



# Star on the Hill

July 2020

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE, SO OTHERS CAN SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS! *MATT. 5:16*

## Church in Sylvan Park on Sunday, July 19

Plan on worshipping in Sylvan Park on Sunday, July 19, at 9 a.m. The Arnold-Bradley Band will provide music for the service. You are more than welcome to attend in person or watch live on Facebook. In the event of rain, the service will be broadcast from the church and everyone can watch online.

Because of COVID-19, there will be some restrictions for this outdoor gathering. You can park your car in the spaces closest to and facing the gazebo, stay in your car, roll down your windows and give praise! Or ... you can sit in lawn chairs on the grass. If you chose this option, then you are strongly encouraged to wear a mask or face covering. Two or more members of the same household can sit adjacent to one

another, with 6 feet of empty space on all sides of your group. Attendees not in the same household also must keep a distance of at least 6 feet from others. This includes keeping this distance with people next to you, in front of you, and behind you.



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## Bethlehem to host outdoor service on Sunday, August 2

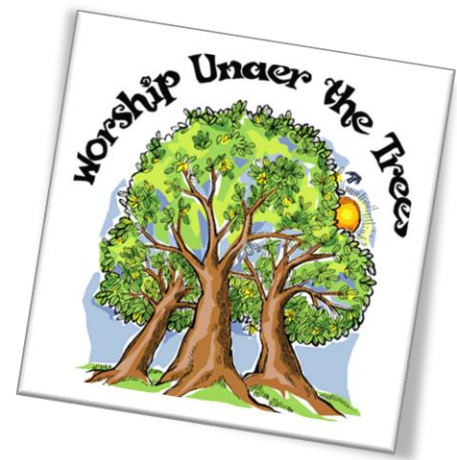
Although Lanesboro's Buffalo Bill Days celebration for 2020 has been canceled because of the coronavirus crisis, there will still be a worship service in Sylvan Park on Sunday, August 2 at 9 a.m., weather permitting of course.

Tom Schramm & The LPs will provide music for the service

Like the July outdoor service, you are more than welcome to attend in person or watch live on Facebook. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be broadcast from the church,

in which case everyone can see it online.

Please note the restrictions for attending in-person in the article for the July 19 service on page 1.



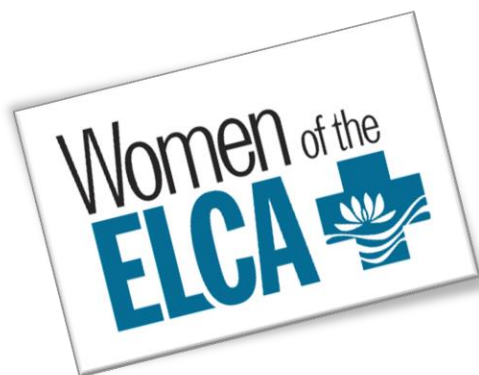
### WORSHIPPING IN PERSON

The church council is meeting on Tuesday, July 14 and will decide on a target date for worshipping together in the sanctuary.

### EXPECTATIONS AND RULES

See page 4 for a list of the requirements for attending a service at Bethlehem when we do gather in church again.

## July-August *Gather* magazine excerpts & links



### July "Just love" Bible study video

Are you looking for a way to participate in *Gather's* July Bible study? Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Iowa, shared their video study of the July session. [Check it out here!](#)

You can download the summer Bible study sessions simply by confirming your e-newsletter subscription. [Do it here.](#)

### Passing the peace

We are called to stand in the gap for our neighbor and make

amends where harm has been caused. Click on the title above to read the article.

### Sign up for *Gather's* free e-newsletter

Click on the following link, scroll down near the bottom of the page, enter your e-mail address and *Gather* will send news, updates, and special offers free to your inbox!

<https://www.gathermagazine.org/>

### CHRIST IN OUR HOME

The July, August, September edition is available. Call the office if you would like a copy. We'll arrange to deliver or mail.



*Please remember in your prayers and devotions these members of our faith community, and the community at large.*

### Our Confirmands

#### 9th Grade soon to be 10th Grade:

Cameron Dahl, Sarah Eversole, Makenzie Kelly, Peyton Olson, Andrew Peterson, Chloe Schnebly, Jessie Schreiber, Brock Taylor, and Logan Torgerson.

