



E-Weekly

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Sunday September 21, 2025

10:00 am Worship

Livestream link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHOZNn9GApU>



*North Shore
Care Center*

*Worship Service
Sunday Sept. 21
at 2:00 pm*

*You are all invited to join
our friends, worship & sing
with them.*

*Musicians, please come to
share your gift of music.
We will also serve Coffee An'*

You are invited to
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

HOMECOMING



Food, Music, Games, Art & Community

5 OCTOBER, 2025
AT 10:00AM

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
417 1st Ave W Grand Marais
MN 55604

COFFEE AN'
this Sunday:
Discussions
with local
Douglas about
End of Life
Journey





End - of - Life

Join us on Sunday, September 21st following worship for an overview of services available to you through the End of Life journey.

Cook County has no Hospice Care but we do have resources like the "Death Doulas", who are reaching out to the Faith Communities to provide information and resources.



Generous Together

Experience Community. Experience Giving.

**The next
planned
event for the
Generosity
Project
(Wednesday
September
24th) has
been
cancelled**

This Week at Bethlehem:

Sun Sept 21	8:40 AM	Choir practice
	10:00AM	Worship Service
	2:00 PM	Care Center Worship Service
Mon Sept 15	3:30 PM	Girl Scouts
	6:30 PM	Church Council
Tues Sept 16	8:30 AM	Staff meeting
Wed Sept 17	12:30PM	Text Study
Thur Sept 18	8:00AM	Bible Study
	9:00AM	Quilting
	9:30AM	RIC Committee
Fri Sept 19	- - - -	Clarity Hearing
Sun Sept 21	8:40AM	Choir practice
	10:00AM	Worship Service

Readings and Psalm for September 21, 2025

Amos 8:4–7

*Warnings to those who trample
on the needy and poor*

Psalm 113

The LORD lifts up the poor from the ashes.

1 Timothy 2:1–7

*One God, one mediator—Christ Jesus—who
gave himself for all people*

Luke 16:1–13

*A shrewd manager: faithful in little, faithful in
much; serving God/wealth*

Livestream link:

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=fHOZNn9GApU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHOZNn9GApU)**



Healing prayers are requested for:

Sarah Coe, Lynn Schulte, Annalisa Winje, Lois Johnson, Joan Bieber, Bill Lyght, Gene & Barbara Erickson, Bruce & Stacey Johnson, Paulina Backstrom, Shae Lindholm, Rhonda Schulte, Char Anderson, Betty Jones, Stacey Schulte, Hank Ferland, Ramiro Acero, Margaret Dahl, Katrina Crouse, Tom Christiansen, Dale McIntire and Gary & Jean Grover.

This week we lift up these members:

Wayne & Philis Anderson; Mike & Annie DeBevec; Kelsey & Patrick O'Neill; Phyllis Olson; and Malin & Jason Aseby-Gesch.
*May God walk with these faithful friends
as they live their gospel-filled lives.*

Need
PRAYER?

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

Mission of the Month **LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE**

The Mission of the Month for September is Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR). LDR shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, LDR stays to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

We are a church that is a catalyst, convener and bridge builder. Lutheran Disaster Response collaborates with other disaster response organizations and religious entities in the United States and around the world. This enables the greatest stewardship of resources and maximum impact of response. The organization is a welcome partner because they respect the perspectives and strengths of others.

"We recognize that every disaster is local. Because of this, we believe every response needs to be rooted in the community; we work to accompany that community from immediate relief through long-term recovery. In our international work we partner closely with companion churches and other Lutheran and ecumenical relief agencies to make sure local needs are being addressed and met. In the United States, we work through our extensive affiliate network and other partners to address these same concerns." – taken from LDR's website.

Lutheran Disaster Response strives to help the church continue to be church in the midst of disaster — following Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbor in need. Some key areas of work include:

- Providing emotional and spiritual care for people who have been affected by a disaster and for leaders who respond to a disaster
- Coordinating volunteers through our local affiliates
- Assisting refugees in a holistic way by meeting the varied needs of the community
- Promoting disaster risk-reduction by helping communities build their assets thereby reducing the effects of likely disasters
- Providing long-term recovery efforts by addressing the unmet needs months or even years after a disaster strikes

Internationally, LDR is found at disasters in: Eastern Europe Crisis Response; Horn of Africa Drought; Middle East Crisis; South Sudan Relief; and Migrants and Refugees (AMMPARO). Domestically, they are found in disasters dealing with Flooding; Hurricanes; Severe Storms; Tornadoes, and Wildfires.

