

Star on the Hill

The Newsletter of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lanesboro, Minnesota

April 2020

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Bethlehem now has a Facebook page! We will attempt to live-stream worship services until it is safe to resume in-person worship.

Consult the church office, Facebook page or web page regarding the worship services and other activities listed in this newsletter. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, these events may not take place as scheduled.



Maundy Thursday
April 9, 7:00 pm
With Holy Communion



April 1, 7:00 pm

The Wounds of Stealing
Luke 23:1-5

Jesus is accused of forbidding the paying of taxes.

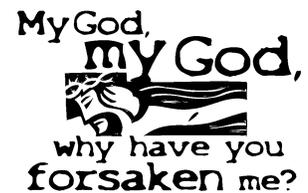
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April 5

Procession with Palms and
Liturgy of the Passion



Good Friday
April 10, 7:00 pm



April 12

9:00 am

Festival worship with
Holy Communion

Worship & Evangelism



Holy Communion

Thursday, April 9
At the altar rail

Sunday, April 12
In procession

Help with errands during pandemic

Raquel Torgerson has offered to assist members of our congregation with pick-up and delivery of food, supplies, meds, etc. She travels to Rochester daily for work. She is also happy to assist with local errands. Please contact the church office to request help.

Adopt-a-Highway Saturday, April 11

Bethlehem has adopted a section of Minnesota Highway 16 beginning at the intersection with Highway 52 (John Deere corner) and continuing two miles east. We've made a commitment to clean the road ditches each spring and fall. Our spring clean-up will be Saturday, April 11. Meet at the church at 9:00 am to get garbage bags and vests.



Breakfast with the Bishop April 25

All men of the SE MN Synod are invited to attend the annual Breakfast with the Bishop, Saturday, April 25, 9:00 to 11:00 am, at Cabela's in Owatonna. Our keynote speaker will be Bishop Hassanally. Rev. Regina Hassanally was elected the fourth bishop of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod on June 1, 2019. She and her staff are striving to visit every single one of the 167 congregations, 6 worshipping communities and 2 campus ministries of the synod at least once in her first 24 months in office. Cost is \$15 for adults; \$10 for boys age 19 and younger. Sign up at the church office by Wednesday, April 15.

April coffee offering benefits tornado victims

A powerful tornado ripped through central Tennessee in February, killing 24 people and leaving many homes and other buildings destroyed. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with those in the impacted area — including the ELCA Southeastern Synod and local congregations — to respond

with immediate relief. Given the extent of the destruction, recovery is expected to take years. LDR plans to accompany the Southeastern Synod to address survivors' needs over the long haul.



Palms will arrive on schedule

Our order for Palm Sunday palms was placed with Lutheran World Relief – Eco-Palms well before the Coronavirus forced restrictions on group gatherings. We have been notified by Lutheran World Relief that the palms were harvested on schedule in Guatemala and are presently in Miami. Unfortunately, there is no way to cancel the order if our worship service does not take place.

LWR writes, “While we understand this might be a disappointment, we encourage you to celebrate the benefits your sacrifice will have on the palm harvesters. We invite you to be creative in ways you might still use your Eco-Palms. Consider distributing the palms for home use during your live streamed services. Or place them in a large bucket on your church steps with a ‘Hosanna’ sign for passersby to enjoy.”

Worship & Evangelism



Worship Assistants

Please note: At press time, the April service group was waiting to see whether our worship services will be in-person or on-line this month.

Sunday, April 5

Greeters:
Ushers:
Acolytes: Jacob Peterson and Jordan Peterson
Reader:
Altar Care:
Refreshments:

Maundy Thursday, April 9

Greeters / Ushers:
Acolytes: Sarah Eversole and Tate Pieper
Altar Care / Communion:

Good Friday, April 10

Greeters / Ushers:
Acolytes: Levi Rogers and Holdyn Willford

Sunday, April 12 Easter Day

Greeters:
Ushers:
Acolytes: Trevor Ruen and Lynsey Ruen
Reader:
Altar Care / Communion:
Refreshments:

