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Volume 27

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

ONLINE SERVICE

www.sharingchrist.org

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

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

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

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Every Wednesday:

5:30 PM Community Meal

6:00 PM Worship & Confirmation

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

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

WORSHIP NOTES

SUNDAY OCTOBER 29, 2023 CONFIRMATION & REFORMATION

10:00 AM

Join us as we celebrate Martin Luther's Reformation movement and Confirmation of our young people. We will have a guest preacher from the Synod office, Tayrn Montgomery the Minister of Discipleship and Christian Community.

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.

BIBLE STUDY/CIRCLE-BLCW

Day: Thursday November 9 at 2:00 PM—New Time!
All women, friends and members, are invited to this bible study which includes discussions of BLCW business. Refreshments are always served and lots of laughter.

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.

This Week at Bethlehem

Mon. Oct. 30	3:00 PM	Football Meal
		(hopefully!) Go Vikings!
	3:30 pm	Girl Scouts
Wed. Nov. 1	8:00 AM	Church in Society
	10:00 AM	Ministerium Mtg
	12:30 PM	Text Study
	5:30 PM	Community Meal – Subs
	6:00 PM	Confirmation
	6:00 PM	Contemporary Service
Thurs Nov.2	8:00 AM	Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Quilting
Fri. Nov. 3	– – – –	Clarity Hearing
	6:30 PM	Middle School Game Night
Sun. Nov. 5	8:40 AM	Choir Practice
	10:00 AM	Traditional Worship & Sunday School
	2:30 PM	Borealis Orchestra
	4:00 PM	Borealis Chorale practice



Do you know of any
College kids?

Send us their mailing address and
we will send them a card and keep
them in our prayers.

Guest Preacher on Reformation & Confirmation Sunday October 29, 2023



**SYNOD MINISTER TAYRN
MONTGOMERY, SYNOD
MINISTER FOR DISCIPLESHIP
AND CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

Pastor Tayrn is responsible for:

- Oversee existing youth ministry events in collaboration with youth and adult leaders.
- Focus on Cross-Generational Ministries within congregational and synodical contexts.
- Accompany leaders in thinking creatively about collaborative ministry with young people in their contexts.
- Offer trainings to equip people and congregations in spiritual gifts and practices.
- Collaborate with fellow synod staff in identifying and raising up leaders for rostered ministry.
- Resource rostered leaders, stewardship committees, and lay leaders in areas of financial stewardship through annual campaigns, capital campaigns, and awareness of stewardship needs.
- Encourage planned giving and assisting congregations in establishing/maintaining missional endowment funds.
- Give leadership to stewardship practices of the NEMN

This week we lift up these
Ninth Grade Students who are considering
Affirming their Faith through
Confirmation on Sunday:

Grant Oberg

Patience Sifferath

Brianna Monson

Katie Shannon

Lute Jansen

Talon DeBoer

Adam Oberg



May God walk with them in their faith journey

For What Shall We Pray?

**Ken and Jean Bratsch as they
move to Hutchinson this week.**

For peace in our world...

**For all casualties of the conflict in
Israel and Palestine and for all in
dire need of humanitarian aid...**

**For victims of gun violence,
especially in Lewiston, ME;
Birmingham, AL; Fairland, MD;
Charlotte, NC; Germantown, WI;
Louisville, KY; and Gardner, MA...**

**For areas of the United States
facing first winter storms of the
season...**

**For victims of Louisiana's I-55
interstate crash...**

**For all in the pathway of
landfalling tropical cyclones
moving toward Bangladesh,
Yemen, Vanuatu, Nicaragua, and
Acapulco, Mexico...**

**For ongoing drought in Brazil, and
all areas suffering extreme
weather...**

**For safe working conditions and
fair wages for workers across the
world...**

**For renewed hope and comfort for
those who grieve...especially the
family of Sharon Eliassen...**

**In gratitude for the leadership of
pastors, bishops, deacons, and
ecumenical partners...**

**For gifts of renewal and
reformation in our churches and
in our lives of faith...**

**Taken from ELCA Worship website:
<https://blogs.elca.org/worship/8167/>**

Prayer Requests

For Healing:

Emily Uhorn,
Linda Zenk,
Bruce Johnson,
Lynn Schulte,
Vera Finn,
Lois Johnson,
Barbara Erickson,
Char Anderson,
Rhonda Schulte,

Paulina Backstrom,
Les Donek,
Carly Hawkinson-
Sohm;
Emi Heikkinen
Betty Jones,
Butch Nelson
Kristi (Speck) Perales,
Greg Keebaugh,
Eric Tofte
Stanley Markusen



Mission Of the Month C. C. Food Shelf

The Cook County Food Shelf is not a government funded program. We receive food and funds due to the generosity of community members and groups who care about the well being of our residents. There are no income guidelines, you have only to ask for our assistance.

