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A Message From Our SAM

Thank you for making this first month of serving Bethlehem Lutheran Church such a blessing. Several have asked me just what my role as Minister while serving is. In the meetings with your council we have decided that as a part time SAM I will be with you on the 2nd and 4th Sundays for Communion Services. When schedules allow I will be doing other Sundays. Please look at the church calendar for all updates.

I now have both of my Covid-19 vaccinations. I look forward to visiting with our members home bound and in care centers. Communion will be offered to those visited. Please let the church office know if you or a loved one would like to be added to this list.

New birth and growth is all around us this spring – Rise up with Christ in a resurrected life!



Clara Edin SAM

May Worship Schedule



May 2 nd Sunday Worship	Rev. Cindy Gray In Person	Worship 10 am
May 9 th Communion Sunday	Clara Edin, SAM In Person	Worship 10 am
May 16 th Sunday Worship	Rick Martens In Person	Worship 10 am
May 23 rd Communion Sunday Day of Pentecost	Clara Edin, SAM In Person Senior Recognition Sunday	Worship 10 am
May 30 th Sunday Worship Holy Trinity Sunday	Clara Edin, SAM In Person	Worship 10 am

Masks must be worn to attend all in-person worship services

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, Joyce Schaumburg, Chase & Elizabeth Moon (*in the Philippines*), Lowell Larsen, 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.



Position Vacant
Secretary



Bill Jansen



Andy May



Heidi Moon



Linda Jensen



COUNCIL MEETING

**April 14, 2021
Unapproved Minutes**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Linda Jensen, Bill Jansen, Marilyn Krogh, Chuck Moon, Heidi Moon, and Clara Edin; Andy May was absent.

CHECK-INS, DEVOTION AND OPENING PRAYER:

Bill read from Luke 23.

ACCEPT MINUTES OF MARCH 2021 MEETINGS:

March council meeting and special called council minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Chuck, second by Linda to accept the minutes as written, motion carried.

MARCH TREASURER'S REPORT:

Reviewed.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Clara reported having contact with two people who expressed interest in becoming members of BLC. She will be working with them.

MINISTRY TEAMS:

- Property—Chuck reported nothing new from Denny (Linda indicated stump removers working with Ovid at the cemetery should arrive in the next two weeks for church stumps).
- Family Ministry—Bill reported Bible Study will continue through May on the first and third Wednesdays. There will be a Zoom meeting

on May 12th at 4 pm to discuss summer programs, and there is a \$200 scholarship available to anyone wishing to attend Lutheran Bible/Summer Camp.

- Music and Worship—Linda reported the hymns for April have been chosen.
- Circle of Faith—Will be honoring our graduate Emma Jansen this year with cake and coffee on May 23rd after services.

AD HOC COMMITTEES' REPORTS:

- Call Committee—Ron Foss reported there had been no activity during the past month.
- SMART Team—Bill went over the modifications made to the plan at their April meeting. A copy of the current SMART plan is posted in the entryway of the church and on the website. A motion was made by Heidi to accept the changes, second by Bill, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Parsonage proceeds—Discussion was had on re-roofing the church. Concern was expressed regarding if there is damage caused because of bad shingles, our insurance may not cover the damage done. For now, no action is taken on investing the proceeds.
- Clara's May schedule—Clara's contract is for 15 hours per week to include two Sundays per month but is flexible on the remaining two Sundays, depending on her

continuing education classes and/or required seminar attendance. On those Sundays when Clara is away, pulpit supply will be utilized.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Adopt-a-highway—There is a section north of Askov available. An announcement will be made to the congregation to see if there is interest in pursuing.
- Live streaming training—Bill is looking to train one or two more people to operate the live streaming equipment which provides online viewing of Sunday services. It was recommended that a new tablet be purchased for this purpose, so any trainees won't need to use their personal cell phones for the streaming app.

Action Items:

- Heidi was asked to make and post signs to address the issue of proximity and mingling after church services. This should be done outside the building.
- Bill will make calls to see if anyone might be interested in training on the live streaming equipment.

Motion by Bill, second by Heidi to adjourn the meeting, motion carried. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 6 pm.

*Submitted by
-Marilyn Krogh,
Acting secretary*

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 (we are not currently serving coffee)

Please let us know if you would be willing serve!



During this difficult time of COVID-19, 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!



- Sophia Ecklund—1st
- Linda Schaumburg—8th
- Shirley Lund—14th
- Mariah Balut—15th
- Dale Jensen—26th
- Paul Maloney—27th
- Tim Tabor—27th
- Ovid Jensen—28th
- Millie Sorensen and Stetson Bieder—30th
- Nate Ecklund—31st

Happy Anniversary!

Mark & Yvette Maloney—May 28th



Circle of Faith met March 20, 2021 at church. The members in attendance were Shawn Jansen, Tracy Zinter, Carolyn Steele, Bev Oderkirk, Cookie Nielsen, and Mary

Johnson. Tracy called the meeting to order.

Devotions: Shawn's devotion was from "God Pause" devotional, "We are blessed in order to be a blessing".

Reports: Secretary minutes from February's meeting were read by Mary. Motion was made to approve by Shawn, 2nd by Tracy, approved. Treasurer's report read by Mary \$116.71 in

checking and \$561.18 in savings.

Old business: Easter lilies have been purchased so no further decisions needed by circle. Billboards and flyers were discussed. Tracy and Carolyn will check with Kettle River Graphics regarding signs for community meals and BLC.