Sunday, April 19

Greeters:
Ushers:
Acolytes: Logan Torgerson and Brock Taylor
Reader:
Altar Care:

Sunday, April 26

Greeters:
Ushers:
Acolytes: Chloe Schnebly and Cora Schnebly
Reader:
Altar care:
Refreshments:

Meals on Wheels April 6-10

Senior Dining Servers at Kenilworth apartments

April 3: Dianne Dunn and Phyllis Penheiter
April 10: Diann Groen and Kathie Rogers
April 17:
April 24:

Thank you to Lenten Supper Servers

Thank you to Vern & Diann Groen and Bob & Phyllis Penheiter for providing our mid-week Lenten supper on March 11. All other suppers in March were canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

May Service Group Meets April 5

May service group members are: Mimi Abell, Scott & Dawn Bearson, Sheila Drake, Mike & Gina Ommen-Flaby, Bev Hanson, Bonnie Hanson, Mark & Pat Hanson, Jennifer Haug, Philip & Clorees Haug, Jeremiah & Sasha Holst, Glen & Julie Jensson, Robert & Phyllis Penheiter, Paul & Darcy Peterson, James & Brenda Semmen, Janell Torgerson, Mike & Raquel Torgerson. Group coordinators are Glen & Julie Jensson and Robert & Phyllis Penheiter.

Children, Youth & Family



LYO winter service project concluded. Good Work, Kids!

LYO members took out the trash for residents of Kenilworth and Sylvan Manor apartments each Wednesday, December through March. Thank you to all the youth and their families who participated: Adam, Brielle, Carson & Luke Ruen; T.J., Connor, Trevor & Lynsey Ruen; Jessie Schreiber, Kendall & Kaden Stettler, Payton & Reece Benson, Ben & Sarah Eversole; Jacob & Jordan Peterson; Sophie & Tate Pieper; Chloe & Cora Schnebly; Taylor & Morgan Hanson, Karen & Cameron Dahl; Peyton & Reid Olson; and Carter & Elizabeth Clarke. The residents really appreciate your work!

InFaith Scholarships

InFaith Community Foundation offers several annual scholarships. Application deadline is April 30.

The-InFaith Community Foundation Scholarship benefits students who are members of churches that have an active endowment fund with InFaith Community Foundation. Two scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 will be awarded to applicants who are high school graduating seniors seeking a four-

year undergraduate degree at an accredited college or university.

The WomenLead Scholarship recognizes the need for diverse leadership in ministry, nonprofits, and civic organizations. Two scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 will be awarded to women of Christian faith seeking a masters or doctoral level degree that will prepare them to serve in public service, non-profit leadership, and/or in Christian ministry.

Please contact Nikki Johnson, Donor Services Associate, with questions about the scholarships or the application process: scholarships@infaithfound.org or 800-365-4172.

Bible camp registration is open!

Good Earth Village offers camping opportunities for youth who are preschool-aged thru 12th grade, as well as family camps and grand camps (grandparents & grandchildren). Summer 2020 reservations are being accepted and, to date, we do not anticipate any changes. As circumstances surrounding the coronavirus pandemic unfold, we will update our website and notify families as needed. Register by April 5 and save 10% with code EARLY20.

Applies to all summer camps except Preschool Play Day. Siblings receive a 15% discount with code SIBLING20. Applies to overnight youth programs and Village Kids. Bethlehem will pay a portion of the cost for our members. Go to goodearthvillage.org for more information and online registration.

Healing Adventures Camp May 9

Mayo Clinic Hospice offers a free, one-day camp for children age 5-17 who have experienced the death of a significant person within the past three years. The camp will take place at Ironwood Springs Ranch, rural Stewartville, where participants will have the opportunity to spend time with other youth with similar experiences and meet with trained grief facilitators. Campers will also take part in nature walks, crafts, music, a petting zoo and rock wall climbing. Please contact Mayo Clinic Hospice at 1-800-679-9084 or RSTHOSPICEBEREAVEMENT@mayo.edu for more information and registration forms. Registration deadline is April 17.

