

Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 2024 – 10am

Modern Worship, ELW Setting 4



Prelude Music

Walk in the Light

BLC Choir

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

C: ... we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song:

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Founds

Lord I lift your name on high Lord I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you're in my life I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way.
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave from the grave to the sky.
Lord I lift Your name on high.

Lord I lift your name on high Lord I love to sing your praises
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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: Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

9 As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. 10 A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. 13 As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. 14 To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 93

¹The Lord is king, robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The Lord has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

² Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.

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3 The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

4 **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.**

5 Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

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

33 Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" 35 Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." 37 Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Chris Lane

Song of the Day:

Rejoice, for Christ Is King!

ELW #430

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.

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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:

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW #465

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray together.

C: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. 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:

Bread of Life from Heaven
O Christ the Same *(words below)*

ELW #474
WOV #778

O Christ the same, through all our story's pages—
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears:
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,
unchanging still amid the passing years;
O living Word, the source of all creation,
who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide;
still as of old upon your body bearing
the marks of love in triumph glorified:
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven—
O Prince of life, in all your saving power;
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given:
We bring our thanks for this the present hour.

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O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
our lives and loves, our days and years remain;
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
We bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Final Blessing

P: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song:

1st Verse

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

Chorus

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high

He is Exalted

2nd Verse

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The King is exalted on high
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Chorus

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
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Twila Paris

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.



Bethlehem November 24, 2024
LUTHERAN CHURCH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/25—Jacky Putman

11/26—Peg Peppler

11/28—Kay Rumbach

11/29—Dale Wentzloff

11/30—Natalee Miller

12/1—John Halstead

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COMMUNION WARE HAS BEEN REFURBISHED: The Worship and Music committee recently had the Chalice and Ciborium (the vessel that Pr Paul uses for the wafers) refurbished. They look like new.

The Worship and Music committee's Pecan Sale. The pecans have arrived and have been distributed to most of those who pre-ordered. We have a limited amount of Caramel Clusters, Milk Chocolate and Cinnamon Glazed left to sell for those who did not order. As in the past, we truly appreciate the support of Thrivent in this fundraiser.

Worship Servants for November 24

Assisting Minister—Cindy Monroe

Lector—Chris Walter

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

Today's altar flowers are donated: By Barb & Carmen Svalstad in Celebration of Carmen's 85th Birthday

Hospitality—Dan / Laura Hahn

A/V—Jim Monroe / Acker Family

Cookies/Coffee— Gail Goldsmith / Mary Ann Tanis

Welcome Table— Gail Goldsmith

Bell Ringer— Gail Goldsmith

Front Door Monitors— Gail Goldsmith

Altar Guild—Mary Ann Tanis / Gail Goldsmith

Tech Support—Julia Acker

Counters—Laura Hahn / John Halstead

CHOIR NEWS: Choir rehearsals on Tuesdays at 7:00 –November 26, December 3, 10. If you are interested in joining the choir, give your contact information to Cindy Monroe or any member of the choir and have them pass it on to our choir director, Tony Bero and he will get in touch with you directly. Or you can simply arrive at choir rehearsal on Thursday and we'll figure out how best to use your talents.

CHRISTMAS TEA IS COMING! Our annual Christmas Tea will be held on Sunday, December 8th from 2-4PM. Our theme this year is 'Angels Unaware'. If any of you have angel decorations you would like to share with us that day, please let Nancy Ammann know. (946-8433) There is a poster and signup sheet in the Narthex with more information. A wonderfully blessed way to usher in the Advent Season!

December's XYZ meeting will be on Friday, December 13th, at 12pm noon. We will be having a ham, so bring sides and desserts to go along with it! Our presenter in December will be Annie Solem from Thrive Medical Clinic (formerly the Pregnancy Care Center), sharing their most recent patient story video and their newly developed education resource for the faith community, "How to Be a Safe Place for Someone in An Unplanned Pregnancy." We hope you can join us for lunch and a great presentation! All adults are welcome!

Advent Meals BLC will be having meals prior to Advent Worship services.

The meal for December 5th will be Chili with hot dogs rolled in crescent rolls, salad, chips, dessert and beverages.

December 12th meal will be baked potato bar with all of the fixings, salad, dessert and beverages.

December 19th will be Blue Christmas and Phil Bossardet will be making a wonderful Christmas dinner.

The Fellowship Committee could use more help in providing the meals. If you would like to help please talk to Gail Goldsmith or call her at 231-633-2630.