Donations for the Mission of the Month in September will be directed to Lutheran Disaster Response.





Mission Of the Month SEPTEMBER

MEMBER CHALLENGE:

Ukrainians are in need of **wool socks** for the winter. All sizes welcome.



They will also accept **GOOD QUALITY men's winter clothing** (good condition only!).

Winter boots and shoes in good shape.

NO ORANGE HUNTING CLOTHES!

Please drop off your donations **before Friday September 19th**. Box will be located in front of Denise's office. Thank you!





Bethlehem's Fall Schedule

Starts October 1, 2025

Wednesdays:

5:30pm Community Meal

6:00pm Worship Service

6:30pm Confirmation

Sundays:

10:00am Sunday School
during Worship

Adult Education:

Starts Week of October 5:

Tuesdays @ 8:30am OR

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm



*...on the North Shore
and Beyond."*

We need some folks who are willing to step forward and help continue to make our livestream possible.



Programs begin

October 1st.

Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

Meal, Worship and

Confirmation

October 5: Sundays

during Worship (Letter &

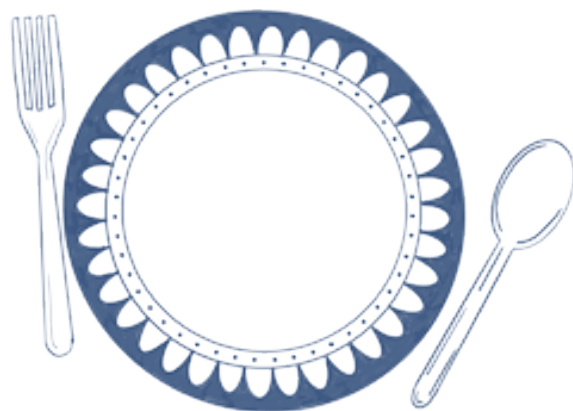
Registration form at end of Eweekly)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday School Teachers
and Helpers are needed!

We are looking for 4 teams of teachers so they are only responsible for one Sunday a month. Please contact Jess for information and to sign up.



Wednesday Meal Teams need additional helpers! Hotdish team needs a few more helpers. Contact the office. 218-387-2227

Adult Education

2 different time opportunities:

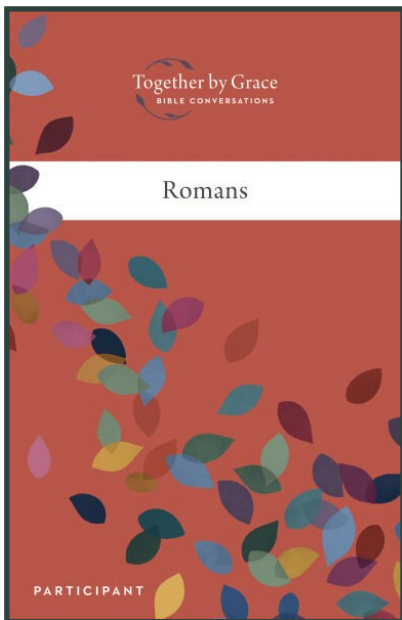
Tuesdays @ 8:30am

Begins October 7

OR

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

Begins October 8 - after worship



Together by Grace *A Study in Romans*

8-week course
1-hour/week through
December 10

Check out the display in the Narthex

*Join Pastor Calvin for this time
of Bible Conversations*



Confirmation

Informational Meeting

Parents & Students

Sunday Sept. 28

Following Worship

All participants in
Confirmation
this year
need to
attend with
parents.



Grades 6—9

11:00 a.m.

If unable to attend,
please contact Jess
before Sept. 28.

blcyouth@boreal.org

507-530-2763

Confirmation Letter and Registration form is at the end of this E-Weekly

Community Flu and COVID-19 Vaccine Events

All vaccine events will be BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. These events are for anyone ages 9 and up.

