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A Message From Our SAM

Never Stop Praying

Let your hope make you glad.

Be patient in time of trouble and never stop praying.

– Romans 12:12



Scripture offers many reasons why we should pray: to increase our wisdom and understanding (Ephesians 1:17-18), to glorify God and to strengthen ourselves and other believers (2 Thessalonians 1:11-12), and to share our faith (Philemon 1:6). The Bible even recommends where and when we should pray:

- Day or night (Psalm 42:8)
- In the throes of busyness and in peace (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- Amid trouble (Jonah 2:1)
- In private (Matthew 6:6; Luke 5:16)
- Away from home to avoid distractions, preferable a place surrounded by God’s handiwork, such as the sea or mountaintop (Luke 22:39-41; Mark 6:46)

Prayer: Dear Father, there is never a time or reason I should not be praying. Help me to realize that I can and should be in constant conversation with You. Amen.

What a good reminder this is that prayer is conversation with our Father. He wants to have a personal relationship with us at all times. I am sharing this from *Too Blessed to be Stressed* by Debora M. Coty. *We get caught up in this busy world we live in so please take time to stop....And speak to God about your day.*

September Worship Schedule



September 5 th Sunday Worship	Eleanor Eskurie	Worship 10 am
September 12 th Holy Communion (individual cups in the pews)	Rev. Cindy Gray	Worship 10 am
September 19 th Sunday Worship	Rev. Cindy Gray	Worship 10 am
September 26 th Communion at the rail (individual cups available for those who prefer)	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 10 am

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:

Janet Jensen, Jan Ecklund, Lois Sahlen, Shirley Lund, Carole Maloney, Don & Lorraine Petersen, Buzz & Sally Mortensen, Naevia Roth, Greg MacDonald, Meghan Carlson, Bobby Hansen, Kerri Gortmaker, 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.



Bill Jansen
Secretary



Denny Birkholm



Linda Jensen



Heidi Moon



Position Vacant



**August 11, 2021
Unapproved Minutes**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Clara Edin, Marilyn Krogh, Linda Jensen, Chuck Moon, Heidi Moon, Denny Birkholm, Bill Jansen.

CHECK-INS, DEVOTION AND OPENING PRAYER:

Clara led a devotion focused on mind/body/spirit health.

ACCEPT MINUTES OF JULY 2021 MEETING: Motion by Heidi, second by Marilyn, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report was reviewed.

PASTOR'S REPORT FOR JULY 2021: Report was presented to council by Clara.

Ministry Teams:

- Property—Elevator to be inspected next week. Electricians fixed lights in basement. New lights are LED. Neighbor is cutting cedar trees and will coordinate with Denny.
- Family Ministry—The July bike ride was canceled. Family Ministry did offer lawn games to adults and youth during National Night Out and they are looking for youth interested in attending next summer's National Youth Gathering.

- Music and Worship—Will be picking songs for September next week. Concern about the candles which are quick burning. Hope to replace them. Brief mention of updating the hymnals in the pews.
 - Circle of Faith—Marilyn was pleased with the Chris' food stand fundraiser. She was thankful for all the volunteers especially Hayden Loew who made brownies and Simon Ecklund who worked the grill.
- OLD BUSINESS:**
- Constitution Chapter 12 Number and Length of Term—Council looking at updating the constitution to reflect a council of 5 with 2 year terms. A committee will work on possible changes to the constitution. Meeting August 26th and 29th. Any changes will require full congregational approval.
 - Clara's September Schedule—Clara will do 4th Sunday communion, pulpit supply for all other Sundays.
 - Letter to Congregation/Labor Day Dinner—Motion to approve mailing the letter with adding BLC Council to the signature line. Motion by Chuck, second by Denny, motion passed.
 - Church Usage Forms Recommendations—Modifications to the usage forms as recommended by Clara and Linda were reviewed. These were in need of being updated to reflect realistic expectations for families and church involvement. Motion to approve changes by Bill, second by Heidi, motion passed.
- NEW BUSINESS:**
- Meeting with Grace/Emmanuel Report—BLC council met for an informal meeting with some members of the Dell Grove/Emmanuel and Grace councils. Deacon Colleen was present from the Synod. Discussed some possibilities of getting to know each other and how we might share. Recognize the need to do more things together to try to get to know each other more. Hoping to coordinate a joint confirmation class.
 - Heidi's Annual Performance Evaluation—Completed August 4th with Clara and Marilyn, recommended hourly raise from \$15.50 to 15.75 in line with synod compensation guidelines. Motion by Denny, second by Marilyn, motion passed.
 - Ordering new lavalier headset—We will get some new supplies for the audio system so that those providing pulpit supply have workable options.
- Motion to adjourn by Marilyn, second by Chuck, meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.
- Next meeting is Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 6 pm.

