

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wednesday
April 17, 2024

E-WEEKLY

God's work. Our hands.



GWOH Work Day at Wilderness Canoe Base - May 18, 2024 (Sign up by May 5)

Possible projects include:

1. Restock first aid kits
2. Pack meals for canoe trips
3. Tag and display store items
4. Assemble staff manuals and Bible Study booklets
5. Fire-wising near trails and buildings
6. Sanding paddles
7. Hauling lumber and supplies
8. Sanding and finishing benches
9. Fishing brigade organization

Volunteers would need to bring bug repellent, sunscreen, a rain jacket, water bottle, wear long pants, and bring work gloves. The camp will provide lunch.

Sign up sheet is in the Narthex. Deadline: May 5

They welcome volunteers to do fire-wising outside of an official work day, and they are seeking a volunteer with a truck or trailer who would be willing to haul some old appliances to Grand Marais for disposal. The camp would of course pay the fee. If anyone is interested in those tasks they can contact her at: SarahG@campwapo.org to make arrangements.

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



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Baptisms this Sunday!

This week we will celebrate God's gift of baptism for two babies, **Bentley Brisson** and **Tatum Enberg**. Join us as we celebrate these new lives through the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

The families would like to invite you to join them following the service for cake and a light lunch. **We need help with serving and cleaning up.** Please contact Kathy Johnson at 218-387-9056

Worship Schedule

Wednesday at 6:00 pm
Sunday at 10:00 am

**P.O. Box 638
417 First Avenue West
Grand Marais, MN 55604
218-387-2227**

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Prayer

Requests:

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers

Jody Daugherty,
Kati Kristenson Stieler
Bruce Johnson,
Lynn Schulte,
Joan Bieber
Paulina Backstrom
Kim Schulte
Emily Ulhorn,
Lois Johnson,
Barbara Erickson,
Vera Finn,
Char Anderson,
Rhonda Schulte,

Les Donek,
Carly Hawkinson-Sohm,
Jill Pederson,
Stacey Schulte
Elsa Sorenson,
Kristi (Speck) Perales,
Emi Heikkinen,
Betty Jones
Hank Ferland,
Sharon Bloomquist
Jesse Derscheid

Member Families to
Pray for this Week:

Malin Aseby, Jason &
Emma Gesch
Phil & Sue Lund
Betty Abrahamson
Betty Allison
Krista, Jason & Logan
Hughes

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

For what shall we pray?

For justice and peace among nations where war and violence rage, especially Palestine and Israel, Iran, Myanmar, Iraq, Haiti, Russia and Ukraine, and South Sudan...

For people in Central and South America affected by the dengue fever outbreak...

For farmers and farm laborers as spring arrives...

For peaceful and fair elections in India beginning this week...

For corals that will die and ecosystems that will suffer as ocean temperatures rise...

For communities grieving gun violence, especially New Orleans, Louisiana; Salisbury, North Carolina; and Chicago, Illinois...

For areas of the nation experiencing storms and severe weather...

For safety, understanding, and earnest dialogue amidst protests in Illinois, California, New York, and Oregon...

E-NEWS

This Week at Bethlehem

Wed Apr 17 12:30 PM Text Study
5:30 PM Make your own
Sub Meal for
Everyone
6:00 PM Worship with the
Average Worship Band
6:00 PM Confirmation
Thurs Apr 18 8:00 AM Bible Study
9:00 AM Quilting
Sun. Apr 21 8:40 AM Choir practice
10:00 AM Worship and
Sunday School
Baptism of Bentley Brisson
And Tatum Emberg
Mon April 15 6:30 PM Church Council
meets in library

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Readings & Psalm:

Acts 4:5-12

Salvation in the name of Jesus

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

1 John 3:16-24

Love in truth and action

John 10:11-18

Christ the shepherd

Watch our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/>

[@bethlehemlutheranchurch7397/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@bethlehemlutheranchurch7397/streams)

Note from our Pastor

Pastor Calvin can be reached by emailing him directly at blcpastor@boreal.org.

Pastor's personal cell can be used in case of emergency: 763-226-5425

(Texting works best)

Pastor's office hours are:

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Wednesdays: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm plus Worship & Confirmation

Mission Of the Month

EcoFaith Network

In honor of Earth Day and to celebrate the renewal that comes with spring, the Church in Society committee has chosen the **EcoFaith Network** as our April Mission of the Month. The mission of the EcoFaith Network is *to live out God's call to be stewards of the earth for the sake of the whole creation.*

The EcoFaith Network is a growing network of ELCA Lutheran congregations and their members finding and sharing ways to live out God's call to be stewards of the earth for the sake of all creation.

To contribute to this mission of the month please note "EcoFaith Network" on your special offering.

Member Challenge

We encourage you to visit their website, <https://www.ecofaithnetwork.org/> and the NE MN Synod's EcoFaith network: <https://nemnsynod.org/ecofaith-network/>.

