



We are a Christian community rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ that gathers to worship, learn and share, and reaches out to welcome, witness and serve.

Confirmation Sunday is May 23rd!

We celebrate, along with their families, the life of the Spirit in Emmett Meskis, Andrew Johnson, Jacob Johnson and Emmerly Schmidt who will Affirm their Baptism this month. Also, our joy engulfs the community of Eidsvold LC in Somers, Charis Wendle, and Will Wendle as they have traveled this journey of Confirmation with us as well. Pastor Scott, Pastor Andy, and our combined confirmation class has enjoyed 2 years of discovery in Jesus, and now gives thanks to God for the blessing of Confirmation. Congratulations to all!

Graduation Blessings

Congratulations to Kynzie Mohl, graduate of Glacier High School in June. At worship on May 30th, we at Bethlehem are proud to present a quilt to Kynzie that, we hope, will wrap her in the love of Jesus as she travels the next journeys of life!

We are OPEN!

After a year of worshipping from home or in small groups, we're happy to announce that ALL ARE WELCOME to gather for worship together. Some precautions are still in place - masks, and distanced seating, plus self-serve communion and outdoor coffee hour. Thanks for your continued patience as we seek to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible. And welcome back!

Lutheran World Relief Truck Coming!

On Friday, May 7th, at 11:45 the Lutheran World Relief truck will be visiting BLC. We are sending quilts, school kits, and personal care kits to partners in Christ around the world. Proceeds benefit Camperships at FLBC for children in foster care, kids who have a parent who is incarcerated, and any others who would otherwise not be able to come to camp.



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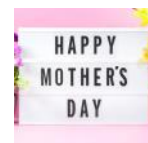
OUR THOUGHTS *and* PRAYERS *are with* YOU

Louise Gullick, Beverly Hubbard, Shirley Struck, Michelle and Jerry Aalbu, and Erik and Jessica Snow, and Billy Boyd.

Celebrate Mother's Day on the lake! Mother's Day Brunch May 9th at FLBC

We have 3 seating's, and there is currently room at all three: 9:30, 11am and 12:30. We will be serving families/couples at their table, no buffet, and because of limited spacing, **we are closing registration on May 1st at midnight!!**

Please call the camp office at 406-752-6602; or go online to register....by **Saturday May 1, at midnight!**



I remember asking the question when I was still in the call process a little over 4 years ago, **How would you describe Bethlehem Lutheran?** Perhaps it was a member of the Call Committee, or maybe one of you who came out for the special "meet 'n greet" while I was with you... whoever it was responded, **generous.**

And I've found that to be true. In time, talent, and tithes, the members of this congregation are very generous. Some of the best council meetings are those in which we "have to" give away lots of money! Many of you are involved in helping our community through partnerships with organizations where you volunteer, serve on boards, help out with chores and projects, etc. And I know that you extend a helping hand and pray for one another constantly.

Tuesday, May 4th is a special day in our area – the Whitefish Community Foundation holds its annual Day of Giving and Unity. Over 80 local non-profit groups are participating this year, including at least 10 that are already partners with BLC –

Abbie Shelter	NW MT Veterans Food Pantry
Flathead Food Bank	Samaritan House
Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp	Serious Juju
Flathead Warming Center	Sparrows Nest
Immanuel Foundation	The Nurturing Center

Each of these organizations has the opportunity to receive a \$1000 matching grant from WCF if, during the Day of Giving and Unity campaign, they raise \$2000 or more. I hope you'll extend the generosity I have seen in you to these or any of this year's Day of Giving and Unity recipients. **You have to make your donation between 8am, May 4 and 12 noon on May 5.** You can give in person at any Glacier Bank, First Interstate Bank, or Parkside Credit Union location. Or you can give online at www.whitefishcommunityfoundation.org. More information can be found at that site, too.

Thank you... and thank God for you... for your faithfulness, your generosity, your love for each other and for the blessings of God that you embody for others every day!

Joy in the journey,
Pastor Scott

BLC COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
(Meeting conducted via Zoom)
April 13, 2021

Treasurer's Report (Duane Anderson)

- March Income \$25,462; expenditures \$32,823. Ending balance March 31st: \$26,582.
- Heard PPP loan fully forgiven.
- Gave a mid-year financial summary; Giving and spending slightly under budget

Music Ministry Report (Marshall Jones)

- Had hymn sing on March 24th. Not great numbers but needed. Those wanting to sing favorite hymns should come to next hymn sing in June. Hymn sing is context for favorite hymns whereas in worship are hymns/songs, both old & new, familiar and unfamiliar. These connect with readings and help us understand God's word in different ways.
- Videos for next virtual choir have been received. Will begin editing those.
- Hymn histories continuing on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.
- Continuing to post on Facebook some of music in new hymnal supplement All Creation Sings.

