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A Message From Our SAM

How can I SHINE?

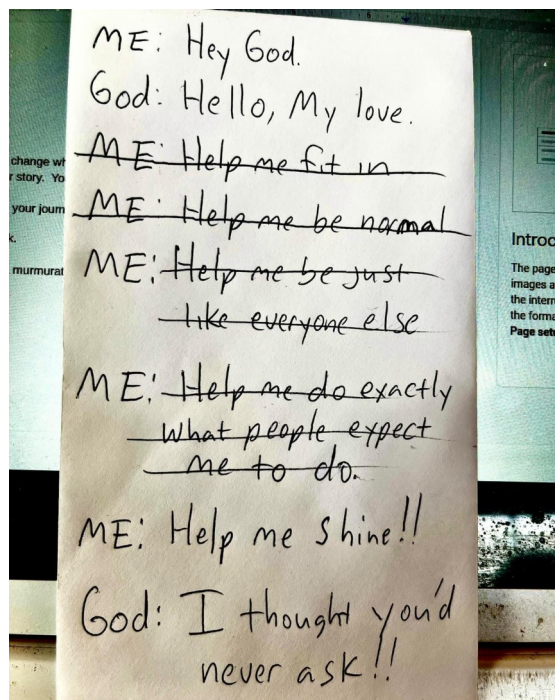
"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. (Isaiah 60)

The Savior said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16)

Our opportunities to shine are limitless

Here are 10 ways you can Let Your Light Shine to bring glory to God

1. Have faith in God, believe in Christ (John 3:16) and accept the Holy Spirit of God to guide your journey of salvation (Romans 8:6).
2. Be responsible for raising up a Family and generation that fears God and adores Him (Joshua 24:15).
3. Be concerned about making Disciples of all nations - Spread the good news (Mathew 28:18-20, Romans 1:16).
4. Disciple/Mentor new converts to grow perfect in Christ Jesus (Colossians 1:28).
5. Make every effort to Worship God, Praise Him and Read His Word daily (1 Chronicles 16:23-31).
6. Reach out to the Needy. You can give, help, support, educate, sponsor, empower, clothe, feed and shelter them (Matthew 25:35-36).
7. Be a Good steward of every possession that God has entrusted you with. Invest in Establishing the Kingdom of God (Matthew 25:14-30).
8. Establish yourself with God's Wisdom (Proverbs 1:7) because lack of knowledge leads to destruction (Hosea 4:6).
9. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them (Ephesians 5:11), Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. (1 Peter 3:9).
10. Establish the Kingdom of God with your talents (Matthew 25:14-30), abilities, or position.



Give others the benefit of the doubt. If you hear gossip, distance yourself from it or change the subject. When you encounter a difficult person, remember that they were made and are loved by God. Above all, "Treat others the same way you want them to treat you" (Luke 6:31).



-Clara

July Worship Schedule

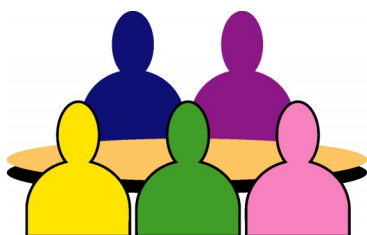
July 2 nd Sunday Worship	Deb Hanson-Carlson	Worship 10 am
July 9 th Sunday Worship	Council led	Worship 10 am
July 16 th Sunday Worship	Deb Hanson-Carlson	Worship 10 am
July 23 rd Worship with Holy Communion	Clara Edin SAM	Worship 10 am
July 30 th Sunday Worship	Deb Hanson-Carlson	Worship 10 am

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please include the following people in your daily prayers:

Jan, Lois, Don & Mike, Deb, Jo, Jeff, Bob, Daniel, Iver, Rita, Chardae, Lynda, Chase, McCoy, Ron, Gavin, Jerry, Justin, Randy, Rod, and their families.

