E-Weekly

October 30, 2026

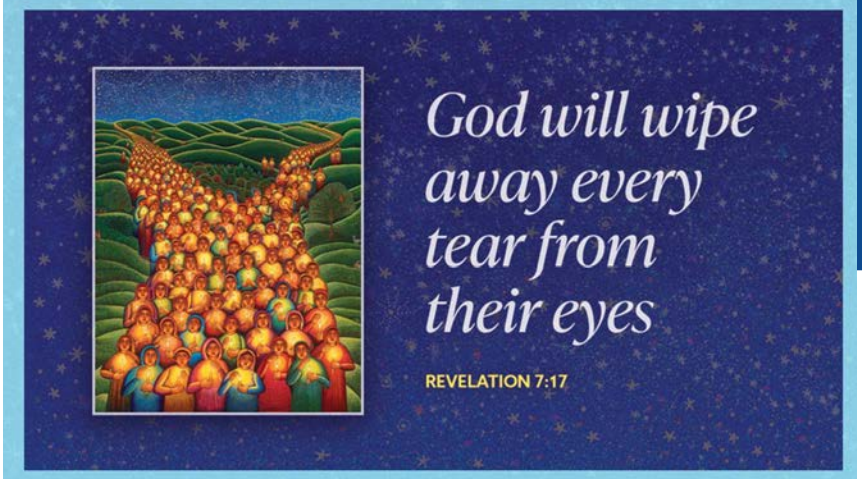
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Sunday November 1, 2026

Livestream link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eGyIvfgTnGw

Readings and Psalm:

Revelation 7:9-17
The multitudes of heaven worship the Lamb

Psalm 34:1-10, 22
Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD;
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

1 John 3:1-3
We are God's children

Matthew 5:1-12
Blessed are the poor in spirit



Barb Youngquist

Memorial service will be held on October 31st at 11:00am

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CuukHo1nRQ

Attn Families of Youth,

Grades 6—12

Registration Deadline for
All Youth Gathering
At Cragun's Resort is due

TODAY, OCTOBER 30TH.

Please email Jess
blcyouth@boreal.org

NEMN SYNOD
ALL YOUTH GATHERING!!

Rooted in Faith, Imagining More...

Ephesians 3:20-21

November 21-22, 2026

Grades: 6-12

Cragun's Resort, Brainerd, MN



Sunday Worship Volunteers needed
Sign up here

New volunteer slot available for **PowerPoint** on the Fourth Sunday of each month

There are many openings for this Sunday



Register Here:

Register Here:

Confirmation



MORE TRUNKS ARE NEEDED!

CANDY DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.



All Hallows Blessing

By Jan Richardson

We are coming up on a trio of days that I have loved for a long time: Halloween, the Feast of All Saints, and the Feast of All Souls. I am grateful for the thin place that these days hold, and for the ways they remind us how close the worlds always are, even when they feel horribly far apart.

At this time of year, I am thinking especially of those who have lost beloved ones since this time last year, and whose grief is new and raw. And I am thinking also of those who have carried their grief for a long time.

These days invite us into memory and hope—and sorrow and joy and, most of all, love. Wherever you are, whatever you are holding, may you be met with solace and mysterious grace. This blessing is for you. Every single day.

All Hallows Blessing

Who live
in the spaces between
our breathing

in the corner
of our vision

in the hollows
of our bones

in the chambers
of our heart:

nowhere can they
be touched
yet still

how they move us

how they move
in us

made from the
tissue of memory
like the veil
between the worlds

that stirs at
the merest breath
this night
and then is
at rest.

—Jan Richardson
from *How the Stars Get in Your Bones: A Book of Blessings*



Wednesday Activities this week:

5:30pm Meal

6:00pm Worship

6:300pm Confirmation

6:30pm Adult Bible Study









October 31st
5 to 6:30pm
Cook County Community Center Parking Lot

PRAYER list

Healing prayers are requested:
Bonnie Hromidko, Patty Nelson, Shae Lindholm, Gene Erickson, Mary Sanders, Ed Hedstrom, Patrice Konop, Milly Gestel, Linda Zenk, Stacey Johnson, Nancy Koss, Lois Johnson, Butch & Rhonda Schulte, Luke Gulstrand, Sarah Coe, Phyllis Olson, Paulina Backstrom, Char Anderson, Stacey Schulte, Hank Ferland, Katrina Crouse, Karen Shannon, Tom Christiansen, Al Fuller

This week we lift up these new members & their families Jess Markusen, Bill Beckstrand, Lacey Smith, Nathan & Joni Kristenson, and Jonathan, Nancy, Paavo & Tuuli Rova. **May God walk with these friends in their journey of peace.**



Margaret Dahl,
Laura Dahl Popkes
& Paul Dahl

"We wanted to let you know that our mom, Margaret Dahl, finally got her wish and passed through the pearly gates today. We are all grateful for the peace she experienced as she met her Savior face to face. Thank you Bethlehem for the prayers over these past months."
- Laura, Paul & family

This Week at Bethlehem:

Sun Nov. 1	8:40 AM	Choir Practice
	10:00 AM	**Worship Service & Sunday School**
	3:30 PM	Borealis Orchestra practice
	5:00 PM	Borealis Chorale practice
Tues Nov. 3	Vote!	Election Day
	8:30 AM	Staff meeting
Wed Nov 4	8:00 AM	Church in Society Zoom
	10:30 AM	Christy B. in Library
	12:30 PM	Text Study
	5:30 PM	Community Meal
	6:00 PM	**Worship Service**
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
Thur Nov 5	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Quilting
Fri Nov 6	- - - - -	Clarity Hearing
Sun Nov 8	8:40 AM	AWB Practice
	10:00 AM	**Worship Service & Sunday School**
	3:30 PM	Borealis Orchestra practice
	5:00 PM	Borealis Chorale practice

Upcoming Events:

November 13: Rye Bread Making Day. Talk to Sue Hennessy if you can help.

