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A Message From Our SAM

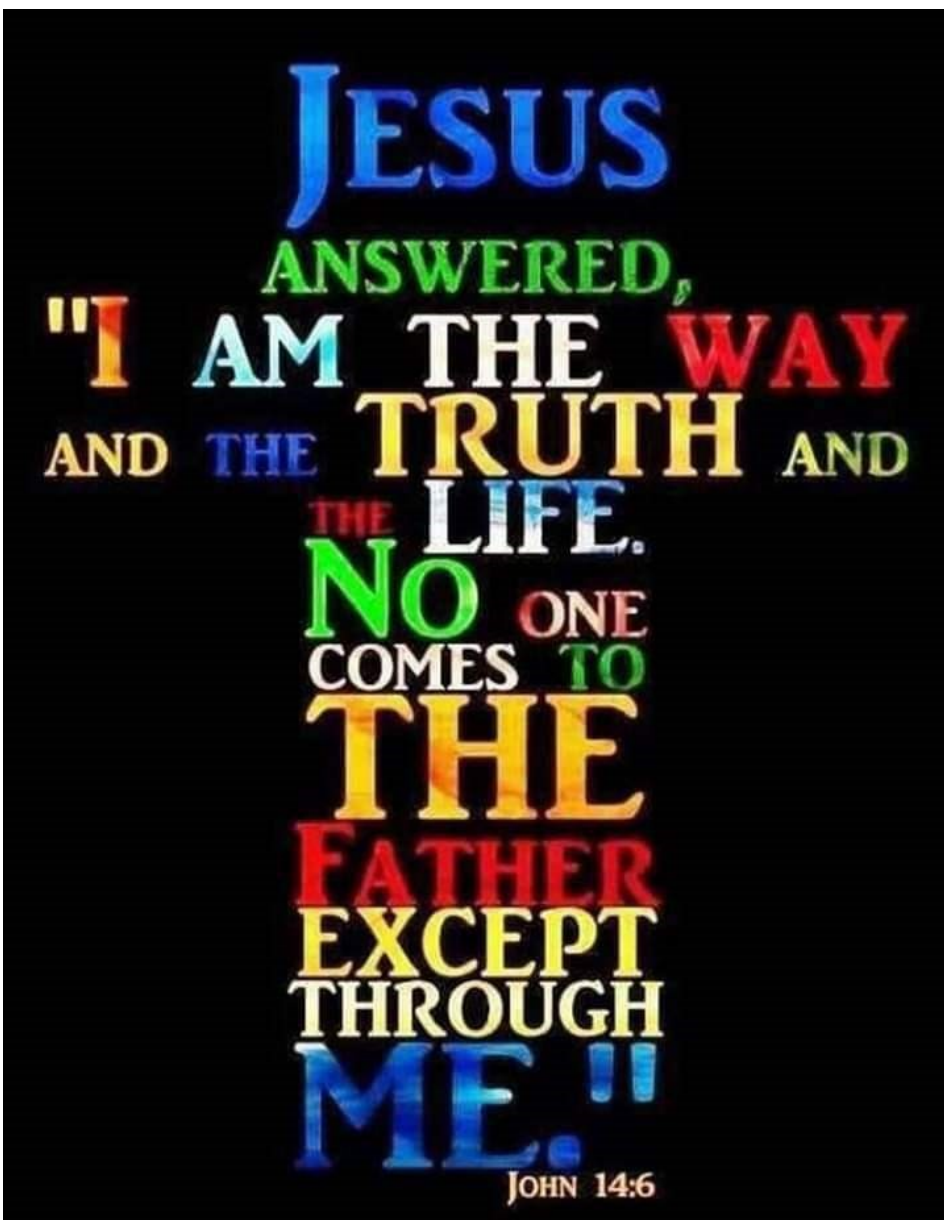
Jesus is our light! Please print and post this graphic or cut it from your Parish Visitor if you receive it by mail. It is a wonderful visual reminder. The different colors remind me of my life – God has placed differences – different experiences that bring feelings to my heart... all different like colors. As we walk our journey of life, you and I face hardships as well as happiness – How we receive them – walk through them – learn, celebrate and grow – will be different from others.... We each will have our own colors. But ... we all share in the mourning of Good Friday. Behind this colorful cross of Jesus' words ... It is Dark. By Jesus' love we get through the darkness to color! We get Jesus! The WAY –

The TRUTH – The LIFE!

