



# E-Weekly

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## Baptism of Myron Christian Garness

Parents: Spencer & Sarah Garness; Sibling: Galen

Sponsors: Eric Sindelar and Garret Garness

Represented by Orlando Otero Ingvaldstad

**August 17, 2025**



Join us Sunday,  
August 17th for  
a Worship  
Service using  
Inclusive  
Language.

**Live Stream**

**Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzHHlptSTGM>



*North Shore  
Care Center  
Sunday  
August 17th  
at 2:00 pm*

*You are all invited  
to join our friends,  
worship & sing  
with them. We will  
serve Coffee An' as  
well. (Server  
needed, please)*

## **This Week at Bethlehem:**

Sun Aug 17 8:40 AM Choir practice  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
2:00 PM Care Center Worship  
Mon Aug 18 6:30 PM Church council meeting  
Tues Aug 19 8:30 AM Staff meeting  
6:30 PM Worship Planning mtg  
Wed Aug 20 12:30 PM Text Study  
5:30 PM The Generosity Project  
Meal and Activities  
Thur Aug 21 8:00 AM Bible Study  
9:00 AM Quilting  
Fri Aug 22 - - - - Clarity Hearing Appts  
Sun Aug 24 10:00 AM Worship Service  
11:00 PM Church Picnic

# PRAYER

## list...

### Healing prayers are requested for:

Lynn Schulte, Linda & Dale McIntire, Annalisa Winje, Amy Carpenter, Katrina Crouse, Deidre Anderson, Lois Johnson, Joan Bieber, Bill Lyght, Gene & Barbara Erickson, Bruce & Stacey Johnson, Paulina Backstrom, Shae Lindholm, Rhonda Silence, Rhonda Schulte, Char Anderson, Betty Jones, Stacey Schulte, Hank Ferland, Ramiro Acero, Margaret Dahl.

### This week we lift up these members:

Odin, Betsy, Gunnar & Sigrid Jorgenson; June Tveekrem; Bruce & Stacey Johnson; Patti Beyer; Doug & Mary Sanders; and Carol Mork & Hillary Freeman. *May God walk with these faithful friends as they live their gospel-filled lives.*

## Readings and Psalm for August 17, 2025

### Jeremiah 23:23-29

*God's word is like fire, like a hammer that  
breaks rocks*

### Psalm 82

*Arise, O God, and rule the earth.*

### Hebrews 11:29–12:2

*The faith of the Hebrew people,  
a great cloud of witnesses*

### Luke 12:49-56

*Jesus brings fire on earth and has a baptism  
with which to be baptized*



Contact Pastor Calvin  
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The August Mission of the Month will be to support the programming at **North Point (NP)**.

North Point is **Celebrating 5 years of Bringing Hope and Support to Teens in Cook County!** Brad Shannon, Executive Director, and Brooke Shannon, Co-Director, are so grateful for the opportunity to walk with students, offering spaces, programs and experiences where teens feel safe, known, and unconditionally loved. North Point averages 65-70 students weekly and over 360 check-ins each month.

More than a program, NP is a philosophy that hope shows up when people who care show up. "We are so thankful to be able to do the things we do because of the generosity of people who care about teens and believe that what we do matters," shared Brad.

For the month of August we are asking for your financial contribution through our Mission of the Month to be directed to North Point. Currently they have been given a challenge gift. A wonderful opportunity to have the impact of your gift doubled! This gift will **match contributions give locally up to \$15,000** through the end of August.

Secondly, all donations will go towards meeting their program budget for the year. **Your contributions go directly to teens!** Though this may seem like a large number, everything at NP is provided to teens either free of charge or heavily subsidized. With that said, if this matching gift is met by the end of August, it will go a long way towards meeting North Point's program needs for the year.

Your contribution may be given through Bethlehem (marked "Mission of the Month-North Point) or directly to North Point (P.O. Box 71, Grand Marais, MN 55604).

Thank you for the positive impact you make in teens lives as community leaders and employers and for considering North Point.

## Member Challenge:

The first day of school is quickly approaching! Help support local students as they return to the classroom by ensuring they have the necessary tools for successful year of learning. The HUB is once again collaborating with Bethlehem Lutheran Church to help Cook County students start the year off on the right track. Please consider helping ensure all kids have what they need to learn and succeed this school year to reach their full potential.

