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## A Message From Our SAM

### John 15:16

<sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

### 2 Corinthians 5:17

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

### Romans 6:6

<sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—

### Psalms 71:23

<sup>23</sup> My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you— I whom you have delivered.

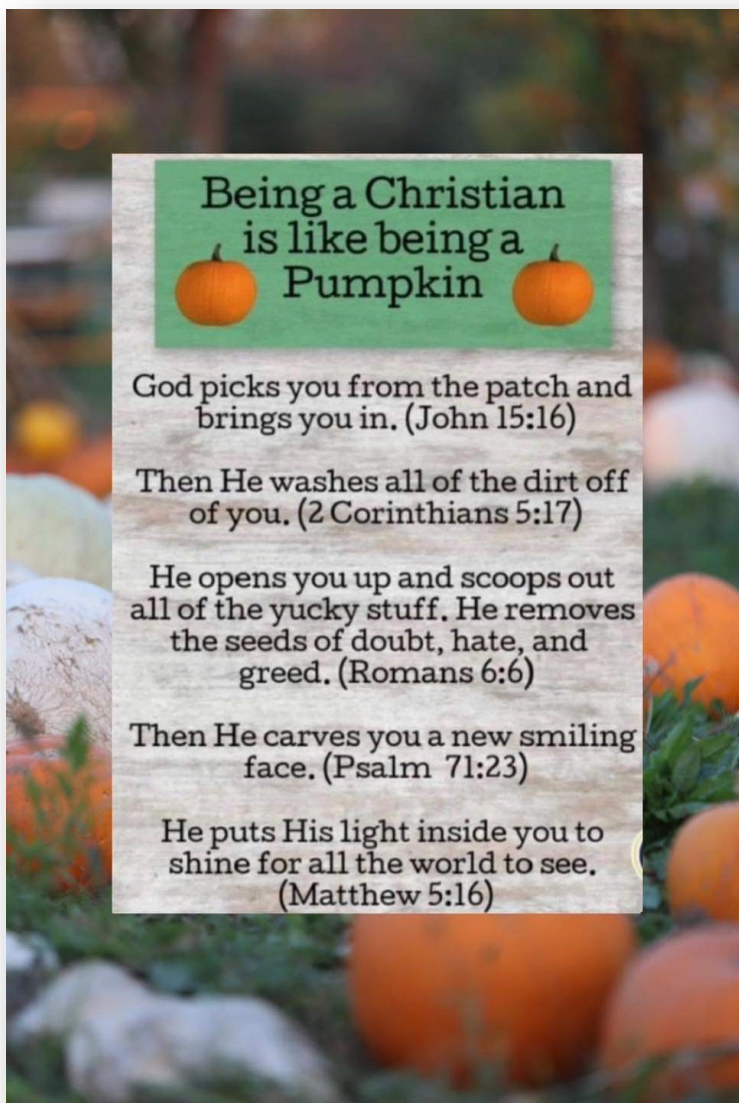
### Matthew 5:16

<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

**I thank the Lord that we are picked – cleaned – recreated – freed – and get to let a light shine for the Lord!**



-Clara



# November Worship Schedule

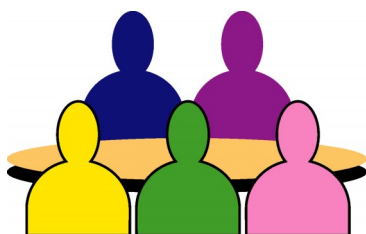
November 5 <sup>th</sup> <i>Sunday Worship</i>	Council Led	Worship 10 am
November 12 <sup>th</sup> <i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>	Clara Edin SAM	Worship 10 am
November 19 <sup>th</sup> <i>Sunday Worship</i>	Music & Worship Team Led	Worship 10 am
November 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>	Cindy Gray	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, Rod, Kris, Ron, Jenna, Loretta, Roy, Jeanine, and their families.

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



### COUNCIL MEETING

October 10, 2023  
Unapproved Minutes

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Yvette called the meeting to order. Clara gave devotion.

**ACCEPT MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING:** Minutes reviewed. Motion by Lin-

da to accept, second by Carolyn, motion carried.

#### SEPTEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT:

Reviewed by council.

#### PASTOR'S REPORT:

Clara submitted her pastoral care for the past month.

#### MINISTRY TEAMS:

- Property—no update.
- Family Ministry—no update.
- Circle of Faith—Carolyn reported there will be a craft and bake sale on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contribute for a successful event. COF will meet again on October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Music & Worship—no update.