Advent and Christmas Services

December 5: 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer

December 12: 7:00pm Advent/Christmas Hymn Sing

December 19: 7:00pm Blue Christmas Service (will be Live-streamed)

December 24: 4:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with emphasis on Children (will be Live-streamed)

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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 December dates are December 2nd and December 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Burns at 231 392-6913.

Wednesday Bible Studies:

The Adult Bible Study meets from 9:30am—11:30am with the topic of the Book of 1 Corinthians – group will not meet on Nov 27th

The Zoom Bible Study meets from 1:30pm—3:00pm -- group will not meet on Nov 27th and Dec 4th. Group will meet on Dec 11th and will discuss a seasonal devotion. Look for dates and topic for when they get back together after the New Year

Time to join in singing Christmas Carols: This is the opportunity to bring BLC to some of our members who cannot easily come to BLC. We will go out in small groups to sing Christmas carols to those who have not been able to join us at church. Even if you feel you cannot sing, others have described this as one of the most meaningful activities of their Christmas season. Please set aside time after the service on Sunday December 22. We will plan to have a light meal before we venture out to share out carols.



THANK YOU!! To all of you who baked goodies for the Christian Education bake sale during the craft fair, many, many thanks! Such a great turnout of baked items, some new and some the good old standbys! We moved from our old spot and people were asking where the goodies were! So the community looks forward to it. Thanks to all the bakers and buyers, over \$700 was made to further children's ministry here at Bethlehem. Blessings to each one of you!

HUGE THANKS to MANY...This comes as great thanks to the many who have participated in the Visioning Process this fall!! For all who have made the events a priority and participated whether for one or for all conversations ... thank you for your time and your input. To Gail Goldsmith and the Fellowship Team who have done an excellent job putting meals together for each event... we so appreciate your gifts!! We are grateful for the financial support provided by Thrivent through their Action Team Program! Their support provided us with our final meal held on the 17th! Then there is Pastor Roger Hardy who has been a tremendous facilitator to the team as well as the congregation... we express our gratitude. And, let us not forget the faithful servants on the Visioning Team: Kelly Thomson, Kathie Bair, Jana Rockne, Tim Goebel, and Craig Bauer! They have been steadfast and loyal to the cause... and they will return after the holidays to continue the tasks before us!! Please accept our gratitude... as the saying goes: "God is good... all the time! All the time... God is good!" The team will be holding a "huddle" this Tuesday, the 26th, in order to look at dates for meetings that will be held in the new year! Be watching and those details will be publicized should folks have interest in participating! For now, we take a break! thank you so very much!! Pr. Paul and Sherri

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

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser Bethlehem Lutheran Church held a fund raiser for hurricane relief on November 9th. Phil Bossardet planned the event and was the head chef with his son Bob. Together they made pancakes, sausage and eggs. Other foods were donated, breads, fruit and juice. 54 people were served and donated a total of \$2936. The funds were sent through Thrivent, who matched our dollars. For every \$2 we sent they gave an additional \$1. We choose Lutheran Disaster Response for the money to help the people in the southern United States who were devastated by the recent hurricanes. Thank you for all those who attended and the many volunteers: Phil Bossardet, Bob Pierce, Alanna Steffunick-Boomer and Sammy, Kay Rumbach, Barbara Oster, Janet Landis, Patty Leibenguth, Dan and Laura Hahn, Mark and Kathie Bair, Nancy Ammann, Kristen Rivard, Diane and Doug Cunningham, Tina Dohm, Betty Rutila, Jay Pflasterer and Gail Goldsmith. Thrivent provided the funds to purchase the food and paper products for the meal.



BOOK CLUB NEWS: The book club will NOT be meeting in December to discuss a book. 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 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.

BLC ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 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 will be available in church as soon as the proposed budget is approved by church council at its meeting on 12/17. If the service has to be cancelled due to bad weather on Jan 5, the meeting will be postponed to the following Sunday.

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.

Giving Statements Available: Your individual giving statements will be available in your mailbox in the Narthex beginning Sunday November 3, 2024. The statement covers giving from January 1st through September 30th. Please pick them up at your convenience. To save on postage, I will mail out the ones not picked up by the end of November. Thank you for your generous support for the programs and ministries of your church. We are all blessed by your faithful giving. Your Bookkeeper

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.

