



Blessed to be a Blessing

September 2022

Worship Services

8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
Online and In-person
Services

*Check website for current
mask guidelines*

*“Through God’s abundant
love we invite, welcome, and
serve as a light in the world.”*

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Ministry Events in September

- ◆ Worship Service: Sundays, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
- ◆ Manna Bible Study: Mondays, 9:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m. via Zoom
- ◆ Table Talk with Pr Katie: Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m. in Fireside Library
- ◆ Bethlehem Quilters Quilting: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. in the Quilting Room
- ◆ Columbarium Team Meeting: September 4, 9:30 a.m
- ◆ Labor Day: September 5
- ◆ Brewsday: September 6, 9:00 -10:30 a.m. Ziggi’s on Francis
- ◆ Bethlehem Book Club: September 8, 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
- ◆ First Friday Social: September 9, 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Music Ambassadors at Atria: September 11, 11:15 a.m.
- ◆ Confirmation: September 11, 11:45 a.m.
- ◆ God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday: September 11
- ◆ Naomi Circle: September 13 at 9:15 a.m. in the Youth Room and via Zoom
- ◆ BLC Council Meeting: September 13 , 7:00 p.m., Fireside Room
- ◆ Social Justice Initiative Meeting: September 18, 11:45 a.m.
- ◆ Our Center Lunch: September 25, 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ Confirmation: September 25, 11:45 a.m.
- ◆ Brewsday: September 27, 5:00 -6:30 p.m. Wibby

All meetings will be by video conferencing unless otherwise noted; contact the meeting coordinator for the link information. More details of these events and additional information can be found on our website:
www.bethlehem-lutheran.net.

Rev's Revelations



Through God's abundant love we invite, welcome, and serve as a light in the world.

Throughout this year, we have pondered our mission statement--one "star word" at a time. For the next few months, we will focus on the last phrase in the statement **as a light in the world**.

"God created the world with light (Genesis 1) and we believe that light helps us to see God's abundant love. The star over Bethlehem shone as a visible sign of God's presence in the world (Matthew 2). Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12) and calls his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5)." (from the BLC Strategic Planning Team explanation of light.)

In the bible, *light* stems from the story of creation and grows into Jesus' call for us to be a light in the world. There's a greater light and a lesser light. The pattern of evening and morning, darkness and light, gives way for the rest of creation exist--darkness for rest and growth, light to wake and work.

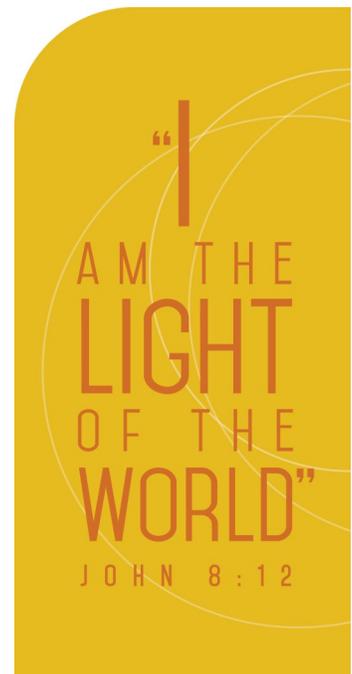
This month we begin a new year of faith formation with the commission: *Be a light!* As we emphasize this with children, youth, and adults, I invite you to ponder the Star word *light* as it is related to creation and living. What is *light*? We'll eventually get to the conversations about the star over Bethlehem and Jesus. But for now, I want us to think about the most basic use of *light*--nothing too theological or philosophical.

What--scientifically speaking--is *light*? Where does it come from? How does *light* (and darkness, too) affect your daily living? What work do you do in the *light*? How do you rest in the darkness? Tending to our physical bodies--giving ourselves work and rest--is how we are created to live.

Once you have pondered that, begin thinking about your spirit. What is *light* for your spirit, or mind, or heart? What things feel like they work or grow your spirit/mind/heart? What things challenge you and empower you? What things give your spirit/mind/heart a sort of darkness, or lesser light, for rest?