Lower Level of Clinic

Wednesday, September 24 from 3:00-6:00pm
Friday, September 26 from 9am-12:00pm and 1:30-4:30pm
Thursday, October 9 from 9am-12pm and 1:30-4:30pm

West End

Wednesday, October 1 from 8:30-10:00am at Arrowhead Electric
Wednesday, October 1 from 11:30am-12:30pm at the Bluefin Bay Tofte Room

Gunflint Trail Schaap Community Center

Tuesday, October 7 from 11:30am-12:30pm

Schedule your appointment by calling the clinic at 218-387-2330.

Please bring your insurance card OR cash/check made out to Sawtooth Mountain Clinic.

Regular dose flu shot: \$27.00 High dose flu shot (ages 65 and older): \$100.00

COVID-19: \$124.00 - \$181.00 depending on the vaccine type

We always recommend that you call your insurance company to confirm coverage of your seasonal vaccines.



Kid and Family Vaccines

Schedule an appointment for your child to get the flu and COVID-19 vaccine. Our Care Team will look at your child's chart to see if they are missing any other immunizations. Parents/guardians that accompany the child can get vaccinated at the same time.

Friday, October 3rd: 2:00-5:00pm

Saturday, October 11th: 12:00-2:00pm

Call the clinic at 218-387-2330
to schedule your appointment!



