

Epiphany of Our Lord

January 5, 2025 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 4



Prelude Music

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God-with-us,

C: ... we confess that we have turned away those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty. We have made power and wealth our idols, while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger. We have overlooked the shepherds, expecting good news in prettier packaging. Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace. Turn us from our ways to your ways. Grant us the grace to begin again. Free us from all that keeps us bound, and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us. Amen.

P: Hear the good news and rejoice! You are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, † forgiven in Christ, and freed to respond in joy.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song:

We Are Marching in the Light

ELW 866

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all!

C: And also with you!

Kyrie

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together,

C: O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Pr. Paul

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

1 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 2 For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. 3 Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. 4 Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. 5 Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. 6 A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

1 Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;
2 **that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

3 that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
4 **Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

5 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
6 **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

7 In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
10 **May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

11 May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.
12 **For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

13 He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.
14 **From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Gospel Acclamation: *Angels We Have Heard on High (Verse 1)*

ELW 289

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Glo-ria in excelsis De-o; glo-ria in excelsis De-o.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

P: A reading from... **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 6 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" 7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." 9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Busekist

Song of the Day:

We Three Kings of Orient Are

WOV 646

We three kings of orient are; bearing gifts we traverse a-far,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again;
king forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising, worshiping God Most High.

Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

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Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
heav'n sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies.

Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church / Sign of the Peace *(Let us give one another a sign of peace according to your comfort level.)*

Offering / Offering Song:

Zeke Clemons

Offertory:

What Feast of Love

ELW 487

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray together.

C: God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. Amen.

Words of Institution / Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion *(Please note: gluten-free wafers and white grape juice cups are available)*

Communion Songs:

The First Noel
As with Gladness Men of Old

ELW 300

ELW 302

Final Blessing

P: The God of love, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and always.

C: Amen.

Sending Song:

Build a Boat *(words on screen)*

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

C: Thanks be to God.



Bethlehem January 5, 2025
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1/5—Jacque Rossfeld
1/5—David Glenn
1/6—Michael McCarty

1/8—Cecilia Kurkowski Lotan
1/10—Patti Friedli

Worship Servants for January 5

Assisting Minister—Barbara Wright

Lector—Peg Pepler

Musicians: David Husser, Zeke Clemons, Phil & Denice Bossardet, Pr Paul

Today's altar flowers are donated: *By the Congregation in thanks for all of God's blessings*

Hospitality—Jim & Dorene Boyd

A/V—Jim Monroe / Paul Ton

Cookies/Coffee—VOLUNTEER / Mary Ann Tanis

Welcome Table—VOLUNTEER

Bell Ringer—Tim Goebel

Front Door Monitors—Jana & Tom Rockne

Altar Guild—Patty Leibenguth / Erin Word

Tech Support—Julia Acker

Counters—Carl Lehto / Cindy Cuba

BLC ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TODAY, JAN 5, AFTER THE SERVICE: Please attend if you can. It is critical for you to be involved in knowing the financial status of our congregation and in voting to approve the budget for 2025. Copies of the budget are available in the back of church. There will also be a proposal for a funding campaign to remediate the problems of the lower level. If the service has to be cancelled due to bad weather on Jan 5, the meeting will be postponed to the following Sunday.

Are you grieving something from a death or something else? It could be any kind of loss, and it hurts. We have a place for you here at Bethlehem on the 1st Monday of the month from 3:30 to 4:30 and the 3rd Monday of the month from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Youth Room. The next dates are January 6 and January 20. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Burns at 231 392-6913.

CHAIR YOGA: Chair Yoga continues every Monday at 3:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The group will not meet for the rest of December. The next date will be January 6th. Cost is \$5.00 per person. It is slow paced stretches that helps with balance, flexibility and relaxation. Come and try it out.