Rev KJC

P.S. There are a bazillion opportunities to live in the light this month--book and bible studies, God's Work Our Hands, new ministry teams, worship (inside, outside, and online)! Check out the rest of the newsletter, consider how you can participate, and be a light!



Worship

September 4 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's scriptures call us to contemplate the cost of discipleship. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Luke 14:25-33

September 11 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

Readings: Psalm 51:1-10, Luke 15:1-10

September 18 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

Readings: Amos 8:4-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

September 25 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

Readings: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:6-19 or Luke 16:19-31

Council Meeting

Summary of Council Meeting Minutes:
August 9, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Jenny Kelley, council secretary

CALL TO ORDER: Matt James called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Attending: Pr. Katie Chullino, Matt James, Steve Dawson, Jenny Kelley, Greg Schumann, Alex Hoime, Mark Holste, Jamie Updegraff, Todd Propp, and Jim Woodruff. Absent: Cindy Tayler.

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER: Pr. Katie spoke about the mission statement "light to the world" and the focus on teaching of the light concept in a positive way. This week's focus was on Genesis 1. What does light show us about God's love? What illuminates God's love?

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: These were approved via email and posted in the library. There was one vote by email in July. Matt James moved that we charter Cub Scout Pack 65 as proposed by Pr. Katie. Jenny Kelley seconded the motion; the motion was approved with eight yes votes. Matt James will be the chartered organization representative for Bethlehem.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Greg reports that there was about \$10,000 more in donations than June but we are still \$4,000 down from budget. We must take into account the pledges that have been completely paid for the year. A letter to the congregation went out with the Q2 donation statements.



Council Meeting (con't)

Expenses are being less than budget which helps so we are doing okay. However, we have anticipated property expenses coming up.

Note that our endowment funds, based on investments, have taken a hit this year, as have all investments, which makes it very unlikely that those worship funds and scholarship funds for this year will be available. Greg has alerted those committees.

All ministry chairs should be working on their budgets now; our annual meeting will be coming up quickly in early December, and we must have a budget to present! Matt moved to approve the financial report as presented. Todd seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor / Staff / Ministry: Pr. Katie reported movie night went well, and we would love to do it again in the fall—perhaps October with *Hocus-Pocus* trunk or treat, etc. Thanks to all who helped make it happen!

Missions: Mark highlighted SJI and the packs for Casa de Paz—who were very appreciative.

Stewardship: No report.

Faith Formation: Jamie highlighted the busy summer—VBS was a great success with great leadership from Sue Smith; there was a refund credit from Group so VBS came in under budget; campers attended Sky Ranch; the community movie night was successful; and a family swim on August 28 at Updegraf's neighborhood pool is upcoming. Rally day is August 21; the theme is "Be a Light."

Challenges include: to get people out in July with maybe more planning and advertising ahead of time next year. Faith Formation would like to coordinate with other ministry teams and encourage communication between the ministries for plans and events. Upcoming in the fall: Confirmation, 1st Communion classes, and movie nights will start back up.

Worship: Jim was in WY for most of July dealing with replacement scheduling. The Music & Worship committee met and discussed worship and music ideas through the end of the year. Due to finances and persistent pandemic

issues, choir is not feasible for now through the end of the year so they will not pursue the position for this year. Small groups and volunteers will step up to provide music for now.

Property: Alex reported that several expenses have just come through or will shortly: replace backflows and fire sprinkler service, which were approved in July, and are scheduled for August. Our van has been leased for up to three months, and several requests have been made for the use of the bus (see new business). Alex is planning to schedule another property work day soon to complete work on the landscaping and free up the rest of the irrigation system. Electrical issues have been addressed. Thinking about ways to use the donated landscape boulders—conversations about a community garden; remove the spruces on the west border and replace with boulders; other ideas? Todd suggests a weekday work day for retirees participation, in addition to a regular weekend workday.

