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## 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](http://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](http://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 box in the lower entryway.

## WORSHIP NOTES

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2023

#### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - 10:00 AM

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

## 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

- 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
- Mon. Nov. 6    - - - - - Denise's day off
- Wed. Nov. 8    12:30 PM Text Study  
                   5:30 PM Community Meal – Pizza  
                   6:00 PM Confirmation  
                   6:00 PM Contemporary Service
- Thurs Nov.9    8:00 AM Bible Study  
                   9:00 AM Quilting  
                   1:00 PM Esther Circle
- Fri. Nov. 10    - - - - - Veterans Day Observed
- Sat. Nov. 11    - - - - - Veterans Day
- Sun. Nov. 12    8:40 AM Choir Practice  
                   10:00 AM Traditional Worship & Sunday School  
                   11:15 AM Meeting: All Youth Gathering  
                   2:30 PM Borealis Orchestra  
                   4:00 PM Borealis Chorale practice

## THIS SUNDAY MORNING:



Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday, November 5th. Please remember to get an extra hour of sleep before coming to church on Sunday.

We remember our saints gathered in thee eternal presence, especially all who have died in the past year.

Jessie Anderson

James Ford

Kaye Tavernier

Anna Speck

B. J. Muus

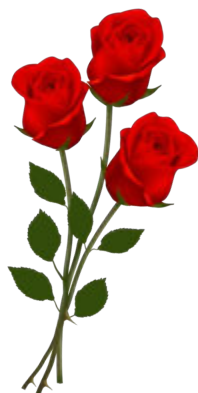
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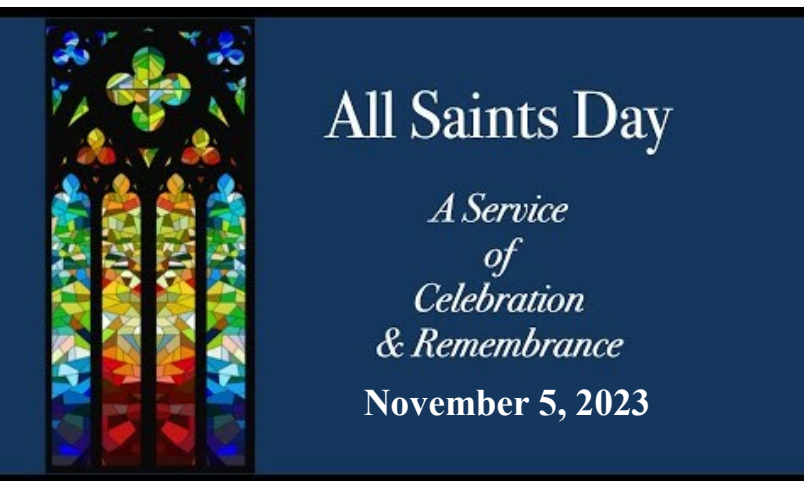
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## All Saints Day

*A Service  
of  
Celebration  
& Remembrance*

November 5, 2023



Please communicate prayer & praise items to:

[bhc@boreal.org](mailto:bhc@boreal.org) or 218-387-2227

If you have photos from a recent trip or comments to share regarding Bethlehem connections, please forward to [bhc@boreal.org](mailto:bhc@boreal.org).



## For What Shall We Pray?

### Prayer Requests

#### For Healing:

Joyce Heiskari  
Emily Ulhorn,  
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  
Dorothy Peterson

### Great news:

Linda Zenk has returned home, still recovering but it's great to be home!

### Moved:

Pastor Bob Stoskopf has moved in with his daughter Jana's family. A note from Pastor Bob:

Friends in Christ,  
Words can't adequately express my thanks for the honor of celebrating my 85th birthday with you at Bethlehem. It was a very special day during which new memories were made. Thanks for sharing laughs and conversation, and for the blessing of friendship and faith.

I moved on Oct. 22nd from Duluth to Rochester, and am now living with my daughter & son-in-law, Jana & Jim. I'm close to grandkids and great grandsons, and will be able to get to my home more frequently. I am looking forward to spring trips to the cabin!

I would love to hear from you!  
~Pastor Bob

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For peace in our world...

For all casualties of conflicts between Israel and Palestine, Russia and Ukraine, and all places of war in our world...

For victims of gun violence, especially in Lewiston, ME; Chicago, IL; Brooklyn, NY; Bristol, VT; Cranston, RI; Birmingham AL ...

For increased understanding and cooperation among religions, cultures, and peoples...

For those fighting wildfires in California...

