



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.

Sunday School is Back!!

Please plan to join us for Sunday School Rally Day on September 12th right after church. We will have an ice cream social and a few games to get you excited to start a new year with us. Sunday School will begin the next week on September 19th. The plan for this year is to have you go to church with your family for the beginning part of the service and then depart after the Children's Message or before Pastor Scott's sermon. We will meet in the hallway to head over to the other building for a quick lesson and some fun. We look forward to seeing you there!!



Virtual Choir

We will have another opportunity to form a virtual choir for The Servant Song (David Schwoebel). I will be sending recordings of each voice part and the base tracks (the ones you listen to through headphones while you record yourself singing your part) of the organ part (and one of me conducting to the organ part that may make cutoffs, etc. easier) out to those who responded via the Google Form earlier this summer that they would be willing to be a part of a virtual choir in the next week along with further instructions. The recordings of your voice parts will need to be back to me by September 5th, so that I have time to edit them together for use in worship on September 19th.



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Adult Bible Study Returns September 19th

Join Pastor Scott for Adult Bible Study after Church (and after coffee) starting in September. Topics of discussion will vary from the Texts already read in church that day, to current events, to other series that help us delve into God's word. We'll give everyone a little time for coffee and donuts after church and then commence at about 10:20 or so... Hope to see you there!





The wind has that cool crisp bite that tells us that Autumn is not far off. I pray that this summer for you has been one of reconnecting with family and friends. Following the prior year of isolation, I know many of us have been eager to embrace loved ones again. Thankfully, the autumn wind does not carry the same foreboding as it did a year ago. Still, new cases of COVID resurrect that now familiar fear.

Here at Bethlehem, we are moving forward cautiously, but optimistically. While council has put back in place a requirement for face coverings in groups of 25 or more, we sincerely hope that this will allow us to continue or resume many of the activities that make our church a loving, sharing community.

Throughout this edition of The Star – and more at www.bethluth.org – you'll find opportunities to be involved and connected with your friends. There are ways that you can give and serve for the sake of God's love for our neighbors. There are new ways for you to be involved and influential in this congregation.

I encourage you to take a look at the ways God is calling you to delve into the ministry that is Bethlehem. Now, more than ever, we need each other, and our neighborhood needs us. As the autumn wind brings a bite and a hint of changes to come, may we step forward in faith, trusting in God to guide our steps.

Joy in the journey,
Pastor Scott

School Kits

It's back to school time! Please consider purchasing school supplies for making school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Many children, and some adults, have been impacted by poverty or natural disasters and need our help. It is a great time of year to make the biggest impact when school supplies are on sale. A box will be available in the Commons, or drop your donation off in the church office. The following are needed (items with a * are in greatest need):

- 70 sheet spiral notebook, wide or college ruled*** (each kit contains 4 notebooks)
- Unsharpened #2 pencils*
- Black or blue ball point pens*
- Pencil sharpeners
- Crayons - 16 or 24 per box
- Blunt tip scissors
- 2 1/2" erasers



Thank You

Operation Bootstrap Africa would like to thank BLC for our generous gift of \$1250.00. Their work supports a variety of needs including scholarship funds for secondary and post-secondary education, primary school breakfast and lunch programs, teacher salaries, school construction, special needs education, healthcare, and health education programs, and more. *“Your generous gift brings hope to those who have few opportunities in their lives—thank you!”*



Save Your Glass! Support the Youth Group

The High School Youth Group is helping out with a GLASS RECYCLING event. Save your glass and plan to take it to the Columbia Falls Industrial Park between 10am and 4pm on September 18. Your glass, plus a donation (suggest 50 cents per pound), goes to help the environment AND support our Youth Group activities. Here are the details:

Glass must be clean and sorted by color (clear, brown, and green).
No caps or lids.



Directions to the drop off site:

In Columbia Falls, turn left on Nucleus Ave
Then right on North Fork Road
Another left on 4th Ave



Cross the RR tracks, stay right at the Y, and look for us on the right.
Thanks for supporting our Youth Group!

God's work. Our hands.