Question re HVAC status: we are now repairing units as needed and not replacing due to cost of replacement (\$32K). Plans for the future may include a campaign for the Capital Fund.

Pr. Katie reports that Andrea Becker expressed thank you on behalf of the preschool for the additional support and communication in the last couple of years. Andrea also requested help with: 1) placing the mats on the playground under the wood chips; 2) power washing the windows and cleaning the blinds; and 3) a need to check window locks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Preschool Committee / Board: In addition to the property requests from the preschool director, Pr. Katie reports the Preschool Team meets tomorrow evening. Members are working through the paperwork and crafting current documents.

Longmont K9 Training: P. Katie reports this is still pending.

Cub Scout Pack 65 / Troop 65: Matt signed paperwork after the vote to approve chartering Pack 65. There is a possibility we may be

Council Meeting (con't)

asked to charter Troop 65 as well but are waiting for the official request.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bus Use Requests
 1. Habitat for Humanity: Sept 13 to take folks to Estes Park —consensus to table pending more information.
 2. Gary Knutson request: Sept 16 & 18 Gary requested for the family of a youth director.
 3. Fall Theological Conference: Sept 19–23 trip to Park City, UT and back.

Matt moved to approve the second and third requests; Greg seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Girl Scout Requests:
 - In conjunction with earning their Babysitting Badge, the Girl Scouts would like to hold a Parents' Night Out on a Friday with popcorn and water. Jenny moved to approve the request as discussed (one event for BLC, LOC, Cornerstone, Scouts families using the Girl Scout guidelines and Safe Haven policy for ratio of children to adults); Todd seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Bakesale: Girl Scout troop would like to hold a bake sale in November/December. Greg made a motion to approve the Girl Scout bake sale with the date contingent on not conflicting with Nicaragua bakesale dates; Alex seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - Garage Sale: Girl Scouts want to hold a garage sale Labor Day Weekend Saturday (9/3) in the church parking lot. Consensus is to table this request pending answers to questions.
- Musical Freedom Funding Request: There was a request from Jeanne Phipps to add the Musical Freedom program as a line item in our annual budget. After discussion, Mark will respond to the request regarding the funds; Pr. Katie will respond to the email response regarding additional questions. Faith Formation Director will be working with

Jeanne on scheduling an Adult Forum for Musical Freedom.

- Update on New Beginnings Ministry: Pr. Katie provided an update on the New Beginnings Ministry. The New Beginnings Ministry is still active at the Women's prison. Pr. Schjang meets regularly with both a bible study group and the NB inside council group. There is also a small service allowed every other Saturday within defined hours. However, large meetings (including regular services, GED classes, other educational programs, etc.) have been on hold by the warden for a number of months due to safety concerns because of the prison staff shortage; they are down to only about $\frac{1}{3}$ of their usual number of officers. As soon as that is corrected, larger groups and services will resume. We will continue our prayers and support for the New Beginnings ministry.
- Christmas & New Year services: Pr. Katie indicated that both Christmas and New Year's fall on a Sunday this year; council consensus recommended having one service at 9:15 a.m. on these Sundays. Alex moved to allow Gary a Sunday off on 12/25/2022 and to allow Pr. Katie a Sunday off on 1/1/2023. Jim seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Growing Gardens Urban Farming request: a group in partnership with YMCA and school programs is looking for land and a new partner for their garden/education program (see attached information). After discussion, this request is tabled pending more information. We discussed creating a land use team to explore multiple possibilities for our land.

Following prayer considerations and The Lord's Prayer, Matt adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. Exec meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Note: Full minutes of the council meetings are available in the Fireside Library, along with council ministry reports.

Faith Formation



From the desk of the Faith Formation Director Gary:

We are to be the light of the world. What does that mean? Matthew 5:14 is the verse that describes this best, "You are the light of the world. A city/congregation built on a hill cannot be hid!" BLC is the light in our community. I challenge our congregation to continue to be that light. Our SJC is doing amazing work, so how can you be involved? Be a light whenever you can!