- Cooperative Ministry—Pastor Tim will lead church services on October 22<sup>nd</sup> with a question/answer session following service regarding the possible church cooperative.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- 2024 proposed budget—will be presented at the quarterly meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Cooperative ministry—discussed.
- Quarterly congregational meeting—will be held after worship service on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- 2024 SAM Contract for Clara Edin—discussed by council

using guidelines set by the synod.

- Financial appeal letter—to be sent out to all members, motion by Sandra to send letter, second by Linda, motion carried.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- Yvette will talk to Heidi to complete Clara Edin SAM's 2024 contract.

Motion to adjourn by Sandra, second by Carolyn, motion carried. Clara Edin SAM closed meeting with prayer.

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

*Respectfully submitted,  
-Sandra Pavelka  
Secretary*



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### September Treasurer's Report Summary:

**Month:** We are **1,290.51** behind in income vs. expenses for the month of September 2023; and **209.41** under our projected budget for the month of September 2023. **Year-to-Date Totals:**

We are **9,227.71** behind in income vs. expenses for the **year 2023**; and **1,719.94** under our projected budget for the **year 2023**.



Circle of Faith (COF) met October 14, 2023. The members in attendance were: Tracy Zinter, Cookie Nielsen, Jo Foss, Shawn Jansen, Carolyn Steele, and Mary Johnson. Tracy called the meeting to order.

Jo's devotion, "Hope for

the Hurting" Psalm 6.

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

**Treasurer's report:**  
 Checking \$971.87  
 Savings \$1,183.66  
 Dedicated account \$1,066.50

**Old business:** In June COF submitted a check to BLC for \$521.94 to cover food purchased for Chris' food stand and the check has not cleared COF's bank account. Carolyn

will check with council regarding setting up a different way of submitting info to Heidi, rather than sliding it under her door when she is out of the office.

**Community meal:**  
 10/25/23

**Card mailing:** Tracy, September, October, November. Mary, December

**New Business:** Shawn notified circle that WELCA annual conference will be June 10<sup>th</sup> - June 11<sup>th</sup> 2024. Conference will be held at Zion Lutheran in Grand Rapids, MN.

Discussed meal for the BLC annual bake and craft sale to be held on December 2, 2023 from 9 am to 2 pm. Tracy and Carolyn will bring soups. Sandwiches will be offered along with a dessert.

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

Next meeting November 11, 2023 10:00 am at The Little Mermaid.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
 -Mary Johnson,  
 Secretary

## NOVEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cindy Jensen—6 <sup>th</sup>      | Larry Jensen—28 <sup>th</sup> |
| Tim Loew—6 <sup>th</sup>          | Shari Bigay—30 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Hannah Quam—9 <sup>th</sup>       | <b>Happy Anniversary!</b>     |
| Emma Jansen—12 <sup>th</sup>      | John & Tracy Zinter—          |
| Cindy Mortensen—12 <sup>th</sup>  | November 3 <sup>rd</sup>      |
| Bev Oderkirk—15 <sup>th</sup>     | Chuck & Heidi Moon—           |
| John Thinesen—15 <sup>th</sup>    | November 22 <sup>nd</sup>     |
| Kayleigh Bergman—18 <sup>th</sup> | Bill & Shawn Jansen—          |
| Andrew Jensen—23 <sup>rd</sup>    | November 29 <sup>th</sup>     |
| Joyce Larsen—26 <sup>th</sup>     |                               |

**The BLC Quarterly Congregational Meeting will be held following the worship service on Sunday, November 12, 2023. Please plan to attend this very important meeting!**

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church Annual

# Christmas Craft Fair!

**Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**9 am to 2 pm**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Askov**

**Craft & Bake Sale • Coffee & Lunch Served**

**Donations for the Bake Sale and Craft items are greatly appreciated!**





# Photo Ops!



BLC received a certificate of appreciation for five years of serving our free community meal— Thank you to everyone who make this event possible!!

**Cake and treats were served in honor of Clergy Appreciation Sunday for our SAM Clara Edin on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. We really appreciate you Clara— THANK YOU!!!!**

**Beautiful flowers by the altar—thank you !!**



**You are invited to a joint Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service hosted by Emmanuel Dell Grove Lutheran Church at 7 pm on Wednesday, November 22, 2023  
A pie social will follow the worship service**



*Pie Social*