New Business: Community meal will be vegeta-

ble beef soup and potato soup, coleslaw and peanut butter cookies.

Card mailing: Mary in April.

Motion to adjourn was made by Carolyn, 2nd by Cookie, carried. The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting will be at church on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
 -Mary Johnson*



Deep Rooted Bible study will wrap up the year with in person bible study at the church on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm on May 5th and 19th.

We will honor our

graduate, Emma Jansen, during the church service on Sunday, May 23rd.

Camp Scholarships: The Family Ministry will provide up to \$200.00 in scholarship money for anyone

wanting to attend a Lutheran Bible Camp this summer. If interested please contact the Family Ministry Team.

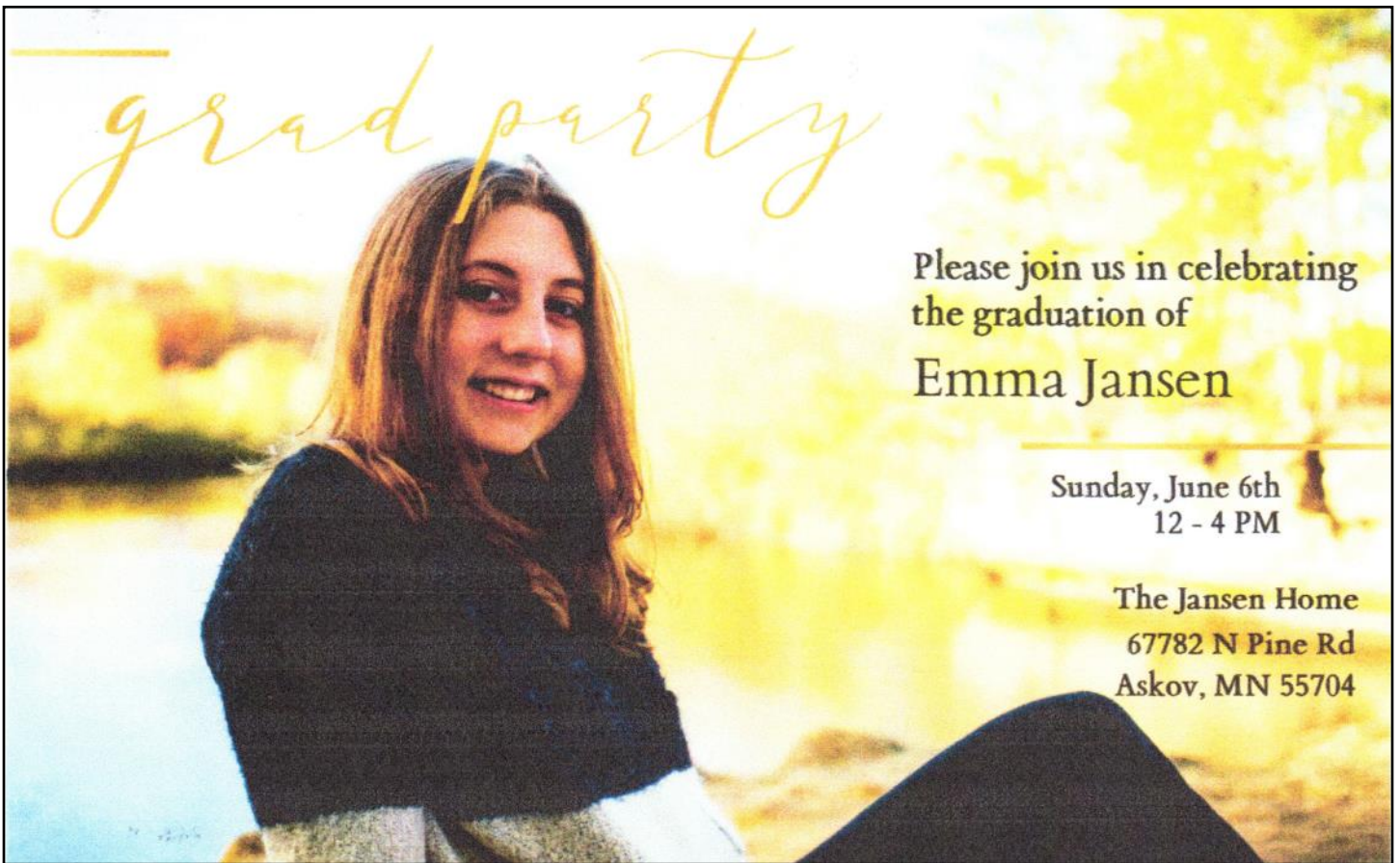
More information to come next month about summer activity nights and Vacation Bible School.

The next Family Ministry Team meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12 at 4:00 pm via Zoom. If you

are interested in joining the family ministry team, please contact Shawn Jansen for a link to our next meeting.

God's Blessings from our Family Ministry Team: Shawn Jansen, Missy Ecklund, and Jo Ellyn Foss.

*Submitted by,
 -Missy Ecklund*



grad party

Please join us in celebrating
the graduation of
Emma Jansen

Sunday, June 6th
12 - 4 PM

The Jansen Home
67782 N Pine Rd
Askov, MN 55704

In Loving Memory...



Lester Gutknecht

August 11, 1938—April 16, 2021

*Les requested that no service be held, with
a private burial at Bethlehem Lutheran
Cemetery in Askov.*



Josephine Jessen

February 16, 1921—April 18, 2021

*A limited graveside ceremony is planned.
Memorials can be directed to Bethlehem
Lutheran Church in Askov.*