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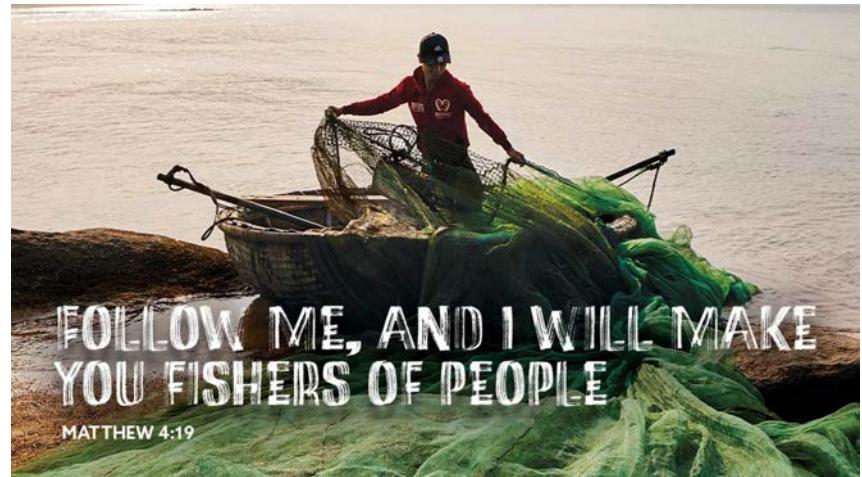
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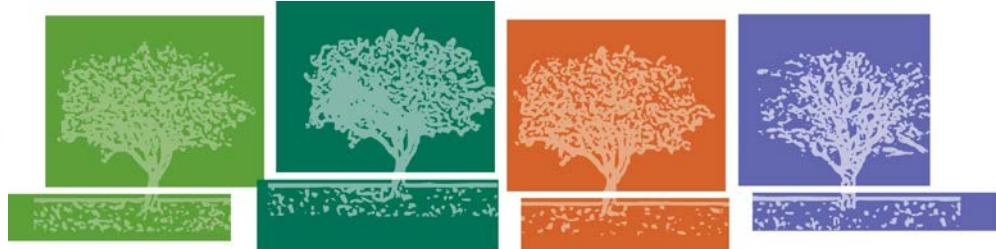
Sunday January 25, 2026

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Livestream link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>



Growing in faith & friendship **one meeting at a time.**



ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 25 11:15AM FELLOWSHIP HALL ZOOM LINK



Bethlehem Lutheran Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82606701442?
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Meeting ID: 826 0670 1442

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This Week at Bethlehem:

Sun Jan 25 8:40 AM Choir Practice
 10:00AM Worship Service
 & Sunday School

11:15 AM Annual Meeting

Mon Jan 26 3:30 PM Girl Scouts
Tues Jan 27 8:30 AM Staff meeting
Wed Jan 28 12:30 PM Text Study
 5:30 PM Community Meal
 6:00 PM Worship
 6:30 PM Confirmation

Thurs Jan 29 8:00 AM Bible Study
 9:00 AM Quilting
 6:30 PM Table Tennis

Sun Feb 1 8:40 AM Choir practice
 10:00 AM Worship Service
 & Sunday School
 12:00 PM Daisy Troop

Sunday January 25, 2026

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 9:1-4

*Light shines for those in
darkness*

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The LORD is my light and my
salvation.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Appeal for unity in the gospel
Matthew 4:12-23

*Revelation of Christ as a
prophet*

Livestream link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=sjA2YSafae4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjA2YSafae4)

First & Second Thrift Store is
once again requesting clothing for
displaced people in Ukraine,
both adults and children. They
need **warm outdoor clothing**.
Drop items off at First & Second
any day-from 10 to 4.



PRAYER list

Healing prayers are requested:

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

This week we lift up these members: Kristi Humphrey, Jed, Allie & Carter Smith; Mary Schliep; Mike & Barb Youngquist; Leif, Sissy, Ezra & Elsa Lunde; and Annalisa Winje, Jack & Katie Peck. May God walk with these faithful friends in their journeys of peace.

Need
PRAYER?

Contact:

Pastor Calvin 763-226-5425

or Laura Popkes, Prayer Chain

Leader 218-370-0721

“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 peace and resolution in Minneapolis, and for safety for all residents...

For safety, dignity, and justice for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers...

For deescalation of tensions surrounding Greenland and international relations...

For victims of train crashes in Spain...

For those facing winter storms and extreme cold across the United States...

For newly-installed Bishop Imam Haddad and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land...

For Christian communities in Palestine and especially for schools...

