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Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Livestream Link: [https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=ZwfrRhMnW1x0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZwfrRhMnW1x0)

*What can I offer the Lord
for all he has done for me?*

*I will lift up the cup of salvation
and praise the Lords name for saving me.*

*I will keep my promises to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.*

Psalm 116:12-14

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Receiving God's promise through baptism

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I will call on the name of the LORD

1 Peter 1:17-23

Born anew through the living word of God

Luke 24:13-35

Eating with the risen Christ

PRAYER list

Healing prayers are requested:

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

This week we lift up these members: Drew Heinonen & Lisa Tracy, Naomi, Anders & Sylvan; Nate, Lynn, Landon, Lucas, Levi & Natasha Sheils; Carol Berglund; Kathy & Doug Finn; Gwen & Bill Lenz. May God walk with these faithful friends in their Easter journey.



This Week at Bethlehem:

Sun Apr 19	8:40 AM	Choir practice
	10:00 AM	Worship Service & Sunday School
	2:00 PM	Worship at Care Center
Mon Apr 20	3:30 PM	Girl Scouts
	6:30 PM	Church Council
Tues Apr 21	8:30 AM	Galatians Study
	5:30 PM	Girl Scouts
	6:30 PM	Worship planning
Wed Apr 22	12:30 PM	Text Study
	5:30 PM	Community Meal
	6:00 PM	Worship
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
	6:30 PM	Galatians Study
Thurs Apr 23	8:00 AM	Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Quilting
Sat. Apr 25	9-2	Free Laundry Day
Sun Apr 26	8:40 AM	Choir practice
	10:00 AM	Worship Service & Sunday School

Mark your calendars for upcoming Memorial Services:

- **Eð Bolstad's will be Sat. May 2 at 11:00 am**
- **Barbara Erickson's will be Sat. May 16 at 11:00 am**
- **Susan Gulstrand's will be Fri. July 31 [time TBD]**



You're Invited to Free Laundry Day

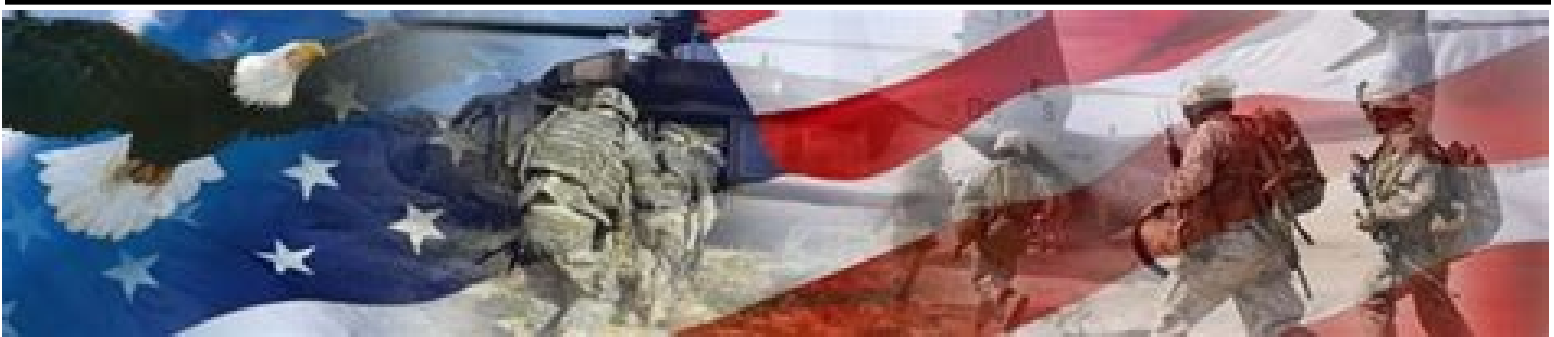
April 25, 2026 9am to 2pm
At "Squig's" North Shore Laundromat

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church will provide
free quarters for your laundry.**

**Coffee and donuts provided in the morning
and sandwiches at lunch.**

FREE Community Event
There may even be live music!

Bethlehem's Mission of the Month for April will be a **Free Laundry Day** for any of our neighbors who would appreciate a little help making ends meet. We are asking for cash donations that can be turned into quarters for the machines. You can also bring rolls of quarters to the church office. Our event will be held at Squig's laundry, just above the courthouse at 5th Ave and 3rd Street, on Saturday, April 25th. We will have morning coffee and donuts, lunch sandwiches, and snacks. Last year's event was a great time for getting to know locals we had not met, and inviting folks to "come and see" what's happening at Bethlehem. We are hoping for an even bigger turnout this year. Who knew laundry day could be so much fun?