#### 8th Grade soon to be 9th Grade:

Luke Ruen, Lynsey Ruen, and Kaden Stettler.

#### 7th Grade soon to be 8th Grade:

Taylor Hanson, Dayton Haugen, Emma Highum, Cora Schnebly, and Holdyn Willford.

### Those Living with Cancer and Other Disorders

Mimi Abell, Carroll Danielson, Kirk Domine, Diane Haugen, Sue Miehlisch, Tom Pappenfuss, Gerry Parker, Lynn Sherfy, and Deb Voeltz.

### Those Recovering from Injury or Surgery

Rick Darling, Marge Drake, Jim Iverson, and Sandy Tammel.

### Those Living in Care Facilities

Lois Gilbertson at Chosen Valley Assisted Living in Chatfield.

Betty Hanson and Elizabeth Hollenbeck at Park Lane Estates in Preston.

Keith Burmeister and Allene Haugstad at Harmony Place Senior Living in Harmony.

Nancy Soukup at Diamond Rehab & Living in Cannon Falls.

*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 thoughts and prayers.*

### In the Military

*Nicholas Benson*, son of Deane Benson, and grandson of the late Helen 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 and the late Betty Johnson.

*Brian Peterson*, son of Larry & Debbie Peterson, and grandson of Lois and the late Robert Dale Peterson.

*Claire Peterson*, daughter of Joe & Jody Peterson, and granddaughter of Lois and the late Percy Peterson.



Pastor Kerry has presided at three weddings since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic.

Jessica Easley, daughter of Erik and Laurie Overland, and Wade Bakker were married in an outdoor ceremony at their home in Rollingstone, rural Altura, on Saturday, April 26.

Megan Kiehne—daughter of Tim & Julie Kiehne—and Makenzie “Mac” Nelson were married in an outdoor ritual at Megan’s family’s home, rural Lanesboro, on Saturday, June 6.

Alexis Jorgensen—daughter of Erin Amdahl and Matt Jorgensen (Darcie) and stepdaughter of Brit Amdahl—and Matthew Luck were married in an outdoor service at Cedar Valley Resort in Whalan, on Saturday, June 13.



We extend our condolences to Lois E. Peterson on the death of her sister, Doris O’Dell. Doris died peacefully, passing through death into the eternal care of our Lord, on May 23 at Park Lane Estates in Preston. She was 95 years young. A brief service was held on June 10 at Hoff Funeral Home in St. Charles. Doris’ cremated remains were then laid to rest in St. Aloysius Cemetery in Elba.

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church's List of Expectations and Rules for Protecting Worshippers During the Covid-19 Pandemic

- **Sick Church Members and Visitors — Please do not attend!**
  - Church members and visitors who have symptoms of COVID-19, or any other illness, should not attend services. Please stay home!
  - Church members and visitors who may be at higher risk for severe illness are strongly encouraged not to attend services. Please stay home!
  - If a church member has even one household member experiencing symptoms compatible with COVID-19, or any other illness, then the entire family unit must stay home.
- **Hand Washing and Sanitizing — Please do it! — You are encouraged to bring your own hand sanitizer!**
  - Church members and visitors must wash and/or sanitize their hands upon entering the church and frequently while in the building.
- **Face Coverings and Masks — Wear one! — Please bring your own!**
  - Church members and visitors are required to wear a face covering or mask when in the building and during services when they are able.
- **Physical Distancing — Worshippers must be at least 6-feet apart!**
  - Church members and visitors must maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from people not in the same household.
  - Ushers will direct church members and visitors entering and exiting the sanctuary to maintain proper physical distancing.
  - Seating will be blocked off and clearly marked to ensure adequate spacing of worshippers.
- **Worship Aids — Hymn books, no; bulletins, yes; projection, yes!**
  - Hymnals will not be available in the pews.
  - A full-service bulletin will be placed on the pew where an individual worshipper may sit but it should not be shared.
  - The order of worship, prayers, liturgy, readings, and lyrics will be projected on a screen.
  - Electronic copies of the bulletin will be available for worshippers to access on their personal devices prior to the service.
- **Worship Practices — Some restrictions!**
  - No shaking of hands, hugging, fist-bumping, high-fiving, etc., to greet one another before, during, or after services.
  - Speaking and singing will be permitted but only while wearing a face covering or mask.
  - No passing of offering plates. Plates will be located at entrances/exits where you can simply drop your offering into the plate or other container.
  - No Holy Communion until further notice.
- **No fellowship, faith formation, or other programs after worship!**
- **Virtual Worship — When in doubt, stay home and participate remotely!**
  - Worship services will be live-streamed or recorded and posted online to accommodate vulnerable church and community members.