The next XYZ Potluck & Presentation will be on Friday, January 10th, at 12pm noon. We hope you can join us for a delicious potluck lunch, followed by an informative and enjoyable presentation! All adults are invited to join us. Our guest presenters will be Melinda Hollands and Laurie Deluca (as well as Laurie's guide dog Pele) of TC - VIP (the Traverse City Visually Impaired Persons group). The group was started by Melinda in 2015 to connect those with visual impairments in the local community and to share education, networking, and socialization. They will be sharing with us "Guidelines for Interacting with People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired", a recently developed presentation designed to raise community awareness by providing basic information about visual impairment, and helpful hints about how to interact with people with limited vision. TC - VIP is hopeful that this new presentation will promote positive interaction, interpersonal connections, and inclusive communities.

VISIONING RETREAT SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 11: Our Visioning work is well underway and we are experiencing a well-deserved pause during this Advent and Christmas Season. Our mission statement has been created and we are now going to be doing some “heavy lifting” in creating the Vision Statement. The January retreat is open to those who would like to join the work of the Visioning Team and Pastor Roger Hardy as we move into this next phase. The retreat will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 11, at Liv Arbors, 2955 Leggett Drive (off of Hartman Road). There is no cost and lunch and snacks will be provided. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet posted in the church gathering space by Sunday, January 5. For those attending, we ask that you plan to stay for the entire retreat in order to complete the tasks planned for that day! Many Thanks! Blessings as You Continue your Preparations for the Christ Child!

Support our Youth Program and their upcoming Ski Trip! The annual Pancake Breakfast will be on Sunday, January 12th, beginning at 8:45am and going until service begins. Come enjoy a delicious breakfast served by our youth! All donations will go directly to funding the upcoming Ski Trip and other BLC youth opportunities. We thank you for your generosity! We would like to have as many youth volunteers involved as possible - parents, please contact Alanna Steffunick-Boomer at alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org if your youth is able to help!

BOOK CLUB NEWS: The next meeting will be Wed, Jan 15 at 5:30. We will be reading “*The River We Remember*” by William Kent Krueger. The book club has previously enjoyed books by this author. Please enter the kitchen door and join us in the Fellowship Hall if you like to discuss good books. Any questions can be directed to Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net.

Sledding Day! Join us on Saturday, January 18th from 12:30-2:30pm for a Sledding Day at Twin Lakes! Warm drinks and snacks will be provided. Bring a sled and join in, or bring a chair and a blanket to watch the fun! All ages are welcome!

Counters are needed! Jim Monroe is looking for offering counters for the calendar year of 2025. Counters will be assigned for a month at a time. Depending on the number of volunteers, it could only be a couple of times per year. To volunteer, please contact Jim at 231-941-0788 or by email at xcski@chartermi.net

The January issue of the STAR is now available. If you receive the weekly email, your January issue was emailed on January 1st. The shut-ins will receive an issue by mail. There will also be a few copies available on the counter by the mailboxes. You may also contact the office at 947-9880 to request that mail delivery continues. For current issues of the Star, feel free to check online at www.bethlehemtc.org < About Us > “The Online Bethlehem Star” or type this URL to get these directly: <http://www.bethlehemtc.org/the-bethlehem-star-newsletter>.

Dear Members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, To help forecast income for 2025, please return your 2025 pledge card, if you have not already done so. We are all grateful to have such abundant blessings with our location and our faithful members. It's important to remain dedicated to our Christian faith and do our best to follow through on our commitments. With love & kindness, if you have not fulfilled your pledge 2024, we ask also that you do so. Thank you for prayerfully considering this appeal. We appreciate your support and are grateful for all you do to make Bethlehem Lutheran Church a thriving community of believers. Jim Monroe BLC Financial Secretary; Phil Anderson BLC Bookkeeper

2025 Giving Envelopes are Ready for Pick Up I am happy to report that the 2025 giving envelopes have arrived! They are available for pick up at your convenience. The boxes are in the narthex in alphabetical order by last name. Please pick yours up as soon as possible so you will have them ready for January giving. All unclaimed boxes will be mailed the week of January 19th. If you have any questions or need help, please contact me during regular business hours. Your Bookkeeper, Phil Anderson