This Fall we'll be joining with 3 neighborhood organizations to provide help and encouragement for our partners. These are opportunities to give of ourselves and serve those in need. One Sunday afternoon in each of Sept, Oct, and Nov. we'll go out to one of our partner ministries and lend a hand... we might serve a meal, we might sort some clothes, we might clean windows... all in the name of Jesus!

On September 19th our first partner organization will be The HEART Locker. They need us to come do a “Deep Cleaning.” Supplies will be provided. Mark your calendars and plan to share a couple hours that afternoon – more details to come!

And don't forget to wear your Yellow God's Work, Our Hands t-shirt! Or if you don't have one, we'll give you one!



September Calendar 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Staff <u>10:30am</u> Spinners and Weavers, FH <u>6:00pm</u> FLY	2 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR	3	4
5 <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>9:00am</u> KOFI <u>5:00pm</u> HS Youth Group	6 Labor Day	7 <u>7:00pm</u> Committees, FH	8 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Staff <u>10:30am</u> Weavers, FH <u>6:00pm</u> FLY <u>7:00pm</u> Choir	9 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR <u>6:00pm</u> Strategic Planning Committee Mtg, FH	10	11
12 Rally Day <u>9:00am</u> Worship <u>9:00am</u> KOFI <u>10:00am</u> Rally Day <u>5:00pm</u> HS Youth Group	13 <u>5:30pm</u> Handbells <u>6:30pm</u> Mixture	14 <u>9:45am</u> Dorcas Circle, FH <u>6:00pm</u> Council, FH	15 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Staff <u>10:30</u> Spinners and Weavers, FH <u>6:00pm</u> FLY <u>7:00pm</u> Choir	16 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR	17	18 HSYG Glass Recycling Project
19 <u>9:00am</u> Worship/ Sunday School <u>9:00am</u> KOFI <u>10:20am</u> Adult Bible Study PM God's Work Our Hands--Heart Locker <u>5:00pm</u> HS Youth Group	20 <u>5:30pm</u> Handbells <u>6:30pm</u> Mixture Newsletter deadline	21 <u>1:15pm</u> Blood Drive	22 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Staff <u>6:00pm</u> FLY <u>7:00pm</u> Choir	23 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR <u>6:00pm</u> Strategic Planning Committee Mtg, FH	24	25
26 <u>9:00am</u> Worship/ Sunday School <u>9:00am</u> KOFI <u>10:20am</u> Adult Bible Study <u>5:00pm</u> HS Youth Group	27 <u>1:00pm</u> Women on the Go, FH <u>5:30pm</u> Handbells <u>6:30pm</u> Mixture	28	29 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Staff <u>6:00pm</u> FLY <u>7:00pm</u> Choir	30 <u>9:00am</u> Quilters, FH <u>9:00am</u> Knitters, FR	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0f2f1;"> Locations: CM-Commons FH -Fellowship Hall FR-Fireside Room </div>	

Blood Drive– September 21st

The next Vitalant blood drive at Bethlehem will be September 21st from 1:00 to 5:30. Please contact Gary or Glenda to sign up.

Gary Aasheim, (M) 406-698-4138

Glenda Skeim, 406-250-1890





Choirs and Handbell Ensembles for the Fall

Based upon the responses I received via the Google Form or the printed version of it, this is what it looks like we will be able to do in the fall:

Choir----We will have Bethlehem Lutheran Choir on Wednesdays at 7 PM, but will sing things geared for smaller choirs. If we had at least one more on each part (2 more tenors and sopranos ideally) we would have the numbers to be in better shape to sing music geared for a larger choir. We will supplement that with a virtual choir once every 3 months as an opportunity to sing music that would require a larger choir to cover more parts.

Handbells--- We will be able to have one handbell quartet that meets on Mondays at 5:30 PM. From the responses I received, we would need 4 more ringers for GosBells to start again,

Mixture (tentative name and reference to a type of organ stop)----We will begin a new ensemble dedicated to leadership on hymns and liturgy through vocal leadership for congregational singing and the addition of instruments as appropriate for hymns and liturgy. This group will rehearse music for the upcoming few weeks of worship at 6:30 PM on Mondays.