Pastor's Report (Pastor Scott Thompson)

- "Positive vibe" following Holy Week and Easter. Good turn-out Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise; about 150 views for Easter Service. Thanked Marshall for inspiration and work on Easter Vigil video series.
- Offerings for MGLSS in Tanzania total \$2054.67.
- Strategic Planning Team meeting bi-monthly. Are developing questions that will allow congregation to express their opinion about who we are and who our partners are.
- Several groups started meeting at the church April 1st and after. Upcoming Dates:
Apr 18: Pastor Al Jensen preaching; May 2: Quilt/Prayer Shawl Blessing; May 7: Quilts/School Kits/ Health Kits picked up; May 16: Confirmation at Eidsvold with Pastor Scott leading worship there, May 23: Confirmation Sunday at Bethlehem with short reception following; May 23rd: Semi Annual Meeting at 10:30 a.m.; June 4-5: Montana Synod Assembly; June 20-29: Pastor Scott vacation.

Old Business

- President Holmgren and Pastor Thompson gathering names for the next Council term. Committees still light; directors need to do some work building up the committees.
- Pastor Thompson and Peggy Aagenes-Janzer report on Strategic Planning Team. Are 'working on looking at partnerships BLC has vs. focusing on BLC for our own sake'.
- Discussion on 'in-person' worship. Motion made, seconded, approved to open up to one service at 9 am; effective April 18th. Masks required until Council revokes; signing in and still maintaining distancing. Will continue live streaming.
- June Council meeting will be a potluck with both outgoing & incoming council, then outgoing can leave but incoming staying for meeting.
- Bill Pursell reported brick repair should be done by end of April, beginning of May (need to avoid the frost).

New Business

- Discussion as to whether to have May meeting via Zoom, in person, or hybrid?

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 11, 2021.



Kalispell Community Blood Drive **Sponsored by: Bethlehem Lutheran** **Church**

Location: 608 E Main Ave, Kalispell, MT
Date: Tuesday, May 25th
Time: 1:00 to 5:30pm

Make appointment with Gary Aasheim at 406 698-4138 or Glenda Skeim @ 406 250-1890

*Appointments are highly recommended

*Vitalant is now testing all successful donations for COVID-19 Antibodies

*Please do not donate if you are sick



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May Calendar 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <u>9:00am</u> Worship Blessing of quilts and prayer shawls <u>9:00am</u> KOFI <u>5:00pm</u> HS Youth Group	3	4 <u>4:30pm</u> Hymn Histories with Marshall via Zoom <u>6:00pm</u> Committees, TBD	5 <u>7:00am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Staff	6 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR <u>1:00pm</u> Bible Study with Pastor Scott via Zoom	7 <u>11:45am</u> Lutheran World Relief Truck	8
9 <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>9:00am</u> KOFI <u>9:30am</u> Mother's Day Brunch, FLBC <u>3:00pm</u> Confirmation <u>5:00pm</u> HS Youth Group	10	11 <u>10:00am</u> Dorcas Circle <u>4:30pm</u> Hymn Histories with Marshall via Zoom <u>6:00pm</u> Council, TBD	12 <u>7:00am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Staff	13 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR <u>1:00pm</u> Bible Study with Pastor Scott via Zoom <u>6:00pm</u> Strategic Planning Committee Mtg, TBD	14	15
16 <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>9:00am</u> KOFI <u>5:00pm</u> HS Youth Group	17 Newsletter deadline	18 <u>4:30pm</u> Hymn Histories with Marshall via Zoom	19 <u>7:00am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Staff	20 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR <u>1:00pm</u> Bible Study with Pastor Scott via Zoom	21	22
23 Confirmation Sunday <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>9:00am</u> KOFI <u>10:30am</u> Semi-Annual Cong. Mtg. <u>5:00pm</u> HS Youth Group	24 <u>1:00pm</u> Women on the Go, FH	25 <u>1:15pm</u> Blood Drive, FH <u>4:30pm</u> Hymn Histories with Marshall via Zoom	26 <u>7:00am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Staff	27 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR <u>1:00pm</u> Bible Study with Pastor Scott via Zoom <u>6:00pm</u> Strategic Planning Committee Mtg, TBD	28	29
30 Graduation Recognition <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>9:00am</u> KOFI <u>5:00pm</u> HS Youth Group	31 Memorial Day					



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Austin	Hagel	5/2	Tage	Johnson	5/25
Brandon	Bernard	5/2	Marsha	Lee	5/27
Maverick	Kalvig	5/3	Jane	Mildren	5/29
Caitlyn	Lofgren	5/5	Judith	Hartford	5/29
Elley	Alvord	5/5			
Annette	Gunderson	5/7			
Jennifer	Cronk	5/8			
Paula	Buckley	5/8			
Logan	Dorrington	5/10			
Dale	Veile	5/12			
Gay	Anderson	5/12			
Don	Stadler	5/13			
Dawson	Woepfel	5/13			
Ida	Schroeder	5/16			
Bryan	Gilbertson	5/20			
Greg	Adkins	5/23			
Gaylynn	Nelson	5/23			
Sandra	Lindlief	5/24			

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**The deadline for
 the June
 newsletter is
 May 17th.
 Thank you!**