This year's theme is "Be a Light"

- **(All aged) Sunday School:** We will be having Sunday school for ages 3 year old to 100 year old. Please gather in the fellowship hall for a story about the lesson (lectionary) and then break into our smaller groups for conversation, craft and prayer time. We will start on September 11. We are currently looking for Sunday school teachers.
- **Confirmation:** We start Confirmation on September 11 this year with a comprehensive look into the Lutheran's faith of the small Catechism. We have expanded our Confirmation Ministry to a 3 year cycle.
- **The 2022-2023 Ministry Calendar of Events** is located in the narthex on the west wall. Please visit it for information of dates and times.
- **Monday Night Football:** This small group starts on September 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Gary's home. All ages are invited. We will watch football and eat together. Please bring your own libation. During halftime, our first night's discussion will be "What does it mean to be a spiritual leader in your life? Home? Work?"
- **Family Sunday's:** Join us for family fun and activities throughout the year starting October 2. Please see the Ministry calendar for events, dates and times.



Music



Anyone interested in sharing their musical gifts in a small group?

We are hoping to add some special music to worship!

If you are musically inclined and would like more information, or wish to share an idea for a small group of instrumentalists or vocalists, or just want to participate in some small group singing... let us know!

Please reach out to Jim W. (worshipchair@bethlehem-lutheran.net) with your interest or ideas. Thank you for considering adding to our worship experience!

Property



Property Needs

There are a number of items which have been on the property list for awhile. Some of the items simply take a little time and skill, others are larger and more expensive. If you would like to learn more about a particular project and/or are able to check an item off the list, please contact Alex H. (property@bethlehem-lutheran.net).

Smaller Projects

- Shed & Garage Cleanup
- Storage Room Cleanup
- Window & Screen Cleaning
- Paint Touch-up
- Fellowship Hall Deep Clean
- Sanctuary Deep Clean
- Carpet Cleaning (halls)
- Fellowship Hall Floor Rewax
- Bench Plaques

Bigger Projects

- Playground Fence
- Tiles in Preschool
- East Double Doors
- North Double Doors
- Sliding Fireside Rm Door

To Serve



Social Justice Initiative

From Fear to Despair to Hope

by Mary Jane Voogt

“Meeting” Ruth changed my life! Ruth was detained in a prison-like detention facility for nearly three years after legally entering the United States to ask for asylum. She did not see the sun, feel the breeze on her cheek, or even step outside for the duration of her detention. She suffered untreated health issues, food deprivation, the inability to stay warm in the winter, and acute depression during her stay. Her country of origin is the politically charged and dangerous Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Ruth is one of the thousands of detainees incarcerated in the US that can request a pen pal through Casa de Paz. Several of our congregation members have trained and volunteered to be pen pals through Casa de Paz. Ruth was my very first pen pal. We shared letters and concerns for the last year of her detention. In August of 2021 her case finally came before the immigration judge. Based on her family’s experiences in DRC, Ruth was granted permission to stay in the US under the category “Protection from Torture”. But that didn’t end her challenge. She joined a cousin’s already crowded home and began her wait for her work permit and social security number. She could not get a driver’s license, open a bank account, cash a check or get a job while she waited! She felt worthless and useless. Through all her emotional ups and downs we have communicated several times a week on WhatsApp. I have been able to see her face and feel the depth of her emotion on WhatsApp video.

Ten days ago the magic happened. She now has her documents! Last week she started working in order fulfillment for Amazon while studying for the national test for Certified Nurse Assistant. Next week she will take the test for her driver’s license. Ruth’s story has one of the infrequent satisfying endings for detained persons. I have been blessed to be part of Ruth’s journey.

Although we have yet to meet in person I do believe that will happen. Ruth hopes to “rebuild

her life” in Colorado. I will be searching for a home with a room to rent (with kitchen privileges), or a small apartment that she might afford on limited income. Maybe she will join us all as a Coloradan!

P.S. To find out about the Casa de Paz pen pals program email Alondra aflores@casadepazco.org

Save the date to Share the Grace!