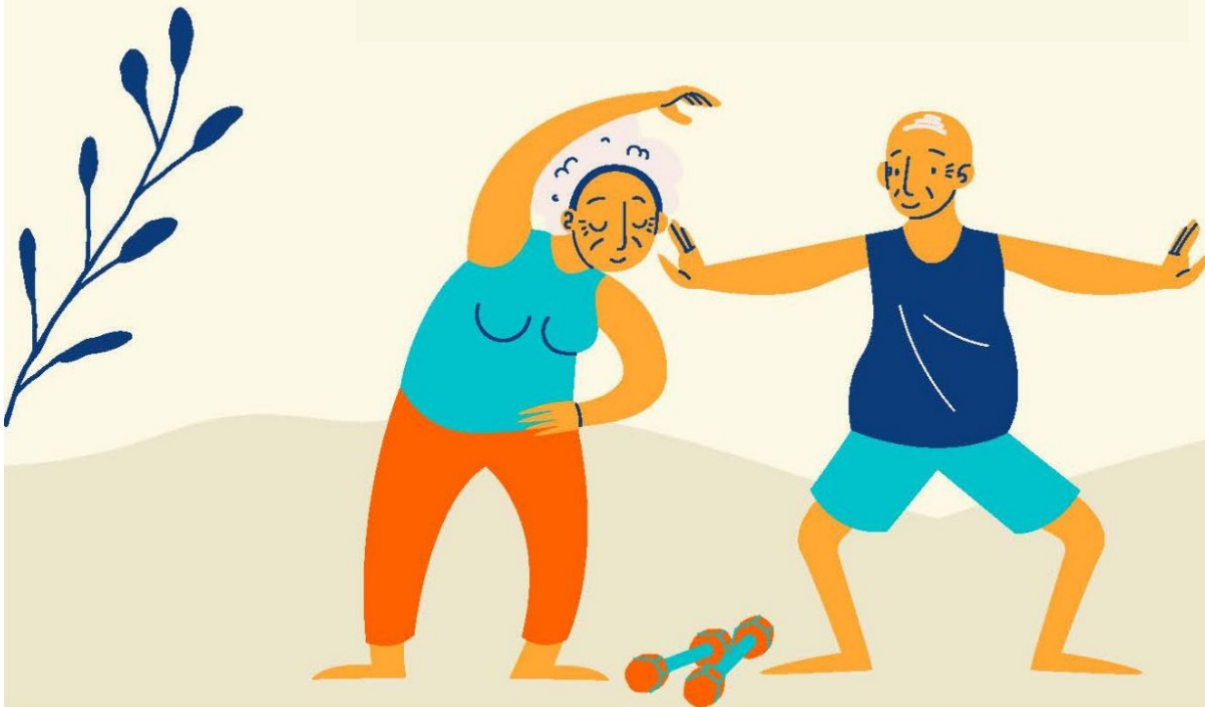
NORTH SHORE HEALTH PRESENTS

FALL PREVENTION DAY

FALL RISK SCREENINGS
COMMUNITY RESOURCES
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 12:30PM - 3PM

COOK COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER



FALL PREVENTION DAY

September 23, 2025, 12:30PM-3PM at the Community Center



WOMEN OF THE ELCA ARE INVITED

The Lake Superior Conference of WELCA Welcomes You to the
Fall Gathering

Saturday, September 27, 2025

9 AM—2 PM

French River Lutheran Church

5310 Ryan Road

Duluth, MN 55804

The Lake Superior Sustainable Farming Association is a coalition of producers and consumers moving farm practices and food systems into a sustainable future. We encompass northeast Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin. Julie is the chapter coordinator.



Julie Allen from Sörestad, her farm on the Clover Valley Farm Trail.



Schedule

- 8:30 Doors Open!
- 9:00 Registration
 - Coffee & Treats
 - Silent Auction
- 9:45 Worship with Communion
- 10:30 Break
 - Silent Auction
- 11:00 Clover Valley Trail
- 11:30 Business Meeting
- 12:00 Break
 - Silent Auction
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:00 Silent Auction closes
- 2:00 Closing Prayer



**SILENT
Auction**

What should I bring? Anything you would like to get as a gift is appropriate! In addition to the regular Silent Auction, we will have a 'Buy it Now' Bread Sale. We will have Cranberry Wild Rice bread from Elim. The proceeds from the Silent Auction will be used to offset expenses for the 13th Triennial Gathering in Des Moines, IA, July 16-19, 2026.

Our In-Kind Offering will be for the needs of the Two Harbors Food Shelf. They especially need peanut butter and tuna fish, but any non-perishable food items are acceptable.

**MAKE A
RESERVATION**

Please send in your church reservation to Carolyn Marino at 218-525-6431 or 218-349-0516 or email ctuominenmarino@gmail.com by September 17, 2025.

Registration is \$15 which includes a catered lunch. Our morning offering will be divided, with half going to

WELCA and the other half to the AEOA Food Shelf in Two Harbors.

But the seeds that were sown on good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit.

Mark 4:20

7TH ANNUAL
AppleFest

OCTOBER 9-12
GRAND MARAIS

SEE POSTERS
FOR INFORMATION



Sponsored by
Carolyn Dry's Johnny
Appleseed Project

God's work. Our hands.



Bethlehem is teaming up with Care Partners for
"God's Work Our Hands" Project Day
Sign up will be in Narthex and more information in October Newsletter

FALL CHORE Days! Oct 24th-25th

Connecting volunteers with Cook County
older adult neighbors to help with fall
chores such as raking leaves,
cleaning/moving patio furniture, and
general yard cleanup!

Contact Care Partners by October 10th

- **Volunteers:** Find out how you, your family or group can help!
- **Older Adults (60+):** Reach out to get help with fall chores!

218.387.3788

minda@carepartnersofcookcounty.org





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August 11, 2025

Dear Families with kids going into pre-K through 3rd grade,

Welcome to Sunday School! My name is Jessica Christenson, the new Children, Youth and Family Ministries Director here at Bethlehem. I will be organizing Sunday School materials and volunteers for this year. Our goals for Sunday School this year are to:

- Help the kids to understand key Lutheran beliefs at an age-appropriate level
- Generate enthusiasm for church and a sense of community at BLC
- Help kids learn that as Christians it is our goal to Love God, Love Others and Love Ourselves
- Have fun!

Sunday School will be held in the designated Sunday School room downstairs (the one with red paint). While I am in service with the middle and high schoolers, Sunday School ministry will be led by our wonderful volunteers! Let me know if you would be interested in signing up to join the teaching rotation once a month! You will find the Sunday School registration form attached. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments or concerns!

