



Blessed to be a Blessing

## August 2021

### Worship Services

8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.  
On-line and In-person  
Services

*"Gathered around Word and  
Sacrament, we live the Good  
News of Christ's love"*

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## Ministry Events in August

- ♦ Virtual Worship Service: Sundays, 8:00 a.m.
- ♦ Manna Bible Study: Mondays, 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. via Zoom
- ♦ Bethlehem Quilters: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
- ♦ Daily Walk Bible Study: Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
- ♦ Psalm Walks: Mondays, 12:30 p.m.
- ♦ Communication Committee Meeting: August 3, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- ♦ Ambassadors at The Atria - Sunday, August 8 at 11:15 a.m.
- ♦ First Friday Social - August 6, 6:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Stable
- ♦ Naomi Circle: Tuesday, August 10, 9:30 a.m. HS/MS Youth Room #126
- ♦ BLC Council Meeting: August 10, 7:00 p.m., Fireside Library/Adult Room Classroom #110
- ♦ Bethlehem Book Club: August 12, 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

All meetings will be by video conferencing unless otherwise noted; contact the meeting coordinator for the link information. More details of these events and additional information can be found on our website:  
[www.bethlehem-lutheran.net](http://www.bethlehem-lutheran.net).



## ***Rev's Revelations***

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Someone recently asked me, "Where are the worship robes?"

The short answer is, "Hanging up." Of course, there is a much longer answer to why my robe has found a more permanent residence on a hanger.

The white "worship robes," are a type of vestment called albs. The alb can be traced to other ancient garments (like tunics) which were common clothing in the Greco-Roman world at the dawn of Christianity. At that time, people who became Christian wore the "costume of the people in general," and early Christian ministers did so, too. (<https://www.ecclesiasticalsewing.com/blogs/news/the-origins-and-history-of-the-alb>)

In early tradition, the robe was not meant to set ministers, or acolytes, or choir members apart. The robe was just the kind of clothes people wore when they gathered. Wearing a robe meant that you looked like everyone else: you didn't look wealthier or poorer, you were equal. Over time, people attached symbols to the robes, robes became more ornate. Today, we have multiple kinds of vestments in addition to those robes/albs: stoles, surplices, cassocks, chasubles, copes, even options for headwear and staff. Each of these are options. The Sunday Assembly guide states, "None of these things is required. There is no rule or law about clothing for worship in North American Lutheran practice. None of these things is right or wrong. To some extent, such choices are dictated by local custom, by ecclesiastical fashion changes, and by personal piety. But the major point here is that thoughtful leaders in local congregations will consider the meanings of what they wear." (Augsburg Fortress, 98.)

For most of my life, and most of my ordained life, I have not worn a robe. I began ministry wearing it, because it's what pastors have always done. Then, one Sunday, after worship, I stood at the altar, turned around, and, I'm not sure if I caught my foot in my robe, or missed the step, but my head connected with the hard wood of the front pew and my entire body slammed onto the floor. During the following weeks, I did not wear my robe. I noticed: I felt more authentic, I spoke more confidently, I moved more easily, and I wasn't rushed to change before and after worship. Wearing my normal clothes (if you consider a clergy shirt normal) gave me more time to be with my community during coffee hour and Sunday School. I realized that no one else around me wore robes! I remembered robes were originally worn in worship because that's what people wore. If robes were no longer common attire, why was I wearing one?

So, I chose to not wear my alb—unless multiple people were wearing them for something like Christmas, Easter, a baptism or an ordination. When I began ministry at Bethlehem, I began wearing my robe again because that was the norm here—even some of the assisting ministers willingly wore the alb. It seemed reasonable enough to adapt when I wasn't going to be the only person wearing a robe. And then...

Then, the pandemic happened. Preparing for our first online worship service happened in such a whirlwind that nobody had time to put on a robe. In the following weeks we didn't wear them. Then the weeks turned to months. And then...

Then, mid-pandemic, we became increasingly aware of something called systemic or institutional racism. "Institutional racism refers specifically to the ways in which institutional policies and practices create different outcomes for different racial groups." ([https://rmselca.org/sites/rmselca.org/files/media/racial\\_justice\\_definition\\_of\\_terms.pdf](https://rmselca.org/sites/rmselca.org/files/media/racial_justice_definition_of_terms.pdf))

Before we dig into how this relates to albs, there are two important things to note:

1. This type of racism exists it affects all of us and we are all part of it whether we intend to be or not.
2. That does not mean you're a terrible person, it simply means there is sin in this world and, as followers of Christ, we are called to address it.

