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## I'm Back!

Thanks to Pastor Calvin and  
Jessica for covering my space.

- Denise



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*I am with you always*

MATTHEW 28:20

**Holy Trinity Sunday**

**May 31, 2026**

***Livestream Link:***

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=u9B8JZIU86I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9B8JZIU86I)

# PRAYER list

Healing prayers are requested:

Linda Zenk, Kamryn Johnson, Stacey Johnson, Lynn Schulte, Clayton & Nancy Koss, Lois Johnson, Butch & Rhonda Schulte, Luke Gulstrand, Sarah Coe, Phyllis Olson, Paulina Backstrom, Shae Lindholm, Char Anderson, Stacey Schulte, Hank Ferland, Margaret Dahl, Katrina Crouse, Karen Shannon, Tom Christiansen

This week we lift up these members: Duane & Joan Ege; Gene Erickson; Brent & Marja Erickson; Lois Eynck; Chad, Heather, Hunter & Logan Smith. May God walk with these faithful friends in their Resurrection journey.



Lord,  
Hear Our  
Prayer

## This Week at Bethlehem:

|             |          |                                        |
|-------------|----------|----------------------------------------|
| Sun May 31  | 8:40 AM  | Choir practice                         |
|             | 10:00 AM | <b>Worship Service</b>                 |
| Tues June 2 | 8:30 AM  | Staff Meeting                          |
| Wed June 3  | 8:00 AM  | Church in Society<br>Zoom meeting      |
|             | 12:30 PM | Text Study                             |
| Thurs Jun 4 | 8:00 AM  | Bible Study                            |
|             | 9:00 AM  | Quilting                               |
| Fri June 5  | - - - -  | Clarity Hearing                        |
| Sat June 6  | 11:00 AM | Joan Bieber<br>Memorial service        |
| Sun Jun 7   | 8:40 AM  | Choir practice                         |
|             | 10:00 AM | <b>Worship Service</b>                 |
|             | 11:00 AM | Church Picnic                          |
|             | 2:00 PM  | Grad party for<br>Martina - Jacobsen's |

## Mark your calendars for upcoming Memorial Services:

- Joan Bieber's on Saturday June 6 at 11 am. Visitation at 10am. light meal to follow
- Susan Gulstrand's will be Fri. July 31 [time TBD]

IN LOVING  
Memory



# Mission Of the Month

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The May Mission of the Month will support **Lutheran World Relief**, supporting their mission to end global poverty.

"Founded in 1945 by Lutherans in the U.S., Lutheran World Relief is an international aid and development organization that partners with communities to help them develop productive and stable economies, improve resilience in the face of a changing climate, and respond to natural disasters and humanitarian crises."

Lutheran World Relief defines their work through three core efforts:

### **Rural Economies and Agricultural Livelihoods**

We partner with communities to create jobs and develop productive, inclusive and resilient economies rooted in agriculture.

### **Environment**

We promote sustainable farming practices so farmers and agribusinesses can improve productivity while conserving their natural resources.

### **Humanitarian Assistance**

We respond to natural disasters and complex crises, helping people recover, rebuild and reduce their vulnerabilities to future shocks.

In a time of rising conflict and increasing climate disasters, Bethlehem's support will be directed where needed most. We welcome you to join us in supporting our neighbors across the globe! Learn more by visiting [lwr.org](http://lwr.org).



**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

## MEMBER CHALLENGE:

*Thanks to Hilja Iverson who discovered a need and an opportunity for Bethlehem members to lend a hand.*

## UNION GOSPEL MISSION IN DULUTH is in need of clothing donations:

Men and Women's clothing

New/gently used Pants

New Socks

New Underwear

**Deadline for donations to be  
brought to Bethlehem is  
Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>** ←

**(Bring them to church on Sunday)**

*Thanks to Hilja, Shawn and family for  
spearheading this mission.*





# “For what shall we pray?”

*This is from a weekly post inviting individuals, groups, and congregations to lift up our world in prayer. This resource is prepared by a variety of leaders in the ELCA.*

## Prayer prompts:

For peace and reconciliation among the nations, especially in Iran, Lebanon, Gaza, Mali, South Sudan, Ukraine, and Venezuela...

For all immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers...

For fair and compassionate immigration policies and enforcement...

For LGBTQIA+ individuals and communities during this upcoming Pride month...

For graduating students and all experiencing the transition of the school year into summer and beyond...

For all those wounded and grieving after various events of death and destruction across the world: a coal mine explosion in China, a building collapse in the Philippines, a suicide bombing in Pakistan...

For the safety of all evacuated in Garden Grove, California, due to a cracked chemical tank...

For Muslims completing their Hajj pilgrimage this year, for their safety and spiritual welfare...

For synods of the ELCA as they gather in their assemblies, that the Spirit would enliven and guide them...

## Events and observances:

May observances: Mental Health Awareness Month, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, National Military Appreciation Month, National Foster Care Month.

