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In Loving Memory...



Joyce Schaumburg

October 27, 1931—May 19, 2021

Services were held at Bethlehem on May 29th. Memorials may be donated to Askov Fire & Rescue or to the Disable American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 4

Joyce's entire obituary can be found here:

<https://www.hhkfuneralhome.com/obituary/joyce-schaumburg>

Welcome New Members!



June Worship Schedule



June 6 th Communion Sunday	Rev. Cindy Gray	Worship 10 am
June 13 th Sunday Worship Special called congregational meeting following worship	Rick Martens	Worship 10 am
June 20 th Sunday Worship	Rev. Cindy Gray	Worship 10 am
June 27 th Communion Sunday	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 10 am

Click or use the text below to watch our on-line recorded Sunday Worship Services on the BLC YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/qXlcchWMIaCRqg>

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Please include the following people in your daily prayers:

Millie Sorensen, Leroy Larsen, Jan Ecklund, Lois Sahlen, Ann Olson, Tony Ecklund, Shirley Lund, 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

2021 Church Council Members



Marilyn Krogh
President



Chuck Moon
Vice Pres.



Denny Birkholm



Bill Jansen



Linda Jensen



Heidi Moon



Position Vacant



**May 12, 2021
Unapproved Minutes**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chuck and Heidi Moon, Bill Jansen, Linda Jensen, and Marilyn Krogh. Denny Birkholm was also present. Chuck made a motion to appoint Denny as a new member to the council, second by Bill, motion carried. Welcome Denny!

CHECK-INS, DEVOTION AND OPENING PRAYER:

Marilyn gave the devotion and prayer.

ACCEPT APRIL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: Motion by Chuck, second by Heidi to accept the minutes as written, motion carried.

APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT: Reviewed.

APRIL PASTOR'S REPORT: Clara was absent—No report available.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

- Property—Denny addressed the issue of the church roof stating it has now been inspected. The results were that the church building's roof is currently in no need of repair, however, the steeple roof is in critical need of new shingles and paint, and the repair of any ensuing damage which may be underlying. An estimate for repairs has been received. Denny also addressed

the current storage problem caused by the numerous old tables and chairs in the pavilion, many of which are in disrepair and considered unsanitary for use. He suggested these be sold/ or disposed of, and replaced with a fewer number of new ones. Bill made a motion to allow Property to dispose of old tables and chairs, second by Marilyn, motion carried. Another topic of concern was the dead shrubs on the south side of the church building. It is the Property Committees suggestion that these all be removed and be replaced with red mulch. The cedars will remain in place.

- Family Ministry—Bill reported Bible Study will be ending in May. In June there will be lawn/ yard games in conjunction with the Community Meal, in July a bike ride on the Munger Trail is planned, and in August children's activities are planned for the National Night Out.
- Circle of Faith—Marilyn reported BLC has the opportunity this year to have two weekends at the Chris' Food Stand. The dates are July 2, 3, and July 23, 24. Profits made from these weekends will go to fund community outreach projects sponsored by BLC. Circle of Faith now has a 4'x8' sign on which the times of worship and Community Meal are displayed. This sign will be placed on

the west entrance of town, off highway 23.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- Call Committee—No new developments.
- SMART Team—Current plan still effective. No changes needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Adopt-a-highway—The area being considered is no longer available.
- Live streaming training—Bill is working with the equipment to get it up and running before training can begin.
- New Members—Clara was absent so no update was available.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Contact information on granddaughter of a previous Pastor—Interest had been expressed to invite this person to provide a Sunday service at BLC. Tabled for present time.
- Synod Assembly—Bill and Shawn attended. It is reported that there was a budget passed, a quilt auction and some retiree recognitions. There were no new resolutions presented this year.
- Clara's June Schedule—Pulpit Supply will be needed for the first three Sundays in June. These have already been scheduled. Check the Parish Visitor calendar for details. Communion will be offered on the first and fourth weekends during June.
- Action Groups—Discussion. Pews will be opened up. A simple

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May 12, 2021

Council minutes continued...

fellowship will begin with cookies, coffee and lemonade. Masks will remain. ***UPDATE: The day after our council meeting the CDC lifted the mask mandate for all persons who are fully vaccinated against Covid. On Friday of the same week, MN Governor Walz also lifted the mask mandate for all Minnesotans who are fully vaccinated. Therefore, BLC will now be following those guidelines and all signs will be removed from the building. However, if you are a person who has NOT been vaccinated, it is recommended you continue to wear a mask for public safety reasons. The BLC Council thanks all who complied with the Covid safety measures over the past year and wishes to remind all that the pandemic is not yet over and safety is cautioned.**

