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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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Every Wednesday starting:

Wednesday, October 11th

6:00 PM—NEW TIME!! NEW FORMAT!!

Join us for **Supper at 5:30pm (Freewill offering)** and follow up with an exciting praise and worship service. Music provided by our very own "Average Worship Band." Pastor Calvin will provide the message.

ONLINE SERVICE

www.sharingchrist.org

Watch LIVE during our Sunday services via YouTube or Facebook (Link below):

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

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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 SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10:00 AM

Join us as we celebrate the season of Pentecost with the stories of Jesus demonstrating God's mercy and power through miracles.

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.

QUILTING

Day: Thursdays at 9:00 AM

Anyone is welcome to join weekly or just occasionally. Any or no skill level is required. This group produces over 200 quilts per year, some are sold but most are donated to those in need.

Please communicate prayer & praise items to:
blc@boreal.org or 218-387-2227. If you have photos from a recent trip or comments to share regarding Bethlehem connections, please forward to blc@boreal.org.

THIS WEEK AT BETHLEHEM

Sun Sept 24	8:40 AM	Choir Practice
	10:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
Wed Sept 27	12:30 PM	Text Study
Thurs Sept 28	8:00 AM	Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Quilting
Fri. Sept. 29	5:00 PM	Harvest Dinner
Sun. Oct 1	8:40 AM	Choir practice
	10:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
	3:00 PM	Blessing of the Pets Service
Wed. Oct 4	8:00 AM	Church in Society
Thurs Oct 5	8:00 AM	Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Quilting



Blessing of the Pets

Sunday
October 1st
3:00 PM

South Lawn of
Bethlehem
Lutheran
Church



Blessing of the Pets

Bring your pets!
sing camp songs
short, fun service

Harvest Dinner Help Needed

Today, Sept. 21—1:00 pm

Meatball making

- Bring your own electric fry pan

Thurs. Sept. 28, 10:00 am

Make Fish Cake batter

Fri. Sept. 29, 8:00 am

Frying Fish Cakes

(Bring your own electric fry pan)

Set up Tables (MOB*)

Sort Silverware

Make Punch

Make Coffee

Set up Water

Help needed Fri. evening:

- Money collection (??)
- Busing tables (Youth)
- Resetting of tables (Youth)

Accepting Donations of:

Pickles, beet pickles,
butter

*MOB = Men of Bethlehem

This week we lift up these
church members and friends:

Jens, Mindy, Chance, Kysen & Finnley Jacobsen

Erik, Stephanie, Eli & Elizabeth Anderson

Pearl Muus

Mickey & Dee Brazell

Kyler, Kelly, Ruby, Max, Jamie & Kade Hawsen

May God walk with them in their journey to peace

Prayer Warrior Team

Prayer Chain Warriors:

These warriors consist of members (and friends) at Bethlehem who respond to prayer requests through a phone tree network and are pledged to confidentiality. We are seeking more Prayer Warriors! To join or make a request, contact Pastor Calvin, Laura Popkes (218-370-0721), or Denise in the office. (218.387.2227)



Prayer Requests For Healing:

**Bruce Johnson,
Ed Hedstrom,
Sharon Eliassen,
Lois Johnson,
Lynn Schulte,
Betty Jones,
Barbara Erickson,
Char Anderson,
Vera Finn,
Rhonda Schulte,
Paulina Backstrom,
Les Donek,
Carly Hawkinson-Sohm;
Emi Heikkinen**

Sunday September 24:

17th Sunday after

Pentecost

Readings and Psalm

Jonah 3:10--4:11

*God's concern for the
city of Nineveh*

Psalm 145:1-8

*The Lord is slow to
anger and abounding in
steadfast love.*

Philippians 1:21-30

*Standing firm in the
gospel*

Matthew 20:1-16

*The parable of the
vineyard workers*

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.

Mission of the Month

As we transition into September, we continue to think of the needs of young people and how we, as a church community, can offer our love and support. Our September Mission of the Month is the **Center for Changing Lives in Duluth**.

The Center for Changing Lives is an affiliate program of Lutheran Social Services (LSS). Having opened its doors in 2017, the Center for Changing Lives provides youth with resources to lead productive, healthy and independent lives. Each year, LSS and the Center for Changing Lives provide services to 800+ youth experiencing homelessness in the Duluth area. LSS notes that "Most are not homeless by choice. Circumstances put them at risk of dropping out of school, unemployment, chemical dependency, sex trafficking and an adult life of homelessness."