Our synod held discussions for church leaders and many of our churches began learning about this together. To help our congregation begin understanding this social and cultural shift, I invited members of the council, staff, and strategic planning team to read a book by Pastor Lenny Duncan called, Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US--this book was written by one of our own ELCA pastors for people like you and me to help us understand racism and how our churches are affected by it. It was a beautiful, difficult read for our little group and it prompted me to leave my alb on the hanger--for at least the time being. Pastor Duncan wrote,

"During my first year of seminary, I noticed that all the robes available for seminarian assistants during weekly worship were white—pure, crisp white with hoods. I could not believe that in a seminary comprising 45 percent ecumenical students, most of whom were black, no one had stopped to examine the symbolism of these robes...I continued to insist that white, hooded robes were a symbol of terror for black folks but only received this response: 'I won't allow a blip in human history to change the symbolic meaning of what these robes have stood for in eighteen hundred years of church history.' The problem is, that blip in human history is the attempted genocide of my people."

When I read that, I remembered the albs of my youth. We didn't wear albs every Sunday, but acolytes and the pastor wore them occasionally. I remembered two acolytes stepping out of the sacristy wearing white, hooded robes. There was some awkward giggling, followed by the question, "Um, why do we have these?" We knew what white robes symbolized in the 20th Century United States and it wasn't baptism or unity or anything good. It was hatred and racism. I'm a little ashamed to admit that this happened nearly 20 years ago and just now I have realized that I have the ability and the responsibility to project a better image. An image that invites, welcomes and serves all people.

So, once again, I have chosen to not wear my robe. This time, it's not about how I feel about the robe. It's because I'm learning. Christian history teaches us that our tradition isn't a robe, tradition is forming community. American history teaches us that a white robe doesn't mean someone is good or safe or loving. Our neighbors, like Pastor Duncan, beg us to stand in solidarity with those who are oppressed. I'm not wearing my robe right now because I'm learning. And, I invite you to learn with me, seek to understand, and consider hanging up those robes, too.

Peace,

*Rev KC*

Sometimes we have hard questions or concerns. If there are topics you would like to discuss or see addressed in a newsletter article, please email or call me.

## Farewell from Deaconess Ann

Interims are a time of intentional temporary transition time, and my interim time has come to a close. I give thanks to God for the opportunity to serve here at BLC, especially during such an unusual year. Thank you for your participation in the ministry and for sharing your children and faith lives with me. I have so enjoyed serving with the staff and volunteers in my time here. I trust the Spirit will continue to guide you all.

Peace,

Deaconess Ann Maki

## Farewell from Intern Joy

Dear Bethlehem Lutheran:

Time sure flies by when you're completing an internship during a global pandemic. I would like to thank you for letting me serve as your intern this year! It has been such a joy watching your community grow into who God is calling you to be. From Bible studies to quilters club it is clear that you do your best to worship God through your various skills and talents- I'm impressed!

In *1 Thessalonians 3:12*, the apostle Paul prays, "*And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you (NRSV)*" reminding the Thessalonians that he is holding them in prayer as he leaves. Please know that I am also holding this church in prayer as you move forward in your ministry, and as I move forward to a new community. I know that you will do wonderful things in the future because the leaders at this church care for you all SO much!

Please keep in touch and feel free to find me on Facebook or LinkedIn (Joy Knoppel)

Much Love,

Joy

P.S. Thank you for all of the meals during my first week here. Seriously, your welcoming committee is incredible.





# Worship

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## August Lectionary Resources

### August 1: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.*

Edited from Sundays and Seasons

- ♦ Mark 6:24-35
- ♦ Holy Communion

### August 8: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

*Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.*

Edited from Sundays and Seasons

- ♦ Mark 6:35, 41-51
- ♦ Holy Communion

### August 15: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

*Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.*

Edited from Sundays and Seasons

- ♦ John 6:51-58
- ♦ Holy Communion

### August 22: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.*

Edited from Sundays and Seasons

- ♦ John 6: 56-69
- ♦ Holy Communion

### August 29: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.*

Edited from Sundays and Seasons

- ♦ Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- ♦ Holy Communion



# **Worship**

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## **Sunday Worship Online**

We have moved from online-only to both in-person and online worship! If you do not have access to our digital worship sign-up forms, please call the church office and we will sign you up!

We continue to lead a live stream worship service at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays. You can participate in the latest service here: <https://tinyurl.com/BLCsundayworship> and choose the appropriate date.

