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E-Weekly November 29, 2023

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 box in the lower entryway.

WORSHIP NOTES DECEMBER 3, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT 10:00 AM

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

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 30 at 9:30 AM—New Time!

This meeting is to plan and organize the **Holiday Bake Sale and Brunch** (Sat. Dec. 9, 11-1). Please come to add your ideas and help with the organizing & planning.

QUILTING

Day: Thursdays at 9:00 AM

Anyone is welcome to join weekly or just occasionally. Any or no skill level is required.

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER



Wednesdays
in Advent

5:30 pm Meal

6:00 pm Service

November 29

December 6

December 13

December 20

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JOIN US IN PERSON

This Week at Bethlehem

- Wed. Nov. 29 12:30 PM Text Study
5:30 PM Community Meal – Hotdish
6:00 PM Advent Service
6:00 PM Confirmation—Game Show night
- Thurs Nov.30 8:00 AM Bible Study
9:00 AM Quilting
- Sat. Dec. 2 1:00 PM Hanging of the Greens
- Sun. Dec. 3 8:40 AM Choir Practice
10:00 AM First Sunday of Advent
Worship & Sunday School
2:30 PM Borealis Orchestra
4:00 PM Borealis Chorale practice



HANGING OF THE GREENS

The annual “Hanging Of The Greens” will be held on Saturday, December 2nd beginning at 1:00 p.m. Let’s “spruce things up!” Come for an hour or for the entire afternoon and help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. *Many hands make light work.* All materials are provided (including coffee, cider, goodies, and general merriment), but feel free to bring your own gardening gloves, clippers, and/or heavy-duty scissors if you have them.

BE THE FIRST TO
SEE THIS YEAR'S
DECORATIONS!

The First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023 Readings and Psalm:

Isaiah 64:1-9

Prayer that God would come with power and compassion

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Let your face shine upon us,
and we shall be saved.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gifts of grace sustain those who wait for the end

Mark 13:24-37

The sudden coming of the Son of Man

Do you know someone that would like to get
a card in the mail?

Please contact Denise in the office with the name
and address. We will send them a card and keep
them in our prayers.



For What Shall We Pray?

Prayer Requests

Gwen Lenz
Hank Ferland
Joyce Heiskari
Emily Ulhorn,
Linda Zenk,
Bruce Johnson,
Lynn Schulte,
Vera Finn,
Lois Johnson,
Barbara Erickson,
Char Anderson,
Rhonda Schulte,

For Healing:

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

“All Earth is Hopeful” Borealis Chorale and Orchestra Annual Concert

Friday, December 8 &
Saturday, December 9
7:00 PM nightly
Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Free will offering, \$10+ suggested

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH SET
UP, SERVING AND CLEAN UP FOLLOWING
THE CONCERTS.

Contact Chel Anderson: johnalt@boreal.org.

phone: 218-475-0147

For peace among nations...

**For safe return of hostages
and for protection for
migrants...**

**In lament over acts of
violence fueled by hate,
prejudice, and fear,
especially in Burlington,
VT...**

**For areas of the nation
facing winter storms,
especially in Michigan, Ohio,
Pennsylvania, and New
York...**

**In thanksgiving for
successful rescue
operations following a
tunnel collapse in northern
India...**

**For victims of political
violence in Sierra Leone...
For those injured and killed
in a South African mine
elevator accident, and for
their loved ones...**

**For pastors, deacons,
musicians, and all church
leaders preparing for
Advent, and for the
congregations they serve...**



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.





BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN'S
HOLIDAY BAKE SALE
AND BRUNCH

Saturday, December 9th, 2023

11:00 Noon to 1:00 PM

417 First Ave. W., Grand Marais

Handmade Christmas Baking
Raffle for Prizes provided by members

\$10 Brunch: Chicken Salad on Croissant, fruit, cookies, coffee

For information contact Cathi Williams at 218-370-8188

**Drop off baked goods on Fri. Dec. 8th by noon;
or before 10:30 am Dec. 9th.**

