

Calendar

May 3 – Monday	9-11 am - Landscaping
May 4 – Tuesday	9 am Men's Work & Ladies Sewing Groups Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:30 pm Personnel Christian Ed. 6 pm Worship & Music
May 5 – Wednesday	9 am Staff Meeting 9:30 am Bethlehem Wellness Walkers (at Church) 7:30 pm Guitar Group
May 6 – Thursday	1 pm SG (Lehto) 7:30 pm Parish Choir
May 7 – Friday	6:30 pm WELCA Spring Event
May 8 – Saturday	5 pm Worship Guitar
May 9 – Sunday	8 & 10:30 am Worship Services 9:15 am Education Hour



Pancake Dinner/Breakfast/Silent Auction for LSSM

The main goal of Lutheran Social Services of Michigan is to help those people who need help. Foster care, adoption, housing for seniors and total care for disabled and refugee assistance are only a few of their services. LSSM depends on donations for their work and we (Cindy's Small Group) are pleased to offer you the opportunity to help again this year, while enjoying a delicious dinner/breakfast. We are also planning a silent auction, and donations of items are now being accepted. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will match donations received \$0.35 on the dollar. Funds raised will be given to Hope Village and the LSSM AFC homes on Lincoln Road and Carlisle Road. Come join us:

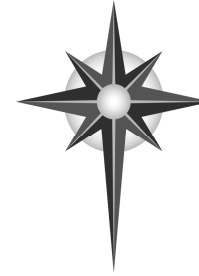


Saturday, May 22, 6-7 pm
Sunday, May 23, 9-10:30 am
Auction will end at 10:30 on the 23rd



If any of our BLC groups plan to alter or postpone meetings for the summer, please contact the church office (947-9880) in order that we may relay accurate information. Thank you!

"We are set free by Christ to Live Faithfully, Serve Graciously and Love Unconditionally!"



Bethlehem
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Building Hours: 9 am – 3 pm
Monday through Friday
Office Hours: 9 am – 3 pm
Monday through Thursday

Weekly Bulletin

May 1/2, 2010

Presiding Pastor – Pastor Dan Deutsch

Music – Organist, Chuck Wolterink & David Husser; Parish Choir, Tom Stokes; Bell Choir, Cindy Monroe

Assisting Minister – Jacky Putman-5 pm; Loretta Hughes-10:30 am

Lector – Jacky Putman-5 pm; Mary Gordon-10:30 am

Acolyte – John Sheehan-10:30 am

Hospitality – Ken & Ingie Thomas-5 pm

John & Jan Stretlien – Coffee; Tom & Lee Miller-10:30 am

Welcome Table – Volunteer-5 pm; Kyle Crawford-10:30 am

Bell Ringer – Darrell Potter-5 pm; David Mann-10:30 am

Altar Guild – Cal & Betty Cole

Worship Assembly & Sanctuary Preparation – Corinne Hill/Bob & Carol Jahnke

Counters – Connie Christopherson/Marlene Baesch/Bonnie Kirt

Altar Flowers – From the Congregation to the Glory of God.

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Let us keep in our hearts and prayers:

Health Concerns: Carol Collins, Harold Williamson, William Fishbeck,
Pastor Phil Hemke and Al & Marge Pifer.



Homebound Congregation Members: Hans Marten, Florence Westerholm
and Sarah Lassa

Orchard Creek – William Fishbeck - **Glen Eagle** – Howard Mampe

Grand Traverse Pavilion & Cottages – Patty Banghart, William Warren,

Tender Care – Pauline Barrett **Bay Ridge** – Paul Oppliger, Alice Pahl

The '**Prayer Chain**' can be set in motion by calling Jan Stretlien, 947-3265
or email jstretlien@charter.net.

Happy Birthday...

5/01 – Carolyn Mann
5/02 – Matt Russell
5/03 – Chris Hubert
5/04 – Hillary Kaltenbach and Sheryl Hellenga
5/05 – Robin Timmerman
5/06 – Jana Morton, Lowell Burns and Cathy Lautner
5/07 – Bill Smith

We say Thank You and pray for God's continued blessings on our Bethlehem Staff. We recognize and say thank you to God for the ministry of Suzanne Lehto these past years. She will be recognized this morning along with our staff who continue their ministries among us – Linda Oelze, Office Manager; Judy Conant, Bookkeeper; Dave LaGuire, Custodian; Dave Husser, Organist; Cindy Monroe, Bells and Guitar Group Director; Tom Stokes, Choir Director. Please join them and their families for a special lunch and program after the worship service this morning.



