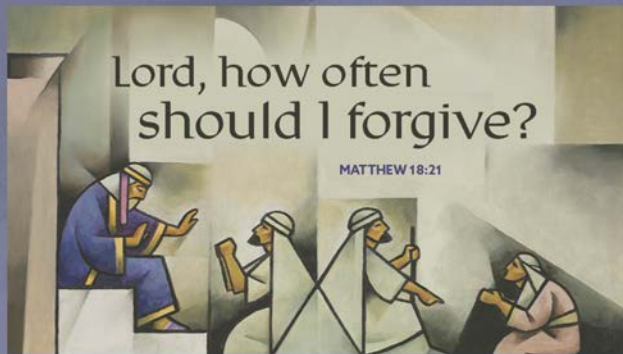


E-Weekly

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Sunday

September 13, 2026

10:00am

Special music with Deborah Roach (French Horn, Duluth Symphony) & Karina Roth

Livestream link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CFPY3y35UuM>

Readings and Psalm

Genesis 50:15-21

Joseph reconciles with his brothers

Psalm 103:1-13

LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy.

Romans 14:1-12

Accepting diversity in the community of faith

Matthew 18:21-35

A parable of forgiveness in the community of faith



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Trunk-or-Treat Participants Needed

Help us fill the parking lot with decorated trunks, treats and friendly faces! Our Trunk-or-Treat will be held on *October 31st* from 5:00 pm—6:30 pm at Cook County Community Center Parking Lot.

Individuals, families and groups are invited to decorate a vehicle and provide individually wrapped candy.



PRAYER list

Healing prayers are requested:

Emily Ulhorn, Milly Gestel, Kent & Janet Peterson, Lynn Schulte, Bonnie, Linda Zenk, Stacey Johnson, 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, Al Fuller, Loretta Bloomquist.

This week we lift up these members: Linda Zenk, Char Anderson; Bill Beckstrand, Becca Jorgenson, Keaton Riley, MaKenzie, MaTaya, MaCoy, MaKai & MaKotah Fairbanks; Mark, Brooke, Reuben, Grete & Barrett Youngdahl. May God walk with these friends in their journey of peace.

This Week at Bethlehem:

Sun Sept 13	8:40 AM	Choir Practice
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:15 AM	Potluck Lunch & GWOH Projects
Mon Sept 14	3:30 PM	Girl Scouts
	6:30 PM	Executive Committee
Tues Sept 15	8:30 AM	Staff meeting
	7:00 PM	Stewardship meeting
Wed Sept 16	12:30 PM	Text Study
Thur Sept 17	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Quilting
	9:30 AM	BLCW Esther Circle
Fri Sept 18	- - - -	Clarity Hearing appts.
Sun Sept 20	8:40 AM	Choir Practice
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	2:00 PM	Worship Service at the Care Center



Mission of the Month

Hamilton Habitat

*My people will abide in a peaceful habitation,
in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.
(Isaiah 32:18)*

Sunday Morning Volunteers

We are seeking more help with Sunday morning worship. specifically we would like a larger pool of ushers, communion servers, greeters and lectors. If you would like to learn more about any of these volunteer positions, we will be hosting 2 training opportunities for you: **Sundays September 20 & September 27, 11:00 am** in the fellowship hall.

For information please attend one of the training sessions following worship on these dates. We are starting an online signup by using this **QR Code:**



As we prepare to care for our church home during "God's work. Our hands." Sunday (September 13), our Mission of the Month will support affordable housing for our Cook County neighbors.

Hamilton Habitat is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization building houses that make home ownership more attainable. Follow along with their progress on Facebook or <https://hamiltonhabitat.wordpress.com/> to learn about their upcoming work, including the "Congo Church Property Projects."



**HAMILTON
HABITAT!**



God's work. Our hands.



September 13, 2026

Please join us for an
afternoon of
projects around the Church

Wear your GWOH t-shirt or
get a new one that day.

Potluck Lunch
September 13 after worship



Bring a favorite dish to share

Fall Chore Days Friday & Saturday, October 9th-10th



The Fall Chore Days event connects volunteer workers with Cook County neighbors age 60+ to help with outdoor fall chores such as raking leaves, cleaning/moving patio furniture, and general yard cleanup. Individuals, families, and groups are welcome to sign up for a morning or afternoon shift on either or both days.

Contact Care Partners by **September 25th** to learn how you can volunteer - or to ask about getting a helping hand with your fall chores! Email Minda at minda@carepartnersofcookcounty.org phone [218-387-3788](tel:218-387-3788), or visit the Care Partners website (www.carepartnersofcookcounty.org)

Intergenerational Pen Pals – Connect Across Generations with the Joy of Letter Writing!

Care Partners is seeking older adults to share stories, wisdom, and friendship through heartfelt handwritten letters with students in the 4th-grade class at Sawtooth Mountain Elementary. From October to April, enjoy the experience of a monthly letter exchange!

To learn more or sign up for the program, visit the Care Partners website (www.carepartnersofcookcounty.org) or reach out to Minda at minda@carepartnersofcookcounty.org phone [218-387-3788](tel:218-387-3788) by **September 15th**.





Homecoming Sunday—October 4

Come home for Homecoming!

Current and former members, friends and neighbors are invited to join us on Sunday, October 4, for a joyful day of worship, remembrance and fellowship. Worship begins at 10:00 am, followed by a “Walking Tacos” meal on the south lawn/patio; lawn games, and TWO bounce houses.

Please invite someone with a special connection to our church.



Denise will print new Church Directories for the Homecoming Event.

We would like updated photos for your entry, and to correct errors in the current directory.

Please email them to: blc@boreal.org before September 21.



We're Updating Our Church Directory



**WANTED:
YOUR SMILE**



**New Number?
New Address?
New Haircut?
Let Us Know!**

WPI International Journalist Forum

The Story Behind the Story: Global Journalism Today

September 15 | 7-8:30pm | At Arrowhead Center for the Arts
Facilitated by: Marja Erickson

Join us for a compelling discussion featuring the 2026 World Press Institute (WPI) international journalists as they share their experiences reporting in diverse political and cultural environments around the world. The panel will explore the vital role of the media in shaping public understanding, the challenges of press freedom, and the ethical dilemmas journalists face in the field. Come and listen, bring your questions, and join the conversation.

Learn more about the international journalists at: <https://worldpressinstitute.org/fellows/2026-wpi-fellows/>

Community Potluck

September 16 | 6:30-7:30pm | At Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Join us for an evening of cross-cultural exchange and camaraderie with the WPI Journalists at a community Potluck meal at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fellowship hall.



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COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Casual Community Conversation

Join us for an evening of cross-cultural exchange and camaraderie at the WPI International Journalist Potluck! This special gathering brings together journalists from around the world and local community members to share stories, ideas, and a meal. Bring your friends and family, a favorite dish to share, and your curiosity.

Please also bring your own beverage, plate, utensils, and serving utensil. We look forward to sharing this meaningful evening with you!



**At Arrowhead Center
for the Arts**
7-8:30pm

**At Bethlehem Lutheran
Church - Upstairs**
6:30-7:30pm



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