For upcoming elections and transitions in government, and for renewed commitment to the common good...

For communities damaged by Hurricane Otis...

For refugees and all migrants...

In thanksgiving for our ancestors of faith...

In celebration with the newly baptized and those preparing for baptism...

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



# ELCA Good Gifts

The Church in Society Committee has selected the ELCA Good Gifts program as our November Mission of the Month. This program provides a variety of gifts such as livestock, agricultural equipment, wells, water filtration, education, and many others that help people in places all over the world to gain a sustainable path to a better standard of living. We hope our congregation will donate generously as we go into this season of giving with thankful hearts.



## November Member Challenge

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

(ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world – together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference.

**ELCA Good Gifts** is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to you and the people you love.

**1. Choose your gift.** Catalogs and order forms are in the Narthex or go to the website:

<https://goodgifts.elca.org/>

Browse and choose the gifts that mean the most to you, or choose gifts to give in honor of friends and loved ones.

**2. Get a card**

If your gift is in honor of a friend or loved one, it's easy to tell him or her about it.

**3. Where your money goes**

Every project in every community starts with listening. We believe that our congregations, companion churches and partners know their communities best. That's why they identify the needs and priorities in their communities, as well

as the solutions they believe will make the biggest impact.

The items in this catalog are real examples from projects currently supported through different churchwide ministries. The projects have been planned by our partners – meaning that each community receives exactly the kind of support they need and none of what they don't.

Your donation will be used where it is needed most within the wider category of each gift you've selected. This allows our church to stay adaptive, flexible and effective in the work that we do. Because we seek to honor your generosity and keep administrative costs low, we do not track individual financial gifts to specific families or locations in the U.S. or abroad. More than 85 percent of your gifts directly support our programs. Less than 15 percent is used for administration and fundraising

**How to give: direct or through Bethlehem?** You can give either way, but if you give through BLC you will be adding to the "Holy Cow" fund. (Every year prizes are given at the Synod Assembly to the church that gives the most to ELCA missions.)

To make your financial contribution through our Mission of the Month, note "ELCA Good Gifts" on your check and drop it in the offering plate. You may also attach an order form to your check to Bethlehem and we will make sure the order will go with our November donations.

Thank you for your continued support of our Mission of the Month.

In peace, the Church in Society Team - Jess Markusen, Sue Anderson, Libby Larson and Joni Kristenson.



# All-Church Meeting

**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=OHIVbG5iRmIyVm4zRENnVlcxZVpmUT09)

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**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.

Sunday November 5:  
All Saints' Sunday  
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*

**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.**

**Singles, Families, People Wanted!!**

**Come one, come all.**

**Wednesday nights...Church is the place to be!**

**It's easier than being at home!**

**Community Meal 5:30 to 6 pm**

**(free will donations)**



## **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\*\***

# **Giving Thanks to God**

*- All Day, Every Day*

The daily practice of giving thanks to God for blessings received is at the heart of our lives as women of faith. Even the ordinary blessings of daily life call us to gratitude

Lutheran women have a time-honored way to practice giving thanks — Thankofferings.

**Thankoffering Sunday  
Volunteer Opportunity:**

**Looking for Women to take  
part in the Worship Service.**

**Sign up on the Blue  
Clipboard in the Narthex**

## Ruby's Pantry: New Time and Place:

Tuesday Nov 14 @ High School

Ruby's Pantry will be at Cook County High School. Food distribution at 5:00pm - 6:30pm (We have to be later due to buses leaving school!) \$25 a share (gift certificates available upon request at the cashier or start of line.)

**VOLUNTEER HOURS change 3:30pm - 5pm. Carting out food 5-6:45pm.**

Some snowbirds are leaving so we will need more volunteers than ever!! Please come and help! We will show you what to do! Follow signs! Drive up by Football field



A PRAYER FOR

# ALL SOULS

*In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.*

*In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest.*

*The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and forever.*

*Amen.*

PRAYER FOR THE DEAD, THE SAINT  
PAUL CENTER FOR BIBLICAL  
THEORY

Hi Bethlehem!

I'm looking for a ride from Grand Marais to the Fargo-Moorhead area over the Thanksgiving holiday (and a ride back this way afterwards). Anyone heading that way and have space in their vehicle for me? I would gladly pay for gas. My schedule is flexible for travel for any days between November 19th and 27th.

If this is a possibility you can reach me at: [jess.markusen@gmail.com](mailto:jess.markusen@gmail.com) or 641-590-3876

Thanks,

Jessica Markusen