For renewed unity in Christ among churches and denominations around the world...

Events and observances:

January Observances: National Blood Donor Month, National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, Poverty in America Awareness Month, Mental Awareness Month

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan 18-25)

Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156 (Jan 19)

Martin Luther King Jr., Day (Jan 19)

Agnes, martyr, died around 304 (Jan 21)

Conversion of Paul (Jan 26, transferred)

Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries (Jan 26)

Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith (Jan 27)

Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274 (Jan 28)

Prayers from ELCA resources:

A prayer for peace among the nations (ELW)

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 who are incarcerated (ACS)

Mighty God, merciful and just: we pray for our jails, prisons, and detention centers, that they be places of fair and humane treatment for all. Lead us to end solitary confinement and other cruel and demeaning practices. Guide police and corrections officers, attorneys and judges to use wisely the power entrusted to them. Inspire prison worshiping communities and chaplains. Rouse us to eradicate racism, corruption, and greed in the criminal justice system. By your Spirit, transform our society, that the dignity and worth of every incarcerated person be honored. We ask this through your resurrected Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



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!





Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

To our dear siblings in Christ,

As the national bishops of Lutheran churches in the United States, Canada

and Denmark, we wish to send the Greenlandic people our full support in an unusually difficult situation. We pray for and encourage our own congregations and people to pray for and stand with Greenland and the Greenlandic people who want to maintain their independence. We pray for peace and respect between nations.

We unreservedly support the Church of Greenland and Bishop Paneeraq Siegstad Munk, whose statement has been quoted in several media outlets: "This is a question of human rights, dignity, and respecting international laws and treaties. We are a small people, but we are not invisible. Our future is not something to be decided over our heads. We have language, culture, ancestors, children, and a future tied to this place. We are people, not property. Greenland is not land to be bought. It is our home and it is not for sale" ([Christian News, Jan. 14](#)).

The Church of Greenland works closely with dioceses in Denmark and plays an active role in international affairs as a member of the World Council of Churches, the Lutheran World Federation and other organizations. We wish that this close cooperation will continue and bring joy and benefit to the people of Greenland.

We invite you to write to your elected leaders and tell them to respect the independence of Greenland and the Greenlandic people.

In Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer
National Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

The Rev. Yehiel Curry
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Rt. Revd. Henrik Stubkjær
Bishop of Viborg
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark

[Canada, Denmark, U.S. Lutheran bishops issue joint statement supporting Greenlandic people](#)

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!

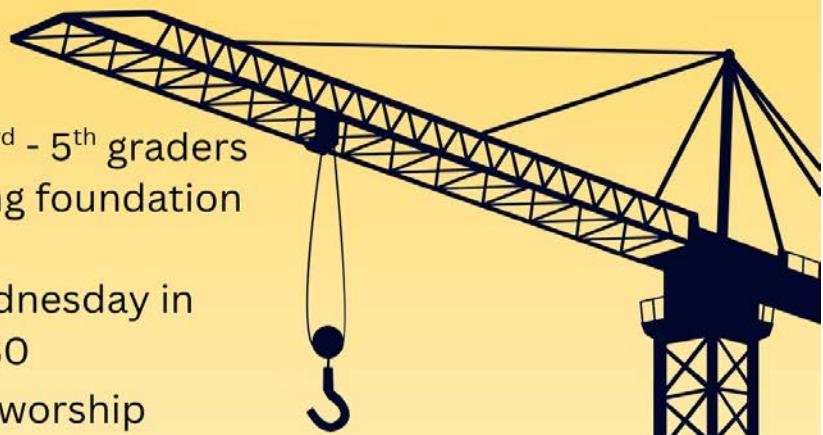
Contact Jess with any questions,
comments or concerns!

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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!



Contact Jess with any questions, comments or concerns!

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First Communion Class at Bethlehem

Come and learn about Communion! For 3rd - 5th graders and at least one trusted adult.

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



Register online now or contact Jess!



Contact Jess with any questions, comments or concerns!
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Looking to go to camp this summer?

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

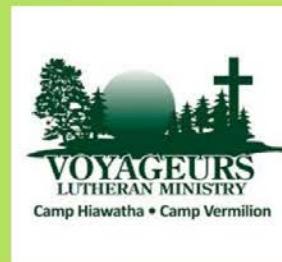
Here at Bethlehem, we want every student to be able to experience camp! Bethlehem offers a \$250 scholarship to any Christian camp, they would like to go to!

Please contact Jess with any questions, comments or concerns!
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Here are some camps that we love, if you are looking for an amazing camp experience!



**Wilderness
Canoe Base**



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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

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