# worship WITH US

via  **livestream**

**SUNDAYS at 9:00 am**

**Either on Bethlehem's Facebook page  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church Lanesboro**

**Or on Fountain's Facebook page  
Fountain Lutheran Church**

Now, more than ever, we need your e-mail address and cell phone number so we can connect with you more easily and more often. Send them to the church at [bethlehem@acegroup.cc](mailto:bethlehem@acegroup.cc) or call 507-467-3344.

In addition, we need to connect with our older homebound members by phone and letter. If you would like to be part of a phone tree and or note writing crew, please contact the church.

# Wondering where to go for news and information about your church?

## Visit Bethlehem's website

<https://staronthehill.com/> for "Pastor's Posts & Resources", "Latest News & Events", our congregation's history (in progress), and more.

## Visit Bethlehem's Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/BethlehemLutheranChurchLanesboro> for daily devotions, scripture posts, and other news.

## Visit the ELCA's website and Facebook page

<https://elca.org/> for "News and Events" and "Worth a Look" items, as well as links to "ELCA Blogs", "Resources", and the "Presiding Bishop".  
<https://www.facebook.com/Lutherans/> for daily posts, videos, and special news.

## Subscribe to the Magazine of the ELCA, *Living Lutheran*

You can subscribe and view the digital version of the magazine at <https://www.livinglutheran.org/> which includes a lot more news and inspiration.

## Visit the Southeastern Minnesota Synod's website and Facebook page

to keep up to date on the latest news and happenings around our synod.

<https://www.semnsynod.org>  
<https://www.facebook.com/semnsynod/>

## Read Our Synod's Quarterly Magazine, *River Crossings*

<http://semnsynod.org/news-and-events/river-crossings/>

## Read Our Synod's Monthly Newsletter *The Bridge*

<http://semnsynod.org/news-and-events/bridge/>

This newsletter connects the congregational, synodical, and churchwide expressions of the ELCA.

## Subscribe to Our Synod's Weekly Newsletter *RCWeekly*

<http://semnsynod.org/news-and-events/e-newsletter/>

This compilation of the latest news and events is delivered to your email inbox every Wednesday.

## Visit Our Synod's YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHu1PAuNaTJ4Sqf-56DV9aw>.

## For Our High School Youth

<https://www.elca.org/Resources/ELCA-Youth-Gathering>

This link contains information on the 2021 Youth Gathering—*Boundless: God Beyond Measure*, which will take place in our own backyard, *Minneapolis!*

## For Our Women

<https://www.womenoftheelca.org/>

You can subscribe to *Gather*, the magazine of the WELCA, and view additional articles and encouragement in the faith.

<https://www.gathermagazine.org/>

## For Our Men

Check out these social media connections:

<https://www.facebook.com/LutheranMen>

and

<https://www.youtube.com/user/LutheranMenInMission>

"ASK AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU; SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND; KNOCK AND THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO YOU. FOR EVERYONE WHO ASKS RECEIVES; THE ONE WHO SEEKS FINDS; AND TO THE ONE WHO KNOCKS, THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED."

Matthew 7:7-8

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
Minutes of June 9, 2020

Members present: Dave Ruen, Brett Clark, Kate Glor, Susie Bradley, Julie Jenson, Carrie Hanson, Elve Albrecht  
Members absent: Karen Dahl

Others present: Pastor Kerry, Ed Taylor

Council president Dave Ruen called the meeting to order. Meeting began with a prayer by Pastor Kerry.

