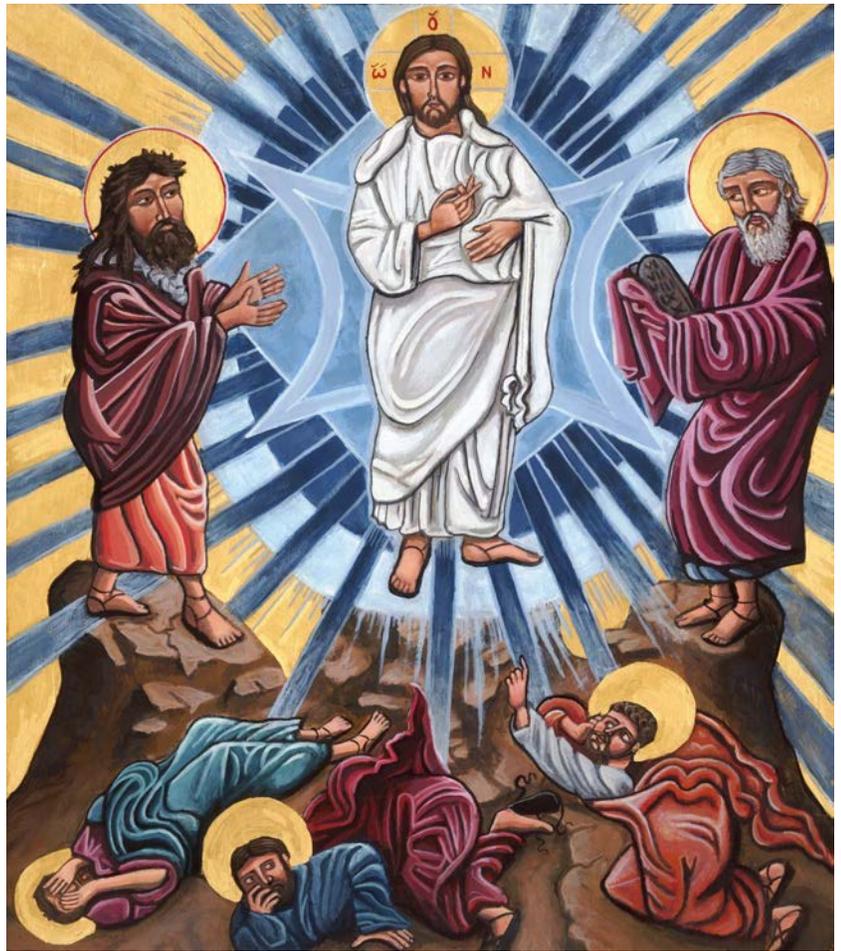
But this blessing
is built for leaving.
This blessing
is made for coming down
the mountain.
This blessing
wants to be in motion,
to travel with you
as you return
to level ground.

It will seem strange
how quiet this blessing becomes
when it returns to earth.
It is not shy.
It is not afraid.

It simply knows
how to bide its time,
to watch and wait,
to discern and pray

until the moment comes
when it will reveal
everything it knows,
when it will shine forth
with all that it has seen,
when it will dazzle
with the unforgettable light
you have carried
all this way.

—Jan Richardson
from [Circle of Grace: A Book of Blessings for the Seasons](#)



When Glory

A Blessing for Transfiguration Sunday

That when glory comes,
we will open our eyes
to see it.

That when glory shows up,
we will let ourselves
be overcome
not by fear
but by the love
it bears.

That when glory shines,
we will bring it
back with us
all the way,
all the way,
all the way down.

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Join us for Bethlehem Builders Club!

An afterschool program for 3rd - 5th graders where we are building a strong foundation of faith!