The Center for Changing Lives is a safe, central site where young people who are at-risk of experiencing homelessness can find holistic guidance and support. The Center is 27,000 square feet and contains offices, meeting spaces and housing for youth. The building is ideally located near a bus line, pharmacy, grocery store and employment opportunities. A range of wellness services, life-skills training, educational support, youth groups, and job skill development/mentoring are offered.

If you would like to offer financial support to the Center for Changing Lives, please note "Mission of the Month" or "Center for Changing Lives" on your special September offering.

In peace, Jessica Markusen on behalf of the Church in Society Committee



Let's Chat

Bethlehem has a **new FaceBook page**: All events and current postings will be found on this new FB page. *Please be sure to like it to get future posts.*

<https://www.facebook.com/BethlehemLutheranGM>

Church Calendar is now back on the website! Many of you will recognize it because we are using our Google Calendar and is updated in real-time.

AUGUST MEMBER CHALLENGE

In August, our Mission of the Month supported local Cook County students in need of school supplies to begin the school year.

Thank you to those of you who dropped off school supplies and gave financial contributions!



BOATS OF LONGING ...

SONGS AND STORIES OF MIGRATION AND FAITH

Trinity Lutheran Church of Hovland —

4957 E. Highway 61, Hovland, MN

SUMMER SERIES 2023



Tuesday, July 18 • Journey Songs of Pilgrimage and Faith

A good old-fashioned HYMN SING accompanied by stories and theological reflection related to the theme of boats and journeys of longing. **Presentation by Pastor William Beckstrand.**

7pm followed by pie and ice cream.

Tuesday, August 22 • A Home in Hovland: Friends and Neighbors in

Shared Places of Community and Faith—a look at encounters of migration in the human experience, and the immigrants and families who journeyed here to make Hovland their home.

Presentation by Phil Anderson, Hovland resident and Professor Emeritus of Church History, North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago.

7pm followed by pie and ice cream.



Saturday, September 30 • The "raising" of a model ship built by Mark Hansen, along with his presentation on its construction, and the tradition of "votive ships" in the history of the church.

WDSE (PBS North) of Duluth will be filming this as the second half of an upcoming episode of their program *The Slice*, capturing "the unique character, events, and experiences found in northern Minnesota and Wisconsin."

6pm — Fishenke dinner

7pm — Program led by Mark Hansen.

boat builder and founder of North House Folk School.



For more information contact Pastor William Beckstrand at 218-475-2439, trinity@boreal.org

Free-will offering proceeds are being used to support the immigration, to the United States, of a family separated by political unrest and economic turbulence in their homeland, Haiti.

This sponsorship of family reunification follows the guidelines of the U.S. Sponsorship I-134a program.

Trinity Summer Series 2023 • An Initial Discussion

Migration and the pilgrim journey have always been a universally shared human experience, both physical and spiritual. Whether comprised of voluntary or involuntary uprooting from one's homeland and transplanting to another, the importance of places and sacred spaces take on crucial meanings of personal and communal identity. *Who am I? Where is home? What has brought me to this place on my unfolding journey of life and faith? How do memory and longing guide and sustain me? Why do we need each other in this adventure?*

The people and families that arrived in Hovland, beginning in 1888, settled on the ancestral homelands of their Native American neighbors in Cook County. With Chicago Bay at its heart, in scattered communities they forged new lives fishing Lake Superior, logging the deep woods, and farming the rocky soil.

For more than a quarter-century, Trinity has hosted a summer series for its neighbors and visitors in Cook County, focusing on a variety of themes of mutual interest and edification. This year, the theme is the centrality of ships as they relate to life and faith, be it in the physical journeys and wanderings of people or symbolically in the rich biblical and spiritual imagery of water and the vessels that transport pilgrims along life's way.

Through songs and stories, the series is inspired by the votive ship that Mark Hansen has been accurately and painstakingly constructing over the past year, to be hung in Trinity's sanctuary as an ongoing memorial to its early individuals and families and the generations that have followed. This tradition is an old one in the seafaring parish churches of Scandinavia and northern Europe.

—Phil Anderson