Each Wednesday in March we will be studying "Center Jesus in Your Life". Please join us at 6:30 pm for Lent Study and Soup!



-Clara



**Soup Suppers with Lenten
 Worship in the basement
 begin on**

**Wednesday, March 1st
 and continue through
 Wednesday, March 29th**

**There is a sign-up sheet on
 the kiosk to volunteer to
 make soup, bring dessert,
 crackers, or milk, or assist
 with serving & cleanup
 Please join us!**

March Worship Schedule

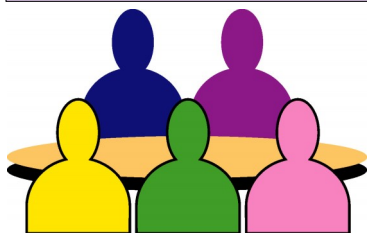
March 5 th Sunday Worship	Becky Gaede	Worship 10 am
March 12 th Worship with Holy Communion	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 10 am
March 19 th Sunday Worship led by M&W Team	Music & Worship	Worship 10 am
March 26 th Worship with Holy Communion	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 10 am
March 1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , and 29 th with Clara Edin, SAM Soup Supper & Lenten Worship downstairs begins 6:30 pm		

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please include the following people in your daily prayers:

Jan Ecklund, Lois Sahlen, Don & Mike Petersen, Meghan, Tracy Jensen, Deb, Jo, Jeff, Bob Katon, Daniel, Iver, Rita, Chardae, Lynda, Chase, McCoy, Gavin, Janice, 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

**February 8, 2023
Unapproved Minutes**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Clara Edin, Carolyn Steele, Linda Jensen, Yvette Maloney. Absent Haley Loew and Sandra Pavelka.

ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING: Carolyn moved we accept the minutes as printed, Linda second, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORTS: December 2022 and January 2023 were reviewed and discussed.

PASTOR'S REPORT: The pastors report was reviewed and discussed.

MINISTRY TEAMS:

- Property—Haley provided an update from Denny via email regarding upgrading lighting to LED. Chuck Drilling to go over the paperwork from Minnesota Power.

They will then schedule a Property meeting to decide what to do.

- Family Ministry (Sandra)—Clara spoke to Pastor Jacob about confirmation and it is going well.
- Circle of Faith—Carolyn provided an update.
- Visioning—Report reviewed as printed in the Parish Visitor.
- Music & Worship—Linda provided update.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Offering during service—Discussion on how to handle offertory. Motion by Linda to begin passing the plate during worship services going forward, second by Carolyn, motion passed.
- Mailing Parish Visitor quarterly—Discussion was had, it was decided to print a reminder that anyone can receive the newsletter mailed to them in the 2nd Sunday worship bulletin.
- Letter response report—Clara provided an update from Heidi. Best estimate is \$5,350.00.
- Ways to give in bulletin—It was decided to print this in the bulletin and the newsletter.

- Praise service 5th Sundays (April 30th at Emmanuel)—Discussion. We will print in the newsletter and Sunday bulletin encouraging those who wish to attend this joint worship. Bethlehem will still be open.
- Annual Meeting—Agenda reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Lenten Services—Services will be soup and service at 6:30 pm in the basement, including Maundy Thursday. Maundy Thursday will be a meal (not soup) in the basement with family style communion.
- Check Signers—Motion by Yvette Maloney to remove Bill Jansen and approve the following individuals as check signers: Yvette Maloney, Dennis Birkholm, Sandra Pavelka, and Heidi Moon, second by Carolyn, motion passed.
- Council Contact for Ministries—We will be designating a council contact person for each ministry.
- Installation of Council—Will be on February 12th.
- Treasurer's Report

Summary—Discussion about including the Treasurer's report summary in the bulletin. Motion by Carolyn to include the treasurer's report summary for the previous month in the 4th Sunday bulletin, second by Linda, motion passed.

- Grace/Emmanuel Project for East Central—Agreed to participate. Clara to follow up with an announcement and poster.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Clara to talk to Heidi about the ways to give notices; make poster on the Grace/Emmanuel project; talk to Heidi about newsletter notice on 2nd Sundays; Treasurer's report on 4th Sundays; the 5th Sunday Praise worship at Emmanuel notices.

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

Next council meeting Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
-Yvette Maloney,
Council President*



Circle of Faith (COF) met February 11, 2023. The members in attendance were: Tracy Zinter, Cookie Nielsen, Carolyn Steele, Jan Parker, Shawn Jansen, Clara Edin, and Mary Johnson. Tracy called the meeting to order.