Make plans to participate in the Share the Grace event on Reformation Sunday, October 30th. Last year’s event provided generous support for the Reentry Initiative, Casa de Paz, and New Beginnings. Watch for more details to come about needs and opportunities to help each of the above organizations and programs, but in the meantime, make sure to save adult-sized business casual clothing for the Reentry Initiative clothes drive.

Join us!

Interested in being part of the SJI work at BLC? Contact Jane Lahman at janelahman@hotmail.com. SJI meets the third Sunday of every month via Zoom, and will be meeting at 11:45 a.m. starting with the September 18 meeting.

Land Use Team Forming Now!

Over the years, people of Bethlehem have dreamed about ways to steward the land to the north of the parsonage and stable. At various times the land has been used for gardening and gathering.

Recently, our council has received two community requests/proposals for using the land. Both involve partnering with organizations to grow plants and create a community space for volunteers and education. We are looking for 4-5 Bethlehem members who will learn about these requests/proposals, engage the neighborhood/community/congregation, and make a recommendation to the council/congregation.

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Katie (pastor@bethlehem-lutheran.net or 303-776-3290) before September 15.

To Serve (con't)



Volunteers & Funding for Neighborly Activities

After having some conversation with the Fields on 15th, our Evangelism team has discerned that one way to be good neighbors may be to hold a weekly after school snack from 3:45-4:45 p.m. We are working out details (like the day of the week, snack options, etc.). The biggest obstacles thus far are determining funding sources and volunteers. We hope that a different ministry or small group of volunteers can each "host" a different week of the month. We would also need regular volunteers to have snacks with the kids and potentially provide homework help.

If you or your ministry are interested in participating please contact Pastor Katie at pastor@bethlehem-lutheran.net.

OUR Center Lunch – September 25

Bethlehem will prepare and serve the lunch for the Our Center on Sunday, September 25. If you have questions, contact Mark H. at HolsteMarkA@outlook.com or missions@bethlehem-lutheran.net

God's Work. Our Hands.

On Sunday, September 11, Bethlehem will join with First Lutheran for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday.

Activities currently planned are:

- 9:45 a.m. @ First Lutheran—Meet in the Courtyard followed by packing Rice & Beans in Room 5 for the Our Center.
- 10:00 a.m. @ the Our Center—Sorting Clothes
- 12:00 p.m. @ First Lutheran
 - ◊ FLW Fireside Room: A quick meeting and then we will get to work with God's Work Our Hands projects.
 - ◊ Big Room: We will create personal care kits for the homeless and tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief

If you would like to participate in one of these activities please email to Mark H. at HolsteMarkA@outlook.com or missions@bethlehem-lutheran.net .

Gather and Connect

"Brewsday"

Stop by, have a beverage and check-in with Pastor Katie and church friends.

- August 30, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - Wibby
- September 6, 9-10:30 a.m. Ziggi's on Francis
- September 27, 5-6:30 p.m. Wibby
- October 4, 7-8:30 a.m. Ziggi's on Francis
- October 18, 5-6:30 p.m. location TBD

Table Talks

On Wednesdays at noon from September to October in the Fireside Room. We will discuss Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together*, reading is helpful but not required. Bring your own lunch for Week 1. If you're interested in Zooming, contact Pastor Katie at pastor@bethlehem-lutheran.net

Manna Bible Study

We meet every Monday at 9:00 a.m. We are currently studying the book of *Matthew* and would like to have you join us. All are welcome. We meet at the homes of the participants. Please contact Phyllis W. for the location and more information.



Quilting Queens

Quilters are meeting in the Quilting Room and Music Room on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. to tie quilts. If you would like to donate or purchase a quilt of your own, please contact the church office for more information (303-776-3290).

Gather and Connect (con't)



Dining for Eight

Fall is around the corner and that means it's time for dining for eight.