If you would like to add someone to the weekly list, please email the church office at blcaskov@gmail.com or let Clara know



COUNCIL MEETING June 14, 2023 Unapproved Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Yvette Maloney, Haley Loew via Zoom, Carolyn Steele, Linda Jensen, Clara Edin, and Sandra Pavelka.

Yvette called the meeting to order. Clara gave devotion.

ACCEPTS MINUTES OF MAY COUNCIL MEETING:

[March council minutes reviewed as amended that the March Treasurer's Report was reviewed in April.] May minutes reviewed. Motion by Haley to approve, second by Linda, motion carried.

MAY TREASURER'S

REPORT: Report reviewed by council.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Clara submitted her pastoral

care report for the month.

MINISTRY TEAMS:

- Property—Haley reports nothing new.
- Family Ministry— Sandra reports information regarding youth meetings, information available on bulletin board. Discussion regarding vacation bible school for next year. Also Sunday school during sermon.
- Circle of Faith— Carolyn reports Chris' Food Stand was a success. The Circle is also discussing having farmer's market this summer.
- Music & Worship— Linda reported members met and duties complete. Banners moved from behind altar to the basement. Looking for volunteers to assist in the changing of banners.
- Visioning Committee— Will remove monthly discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

- July pulpit supply— Council will lead service Sunday, July 9th.

- Church insurance—Bill Steele will investigate insurance.
- Venmo—Does not allow non-profits to use.
- Farmer's market—no permit is needed from the City of Askov as it will be on church property.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Food Stand proceeds— Were \$1,045.55. Money needs to go to a community outreach per Chris' policy. Motion by Linda to give proceeds to Circle of Faith, second by Sandra, motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Haley will talk to Denny Birkholm regarding the ladder in the sanctuary.

Motion to adjourn by Sandra, second by Carolyn, meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, July 11th at 6:30 pm.

*Respectfully,
-Sandra Pavelka
Secretary*

JULY Birthdays

- Austin Peterson—2nd
- Shari Jensen—7th
- John Peterson—13th
- Adam Jensen—16th
- Gerry Knapp—16th
- Stephanie Dahl—19th
- Darren Fogt—19th
- Cookie Nielsen—19th
- Travis Sahlen—23rd
- Rob Sahlen—24th

JULY Anniversaries

- John & Judy Peterson— July 2nd
- Herman Velvaag & Cookie Nielsen— July 21st
- Bruce & Lynn Storrar— July 29th
- Dwain & Missy Ecklund—July 30th



Chris' Food Stand

BLC hosted the first food stand of the year at Chris' Foods on June 2nd and 3rd.

The weather was wonderful and the mosquitoes were minimal. A huge Thank You goes out to all those who worked at the stand, baked items for the bake sale and worked behind the scenes to make this year a success. A special shout out goes out to John and Tracy Zinter who acted as leads for this years' event. The effort netted \$1045.55 which will be used for BLC missions yet to be determined.


A fresh new place...

Thank you to the movers

Thank you for those who have taken care of this resting bench throughout the years

Thank you for the family who donated this in memory of their mom.

Blessed be the memories of Bev.

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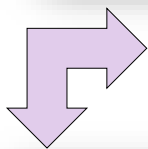
Newsletters will continue to be available on-line at www.blcaskov.com/newsletter

May Treasurer's Report Summary:
Month: We are **163.32** behind in income vs. expenses for the month of May 2023; and **361.83** over our projected budget for the month of May 2023. **Year-To-Date Totals:** We are **6,477.56** behind in income vs. expenses for the year 2023; and **1,873.73** over our projected budget for the year 2023.



Photo Ops!

Which table should I sit at?
 Thank you to Bethlehem's Quilting Group for creating these beautiful centerpieces for our dining room.



A wonderful Spring Recital of Margaret Christensen's piano students was held in Bethlehem's Fellowship Area. Thank you Margaret and students for bringing joy to our hearts and ears. "Where words fail, music speaks" - Hans Christian Anderson