New Christ in Our Home available

The April-June issue of *Christ in Our Home* daily devotional is available in the narthex. Stop by the church to pick up a copy or contact the church office and we will be happy to deliver one to you.

Minutes of the March 12 church council meeting were not available at press time. Watch for them in the May newsletter.

Children, Youth & Family



Our Confirmands

9th grade: Cameron Dahl, Sarah Eversole, Makenzie Kelly, Peyton Olson, Andrew Peterson, Chloe Schnebly, Jessie Schreiber, Brock Taylor, Logan Torgerson

8th grade: Luke Ruen, Lynsey Ruen, Kaden Stettler

7th grade: Taylor Hanson, Dayton Haugen, Emma Highum, Cora Schnebly, Holdyn Willford

Those Living with Cancer

Carroll Danielson, Diane Haugen, Sue Miehlisch, Tom Pappenfuss,

**Those Residing in Care Facilities

Eva Bakken at Good Shepherd Lutheran Home, Rushford

Allene Haugstad at Clara House in Harmony

Lois Gilbertson at Chosen Valley Assisted Living, Chatfield

Betty Hanson, Elizabeth Hollenbeck, Doris O'Dell and Lois M. Peterson at Park Lane Estates, Preston

Nancy Soukup at The Gardens at Cannon Falls

Kay McCarthy at Traditions of Preston

**Care facilities are currently not allowing visitors, including clergy who would normally provide pastoral care and lead chapel services. Please do keep our care center residents in your prayers.

Our Members in the Military

Nicholas Benson, son of Deane Benson

Lisa Peterson Abell, daughter of Linda (Hareldson) Peterson

Leon Peterson, son of Linda (Hareldson) Peterson

Tom Moen, son of Lolly Melander and grandson of Everett Johnson

Brian Peterson, son of Larry & Debbie Peterson, grandson of Lois Peterson

Claire Peterson, daughter of Joe and Jody Peterson, granddaughter of Lois Peterson

Pastoral Acts

Graveside Service

Pastor Kerry presided at a graveside service for Darrell Knutson at the Lanesboro Cemetery on March 17.



We extend our sympathy to Gene and Renee Bergstrom on the death of Gene's sister. Bonnie Storm, age 84, passed away March 2 in The Villages, Florida.

We extend our sympathy to Paula Norby on the death of her sister. Almerene Phillips Williams, age 93, passed away March 9 in Scottsville, Kentucky.

We extend our sympathy to Phil and Kathie Rogers on the death of their daughter-in-law; and David and Jennifer Rogers on the death of their sister-in-law. Julie Rogers passed away March 10 in Rochester.

Women of the ELCA

Please note: Consult the church website, Facebook page, or group leaders to see if these activities will take place as planned.

Women's Activities this month

NO SEW DAY IN APRIL

Saturday, April 18

9:00 am – 12:30 pm, WELCA
Spring Gathering at Chatfield
Lutheran Church

Wednesday, April 22

9:00 am Martha Circle
at Kenilworth Apartments
community room

3:00 pm Ruth & Sarah Circles
at Sylvan Manor community room

Every Thursday

2:00 pm Knitting Ministry at
Sylvan Manor Community room

Root River Conference seeks officers

The Root River Conference WELCA board is seeking women to serve as secretary and treasurer. Please contact Linda Kingsbury with nominations or volunteers: 875-2466.



Women's Bible Study

This month we conclude our four-part study entitled *We Are Called!* Martin Luther used the word “vocation” or “calling” to refer to all aspects of human life. We are called to respond to God not just in our personal relationship with God but in our relationships with family and friends, in our work, and in our communities. This Bible study explores stories from both the Old and New Testament. As we reflect on how our biblical forebears heard and responded to God’s call, we gain insight into how God is calling us – and how God may be calling others through us.

Session Four: *Calling Networks*. In this final session, we will ponder the communal dimensions of God’s call. The idea of a “calling network” is a helpful way of thinking about the fact that God’s call is both individual and communal. Sometimes God’s call is direct and easy to discern. But often it is others – our calling networks – who help us understand God’s call in and for our lives. Experiencing how others help us can prompt us to be attentive to the ways in which we can also be of help to others.

