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## A Message From Our SAM

Easter.... We are Easter People!

It is not merely a one-day celebration; it is a fifty-day season from the Day of the Resurrection of Our Lord to the Day of Pentecost. This season – one seventh of the year – is a VICTORY CELEBRATION! We get to boldly proclaim our faith in a risen and victorious Savior. During Easter, we rejoice in our SALVATION...

- Matthew 28
- Luke 24
- John 12:24-25; 20:1-29; 21:1-14
- Acts 1:6-11; 2:1-4

“Alleluia! Christ is risen!” “He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”

Go and Celebrate Boldly!

-Clara



Join us for “Open Prayer” on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church will again be having a prayer hour - individual need or prayer of praise. Have questions about prayer? Clara Edin, SAM will share some of her different prayer times.

### May Worship Schedule

WORSHIP with us

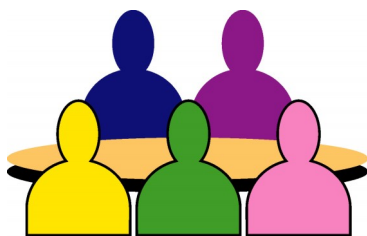
May 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Worship	Eleanor Eskuri	Worship 10 am
May 8 <sup>th</sup> Worship with Holy Communion	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 10 am
May 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship	Becky Gaede	Worship 10 am
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> Worship with Holy Communion	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 10 am
May 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship	Jesus (Jay) Vargas	Worship 10 am

### IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please include the following people in your daily prayers:

Jan Ecklund, Lois Sahlen, Don & Michael Petersen, Sally Mortensen, Naevia Roth, Meghan Carlson, Kerri Gortmaker, Tracy Jensen, Joni F., Bob Carman, Bob Katon, 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**

**April 13, 2022**  
**Unapproved Minutes**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bill Jansen via phone, Sandra Pavelka, Denny Birkholm, Clara Edin, Carolyn Steele, and Yvette Maloney.

**DEVOTION/OPENING**

**PRAYER:** Clara Edin led with a devotion.

**ACCEPT MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 2022 MEETING:**

Motion by Denny Birkholm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Pavelka, motion passed.

**MARCH TREASURER'S**

**REPORT:** Discussion on electric bill. There is a bill from Chris' Food Center for \$90.22 from 3/29/22 which Heidi needs a receipt for to pay.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:**

Clara provided a summary for her contacts and service work from last month. Clara is requesting July time off for 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, suggested we move communion dates to the 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> which will make pulpit supply easier to fill on the dates she will be out.

**MINISTRY TEAMS:**

- Property—Denny discussed that we didn't have an Easter cleaning this year as we have in the past. The main cable outside coming into the

church is running through a tree, and Denny will be talking to the neighbor to get permission to do some trimming. The nursery in the basement is becoming a junk room, and Denny would like to see this taken care of. He also suggested adding some shelving to this space to help organize it.

- Family Ministry—Clara brought up that the busy bags could use refreshing. Sandra will look into it.
- Music & Worship—Bill updated that two new pianists/organists have been helping. Team continues to meet monthly to plan.
- Circle of Faith—Carolyn updated that they delivered gift certificates and Easter cards. They are still checking into Chris' Food Stand.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Congregational Contact List—Some information still being received.
- Wheelchair space in sanctuary—New chairs to be delivered on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Waiting for an electrician to remove a central air connection under the pew to be removed.
- Sanctuary Piano Repair—This is complete. Invoice will be sent to the church.
- Elevator Repair—Elevator is working again. Repair costs could be close to \$3000.

- Synod Assembly—Clara Edin, Bill Jansen, and Yvette Maloney are attending.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Sunday Ushers—Discussion about again staffing Sunday ushers. Action groups have historically handled this. It was agreed that we want to work toward staffing ushers again.
- Investments—Bill questioned whether we want to put some of the money from the sale of the parsonage into a CD to earn more interest. Bill to talk to the bank and come back with more information.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Bill to talk to the action group leaders about staffing ushers. Research investment options.

Motion to adjourn by Denny Birkholm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Pavelka, meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*- Yvette Maloney*  
*Council Secretary*

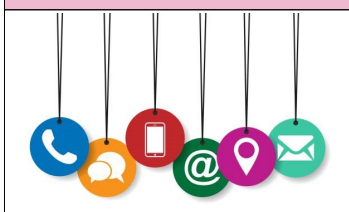
**A fitness watch was found in the pews on Easter Sunday—please contact the office to claim (838-3191)**

**MAY Birthdays**

- Sophia Ecklund—1<sup>st</sup>
- Josslyn Lusian—3<sup>rd</sup>
- Linda Schaumburg—8<sup>th</sup>
- Abram Edin 12<sup>th</sup>
- Mariah Balut—15<sup>th</sup>
- Dale Jensen—26<sup>th</sup>
- Paul Maloney—27<sup>th</sup>
- Tim Tabor—27<sup>th</sup>
- Ovid Jensen—28<sup>th</sup>
- Stetson Bieder—30<sup>th</sup>
- Nate Ecklund—31<sup>st</sup>

**MAY Anniversaries**

Mark & Yvette Maloney —May 28<sup>th</sup>



**Contact Information Needed**

We are still in the process of updating our membership contact information. If you haven't already, please take the time to fill out a form from the kiosk, or email the office (blcaskov@gmail.com) with your current information. Thank you!!



Circle of Faith met April 9, 2022 at church. The members in attendance were: Jo Foss, Cookie Nielsen, Carolyn Steel, Jan Parker, and Mary Johnson. Jo called the meeting to order.

**Devotions:** We all have crosses to bear. It is

Jesus's cross that gives us peace with God and strength for our own journey.

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

**Treasurer's report:** Checking \$763.24, Savings 2,529.48.

**Old business:** Cookie will check with Main Street Groceries and Chris' regarding gift certificates for Easter

gifts. Delivery of cookies for teachers' lounge and city council tabled. Community meal will be Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

**Card mailing:** Carolyn in May.

**New Business:** Get together at the Mermaid will be Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30.

Reviewed application for Chris' Food stand. Given to Shawn to complete. Motion made to purchase 46 \$10 gift certificates by Jo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolyn, motion passed. Motion made for

Circle to cover cost of certificates by Carolyn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jan, motion passed. Prepared Easter cards to go with the certificates. We will meet Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup> to assemble the cards and deliver them.

Motion to adjourn made by Cookie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolyn, motion passed. Ended meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting May 14, 2022 at 10:00.

*Respectfully submitted,  
-Mary Johnson  
Secretary*



Recently one of our back pews was removed to make a more accessible area for wheelchairs—the pew was relocated to our fellowship area, where it looks as if it was meant to be all along. Thank you to everyone who helped facilitate this new look!



*Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022—He Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed!*