Devotions: Clara's devotion touched on how we

are doing God's work by caring and sharing our talents with our church and the community.

Reports: Secretary's minutes from January meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes made by Carolyn, 2nd by Cookie, motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Checking \$1,350.96, savings 1,030.08.

Old business: No old business to discuss.

Community meal: Will be February 22, 2023.

Card mailing: February Jo.

New Business: Motion made to donate \$100 to help cover medical expenses to a family made by Cookie, 2nd by Shawn, motion carried.

Clara shared a flyer for Ruby's Pantry being held at Memorial Drive Bible Fellowship the fourth Saturday of the month starting February 25, 2023. She also had a flyer showing the need for collecting hygiene products for East Central High School.

Shawn stated W/ELCA Kettle River spring conference will be held in April at Our Redeemer

church in Pine City. Planning committee will meet in March at Tobies. Tracy and Shawn will be the coordinators for Chris's Food Stand to be held sometime this summer.

Motion to adjourn: Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Cookie, 2nd by Jan, motion carried. Ended meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting March 11, 2023.

Respectfully submitted
-Mary Johnson
Secretary



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- Chloe Champagne—3rd
- Mona Pemberton—3rd
- Diane Peterson—3rd
- Gerry Vathne—3rd
- Tony Ecklund—4th
- Ginger Leach—6th
- Carolyn Steele—11th
- Tom Baker—12th
- Bob Johnson—13th
- Chase Moon—16th
- Randy Mortensen—18th
- Matt Pemberton—19th



- Denny & Carol Birkholm—March 10th
- Tom & Lori Willie—March 27th

If your birthday or anniversary doesn't appear in the newsletter please let the office know

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(L-R) Hayden Loew, Sophia Ecklund, Victoria Quigley, Bronson Mans, Gunnar Mans, Cole Jarvis, and Logan Taylor

DID YOU KNOW BLC HAS 4 WAYS TO GIVE?



IN PERSON



BY MAIL



ON-LINE



AUTOMATIC

ON-LINE GIVING

• WHAT IS ON-LINE GIVING?

On-line giving is a way for our church to receive offerings via the internet through our website donation page.

• WHY IS ON-LINE GIVING IMPORTANT?

On-line giving allows you to give quickly, easily, and securely. We are able to collect donations from all across the country!

• HOW DOES ON-LINE GIVING HELP?

Nearly everyone has access to the internet in one way or another. With on-line giving, we can meet our givers where they are!

Visit: <http://www.blcaskov.com/online-giving/> to start!

ALSO AVAILABLE...

ACH GIVING

• WHAT IS ACH GIVING?

ACH or EFT giving is a way for our church to receive offerings by automatic electronic transfers from your checking or savings account.

• WHY IS ACH GIVING IMPORTANT?

ACH or EFT giving fosters good stewardship. It also improves accuracy and enhances security for our givers!

• HOW DOES ACH GIVING HELP?

Members can setup recurring donations that promote consistent, regular giving (and ACH/EFT giving can be paused or stopped on request)

Contact the church office at 320-838-3191 to learn more!

January Treasurer's Report Summary:

Month: We are **1,546.03** behind in income vs. expenses for the month of January 2023; and **766.60** over our projected budget for the month of January 2023.

Year-End Totals: We are **1,546.03** behind in income vs. expenses for the year 2023; and **766.60** over our projected budget for the year 2023.



CARE PACKAGES with hygiene products for East Central High school. Once again we are asking for donations to help students have hygiene supplies. Becky G. and Nancy W-A at Grace will be your contacts. We are applying for Thrivent Action Funds. We will collect items or cash from February 12th-March 5th. This will be a joint project with Grace, Emmanuel and Bethlehem. Items for the hygiene kits are regular size deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap, floss, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and tampons with plastic applicators. Thank you for helping !!

Lilies for Decorating our Church on Easter Sunday!

Please use this form for ordering your lilies (we are limited to 15 lilies—when this limit is reached we won't be able to take anymore orders, sorry)

Please include your payment with your order—thank you!

Donated By: _____

In Memory or Honor Of: _____

Please specify so we know whether this is or isn't a memorial—unspecified orders will be "In Honor of"

Make check payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church for **\$15.00**

Orders should be to the church **no later** than Sunday, March 12th (if order limit is reached before the 12th your money will be refunded)