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Sunday School Registration 25-26

Student's full name _____

Date of birth _____ **Gender (circle one):** Female Male Other: _____

Preschool or School _____ **Grade (25-26)** _____

Church (if different from Bethlehem Lutheran) _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____

Parent/guardian cell phone(s) _____

Parent email (s) _____

Emergency Contact (if parents cannot be reached) _____

Emergency Contact's relation to child _____

Phone _____

I grant permission for my child to participate in Sunday School with fellow Bethlehem Lutheran kids, BLC volunteers and staff. If I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give permission to the supervising staff and volunteers of Bethlehem Lutheran to sign forms that would ensure the necessary and immediate treatment of my child. I give permission to those administering emergency treatment to do so, using those measures deemed necessary. I understand that neither Bethlehem Lutheran nor those acting on behalf of Bethlehem Lutheran will be held liable in case of accident or injury as long as they are not negligent. I grant the church permission to use photographs of my student in materials, the church website, and Bethlehem Lutheran's social media.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Hi Families of Confirmation Students!

If we haven't met yet, my name is Jessica Christenson and I am the new CYF Director here at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. I am so excited for confirmation this fall! Confirmation is such a unique time where students can come together every week and discuss their faith & life as well as learning more about God and their community! While we will be doing lots of learning, I also want to have fun. Most importantly I want students to know that this is their church and that they are loved. I hope to help them find ways to love God, love others and love themselves.

Our Wednesday evening schedule will look just like it did last school year.

- 5:30 – 6:00 Community Dinner (Free Will Donation)
- 6:00 – 6:30 Worship led by the Average Worship Band
- 6:30 – 7:30 Confirmation in the Youth Room downstairs

This year's confirmation open house is on Sunday, September 28th after worship at 11am downstairs in the Youth Room and it is for students and parents to attend together. We will go over what Wednesday nights will look like and discuss our plans and goals for the year. Please find attached a confirmation registration form. **A new form is necessary every year**, even if nothing has changed. **Registrations are due at the open house.**

I am so grateful for you supporting your student through this journey! I can't wait to connect with you, your student and grow together in faith!

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BLC Confirmation Registration Form 2025-2026

STUDENT'S NAME _____ **Date of birth** _____

Sex (circle one): M F Other: _____ **School** _____ **Grade '25-'26** _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____

Please Write Legibly - Specify which parent/guardian for each

Church Affiliation, please circle one: Bethlehem Lutsen Trinity Other _____

Home Address 1: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Address 2: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone 1: _____ Home Phone 2: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Email: _____

*Student Cell: _____

Has student been baptized? _____ If yes, approximate date _____

Are parents members of Bethlehem? _____

If not, please indicate where church membership is held, if any _____

Medical Needs (Allergies, medication, mental health, physical restrictions, differently abled, etc.):

There is a \$25.00 fee to enroll in Confirmation. Scholarships are available.

***DOUBLE SIDED**

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BLC Confirmation Registration Form 2025-2026

Insurance Information in Case of Emergency (if parents cannot be reached)

Medical Insurance Company _____

Insurance Company Address _____

Policy/Group # _____ Phone _____

Non-Parent Emergency Contact (Parents will be contacted first)

Name _____ Phone _____

Relation to student: _____ Cell Phone: _____

*By signing below I agree that my child and I have read and understand the expectations laid out below
and in the Confirmation Parent Handbook.*

***As the parent/legal guardian of this student, I grant permission for him/her to participate fully in the Confirmation Ministry**, related trips (service projects, etc.), and activities of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. If I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give permission to the supervising staff and/or leaders of Bethlehem to sign forms that would ensure the necessary and immediate treatment of my child. I give permission to those administering emergency treatment to do so, using those measures deemed necessary. I understand that neither Bethlehem nor those acting on behalf of Bethlehem will be held liable in case of accident or injury as long as there is no gross negligence.

***I give permission for this student to leave the premises of Bethlehem ONLY** for church related events through BLC Confirmation, either in a vehicle of an adult guide or in a rented vehicle. I grant Bethlehem permission to use photos/videos of my child without compensation or prior notification. I also understand that my child cannot use alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or weapons of any kind, participate in inappropriate sexual activity or potentially harmful behavior. If these rules are broken, I will assume the transportation costs to return my child home immediately by the safest means.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____