Minutes of the May 5 meeting were presented. Motion by Julie Jenson to approve the minutes, seconded by Susie Bradley. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was presented. Motion by Kate Glor, seconded by Susie Bradley. Motion carried. PPP loan time extended.

Resignation of Michelle Peterson as treasurer was presented and accepted. A new treasurer will be needed and will be paid \$150 per month. Motion to increase the pay for Erin Amdahl to \$150 per month made by Julie Jenson, seconded by Carrie Hanson. Motion carried.

During Covid19, three weddings have been scheduled at the church but were performed in other locations. Funerals were at graveside only. Baptisms can be done with only under a dozen people present.

Request by Stella Burt, Kate Glynn, and Elizabeth Dunn to use the church parking lot on the evening of June 14 to release Chinese lanterns at the end of the peaceful march for Black Lives Matter. Council approved request with stipulation per Pastor Kerry that they check with the Fire Department regarding fire codes for use of Chinese lanterns.

"Link Me Lanesboro" fund was presented by Ed Taylor who is part of the group. Group has requested \$250 donations from organizations for start-up fund. Motion by Carrie Hanson to donate \$250, seconded by Susie Bradley. Motion carried.

Reopening church discussion:

**Fountain Lutheran Church** plans to remain closed until safe to open again. An outdoor service is planned for June 21 at 9:00 at the trail in Fountain, weather permitting, with the Arnold-Bradley Band providing the music. Bethlehem members have been invited to attend by staying in their cars. Service will also be on Facebook.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church** plans to remain closed for in-person services until it is safe to do so, possibly September 6. Service guidelines have to be in place with the Synod prior to this date. Bethlehem plans to have an outdoor service in Sylvan Park on July 19. People can either stay in cars or social distance in the park. Communion: None at this time, but single serving wafer and grape juice a possibility.

Motion to approve Elve Albrecht as permanent Council Secretary made by Kate Glor, seconded by Julie Jenson. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Brett Clark, seconded by Carrie Hanson. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council meeting will be July 14 at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted by Elve Albrecht, Council Secretary

Electronic Business: To be ratified at the next council meeting. 1) Request by Pastor Kerry to renew CCLI license and purchase a second license from One License. Sufficient support received. 2) Request for Bethlehem to conduct community church service in Sylvan Park Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sufficient support received.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
**Income & Expense**  
 June 2020

	General Fund		Designated Funds		TOTAL	
	Jun 20	Jan - Ju...	Jun 20	Jan - Ju...	Jun 20	Jan - Ju...
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>						
<b>Income</b>						
400 · Sunday Offering	5,775	43,359	0	0	5,775	43,359
401 · Simply Giving(GF)	3,150	19,616	0	0	3,150	19,616
410 · Other Offerings & Gifts	0	0	50	300	50	300
481 · Fountain Reimbursement	1,500	9,000	0	0	1,500	9,000
414 · Designated Income	0	30	115	2,050	115	2,080
416 · Memorial Income	0	10	0	3,000	0	3,010
480 · Miscellaneous Income	0	1,993	0	287	0	2,280
<b>Total Income</b>	10,425	74,008	165	5,637	10,590	79,645
<b>Gross Profit</b>	10,425	74,008	165	5,637	10,590	79,645
<b>Expense</b>						
500 · OUTREACH MINISTRY	300	2,126	50	1,586	350	3,712
550 · WORSHIP MINISTRY	100	1,887	0	1,880	100	3,767
600 · YOUTH & FAMILY MINIS...	0	488	0	0	0	488
700 · PASTORAL MINISTRY	8,734	52,435	0	0	8,734	52,435
750 · OFFICE MANAGEMENT	378	2,587	0	0	378	2,587
800 · FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	344	2,318	0	0	344	2,318
850 · OTHER EXPENDITURES	0	61	0	0	0	61
900 · PROPERTY MANAGEMEN...	1,456	13,385	0	1,632	1,456	15,017
<b>Total Expense</b>	11,312	75,287	50	5,098	11,362	80,384
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-887	-1,279	115	539	-772	-739
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