Our mission statement is simply "The Cook County Food Shelf exists to provide an emergency 3-day supply of food once a month for families who would otherwise go hungry because of financial hardship".

Our open hours are every Monday 3:00pm until 5:00 pm and the first Wednesday of the month from 4:30 pm until 6:30 pm. We could always use more volunteers to pack bags and boxes of food during our open hours, or to assist clients. We try to be fair with every person who uses the food shelf regardless of their status or job description.

Food Suggestions:

- ⇒ stews, chilis, hearty soups, chow mien or chop suey
- ⇒ soup in cans, dry packets, or shelf stable cartons
- ⇒ cream soups like mushroom, chicken and celery to use as a gravy; gravy mixes.
- ⇒ rice, rice mixes, pastas, pasta mixes, mac & cheese
- ⇒ peanut butter, jams or jellies
- ⇒ cereals (non-sweet is good for most appetites)

- ⇒ canned fruits or canned vegetables: canned tomatoes, tomato sauces, canned potatoes, sweet potatoes, canned beans of any type.
- ⇒ juice in cans, bottles, or dry canisters
- ⇒ crackers and cookies (yes, desserts!)
- ⇒ tuna, spam, canned chicken or other meats

Anything you and your family likes to eat, most of the users of our food shelf would also like. Our clients are creative, out of necessity. Personal items like toothbrushes, combs, shampoos, etc. would also be appreciated. Please no dry beans or peas (we have many of them already).

Thank you for thinking of our organization! Food donations can be placed in the narthex shopping cart throughout the month of October. If you would like to give a financial contribution, please note "Food Shelf" on your October Mission of the Month special offering.

Submitted by Gwen Lenz

October Member Challenge:

Designate some time as a family to plan and shop for items to contribute to our local food shelf. Be intentional and creative in your selections and let every family member take part. Bring your donations with you to church on Sunday and drop them off in the shopping cart.



The Cart is EMPTY!!

We delivered a load of food to the Food Shelf on Monday, so now we need **YOU** to fill up the cart again!



In Our Thoughts & Prayers



We are saddened to tell you that Sharon Eliassen died early this morning, Oct. 27th in Superior WI.

Please keep her family and many friends in your thoughts and prayers.

No service is planned at this time.

Peace In Christ.

All-Church Meeting



NOVEMBER 5TH
AT 11:15^{AM}

**THIS MEETING IS TO DISCUSS
AND VOTE ON HIRING A FULL-
TIME DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN,
YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY.**

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 852 7955 2017 Passcode: 930028
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85279552017?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85279552017?pwd=OHIVbG5iRmlyVm4zRENnVlcxZVpmUT09)
[pwd=OHIVbG5iRmlyVm4zRENnVlcxZVpmUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85279552017?pwd=OHIVbG5iRmlyVm4zRENnVlcxZVpmUT09)

Sunday October 29:
Reformation &
Confirmation Sunday
Readings and Psalm:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

*I will write my law in
their hearts, says the Lord*

Psalm 46

The Lord of hosts is with
us; the God of Jacob is
our stronghold.

Romans 3:19-28

*Justified by God's grace as
a gift*

John 8:31-36

*Jesus says, Continue in
my word and you will
know the truth*

**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.**

Input Wanted!!

Cook County Schools wants your input about the possibility of improvements to school district facilities and grounds!

Please plan to attend one of the input meetings!!!

When: November 1st or 9th at 6:30pm
Where: Cook County Schools Cafeteria
Who: All Cook County residents are invited to attend and participate

The Nov. 9th meeting is right after parent/teacher conferences

GOOD LUCK VIKINGS!

Bethlehem has enjoyed hosting the meals for Football players the night before their games.

Thank you to Brooke Youngdahl and Krista Mixdorf who have coordinated and provided the meals. **“Way to go, moms!”** who made this happen each week throughout the season!



WOMEN'S REFRESH RETREAT

November 3rd-5th

Theme: Forgiveness and Reconciliation

How are we called to be "ambassadors of reconciliation" in a world of strife and peril?

Women of all ages are welcome to join us as Pastor Kathryn Tiede guides us through a truly holy way of looking at the world: through the eyes of a forgiving and reconciling God.

Join us starting with dinner at 6pm on Friday the 3rd, and end with breakfast and worship on Sunday the 5th. Join us for the whole weekend or just a day, just let us know! Lodging will be in our year-round retreat center at double occupancy with private restrooms. Please bring your own bedding and toiletries.

Cost: Nov. 3rd-4th(1 night,3 meals): \$94

Nov. 3rd-5th (2 nights, 5 meals): \$136

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WWW.CAMPONOMIA.ORG
OR GIVE US A CALL:
320-532-3767