Read the **Green Blade Rising** newsletter published there to see information on seminars and to read about projects underway at various congregations. <https://nemnsynod.org/green-blades-rising-newsletter/>



Stay tuned for information about a **hands-on project** coming this month. We are planning to **build bee boxes** to be placed in our church gardens and for members to put in their home gardens. We will also be looking for people to help with the planting and care of our church pollinator gardens when the time comes later this spring.

There are lots of local and regional opportunities to get involved including the Cook County Earth Day Fair on April 20. →




Please join us during coffee an' time after church on **April 28th** to **make bee boxes** for our church gardens and to take home for your home garden if you wish. Protect our precious pollinators! All materials will be provided. It is a pretty

quick and simple project. It will be helpful to sign up in the narthex (so we will have some idea of how much wood we need.) But feel free to come and participate even if you decide at the last minute.






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Cook County Earth Day Fair



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SATURDAY
APRIL 20, 2024
11 AM - 3:30 PM
COOK COUNTY ISD
166 SCHOOL
SPEAKER SERIES,
INTERACTIVE BOOTHS,
GAMES, VENDING LOCAL
FOOD + GOODS

www.cookcountylenergy.org/earth-day-fair

EARTH MONTH EVENT CALENDAR



EVENTS:	*FREE ADMISSION*	WHERE:	WHEN:
<u>FILM SHOWING OF 2040</u>		NORTH HOUSE FOLK SCHOOL, BLUE BUILDING	APRIL 4, 7PM
<u>*SPRUCE BUDWORM IN MINNESOTA'S FORESTS: 2024 UPDATE</u>		COOK COUNTY HIGHER ED/ ZOOM	APRIL 15, 11 AM
<u>FILM SHOWING OF SOVEREIGN SOIL</u>		NORTH HOUSE FOLK SCHOOL, BLUE BUILDING	APRIL 16, 7 PM
<u>*NATURALIST BOOK GROUP: NO ONE IS TOO SMALL TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE</u>		COOK COUNTY HIGHER ED / ZOOM	APRIL 18, 6:30 PM
<u>COOK COUNTY EARTH DAY FAIR</u>		COOK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ISD 166	APRIL 20, 11- 3:30 PM
<u>*COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY READ- POTLUCK & DISCUSSION: THE ROCKS WILL ECHO OUR SORROW: THE FORCED DISPLACEMENT OF THE NORTHERN SÁMI</u>		COOK COUNTY HIGHER ED/ ZOOM	APRIL 25, 5:30 PM
<u>*LUNCH & LEARN: ENJOYING THE GREAT OUTDOORS AS WE AGE</u>		COOK COUNTY HIGHER ED/ ZOOM *ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED	APRIL 27, 12 PM



Bethlehem Lutheran Church offers scholarships to every youth member who goes to Church Camp! Forms are available in the narthex and on the Youth Bulletin Board (downstairs across from the bathrooms). Turn in forms to the office. Sign up Now!



Live Generously® award nomination

Do you have a friend, family member, neighbor or colleague who embraces a lifestyle of generosity and made a meaningful difference this past year? Did they see a challenge and come up with a creative solution to help?

This spring, Thrivent is recognizing individuals for significant acts of service and generosity. The Live Generously® award celebrates individuals who exemplify the Christian values of compassion and selflessness in addressing the needs of others.

Who in your faith community has made a meaningful difference this past year? Did he or she see a challenge and come up with a creative solution to help?

From now through **April 27**, you can nominate them for a 2024 Live Generously® award. Honorees will be recognized for embracing generosity and have the opportunity to select an organization to receive a \$1,000 donation from Thrivent.

You can submit a nomination in just a few simple steps:

- Share your contact information so we can reach out if your nominee is selected.
- Tell us about the nominee by sharing a photo and a brief description of their great work.

<https://onboard.cotribute.co/flows/cff7250f-e5ca-411e-8175-1bf058d4bda1>



Libby's activating the BLC signal!

Libby Larson and her partner Ben have begun the house hunting process and would appreciate any leads that you might know of. (In town or within a 10-minute drive to town.) Please pass it on to Libby: (218) 849-4643, lib.lou.lars@gmail.com



Stretching Your Grocery Dollar

Find us on [Facebook](#)

Tuesday April 10th at Community Center

Volunteers needed: 2-4pm or 4-6, or 2-6



To learn more about Care Partners

carepartnersofcookcounty.org



Aging Well Resources
COOK COUNTY MN

For access to Cook County aging services, information & events
agingwellresources.org



Spring Chore Days

May 9-11

Connecting volunteers with Cook County older adult neighbors to help with spring chores such as raking leaves, planting flowers, and general yard or garage cleanup!

Contact Care Partners by April 15 to:
Find out how you or your group can volunteer
Ask about getting help with a spring chore

218.387.3788

carepartnersofcookcounty.org