June observances: LGBTQ+ Pride Month

John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564 (May 27)

Jiri Tranovsky, hymnwriter, died 1637 (May 29)

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Visit of Mary to Elizabeth (May 31)

Justin, martyr at Rome, died c.135 (June 1)

The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886, June 3)

John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963 (June 3)

Boniface, martyr, died 754 (June 5)

## Prayers from ELCA resources:

God of faithfulness, you bless those who are persecuted. Strengthen those who suffer for the sake of conscience. When they are accused, save them from speaking in hate; when they are rejected, save them from bitterness; when they are imprisoned, save them from despair. Give us grace to respect their witness and to discern the truth, that our society may be cleansed and strengthened; for the sake of our merciful and righteous judge, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God, our gracious giver, your Son Jesus taught us that where our treasure is there our hearts will be also. Teach us to love people more than money, relationships more than things, and you above all, that the way we live will reflect what we truly value and believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who emptied himself in love for us, and now reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

## Camino de Santiago Compostela Murray's 2026 trip (just a few highlights)



My talented husband created a video recap of our pilgrimage:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1pl1rjfLBYY>



# BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN IS A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

## *Celebration on June 7, 2026 at 10:00 am*

Greetings from Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Grand Marais. We are now, officially, a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation!

After a time of faithful discernment, respectful dialogue, intentional education and heartfelt discussions, our congregation, with an almost unanimous vote, has adopted a new Welcome Statement and become an RIC congregation. This means we are an open and affirming church to folks who are in the LGBTQIA2S+ community and have a commitment to racial justice and racial equity.

We encourage full participation in the life of our church for all of God's children. Our Mission Statement is: *Belonging to Christ, Sharing Christ on the North Shore and Beyond*. Please visit our website: [sharingchrist.org](http://sharingchrist.org)

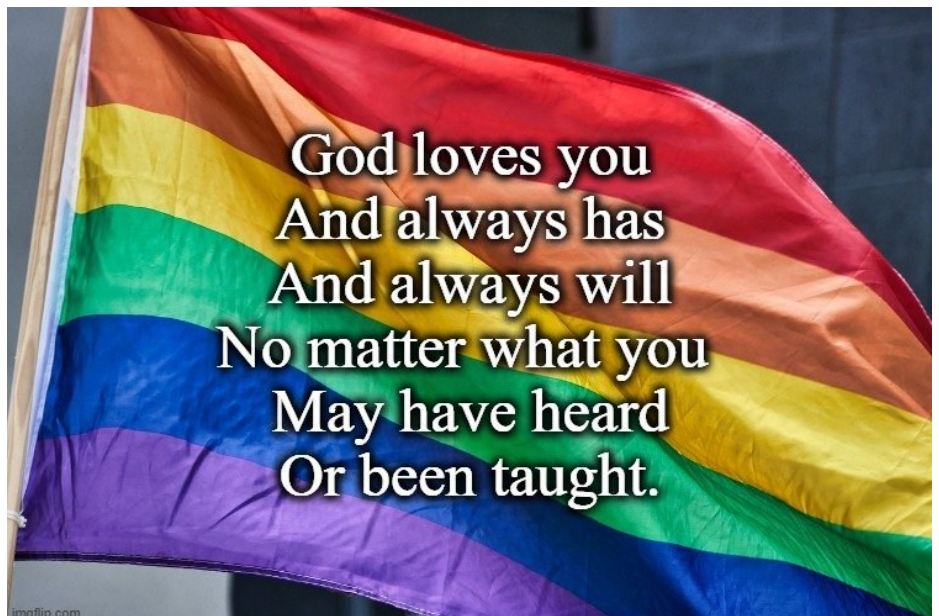
We are announcing this momentous event in our 126<sup>th</sup> year to all of our past and present parishioners, folks from all of Cook County and beyond. We invite you to come share your faith in Worship, Gospel, Communion and Fellowship on Sunday at 10:00 am and on Wednesdays (during the school year) at 6:00 pm.

**We are celebrating becoming an RIC congregation on Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> at our Worship Service at 10:00 am, followed by a picnic on the church lawn. We would love to have you celebrate with us!**

Peace be with you all. Know that God loves you and made you to be exactly who you are!



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# Looking to go to camp this summer?

Camps are a great way to meet new people, grow closer to God and spend time outdoors.

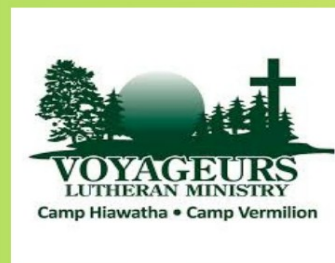
Here at Bethlehem, we want every student to be able to experience camp! Bethlehem offers a \$250 scholarship to any Christian camp, they would like to go to!

Please contact Jess with any questions, comments or concerns!  
507-530-2763 - blcyouth@boreal.org

Here are some camps that we love, if you are looking for an amazing camp experience!



**Wilderness  
Canoe Base**



Application forms may be found at: <https://www.sharingchrist.org/forms>



## Bethlehem Lutheran Church Camper Scholarship Application



Camper Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade entering \_\_\_\_\_

Church Camp attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

It is Bethlehem's intent to make Church Camp affordable so every child gets to go to camp.

How much money are you requesting? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to receive your campership?

☐ Please reimburse me. (Please attach payment receipt)

☐ Please mail the scholarship directly to camp



Camp Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_