CHAIR YOGA: Chair Yoga will continue every Monday at 3:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$5.00 per person. It is slow paced stretches that help with balance, flexibility and relaxation. Come and try it out.

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.

Next Month at Safe Harbor! As the holidays move closer, I want to thank you all again for the gifts of time and food you are planning for our Safe Harbor effort in the New Year. We'll 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 one night and we are seeking more talent-guitar, keyboard, other... We will welcome congregational “treat” support from you with sign-ups right after Christmas. This is needed community outreach. This is heeding Christ's command to serve our neighbors. All volunteers have been pleased with their experiences. Please contact me with any questions. Tom Rockne Bethlehem Safe Harbor Coordinator M.231.631.0040

Food pantry news: The food pantry was recently re-stocked with funding of a Thrivent grant. Each month when the baby pantry is open, we also provide food and cleaning items to families. We are just about out of cleaning products and are in desperate need of. Some of the things that are most appreciated are laundry soap, dish soap, bleach, and disinfectants. Consider picking up some of these items on your next shopping trip and drop them off at church. We appreciate your continued support of our community members. In God's peace, Kathie and Suzanne

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!!!!



The November issue of the STAR is now available. If you receive the weekly email, your December issue will be emailed on December 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>.

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 11/27—The Pub, Traverse City 7:00pm

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

HAVE YOU NOTICED SOMETHING NEW IN THE PEWS? Some of our members have been disappointed that there has not consistently been a bible in their pew if they just wanted to read a particular passage while waiting for the service to begin. Well, one of our members decided to do something about it. Every pew now has 5 bibles with some even in the back for those who sit there. A special thanks goes out to this anonymous donor who saw a need and did something about it. What a blessing!

PROTECT OUR CARPET: spills always happen, but we now have a consistent way to deal with them. If you cause one or see one, 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. Thank you!!

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, November 24

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

Monday, November 25

3:00pm—Chair Yoga (FH)

Tuesday, November 26

Bulletin articles due today

9:00am—Property Work Group
9:00am—LWR Quilters (FH)
7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal (S)

Wednesday, November 27

11:30am—Music Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, November 28

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving

Church Office Closed

5:30pm—ACA (FH)

Sunday, December 1

9:15am—Sunday School
9:15am—Adult Education (YR)
10:00am—Worship Service (S)
11:15pm—Worship and Music mtg (CR)





BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

2024 Art & Craft Show

A heart filled “thank you” goes out to volunteers that participated in the successful November 2nd “Art & Craft Show.” *“Many hands make work light.”* Our goals of organizing a productive fundraiser, providing a community event for church exposure to bring fresh faces occurred for the sixth time. From the planning stages until the day of the show, many hands worked together to make this event happen. We are so blessed!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU! – to the TEAM LEADERS

Julie Cole	Silent Auction
Janet Landis	Baby Pantry Silent Auction
Kay Rumbach	Baby Pantry Silent Auction
Barb Wentzloff	Volunteers - 2024
Karen Feahr	Volunteer Placement
Barb Graf	Crafter Coffee, etc.
Nancy Ammann	Christian Education Bake Sale
Carl Lehto	Property Work Group
Tracey Moyer	Donation of Special Projects
Alanna Steffunick-Boomer	Public Relations Media
Pastor Paul	Craft Show Blessing

A SPECIAL THANK YOU! – to our CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

You permitted the show to run clockwork: Phil Anderson, Kathie & Mark Bair, Forrest & Jeanne Bowling, Meredith Busekist, Tom Christensen, Tom Cole, Diane & Doug Cunningham, Marilyn & Ron Dork, Gail Ericson, Norm Fred, Peggy & Tim Goebel, Gail Goldsmith, Dan Hahn, Marilyn Halstead, Kate Holtfreter, Kathi Ivany, Suzanne & Carl Lehto, Jim & Cindy Monroe, Betsy Morley, Barbara Oster Dave & Peg Pepler, Tom & Jana Rockne, Kristen Rivard, Betty Rutila, Don Sheehan, Ken Smith, Mary Ann Sparks, Lindsay Susalski, Paul Ton, Pat & Frank Wall, Cheryl Wegener, Dale Wentzloff, Barbara Wright, and those that contributed baked goods for the Christian Education Bake Sale.

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Faith is taking on all challenges with an open heart and mind, with no doubts, total trust in His Word.

Blessings, Patty Leibenguth, and Kris Smith
Show Co-Coordinator