Christian Curtis, Chmelik's grandson, has been deployed to Saudi Arabia for 6 months. We appreciate your prayers for Christian during this time.

“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, South Sudan, Ukraine, and Venezuela...
- For Christian unity and courage in seeking and speaking peace...
- For rescue, recovery, and rebuilding work after storms, tornadoes, and flooding across the Midwestern US...
- For victims of gun violence, especially in school shootings in Turkey...
- For elections and political transitions around the world, especially in Hungary...
- For all who struggle amidst rising fuel costs around the globe...
- For the victims and survivors of the ship which sank between Bangladesh and Myanmar...
- For safety for those on the Gaza flotilla from Spain...
- For victims of the stampede at Laferrière Citadel in Haiti...
- For the diversity and gifts of the human family...
- For those who face financial stress in this tax season, and for renewed wisdom among leaders who discern how to use shared resources for the common good...
- For migrating birds and insects, and for animals waking from hibernation...

Events and observances:

April Observances: Autism Awareness Month, National Alcohol Awareness Month, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573; renewers of the church (Apr 19)
Anselm, bishop of Canterbury, died 1109 (Apr 21)
Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, died 1960 (Apr 23)
Mark, Evangelist (Apr 25)

Prayers from ELCA resources:

A prayer for the proper use of wealth (ELW p.80)
O God, in your love you have given the people of this land gifts of abundance beyond what our forebears knew or could imagine. Mercifully grant that we may not be so occupied with material things that we forget spiritual gifts, and thus, even though we have gained the whole world, lose our souls; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

A prayer for faithful commitment (ELW p.86)
Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, but always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Nursing Home Worship Service



*Sunday April 19
at 2:00 pm*



A Prayer for Healing

*At every moment of our existence
you are present to us, God,
in gentle compassion.*

*Help us to be present to one another
so that our presence may be a strength
that heals the wounds of time,*

*and gives hope that is for all persons,
through Jesus our compassionate brother.*

Dear friends,

Just to let you know that I survived my first round of chemo. I am very tired, mostly. I am trying to eat well, but some things don't sound good anymore, which means I better not try more than a mouthful to begin with. I will try to walk a little this afternoon, too.

Lots of positives the first day really have encouraged me. Prayer from a stranger, a nurse who remembered coming to get fish from us when she was little, a stranger who put \$10 towards our meal ticket, and hearing the bell rung two different times for treatment completed. I will recuperate and be ready for more on the 29th.

That day they begin with radiation and then chemo and continue for my three days of chemo. Then, five days a week with radiation until the next round of chemo. Radiation for 6 weeks total, chemo three days, beginning at day 21 after the last round, for four sessions.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

- Nancy Koss, Duluth, MN

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!

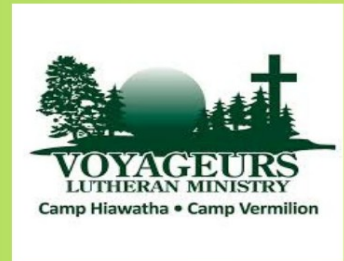
Please contact Jess with any questions, comments or concerns!

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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: _____

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FREE BABYSITTING TRAINING

Head of the Lakes United Way is proud to offer free babysitter training to youth 11 years of age and older.



Training will be provided by FirstAidMN and will follow the American Red Cross curriculum.

TRAINING CLASSES:

HERE IN GRAND MARAIS

→ **April 25, 2026** ←

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Grand Marais Community Center

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- How to care for infants and children.
- What to do in an emergency and how to stay safe.
- Choosing activities that are age appropriate.
- Recognizing, understanding and handling certain behaviors.
- Starting your babysitting business.
- Receive certification of babysitting training and Pediatric CPR after completion of class.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- This is a one-day training; class starts at 8 AM and concludes at 4 PM.
- Space is limited to 24 participants
- Lunch and snacks will be provided.
- Parent/caregiver must provide transportation and accompany child to building for drop-off and pick-up. Parent/caregiver does not need to stay during the training.

Register here:



hlunitedway.org/babysitting
or scan qr code

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