The following people were Bethlehem's Salvation Army Bell Ringers on December 6 and 7, 2024: Doug and Dianne Cunningham, Sherri Helman, Lindsay Susalski, Betsy Morley, Bill Allen, James Hinds, Kay Rumbach, Leonard Graf, Dan and Laura Hahn, Tim and Peggy Goebel, Mary Ann Tanis and Linda and Braxton, Sue Allen, Don Sheehan, Donna Novak, John Halstead, Pastor Paul and Parker Busekist, April Kurkowski, and Carl Lehto. They stepped up and answered the call not knowing what the weather might be. Fortunately it was not terribly cold. The total donations received for the two days of ringing was \$1,547.35. That is more than we have ever raised before. It will certainly put some extra cheer in the lives of several families in the Traverse City area. Thanks for a job well done.

Wednesday Bible Studies:

The Adult Bible Study meets from 9:30am—11:30am with the topic of the Book of 1 Corinthians

The Zoom Bible Study meets from 1:30pm—3:00pm – Group will resume on January 15th. The book will be *Up from Dust: Martha's Story*, a historical fiction by Heather Kaufman. Check emails for chapter/week.

Christ In Our Home: Did you know that there is a large print version of Christ in Our Home? We are considering ordering this version along with our regular size but need to know if there is a need here. If you or someone that you know would benefit from using large print, please call the church office at 231-947-9880 or email Barbara at admin@bethlehemtc.org

PROTECT OUR CARPET: spills always happen, but we now have TWO consistent ways to deal with them. Thanks to an anonymous donor we now have an actual carpet cleaning machine stored in the maintenance closet. If you cause one or see a spot, please grab the spot cleaner in the squirt container over by the triple sinks in the kitchen. Just follow the directions on the bottle and we should be able to keep our carpet in good condition. But, if the stain is too big or too resistant, please use the carpet cleaning machine. Thank you!!

ANY AVAILABLE DRIVERS OUT THERE?: There is a delightful couple in our congregation who have good mobility but due to other health issues currently cannot drive. They would love to be able to attend church on Sunday mornings. They live at the east end of 14th street so it should be an easy pick-up and drop off for any members coming from the south or west side of town. When we established this service before for a member we had 4 volunteer groups who each selected one Sunday of the month to do the driving. Can you do that? If so please contact Cindy Monroe at cmonroe@chartermi.net or 231 631 0887. We will also have a list of alternates if you have to be out of town for one of your designated weekends.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX: The photo sheet of new members is now available as a loose insert for your directory if you took the time to have your photo taken. Please check your BLC mailbox and carry the sheet safely home to place inside your directory. Be sure to check the reverse side for more names.

Coffee and Cookies on Sunday: Remember that treats and a drink on Sunday are appreciated by all. The sign-up sheet has many BLANK spaces so please take a moment to sign up to bring cookies or some other tasty treat on the Sunday that works best for you. Or sign up to prepare the coffee to give our loyal volunteer Mary Ann Tanis a day off.

Christian Care Giving Visitation 1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as you are doing. As a Ministry we are called to take care of each other. Our goal is to provide care for all of those in need and to make sure no one feels alone and not cared for by our congregation. You are loved and wanted by all of your church family. If we can help you or you know of anyone who has a need, please let me know. Peggy Burns cobaltblues2003@yahoo.com or 231 392 6913 If you would like to be a caregiver please let me know.