All Creation Sings

We are more than halfway through this new hymnal supplement. I encourage you to look through the videos in the playlist [All Creation Sings](#) as well as look at the new videos posted as we continue the trek through this supplement.



Hymn Histories

Hymn Histories will no longer meet via Zoom or in person. It will be posted to the church website bethluth.org/music and Facebook page each week.

Past hymn histories can be found under videos in the playlist [Hymn Histories](#).



FLBC's Fall Harvest Festival and Auction

An even to help make camp financially accessible to all.

4:00pm– 5:30pm Silent Auction, Happy Hour, & Appetizers

5:30pm Dinner Served

6:15pm Live Auction & Program

Contact FLBC at 406-752-6602 to purchase tickets.



Dream Big!

That's the message we heard most often as we sat down to listen to YOU, the faithful at Bethlehem Lutheran Church...

Strategic Planning NEWS

Here are just some of the HIGHLIGHTS of our listening!

How do we use our space differently?
Training / Learning Center for youth and young adults?

Youth Leadership Training - "Peer Helper" or Peer Minister program to train youth to recognize and help their peers in need. Could be done in association with local high schools..

Look into music that would appeal to younger families.

- We need to realize that the trauma of the pandemic has also changed the structure of the church. Which has changed the way we worship.

Encourage prospective new members with invitation for Sunday noon cookies, ice cream, pizza etc.

Providing education is crucial. Education on life skills.

Support the LGBTQ Community

What does it look like to be a part of a group that has strong relationships and a mission to accomplish?

Connect with Families!

Be aware that younger people want a spiritual life, but are not necessarily interested in being a member of a congregation. Young people want to BE the church in our community. They don't trust the institution.

Continue partnering with Serious Juj

Provide a safe place for kids.

THANK YOU!

This input is crucial to allow us to move ahead with plans for BLC's future. Our team identified the need to be visible in our community, so people know we are here, what we are about and how we impact people's lives.

DESIGN A MULTIUSE BUILDING FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

Our church and property's key location provides opportunity for housing. Consider work force housing; 1 or 2 bedroom apartments

Facility for single parents/ support groups. Provide space, not necessarily the talent

- After-school program
- Senior housing
- Offer to build ramps for people for access into their homes
- Help seniors run errands, gather groceries and getting to MD appts.



Is this a possibility for a multi-use building on BLC's property?

Affordable

or Senior housing? Or maybe both?

Consider Senior or young child daycare where both can mingle

Inter-generational interaction opportunities

Partner with the Senior Center or County to help people with Medicare sign-ups and/or taxes.

Help with taxes, Medicare, Medicaid applications

BLC sponsor a Childcare Center. Pastor can make visits, have prayers with the children.

Sponsor social activity like dancing, a grief support group, and a van to pick up older people.

Members could come read to the kids.

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Kyle	Buckingham	9/1	Jason	Cronk	9/24
Amberlyn	Brohn	9/2	Linda	Augusta	9/24
Charlotte	Ahles	9/3	Lynette	Lorenzen	9/26
Mitchell	Johnson	9/3	Leon	Linquist	9/28
Karen	Brown	9/3	Gracie	Jones	9/29
Melissa	Smith	9/4	Gary	Morrison	9/29
Marlene	Anderson	9/8	Lillian	Hammer	9/30
Lorna	Hauser	9/8	Beverly	Taylor	9/30
Seth	Anderson	9/9			
Karen	Fisher	9/11			
Jason	Buckingham	9/11			
Brenda	Bernard	9/12			
Heidi	Ulbricht	9/12			
Teagen	Flint	9/14			
Cindy	Galvin	9/16			
Florence	Jacobson	9/16			
Sidney	Zimmerman	9/18			
Brad	Nelson	9/22			
Maya	Buckingham	9/23			

We would like to wish Jeannie Baldwin a happy belated birthday. She was accidentally omitted from the August birthday list last month. Happy Birthday Jeannie!!

The deadline for the October newsletter is September 13th. Thank you!

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