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# Parish Visitor

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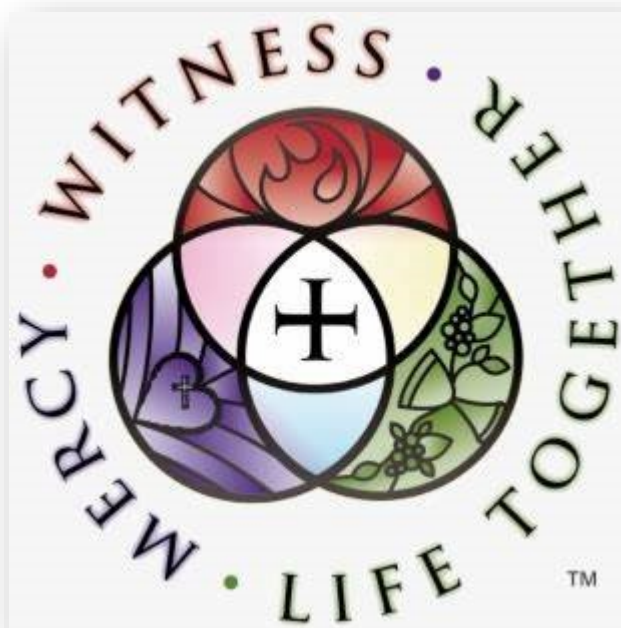
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## *A Message From Our SAM*

### **Living Lutheran – How are we doing this?**

Every two months you and I have the magazine from the ELCA available to us to read called Living Lutheran. It is chocked full of articles of people like you and I living out our lives as God calls us to be his disciples on this earth.... Sharing His love with each other. Stories of God’s people living their faith.

How are we doing this here at Bethlehem, our community, and our world? There are many different ministry teams that we can and do serve on at Bethlehem. I am writing this to have each of us to look beyond and see what other areas we can bring our talents, which God has given us, to serve the wider family of God.



- Lately we have celebrated Moms and Dads – who can you extend these characteristics to? Do you see someone that needs this extra love?
- What ways can you bring church to people where they are? Meeting them – where they are physically and geographically? This is a great “mission” to the future.
- Can we make Bethlehem grow more in the place where all can come to feel freedom and know that God loves them? What can we do to expand on what we are already doing?
- Many are searching for a church – can we move forward in learning what is needed for those seeking and help them possible find a new home of worship with us? A place of fresh hope in the Gospels?
- I know that God will make new ways for each of us to use our gifts to bring love to our neighbor —He always does. We just need to be open – listen – and give it a try.

Let us come together and “Live Lutheran”. What are your desires for Bethlehem in the next 3 years? We will be celebrating our 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary year in 2026. God has done amazing things through the congregation of Bethlehem.... I wonder what He has in store for our future in sharing the Gospels!



*-Clara*

# June Worship Schedule

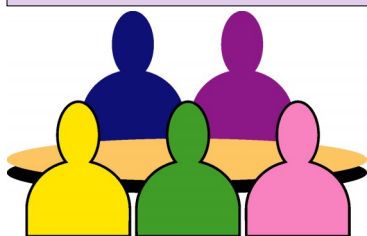
June 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship	Al Overland	Worship 10 am
June 11 <sup>th</sup> Worship with Holy Communion	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 10 am
June 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship	Rick Martens	Worship 10 am
June 25 <sup>th</sup> Worship with Holy Communion	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 10 am

## 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, Bette, Rod, and their families.

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



### COUNCIL MEETING

May 10, 2023  
Unapproved Minutes

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Yvette Maloney, Linda Jensen, Carolyn Steele, Haley Loew, Sandra Pavelka, and Clara Edin, SAM. Clara Edin lead devotion.

#### ACCEPT MINUTES OF MARCH AND APRIL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

March council minutes reviewed as amended. Motion by Linda, second

by Haley to approve, motion carried. April council meeting minutes, motion by Haley to approve, second by Linda, motion carried.

#### APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT:

Reviewed. Council reviewed.

#### MINISTRY TEAMS:

- Property—Haley reports nothing new.
- Family Ministry—Sandra reports information regarding youth meetings.
- Circle of Faith—Carolyn reports dates for the fundraiser at Chris' June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers and baked goods are needed. The

Circle is also discussing having Farmer's Market this summer.

- Music & Worship—Linda reported members met and duties complete.
- Visioning Committee—Yvette reported the final meeting was held May 9<sup>th</sup>. Going forward it was recommended to think of ideas of shared ministry. Ideas included 2-3 members of each congregation meet and discuss what this will look like, including shared newsletters, youth activities, joint events.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Piano tuning—May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- July pulpit supply—

Council will take service Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- Yvette will check on the cost of church insurance through Church Mutual.
- Yvette will explore using VENMO for church.
- Carolyn will inquire from City of Askov if permit is needed for Farmer's Market.