The Bible study is included in every issue of *Gather* magazine. If you would like to begin a written, audio, or on-line subscription to *Gather*, call 844-409-0576 or go to gathermagazine.org.

Root River Conference Spring Gathering April 18

The women of Chatfield Lutheran Church will host the Root River Conference spring gathering on Saturday, April 18. Registration and coffee begin at 8:00 am; program begins at 9:00 am and concludes with lunch.

This year’s theme is “Paul’s Message of Love,” based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-13. Guest speaker, Kathy Little is retired from 36 years as an English teacher and school counselor in Caledonia and Winona. She writes a monthly column for *The Fillmore County Journal*. Her hobbies include reading, writing, speaking and gardening.

Registration fee of \$10 per person includes morning coffee and lunch. Sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall by April 5.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church General Fund Summary

	February 2020	February 2019	Yr To Date 2020	Yr To Date 2019	Annual Budget	Percent of Budget Expended
Income:						
400 · Sunday Offering	10423	4343	15936	13229		
401 · Simply Giving(GF)	3866	3050	7016	6250		
410 · Other Offerings & Gifts	0	0	0	0		
481 -Fountain Reimbursement	0	0	0	0		
480 · Miscellaneous Income	0	471	0	900		
Total Income	14289	7864	22952	20379	0	
Expense:						
500 · OUTREACH MINISTRY	76	550	76	1100	7000	1%
550 · WORSHIP MINISTRY	403	150	696	250	5000	14%
600 · YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY	71	71	112	71	1600	7%
700 · PASTORAL MINISTRY	8680	7833	17535	15511	96000	18%
750 · OFFICE MANAGEMENT	890	507	1281	830	6000	21%
800 · FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	340	281	706	557	4500	16%
850 · OTHER EXPENDITURES	0	29	0	29	2500	0%
900 · PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	2781	2620	5196	5146	27000	19%
Total Expense	13241	12041	25602	23494	149600	17%
Net Gain or Loss	1048	-4177	-2650	-3115		



You are cordially invited to provide lilies or other flowers to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 12, and throughout the seven weeks of Easter.

We would like to know if the plant is given "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one, or even in celebration of a birthday, baptism, anniversary, etc., so this information can be included in the Easter bulletin. Please complete the form below and deliver it to the church office no later than Monday, April 6. Please bring your flowers to the church by Friday, April 10.

___ In memory of _____

___ In honor of _____

___ In celebration of _____

Name _____

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Calendar April 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 9:00 Palm Sunday 9:00 Worship 10:05 Sunday school 10:15 Confirmation 10:30 Choir rehearsal	6 7:00 Men's breakfast at Home Sweet Home	7	8 NO WELCA Sew Day 7:00 Lenten Worship live-stream on Facebook	9 2:00 Knitting ministry 7:00 Maundy Thursday at Bethlehem	10 7:00 Good Friday worship at Bethlehem	11 9:00 Highway 16 clean-up Meet at church
12 Easter Day 9:00 Worship w/ HC NO Sunday school NO Confirmation NO Choir rehearsal	13 7:00 Men's breakfast at Home Sweet Home May Newsletter Deadline	14 9:00 Pastor Kerry at Root River Conference gathering	15	16 2:00 Knitting ministry	17	18 9:00 WELCA Spring Gathering at Chatfield Lutheran
19 Easter 2 9:00 Worship 10:05 Sunday school 10:15 Confirmation 10:30 Choir rehearsal	20 7:00 Men's breakfast at Home Sweet Home	21	22 9:00 Martha Circle at Kenwrth 3:00 Ruth & Sarah Circles at Sylvan Manor	23 2:00 Knitting ministry	24	25 9:00 Breakfast w/ the Bishop at Cabela's, Owatonna
26 Easter 3 9:00 Worship 10:05 Sunday school 10:15 Confirmation 10:30 Choir rehearsal	27 7:00 Men's breakfast at Home Sweet Home	28	29	30 2:00 Knitting ministry		

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