What is dining for eight you ask? Dining for eight is a BLC tradition where eight people gather for food and conversation. You can do brunch or dinner - at home or at a restaurant - your group can decide. You will be paired up by the random selection of the fabulous evangelism team. This is a great way to connect with fellow members. If this sounds fun please email Bob Lee at bobandsabrinalee@gmail.com

First Friday Fellowship

Due to Labor Day weekend, First Friday will be September 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Shelley K/ Sam C. Bring an appetizer and a beverage to share. If you have questions contact Shirley K at 3030-775-6928.

Bethlehem Book Club

We will meet on Zoom Thursday, September 8 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss *Jesus and John Wayne* (non fiction) by Kristin Kobes du Mez. This book discussion is open to all. If you want to be added to the list email Mary Jane at mjvoogt2003@yahoo.com to be added to the communications list. You will receive announcements and the zoom link the week before the meeting. Just a heads up: our October book selection is *Hum if You Don't Know the Words* (fiction) by Bianca Marais.

New Titles! Bethlehem Book Club News

We have six months of titles to stimulate your interest in joining Bethlehem Book Club! We meet on zoom the second Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Book Club is open to everyone. We alternate months between fiction titles and non fiction titles. We try to challenge ourselves to explore ideas, cultures, values, science, history and more. In the words of



Jacqueline Woodson, the

author of our August book - "I can't walk through this world with blinders on or else I don't grow!" Should our list intrigue you, email Mary Jane at mjvoogt2003@yahoo.com to be put on the list. You will receive reminders and the zoom link the week before each meeting.

Tah Dah and Drumroll Please! Our new choices are:

- September - *Jesus and John Wayne* (nf) Kristin Kobes DuMez
- October - *Hum if You Don't Know the Words* (f) Bianca Marais
- November - *Born A Crime* (nf) Trevor Noah
- December - *Miss Benson's Beetle* (f) Rachel Joyce
- January - *The Girl With Seven Names: Escape From North Korea* (nf) Hueonsoo Lee
- February - *Americanah* (f) Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Ambassadors at The Atria

Please join us September 11, immediately following the second service while we make a joyful noise singing hymns and gospel songs with those in the Memory Care Unit at The Atria on 9th and Hover in Longmont. Contact Jeanne Phipps at jeanne@phippsweb.com

Naomi Circle

Our September meeting will be in person (Youth Room) and on Zoom Tuesday, September 13, from 9:15 - 11:00 a.m. Our membership is open to all who are interested in joining us. Please contact Linda H. (holstell@outlook.com) or Sue S. (suesmith512@msn.com) for further information.

ELCA

Thirsting for Water – at the Intersection of Climate, Water, and Hunger

The Rocky Mountain Synod has an event coming up that will help us learn, discuss, ponder and consider personal actions to address this crisis and its impact on food production and hunger. The Thirsting for Water event is Saturday, September 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Cherry Hills Village, CO, and via Zoom.

The registration link is live now at rmselca.org/thirstingforwater. Cost is \$25 per person on-site (includes lunch) and \$15 for Zoom participants. Register early to begin viewing and reading advanced material.



75th Anniversary of Lutheran Campus Ministry in Boulder

Over the past 75 years Lutheran Campus Ministry in Boulder has served over 3,000 student meals, hosted hundreds of weekend retreats, bought students thousands of cups of coffee, and taken generations of students on life-changing trips around the globe. Join us to celebrate these many years of faithful ministry and help us raise funds to support the next 75 years of ministry on campus in Boulder! There is also an optional bus tour of LCM's history in Boulder before our program that evening.

Date: Saturday, October 8

Time: 3pm - Happy Hour, 3:30pm - Bus Tour Departs, 5:30pm - Program

Join for one or all activities!