**How can you help?** Help spread the word! Purchase supplies and bring to Bethlehem, or make a financial donation to purchase supplies. (Mark on your donation: "School Supply MOM".)

**Collection period:** NOW through September 1, 2025.

Bethlehem will bless these supplies before we get them to the HUB.





# August MOM Member Challenge

## 2025-2026 BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE!

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How can you help? Help spread the word!

Purchase supplies & bring to drop-off location or make a financial donation to purchase supplies.

### Collection Period

August 1 — September 1, 2025

### DROP OFF LOCATION

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**417 First Avenue West**  
**Grand Marais**

**218-387-2227**



### School Supply List

- Backpacks
- Erasers
- Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Notebooks
- Folders
- Pencil box
- 24 Count Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Markers
- Glue sticks
- Bottled Glue
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil sharpener
- Loose-leaf paper
- Hand sanitizer
- Folders
- 3 Binders
- Highlighters (pink, yellow, green, & blue)



### Optional and Appreciated:

- Back Pack
- Kleenex
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Gallon & quart size Ziploc Bags
- Dry Erase Markers
- Sticky notes (High School)
- Index Cards
- Healthy Snacks to share
- Band Aids
- Hand Sanitizer
- Cups, plates, napkins, forks, spoons
- Decks of cards
- Dice
- Scientific Calculator (High School)
- Head Phones
- Ear Buds



# For what shall we pray?

For the families who have lost loved ones due to drowning along the North Shore this past week...

For an end to war and conflict, especially in Gaza, Thailand, Cambodia, Colombia, South Sudan, Myanmar, Ukraine, and Ethiopia...

For victims of gun violence, especially in Atlanta, GA and Austin, TX...

For those without secure housing and those criminalized for being homeless...

For flash flooding in Wisconsin, evacuations in Alaska, and all facing storms and flooding...

For nurses and healthcare workers, especially those serving on the frontlines of war and conflict...

For safety for journalists who bring stories and awareness to the tragedy of war...

For all marriages, relationships, and family groupings that reflect mutual love and trust...



## *A prayer for families (ELW)*

Triune God, whose will it is that humans live in community, bless family life everywhere and fill all homes with respect, joy, laughter, and prayer. Strengthen the commitment of husbands and wives to one another, that they may mirror your covenant faithfulness; pour out your Spirit on parents, that through them their children may taste your unconditional love; and empower all family members to live in your grace and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *A prayer for public servants (ACS)*

Gracious God, we pray for our public servants [journalists, nurses, diplomats], that they do their work in a spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice. Inspire them to use their authority to serve faithfully and to promote our common life. Guide our leaders to govern in such a way that all people enjoy a peaceful and just society. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## God in the transitions

One of the most famous stories of transition in the Bible is that of Moses, who God calls to lead his people out of oppression into freedom. They leave Egypt quickly, yet it takes some 40 years in the wilderness for the Israelites to adjust to the transition and live into their identity as a free community. They grumble to God about missing Egypt and its food. They lose trust in God and worship idols. They disobey God's commands. When they finally reach the promised land, Moses dies before entering it, and Joshua takes over leadership, signaling a new beginning. The transition is arduous, long, painful, and involves loss and grief.

Times of transition bring out the parts of ourselves we'd rather hide. We get anxious, rigid, weary, impatient and hopeless. Yet transition also breaks down our barriers and exposes our vulnerabilities, which opens us up to curiosity.

It's tough to sit in the discomfort and disorientation of in-between times. Yet these times are also filled with possibility. In the unknowing, we leave space for God to act, and we pay attention to the ways God is already acting.

*This message is excerpted from "Transitions open us up to newness" by Jennifer Hackbarth in the August 2023 [Café](#) online magazine.*

25<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY

CONCERT

*North Shore*



*Swing Band*

**AUGUST 16, 7PM**

At the  
Arrowhead Center for the Arts

**LARGE DANCE FLOOR**

**Donation at the door**

All proceeds benefit  
the Grand Marais Playhouse