It's January! Time For Bethlehem's In-person Support at Safe Harbor! Many of us Bethlehem members will be serving Safe Harbor guests on Saturday, 25 January; Sunday, 26 January; Tuesday 28 January. Kitchen Teams will be led by Cindy Monroe, B.J. Christensen, and Tina Dohm and the crews they have recruited. Zeke will be entertaining Tuesday night and we are seeking more talent- guitar, keyboard, other... The sign-ups for other jobs are all in the Gathering Space! Remember, Full-time Safe Harbor personnel are there with us... to explain each job and to deal with any and all issues. The sign-up for treats are also in the Gathering Space. This is needed community outreach. This is heeding Christ's command to serve our neighbors. C'mon and join in! Please contact me with any questions. Tom Rockne Bethlehem Safe Harbor Coordinator M.231.631.0040

Food pantry news: Winter has definitely come in with a bang. In order to keep our food pantry open in these freezing temperatures, we have to shift the types of items we keep it stocked with. Foods in cans and glass jars can't withstand these temperatures. Therefore, consider picking up dry good, especially things like powdered milk, cereal, and pasta. We can also stock hand and foot warmers and some personal care items. Thank you in advance for your generous and continued support of our little pantry. Suzanne and Kathie

You are Invited to Sunday Morning Adult Education: it is that time again, time to power up our learning and sharing of Scripture. Adult Education has resumed as of this morning. We will meet in the Youth Room from 9:15 to 9:45 each Sunday to discuss the lessons for the day. This is a relaxed venue, with inquisitive sharing, practical application, and an opportunity to get better acquainted with your brothers and sisters in Christ! We hope you will join... All Are Welcome!!!!

Spotlight on Zeke: So many of us enjoy Zeke's talents with religious music, but did you know that he plays other kinds of music at various locations in the Traverse City area? Here is a list of his engagements in the next month that are close to TC:

Wed 1/8—The Pub, Traverse City 6:00pm

GET A TREAT AND TAKE A SEAT!!! Remember that on the final Sunday of month, we are moving our coffee hour into the Fellowship Hall. This allows each person to sit for a moment and perhaps visit with someone new. So, on that Sunday each month be sure to take a turn into the Fellowship Hall. We will have a reminder sign on the counter in the Gathering Space to help you remember. Thank you!

Volunteers for Watching the Front Door During Worship: The Safety and Security Committee has the new sign up sheets available. We need volunteers who can be available to stay in the Gathering Space to lock the doors and let in late comers for Sundays. We appreciate all of the volunteers. If you have any questions, the committee members are Gail Goldsmith, Maureen Bauer, Jana Rockne and Jan Stretlien

Building and Office Hours are: 9:00am – 2:30pm, Monday – Thursday. Office Phone #: 231-947-9880

Offerings: Even though the offering plates are passed during the service, you may use the vase in the back of the Sanctuary if you prefer not to touch the offering plate.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We often find the front door and/or the kitchen door unlocked when there is no one in the building. Please be sure that the doors are locked when you leave.

Please Note:

Barbara Oster/Administrative Assistant works 9:00am-2:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Phil Anderson/Bookkeeper works 8:30am-12:30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Alanna Steffunick-Boomer/Ministry Coordinator works 9:00am-2:30pm – in the office on Tuesday and Thursday and from home on Wednesday

Looking for a link to last month's full Council minutes? Type this address/url into your web browser to get the latest approved minutes from Council: bethlehemtc.org/Council-Minutes OR you may call the office to request a copy.

Prayer Requests:

- Prayer Chain: Please contact Jan Stretlien at jstretlien@gmail.com or 231-947-3265
- Prayers read from the altar: Please call Administrative Assistant in the church office 231-947-9880 or admin@bethlehemtc.org

Celebrate a new child in your life with a rose on the baptismal font! Cost \$10.00 per rose. Contact Barbara Oster at beo6475@yahoo.com or 231.668.7038.

Norm Fred has helped a previously homeless couple for a few years. They are proud people and do not like to be given charity but they will accept help in the form of donated cans that they can recycle for money. Please bring in your recyclables in for them. **Leave them in plastic bags by the garage.** These are nice people. There, but for the Grace of our God, go we.

Are you looking for the Caring Table for your donations? It has been moved inside the coat room to the right. Your donations are very much appreciated.