We will be meeting every Wednesday in March from 3:30-5:30

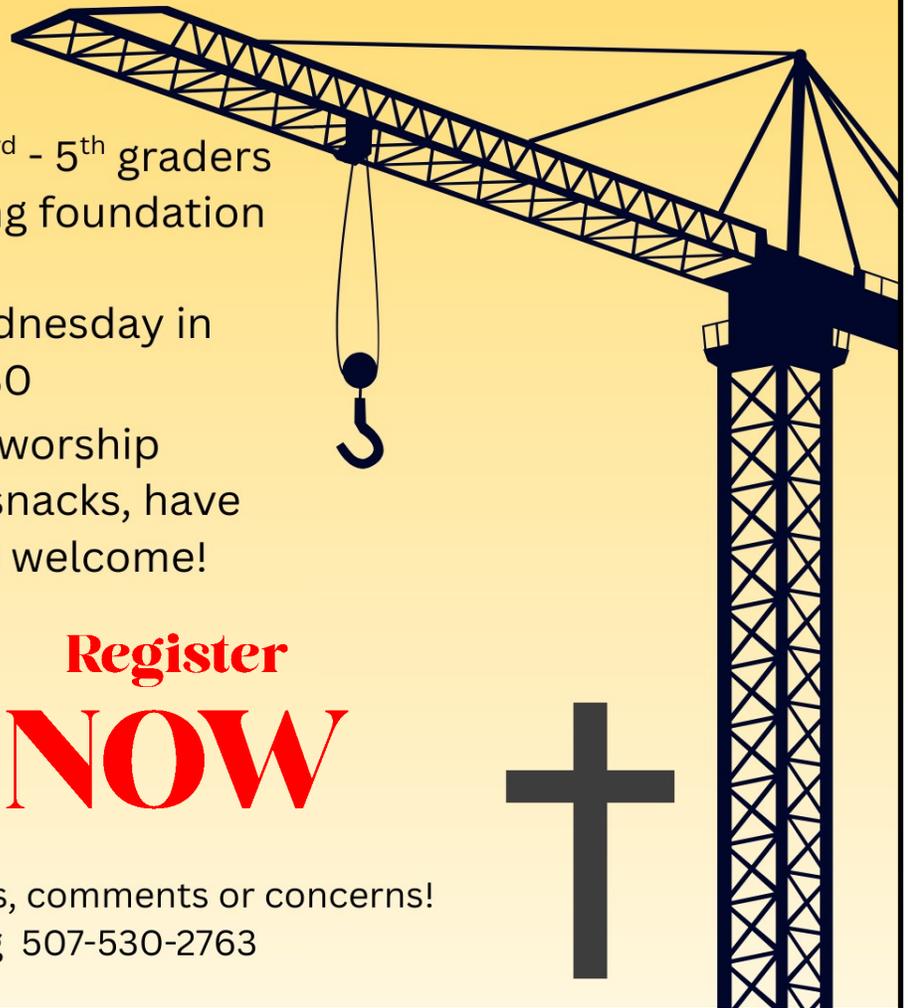
During this time we will worship together, play games, have snacks, have Bible study & more. All are welcome!



Register
NOW



Contact Jess with any questions, comments or concerns!
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Communion Class at Bethlehem

Come and learn about Communion! For 3rd - 5th graders **and anyone who missed this class.**

March 15th, 22nd & 29th @11am after Worship.



Register online now or contact Jess!

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**WE ARE LOOKING FOR
THRIFT ACTION
CARDS FOR THIS EVENT.**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
A FEAST OF

Céad míle fáilte

A HUNDRED THOUSAND WELCOMES



**Can you
help?**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HELPING OUR IMMIGRANT SIBLINGS

Saturday, March 14

**Seatings at
4:30 & 6:30 PM**

Corned Beef and Cabbage

Vegan Irish Stew

Potatoes

Irish Soda Bread

Irish Cream Chocolate Cake

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Grand Marais, MN
417 1st Ave W - Across from the YMCA**

Tickets - \$20 Adult - \$10 Child

Purchase tickets at church office or by phone

Advanced Ticket Sales Only

218-387-2227

blce@boreal.org

Looking to go to camp this summer?

Camps are a great way to meet new people, grow closer to God and spend time outdoors.

Here at Bethlehem, we want every student to be able to experience camp! Bethlehem offers a \$250 scholarship to any Christian camp, they would like to go to!

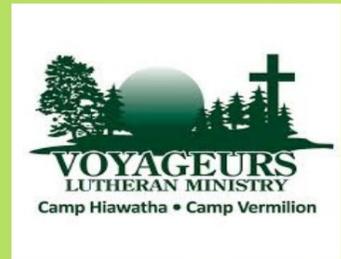
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Here are some camps that we love, if you are looking for an amazing camp experience!



**Wilderness
Canoe Base**



Application forms may be found at: <https://www.sharingchrist.org/forms>



Bethlehem Lutheran Church Camper Scholarship Application



Camper Name: _____

Grade entering _____

Church Camp attending: _____ Dates: _____

It is Bethlehem's intent to make Church Camp affordable so every child gets to go to camp.

How much money are you requesting? _____

How would you like to receive your campership?

Please reimburse me. (Please attach payment receipt)

Please mail the scholarship directly to camp



Camp Mailing Address: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

CONFIDENT. CARING. CERTIFIED.



FREE BABYSITTING TRAINING

Head of the Lakes United Way is proud to offer free babysitter training to youth 11 years of age and older.



Training will be provided by FirstAidMN and will follow the American Red Cross curriculum.

TRAINING CLASSES:

HERE IN GRAND MARAIS

April 25, 2026

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Grand Marais Community Center

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- How to care for infants and children.
- What to do in an emergency and how to stay safe.
- Choosing activities that are age appropriate.
- Recognizing, understanding and handling certain behaviors.
- Starting your babysitting business.
- Receive certification of babysitting training and Pediatric CPR after completion of class.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- This is a one-day training; class starts at 8 AM and concludes at 4 PM.
- Space is limited to 24 participants
- Lunch and snacks will be provided.
- Parent/caregiver must provide transportation and accompany child to building for drop-off and pick-up. Parent/caregiver does not need to stay during the training.

Register here:



hlunitedway.org/babysitting
or scan qr code

For more information contact:

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