November 14: Lutefisk Dinner, 4:00 & 6:00 pm seatings (Hospitality teams: Patti Beyer, Robin Johnson, Cindy Muus & Kathy Johnson)

November 22: December newsletter articles due.

November 29: Advent Begins!

1st Week of December: Christmas Tree set up and decorating. Date to be determined by Kent Anderson. We'd like to get families to help with this. Check in with Pastor or Jess.

December 5: Hanging of the Greens (Time to be determined. Talk to Janet Simonen or Hilja Iverson)

December 11 & 12: Borealis Concerts, 7:00 pm (Hospitality Teams: Dec. 11th Gwen Lenz & Kris Hedstrom, and Dec. 12th: Joy Oberg)



Second Annual Scandinavian-style lutefisk Dinner

With meatballs, potatoes, peas, lefse, rye bread, beet pickles and dessert

Saturday, November 14th

Two seating times:

4:00pm and 6:00pm

Tickets: $20/person

TICKETS NOW ON SALE

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We are seeking donations of Butter. Please drop yours off in church refrigerator before November 13

Mission Of the Month

The **October** Mission of the Month will support **Lutheran Disaster Response.**

Lutheran Disaster Response's work spans the globe, providing aid to those experiencing flooding in Nepal, earthquakes in Columbia and Venezuela, the crisis in the Middle East, and severe storms and wildfires in the United States.

Envelopes are on the Narthex table for your convenience.



Domestically, LDR works in collaboration with synods, social ministry organizations (SMOs), ecumenical partners, tribal nations and community-based organizations. We work by invitation and through relationships, always guided by the principle of accompaniment. Internationally, LDR collaborates with companion churches, Lutheran World Federation, ACT Alliance, Church World Service, and ecumenical partners to strengthen local disaster response and recovery through grants, assistance, capacity sharing, and led solutions.

Relief today. Resilience tomorrow.

Share God's hope, healing and renewal

Your gifts make it possible for this church to provide fast and effective support to communities in need, whenever and wherever a disaster may strike. Lutheran Disaster Response 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, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. If you designate your gift to a specific disaster, your gift will be used 100 percent for that disaster, unless more funds are received that are needed to fully fund a specific disaster response. If this happens, your gift will be used to address a similar effort.

EMPTY BOWLS

The Church in Society committee has chosen to give **November** monetary gifts to Empty Bowls.

Empty Bowls supports 39 different food distribution organizations in this county.

We also want to encourage the people of Bethlehem to bring **food shelf donations** to church this month. At this time, there is especially a **need for canned meat items like tuna, chicken, or spam, as well as juice products.**

We are sure Bethlehem can respond in a big way at this time of increasing needs.





Looking to borrow a refrigerator until December... Kathy Bolstad is looking for a refrigerator for her sister Bonnie. Her's died and the replacement won't be installed until December sometime. Do you have one available that they could use for several weeks? Kathy's # 218-370-9852

The Cook County Historical Society is excited to announce a brand-new event, "Museum by Candlelight." The 1st annual "Museum by Candlelight" will take place on *Saturday, November 28, 2026, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Cook County History Museum.* A second event will take place on a weeknight in December. Stay tuned for a specific date.

We invite you to join us at the former lighthouse keeper's residence, built in 1896, to celebrate the season of winter holidays. Walk through the History Museum, lit by candlelight and festive decor, as we gather to celebrate the warmth of the season.

To help make this event a success, we're looking for decoration donations! If you have extra garland, string lights, or natural decor taking up storage space, we'd love to take them off your hands. Your contributions will help us host this event for years to come.

Donations will be accepted during regular Museum hours, which are Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Saturday, November 14.

Learn more about what type of donations we are looking for here: cookcountyhistory.org/museum-by-candlelight

Additionally, we are looking for volunteers to help us decorate the Museum ahead of the event on Saturday, November 21 any time between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.! Learn more here: cookcountyhistory.org/events/2026/11/21/museum-by-candlelight-volunteer-decorating-day

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Social	Legal
• Clothing • Rent & utility bill payments • Grocery gift cards • Transportation pass • Driving lessons • Medical bills payment support • Employment assistance • Housing services • Navigation support • International credential evaluation	• Adjustment of Status (I-485) • Petitions to Remove Conditions to Residence (I-751) • Naturalization (N-400) • Employment Authorization (I-765) • Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (I-360) • T Visas (I-914) • U Visas (I-918) • VAWA Self-Petitions (I360) • Certificates of Citizenship for Children (N-600) • Replacement of lost, stolen, or expiring documents (I-90 or I-765)

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If we don't answer or the line is busy, please leave a voicemail with your name, phone number and reason for calling. We will return your call promptly.

Location

Our office is located at 32 East 1st Street #202, Duluth, MN 55802

We also have access to:
8 office locations, 2 justice buses, and 121 legal kiosks in NE Minnesota.
We can help in person, online, or by phone - even in rural areas

Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday 9-5pm