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COUNCIL MEETING

**August 11, 2021
Church Council
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ACTION ITEMS:

- Heidi will mail letter to congregation; put a notice about church representatives being needed

- for weddings, funerals, etc.
- Bill will email links for the Wi-Fi headset to Heidi; will be in contact with Amy Frazer at Grace Lutheran regarding confirmation.
 - Denny will address some lighting issues, and examine the chair in Clara's office.

*Respectfully submitted,
- Bill Jansen
Council Secretary*

SEPTEMBER
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Linda Jensen—3 rd	Hudson Fogt—26 th
Dwain Ecklund—5 th	Phillip Jansen—26 th
Jan Ecklund—7 th	Don Petersen—26 th
Owen Petersen—8 th	Keith Rolston—28 th
Thomas Willie—8 th	Natilie & Tom Leuty—29 th
Denny Birkholm—9 th	Bob Katon—30 th
Tom Willie—10 th	Haley Loew—30 th
Lynette Leuty—11 th	
Michelle Peterson—11 th	Happy Anniversary!
DJ Zinter—11 th	Randy & Cindy
Mona Knapp—12 th	Mortensen—28 th
Nadine Loew—16 th	

Volunteers to read on Sunday mornings are needed!
If you'd be willing to read on Sunday morning, please let Linda Jensen know—thanks!

LAY READERS

In Loving Memory...



Mildred Sorensen
May 30, 1920—August 13, 2021
Services for Millie were held at Bethlehem on Friday, August 20th



Coffee Servers Needed

Volunteers are needed to make and serve coffee and cookies (coffee and cookies are provided by the church) on Sunday morning following worship.

If you would be willing to make a pot of coffee and serve, there's a sign-up sheet on the kiosk.

Church Representatives Are Needed



If you would be willing to volunteer to be a representative at upcoming events such as weddings or funerals held here at Bethlehem—**we are looking for volunteers to serve as "Church Representatives" during these events.**

Duties would include unlocking and locking up the building before and after events (your presence would be required during the entire event), turning the sound system on and off, and lighting and extinguishing altar candles. Duties are limited (you are not serving as an event coordinator, you'd merely be here to help with these minor tasks and answer questions during events.

One representative is needed per event, and **each event would pay \$150** (if you share the event with a friend or spouse, you would split the \$150)

Note: Those reserving our church for events are now required to obtain a representative to be present during their event. We are comprising a list of individuals who would be willing to be contacted to serve in this capacity. You would be paid by the church once the event is completed.

If you would like to be added to our list of "Church Representatives" please let the office know.

blcaskov@gmail.com or 838-3191

THANK you.

Thank you to all the bakers who donated homemade baked goods for the Chris' fundraiser. Thanks also to Ron & Jo Foss who, this

year, managed the pricing and sales of these baked items for this two day event. We also want to thank the staff who setup, grilled and waited on customers. We could not have done this without each of you. You all helped to make this year's fundraiser a success!

FAMILY ministry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the Backpacks
will be on Sunday,
September 19th

Faith Alive will begin on
Sunday, October 3rd.
It will be held before
worship services at 9:00 am

Welcome New Members!



BLC welcomed its newest members on Sunday, August 8th! Logan Disher (pictured center with his mom) was baptized, and his mother Sarah Disher joined BLC. Welcome!!