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

Next Council meeting Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully,  
-Sandra Pavelka  
Secretary

### JUNE Birthdays

- Judy Peterson—3<sup>rd</sup>
- Megan Jensen—5<sup>th</sup>
- Carol Birkholm—6<sup>th</sup>
- Naevia Roth—13<sup>th</sup>
- Sarah Disher—15<sup>th</sup>
- Sara Willie—21<sup>st</sup>
- Evelyn Tuomi—23<sup>rd</sup>
- Melissa Jorgensen—26<sup>th</sup>
- Bill Steele—27<sup>th</sup>
- Eva Willie—28<sup>th</sup>

### JUNE Anniversaries

- Bill & Carolyn Steel—1<sup>st</sup>
- Doug & Wendy Ecklund—6<sup>th</sup>
- Gerry & Jennifer Klocke—22<sup>nd</sup>
- Rob & Donna Sahlen—22<sup>nd</sup>
- Bob & Mary Johnson—24<sup>th</sup>
- Brent & JoEllen Jensen—25<sup>th</sup>
- Denny & Shari Jensen—26<sup>th</sup>



### Chris' Food Center Picnic Pavilion Fundraiser!



Volunteers are needed to help with our annual food stand fundraiser on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Volunteers are needed to work the stand from 8 to 7 on Friday, and 8 to 3 Saturday



Bakers also needed to donate items for the bake sale—see the kiosk to sign-up!



Circle of Faith (COF) met May 6, 2023 at church. The members in attendance were Tracy Zinter, Carolyn Steele, Cookie Nielsen, Jo Foss and Shawn Jansen. Tracy called the meeting to order.

**Devotions:** Jo's devotion

was from Luke 13:10-17 "Love has good manners".

**Reports:** Secretary minutes from March's meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes made by Cookie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolyn, motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Checking \$850.76 Savings 1,183.25.

**Old business:** COF donated \$300 to go towards Easter gift certificates from Main Street Grocery. 45 Easter certificates were delivered.

Tracy asked Jo to see if

there is a balance left on Thrivent card from Christmas.

Jo will call to check on the balance. Figueroa's helped make the welcome baskets. Cookie and Tracy are in the middle of delivering the baskets. Not everyone has been home.

**Community meal:** Will be May 24, 2023.

**Card mailing:** Mary May/June.

**New Business:** Explored idea of sponsoring a concert. Explored planting a pollinator garden. Explored ideas for outreach

to the community: money for a ride, incentives for meals, a vehicle for rides, block parties, certificates for rides through Attaboys (Cookie to call) and the county (Becky Foss to be contacted next Friday by Shawn).

Motion to adjourn made by Cookie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolyn, motion carried.

Ended meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting June 10, 2023.

*Respectfully submitted,  
-Shawn Jansen*



**Visioning Committee Meeting Minutes May 9, 2023**

Present: Minister Clara Edin, Pastor Jacob Burkman, Amy Frazer, Bill Jansen, Laura McCaughan, Greta Detzler, and Yvette Maloney.

Opened with prayer – 6:33 pm

After our last meeting Amy shared the message with Grace's Council. There was some confusion with Emmanuel's Council and possibly some with Grace's as well, as to what direction we are planning on heading. The best description would be acceptance with regret.

Emmanuel Council recognizes and acknowledges results of the recent survey along with Bethlehem's satisfaction in their current ministries. It is recommended that future mutual ministries be clearly defined at the next meeting in May.

Bethlehem council agrees that mutual ministries and working together, even if we are not adjoining parishes - at this time.

Is the hope or goal to formalize a mutual ministry agreement?

Discussed listing out what each congregation does

individually and see what wants are had for mutual ministries. Some wants are things like youth groups, joint church choir, those sorts of things put together. Mutually holding confirmation classes. Churches are working on promoting each other's activities in bulletins and announcements already. Work to get any information to the churches secretaries before Tuesday of the week they want the information in the bulletins. Maybe it would be easiest to have the secretaries share calendars with each other for upcoming churches events.

Clarification of the discussion of a parish nurse. Some larger churches have a nurse either volunteering or on staff that would do things like check blood pressures, help people with medical issues find the resources they might need, host CPR/AED classes.

In the interest of keeping shared ministry moving, the councils should work to form a committee with all three churches. Thinking two to three members from each church to meet when they see fit to work to continue sharing activities and events flowing together. This will not be a committee to push a three-point parish together but to just encourage mutual mission and sharing ministry.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
-Greta Detzler*



# Photo Ops!



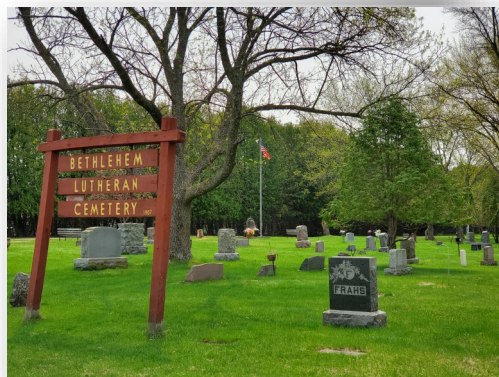
Devin & Kirsten Tacheny's son Theo received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
God Bless you Theo!



Austin Rote & Sonia Flores were married at Bethlehem on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>—congratulations!



Thank you to everyone who came out and helped clean up our cemetery on May 13<sup>th</sup>!



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### April Treasurer's Report Summary:

**Month:** We are **3,510.43** ahead in income vs. expenses for the month of April 2023; and **2,605.19** under our projected budget for the month of April 2023.

**Year-End Totals:** We are **6,314.24** behind in income vs. expenses for the year 2023; and **1,511.90** over our projected budget for the year 2023.