LOST AND FOUND: If you lose something in the church building, please check our new Lost and Found box located in the Coat Room. Also, if you find something, please put it in the box.

Yarn Available: There is yarn available free for the taking located in the cabinets located under the mailboxes in the Narthex. Take what you need.

Name tags: Your name tags are in your mailboxes. Please retrieve them so you can proudly wear them on Sunday mornings. We often have visitors and with so many recent new members it helps them if they can see a friendly face and attach a name to it.

A big thank you to all who have turned in Olesons' slips. On August 29th, we received a check from Olesons for \$190.86 for a year-to-date total of \$397.46. Olesons' slips never expire. Please continue to turn in your Olesons receipts to Bethlehem. Thanks so much!!! Also, the area for the Oleson receipts is in the lower cabinets below the mailboxes (under the A-B-Cs...). The cabinet door is marked with the receptacle inside. Unfortunately, we are no longer collecting the receipts from Family Fair.

Hoop's Pet Food Pantry: This is the only pet food pantry in NW lower Michigan. They primarily provide dry food, wet food, treats, cat litter and toys for mostly dogs and cats but they will support any type of pet to the best of their ability. Please visit them at the Square Deal Country Store, 900 Woodmere Ave, TC from 11:00am – 2:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month with your donations OR you may leave donations in the tub on our "donations" table in the coat room. The volunteers have expressed their appreciation when receiving our donations.

Have something important going on at Bethlehem that you'd like others to know about? Maybe a Small Group? A Club Event? Feature it on the Screen Announcements, weekly emails and on our Facebook Events Page! If there is something you'd like featured or included in any of these, please reach out to alanna.steffunick@bethlehemtc.org If you are not getting the weekly emails for any reason, please contact Alanna.

Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers for a Sunday service. Please use the sign-up poster in the Narthex by signing on the date you request. Then fill out a pink slip with the necessary information and place it and a check for \$40 (payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or BLC) in the offering plate on Sunday morning (Preferable) or during the week, in the Administrative Assistant's mailbox near the church office entrance. You may select either "in honor" or "in memory" or "to celebrate". If someone has already signed on the date you would like, feel free to add your name – we welcome more than one on a Sunday.

The church calendar is below. Please be sure to notify the office (admin@bethlehemtc.org or 231.947.9880) to be sure that your group is of the calendar.

Sunday, January 5

9:15am—Sunday School
9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
10:00am—Worship Service (S)
11:30am—Congregational Meeting (S)

Monday, January 6

2:30pm—Choir rehearsal (S)
3:00pm—Chair Yoga (FH)
3:30pm—Grief Group (FH)

Tuesday, January 7

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)
9:00am—Property Work Group
10:45am—Staff Meeting (CR)

Wednesday, January 8

9:30am—Adult Bible Study (Library)
11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, January 9

9:00am—Baby Pantry Set-up (FH)
10:00am—Baby Pantry (FH)
1:00pm—Rebecca Anna Circle (Library)
5:30pm—ACA (FH)

Friday, January 10

12:00pm—XYZ (FH)

Saturday, January 11

9:00am—Visioning Retreat (Offsite)
7:00pm—Contra (FH)

Sunday, January 12

8:45am—Pancake Breakfast (FH)
10:00am—Worship Service (S)



XYZ

EXtra Years of Zest

Friday
January 10th
12pm

Join us for a potluck lunch,
followed by a wonderful presentation!

"Guidelines for Interacting with People Who Are
Blind or Visually Impaired"

Program presented by
TC - VIP
(Traverse City Visually Impaired Persons group)

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 12th
8:45am

FUNDRAISER

Support BLC's youth program
and upcoming ski trip!

Maple syrup generously
donated
by
Still Point Farm



SLEDDING DAY!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH
12:30 - 2:30PM



SNACKS AND WARM DRINKS PROVIDED!

**BRING A SLED AND JOIN IN,
OR BRING A CHAIR TO WATCH THE FUN!**