Location: St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 2425 Colorado Ave, Boulder, CO 80302

Register: Learn more and RSVP at www.lutheranbuffs.org

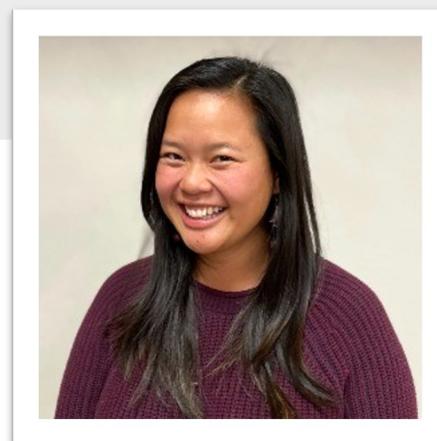
The ELCA Churchwide Assembly

The assembly was held August 8-12 in Columbus, OH. These assemblies are held every three years in various locations throughout the U.S. Attendees come from each of the 65 synods of the ELCA and are chosen at Synod Assemblies prior to the Churchwide Assembly. You can read notes, watch videos, and learn more about the 2022 Churchwide Assembly at: <https://www.elca.org/churchwideassembly>

Congratulations to our former intern, Joy Knoppel!

Joy has been called to serve as Co-Pastor of First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea, MN! She will be ordained at First Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 17 at 11:00 a.m. Cards may be sent to her at:

Rev. Joy Knoppel
First Lutheran Church
301 W. Clark St.
Albert Lea, MN 56007



Stewardship



Finances for July 2022

General Fund Actual Income:	\$ 31,707	General & Designated Funds Actual Income:	\$ 24,228
General Fund Budgeted income:	\$ 35,917	General & Designated Budgeted Income:	\$ 44,471
Income Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ (4,210)	Income Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ (20,243)
General Fund Ministry Expenses:	\$ 30,002	General & Designated Fund Ministry Expenses:	\$ 38,738
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 1,705	Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ (14,510)

The loss is high due to our funds being affected by the drop in the stock market.

Financial Summary Reports Presented to Council are Available

Contact Greg S. (treasurer@bethlehem-lutheran.net) for more information or with questions or suggestions. Printed copies of all the reports are available for review in the Fireside Room library.

Multiple Giving Options for BLC

We have several options for making donations:

1. To make an online web donation (one time or recurring), go to the Donate web page and click on the Online Giving icon to access our secure giving page and then follow the instructions. Detailed instructions are also available on the website.
2. For recurring donations, another option is to download the [BLC Vanco Enrollment form](#) or get a copy from the BLC Office, complete and sign, and return with a voided check to the BLC office with Attention: Financial Secretary. The financial secretary will set up an account for you.
3. Mail or drop off a check or cash to the BLC office (Attention: Financial Secretary, 1000 West 15th Avenue, Longmont, CO, 80501).

Online giving lets you go to our website at any time 24/7 to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation, or view your online donation history.

If you have any questions about either our giving or pledging options, please contact Jenny, our financial secretary (financialsec@bethlehem-lutheran.net, 303-651-6226).

2022 Q2 Donation Statements

2022 Q2 donation statements have been mailed by USPS and should be received now by all who have donated or pledged this year through June 30. Please review these statements as soon as possible! If there are any questions, comments or corrections, contact our Financial Secretary, Jenny K. (financialsec@bethlehem-lutheran.net, 303-651-6226). These statements are provided for your convenience; however, be advised that any decisions regarding tax implications are at your discretion.