- Office/Treasurer's Laptop— Heidi presented a

quote on the cost of replacing the office laptop which is many years old and has been having issues for some time. A motion was made by Linda, second by Heidi to call a Special Congregational Meeting to address the three issues of **1) Steeple repairs, 2) Selling/disposal of old tables and chairs, and 3) the replacement of the church office laptop.** Motion carried. Date set for the special meeting is June 13, 2021 following church service.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Marilyn and Denny will draft a letter to the congregation notifying them of the Special Meeting.
- Bill will shop for supplies for the start up of fellowship.

A motion was made by Heidi, second by Bill to adjourn the meeting, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be June 9, 2021, at 6 pm.

*Submitted by
-Marilyn Krogh,
Acting secretary*



Thank you so much for the wonderful graduation reception and gift! My plans are to attend St. Olaf College in Northfield to study environmental science/studies.

-Emma Jansen

- Judy Peterson—3rd
- Megan Jensen—5th
- Carol Birkholm—6th
- Sara Willie—21st
- Evelyn Tuomi—23rd
- Melissa Jorgensen—26th
- Matthew Rolston—27th
- Bill Steele—27th
- Eva Willie—28th



Happy Anniversary!

- Bill & Carolyn Steel—1st
- Doug & Wendy Ecklund—6th
- Gerry & Jennifer Klocke—22nd

- Rob & Donna Sahlen—22nd
- Bob & Mary Johnson—24th
- Brent & JoEllen Jensen—25th
- Denny & Shari Jensen—26th



Circle of Faith met April 17, 2021 at church. The members in attendance were: Tracy Zinter, Jo Foss, Carolyn Steele, Cookie Nielsen, Mary Johnson and Marilyn Krogh. Tracy called the meeting to order.

Devotions: Jo's devotion was from Isaiah 12:4

"Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among nations what he has done." Giving thanks always helps to lift our spirits when we are down. Jo suggested we keep the hymn "Now thank we all our God" in our thoughts when we need a spiritual lift if we are troubled or feeling down.

Reports: Secretary's minutes from March were read by Mary. Motion was made to approve by Carolyn, 2nd by Cookie, approved. Treasurer's report read by Mary, \$116.71 in checking and \$561.18 in savings.

Old business: Tracy had a sample of the banner from Kettle River Graphics, showing an invitation to Bethlehem Lutheran church service and community meals. Tracy will contact Denny Birkholm regarding the signboard construction.

New business: Community meal will be tacos in a bag, fruit and brownies. A cake will be ordered in honor of Emma Jansen's graduation, for May 23rd at the church. The Kettle River conference will be held in the fall. Motion made by Mary, 2nd by Jo to host the planning meeting in May or June, ap-

proved. Hosting the fall meeting was tabled for further discussion.

Card mailing: Mary in April/May, Cookie in June and Jo in July.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jo, 2nd by Carolyn, carried. The meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Our next meeting will be at church on Saturday May 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
-Mary Johnson
Secretary

BBQ FUNDRAISER

This year, BLC has been allocated two weekends for the Chris' Food Center Picnic Pavilion/BBQ Fundraiser

July 2nd & 3rd
and
July 23rd & 24th

Volunteers will be needed to work the stand, and of course—make plenty of baked goods for the bake sale!

Watch for a sign-up sheet on the kiosk to volunteer to help!

There will be a Special Called Congregational Meeting held immediately following worship services on Sunday, June 13, 2021

Please make every effort to be present so we can establish a quorum—thank you!



As we all attempt to return to normal during this difficult time, we still need your help to make certain we continue to meet our budgetary needs

You can make safe and secure one-time or recurring online contributions through our website:

www.blcaskov.com/online-giving

Your checks are greatly appreciated too, for those who aren't online

Thank you for your continued support!

Action Group Leaders & Sunday volunteers are needed!

If you are willing to serve on an Action Group, either as a caller/leader, or a volunteer, please send an email to the church office:

blcaskov@gmail.com

or call and leave a message: [320-838-3191](tel:320-838-3191)

We understand not everyone is comfortable worshipping in person, or volunteering to usher, read, or eventually serve coffee.

Please let us know if you would be willing serve!