"Notes from the Bells"

The Bell Choir thanks its newest members: exchange student Meerim Batyrkanova of Kyrgyzstan and BLC's own Meg Sheehan. Meerim has been playing with the group since Feb. This is her last bell performance as she will be returning home at the end of the school year. The Bells really appreciate this infusion of youth into the choir. The Bells also thank Suzanne Lehto for coming off retirement/sick leave to give us enough members to ring this Sunday. If you can count and slightly read music please consider joining the Bells in the fall. WE NEED YOU!! Contact Cindy Monroe at church or home 941-0788.

Book / Supper Discussion Group

This group meets from **5 to 7 pm on the 3rd Tuesday** of each month.

- May 18th features My Sister's Keeper, a novel by Jodie Picoult.
- June 15—The Vision of Emma Blau, (a novel) by Ursula Hegi.
- July 20—Eddie's Wake, (a novel) by Carol Peterson (daughter of Dorothy Schulz)

The book group is participating in the ELCA mission effort for Lutheran schools in the Holy Land. Gifts of any amount are welcome. Join us!

If you have any questions or would like more information about the group, please contact Ellie Long at 935-4595.



Attention Youth:

Please plan to attend the bike ride/potluck/lawn games event **May 23, 2010**, from 5:00 - 7:00 at Hull Park. Please bring yourself, your bike, a dish to pass, and any lawn games you have that you think others would enjoy. Any questions or if you need transportation for your bike, please call Cheryl Wegener (258-4658). Sign up on the sign-up sheet on the kiosk.

Welcome to All!

We are glad that you are able to worship with us today. During the service, we will sit or stand in reverence to our Lord. Please do what is physically comfortable and reverent for you. If you visit here this evening/morning please introduce yourself to our Pastor and fill out one of the Visitor cards available at our Visitor table in the Gathering Place. We welcome all Christians to the celebration of Holy Communion.

Worship Servants for May 8/9, 2010

Assisting Minister – Loretta Hughes-5 pm; Suzanne Lehto-8 am; Dan Morley-10:30 am
Lector – Loretta Hughes-5 pm; Marge Pifer-8 am; Dianne Blair-10:30 am
Acolyte – Nick Friedli-10:30 am
Hospitality – Karen Dorvinen/Kay Rumbach-5 pm; Fay Miller/Jan Winkler-8 am
John & Jan Stretlien – Coffee; Bob & Mary Gordon-10:30 am
Welcome Table – Volunteer-5 pm; Cal & Betty Cole-8 am; Carl Lehto-10:30 am
Bell Ringer – Kay Rumbach-5 pm; Betty Rutila-8 am; Rudy Kelly-10:30 am
Altar Guild – Martha Sheehan/Jan Stretlien
Worship Assembly & Sanctuary Preparation – Neal & Janet Kibby
Counters – Connie Christopherson/Marlene Baesch/Bonnie Kirt

May 7th -- WELCA Spring Event Salad Potluck

The theme is **"Celebrate! Red, White, and Blue, Jesus Loves You!"** We are hoping all ladies (from infant to 100+) will attend this year's special program. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm, but please *have your salads to church by 6:15 pm*.

This is optional, but if you are able, please drop off a picture of yourself at a vacation spot in the U.S.A. by May 1st in the WELCA box. Have your name on the back of the picture. Also optional, please wear red, white, and/or blue.

There is no charge for this event. However, a free will offering will be accepted on behalf of Bethlehem's Good Samaritan fund.

Our **Prayer Shawl** ministry is going strong. Please let us know if you are aware of someone who is in need of something warm and comforting to wrap around them during a stressful time in their lives. You may call the church office or leave a message in the Deutsch's box. And please join us any Tuesday from 9 to 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. Patterns & free lessons in knitting and crocheting are provided.



Prayer shawl ministry



Christian Education Game Day!

May 23rd @ 9:15 am

Come join the fun! Games and prizes for all ages!