Member Milestones



Sept. 1 Sandy Coyle
 Sept. 2 Diane Forsberg
 Sept. 2 Andrew Van Dyke
 Sept. 5 Noah Judson
 Sept. 5 Caitlin Tiff
 Sept. 7 Barbara Rountree
 Sept. 7 Ethan Ritzen
 Sept. 8 Betty Rasmussen
 Sept. 8 Louisa Jurkovich
 Sept. 10 Florence McKinney
 Sept. 10 Dave Hooley
 Sept. 10 Ada Cook
 Sept. 11 Gerry Cole
 Sept. 11 Mayleana Neumann
 Sept. 12 Heather Rawlins
 Sept. 14 Brenda Downing
 Sept. 14 Dru Updegraff
 Sept. 14 Matt Helman
 Sept. 16 Addison Nelson
 Sept. 17 Diana Bruckner
 Sept. 18 Antonio Osborn
 Sept. 18 Jesse Ramer
 Sept. 20 Diana Grieve
 Sept. 20 Cindy Koenck
 Sept. 20 John Dirkes
 Sept. 20 Lindsey Loberg
 Sept. 20 Megan Loberg
 Sept. 21 Sandy Mickelson
 Sept. 21 Daniel Luere
 Sept. 22 Carolyn Buck-Gengler
 Sept. 23 Shirley Kasperbauer
 Sept. 23 Sabrina Lee
 Sept. 24 Steven Winter
 Sept. 24 Paul Fjeld
 Sept. 25 Michelle Felton
 Sept. 26 Paul Hansen
 Sept. 26 Todd Propp
 Sept. 26 Tatum Spendlow
 Sept. 27 Julian Lettow
 Sept. 28 Hayden Updegraff
 Sept. 28 Cameron Crespo
 Sept. 29 Michael Sloan
 Sept. 29 Solomon Cook
 Sept. 30 Gary Blando



Sept 6 Michael & Robyn Sloan (46)
 Sept 10 Eric & Lisa Kittelberger (28)
 Sept 10 Steven & Amanda Dawson (11)
 Sept 12 Paul & Roberta Fjeld (30)
 Sept 12 Joel & Jess Lahman (9)
Sept 13 Ken & Phyllis Wright (53)
Sept 14 Phil & Estelle Goode (54)
 Sept 17 Cindy & Mark Ballard (39)
 Sept 24 Jeff & Laurie Parker (34)

Praying for:

Matt J., Bruce B., Floyd A., Rini T., Cathy G.,
 Darlene B., Gerry C., Sharon KC., Jan M.,
 Kristal H., George D., Lydia M., Jeremy G., Lorie
 C., and our home bound members: Esther G.,
 Doris C., Brenda H.

Sympathy for:

Duane and Joanne Larsen on the death of
 Duane's sister, Mildred Paseko on August 3,
 2022

Gail and Carl Schurman on the death of their
 niece, Ashlee Duttlinger

Congratulations to:

Molly and Michael Stiver on the birth of their
 daughter, Mabel Elizabeth Stiver on August 13,
 2022. Mabel is the first grandchild of Eva and
 Glenn Summers.



Just for Fun

September means Autumn starts and Autumn means apple-picking!

Check out this delicious apple recipe found at www.almanac.com/recipe/apple-cinnamon-waffles

Apple Cinnamon Waffles

Ingredients

- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoons packed brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 eggs, separated
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 cup melted butter, plus extra for waffle iron
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 sweet apple, such as Fuji or Gala, cored, and grated

Instructions

1. Preheat waffle iron.
2. In a bowl, whisk together flours, baking powder, brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt.
3. In the bowl of a stand mixer, beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Set aside.
4. In another bowl, whisk together egg yolks, milk, butter, and vanilla. Stir egg yolk mixture into dry mixture until combined (some lumps are fine). Gently fold in egg whites, then fold in apple.
5. Brush melted butter over hot waffle iron. Spoon batter into waffle iron and cook for 3 to 5 minutes, or until nicely browned.



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Return service requested

Keep the BLC Office Up to Date

Please keep the church office up to date with address, email and phone information for your family. Contact Nancy at the church office (303-776-3290, admin@bethlehem-lutheran.net) with any changes in contact information.

Weekly Announcements are also available in our weekly worship bulletin found each week on our website (<https://www.bethlehem-lutheran.net/>).

Deadline for weekly announcements: The Wednesday before you want the announcement to appear in the bulletin. *Submit all announcements through the Members website/Resources/* Submit to BLC news form or the BLC news email (news@bethlehem-lutheran.net).

Deadline for the October 2022 Star: September 20. Submit all articles through the Members website/Resources/Submit to BLC news form or the BLC news email (news@bethlehem-lutheran.net). If you have any problems, please contact webmaster@bethlehem-lutheran.net.