## **Worship Assistants**

The worship schedule is subject to change but the participant lists in the weekly email and the bulletin will be correct. Participants need to contact Brenda (see contact information below) with any questions or concerns.

If you are willing to assist with worship needs (set-up, clean-up, ushering/greeting, reading, etc.) please contact our Worship and Music Director, Brenda, by phone at 303-776-3290 or email at [brenda@bethlehem-lutheran.net](mailto:brenda@bethlehem-lutheran.net).

## **Star Words**

On Epiphany Sunday, we began learning about our Star Words for 2021. You should have received a Star Word in your Advent/Christmas gift bag. (Contact Pastor Katie if you didn't get one!) These words are meant to ponder and reflect on throughout the year. A tip from A Sanctified Art ([sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org)): Look up the definition of your word, even if it is a word you know well. You may even look into the etymology of the word and how its meaning has changed throughout history. If you received a non-English word, do as much research as you can into the meaning of the word in its original culture.

## **Music, Singing, and Our New Normal**

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed our world as we once knew it, and thus, we all will be seeking a “new normal.” This is especially true of the music program here at BLC. Based on scientific studies and recommendations for musicians (<https://congregationalsong.org/covid-19-nfhs-study-update/>), we know that singing, especially choir singing, is one of the most dangerous spreading of aerosols that can be measured. We plan to get back to singing as groups as soon as it is safe for all—worship leaders, choir members and the congregation as a whole; everyone's health is our top priority. As we gather more information, we will determine how and when we are able to resume regular group or choir participation in worship, both indoor and outdoor.

We will start by singing more accessible literature and see where we are. Should we begin to sing as a group, rehearsals will be held outside with vaccinated singers and socially distanced (much like the hula hoop formation when we first began outdoor in-person worship, singers will have a bubble of space entirely around them). Singers, do not expect for your singing apparatus to behave as it did two years ago—please, be patient as you return to good vocal condition! Deep breathing will be helpful.

Also, as we gather more information about the airflow in our sanctuary, we will be able to make additional plans for group singing indoors. If you have any questions, would like more information, or have constructive suggestions, please contact our Worship Director, Brenda H ([worship@bethlehem-lutheran.net](mailto:worship@bethlehem-lutheran.net), 303-776-3290).

# ***Pandemic Advisory Group***

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**At the July 7 Pandemic Advisory Group meeting, the following recommendations were made:**

- ◆ To keep the current guidelines as of June 6, 2021, regarding wearing masks indoors for both worship and small groups.
- ◆ To request council to complete a study of our ventilation system capabilities, especially in regards to how much air flow and air exchange are available with current systems.
- ◆ To further communicate the basis for decisions made by the PAG and the council to the congregation.

**The following points were most important in making those recommendations:**

- 1) Boulder County appears to be on track to achieve the goal of 80% of the total population receiving full vaccinations, especially when young children are approved for vaccination sometime in the fall. This is the established and accepted standard for the level of “herd immunity” required for the stop of community spread of the virus. In addition, hospitalizations are increasing across the US and in Colorado due to the large number of unvaccinated with COVID-19 infections. We agree with the BoCo metric of watching the number of new hospitalizations (Hospitalizations must stay at 0–2 hospital admissions per 100,000 residents for seven consecutive days over a 14-day period.) as a measure of the potential to overwhelm our healthcare system. So, we recommend keeping our current mask guidelines until there is 80% of the Boulder County total population fully vaccinated or until we reach greater than 0–2 hospitalizations per 100,000 residents for seven consecutive days over a 14-day period and need to reassess current guidelines.
- 2) As a church community, we are quite different from commercial entities like stores, restaurants, bars, theaters, etc. *We strive to provide a loving, safe, welcoming place for all to gather, learn and worship, including the most vulnerable among us—families with young children not yet eligible for vaccinations, immuno-compromised members, and other high risk members. We do not feel that wearing a mask is too big a sacrifice to provide a place based on love of neighbor and caring for one another.*
- 3) The ventilation in our sanctuary and meeting rooms has not yet been measured, and we are recommending that the council make that assessment as soon as possible. This knowledge could enable us to make possible further improvements to our building systems that will allow us to move forward with our goal of not requiring masks indoors. The increased ventilation found outdoors still supports our decision for masks to be optional for worship outdoors and small groups meeting outdoors.
- 4) The recommended airflow to allow safe singing indoors is to replace the air volume in the meeting space three times in one hour. Earlier, we heard loud and clear that members enjoy being able to sing and respond during the service. We feel we must keep both our worship leaders and the congregation safe and able to sing by wearing masks until more is known about our indoor ventilation system.
- 5) It has been widely reported and recognized that more than 90% of all new cases are in the unvaccinated populations. These continued cases serve as “variant factories” and could lead to the rising of more new variants which will not be neutralized by our current vaccinations. To avoid the increase in potentially deadly variants, we urge everyone who can do so to get vaccinated as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the availability of vaccinations or the safety of the vaccinations, please contact any of the various hotlines set up to provide information:

- a) [Key Things to Know About COVID-19 Vaccines \(cdc.gov\)](#)
- b) [Vaccines.gov - Find COVID-19 vaccine locations near you](#)
- c) [COVID-19 vaccine | Colorado COVID-19 Updates](#)
- d) [COVID-19 / coronavirus Recent Updates | UCHealth](#)
- e) [COVID-19 Vaccine Boulder, CO | Boulder Community Health \(bch.org\)](#)
- f) [COVID-19 Vaccine Information | City of Longmont, Colorado \(longmontcolorado.gov\)](#)

More detailed information and links to data considered can be found in the PAG notes for July:

The webpage for the minutes can be found on:

<https://www.bethlehem-lutheran.net/gather/covid-19-news-and-plans.html>

The online PDF of the minutes:

[https://www.bethlehem-lutheran.net/docs/BLC\\_PAG\\_2021/PAG%20Meeting%20Notes\\_%20July%207%202021.amended072221.pdf](https://www.bethlehem-lutheran.net/docs/BLC_PAG_2021/PAG%20Meeting%20Notes_%20July%207%202021.amended072221.pdf)



RETURNING TO *In-Person Worship*



# Faith Formation

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## Sunday School News

We are in the middle of our summer break and pray you all are well and enjoying your summer days! Save the date for Rally Day, Sunday **August 22**. The faith formation team is looking forward to a time to reconnect together.

## Vacation Bible School

Together with our congregation, First Evangelical Lutheran, Light of Christ, and Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp staff, we had a wonderful week at day camp! Together we learned more about Jesus while being in God's creation. The Spirit was alive and well with our campers, staff and volunteers. Thank you for your support of this outreach (as about half of our campers were not members of our congregation, but an important part of our community!). Thank you for your prayers surrounding this ministry.

By the numbers:

- ♦ 50 campers
- ♦ 25 volunteers
- ♦ 5 days
- ♦ 4 camp counselors
- ♦ 3 congregations
- ♦ 2 Pastor Katie's
- ♦ 1 awesome God

## Rally Day

Rally Day for all Sunday School aged youth (preschool through 5th grade) and families. Rally Sunday, **August 22** will be at 9:15 a.m. at the stable. Looking forward to gathering together after a virtual year! As time approaches, keep an eye on your email and announcements but the date is set!



## Psalm Walks with Pastor Katie and Intern Pastor Joy on Mondays, 12:30 p.m.

We will gather to read a Psalm, say a prayer, and walk together—caring for our bodies and spirits together!

- ♦ August 2—Golden Ponds Park on 3rd Ave
- ♦ August 9—Niwt Loop Trailhead N 79th St and Mineral Rd
- ♦ August 16—Pella Crossing in the lot on the east side of N 75th St
- ♦ August 23—Golden Ponds Park on 3rd Ave

## Coffee Hour for August

At 9:15 a.m., every Sunday, the coffee hour will be at the stable in between service. This is a great time to talk with other members, find out what's happening in the church and community, and support each other during a tough time.



# ***Mission and Social Justice***

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## **Casa de Paz**

On a sunny Wednesday, July 7, a group of Social Justice Initiative members boarded Josephine for a field trip down to Aurora to visit the Casa de Paz welcoming van outside the US Detention Center. We arrived around noon to find José, a volunteer, and two detainees who had just been released inside the van. José had processed the two young men and arranged transportation for them to meet their families. He had also gave them an opportunity to charge their cell phones so they could contact their families and arrange to be met at their destinations, and he was in the process of arranging transportation to the airport through additional Casa de Paz volunteers. If the detainees do not have a cell phone, Casa de Paz will furnish them a TracPhone with minute cards so they can contact their families or sponsors and use them while traveling. José told us that the day before, there were 14 detainees released—many without cell phones—so today he was down to his very last TracPhone. We were all struck with the same thought when we handed him the 11 phones we had brought as donations plus some cash donations for more—it was truly a God-send! We had a great conversation and learned many new facts about the detainee process and the role of Casa de Paz. Here are some thoughts from our participants:

I can't decide what impressed me more, the gigantic, no window, chain link covered building on one side of the street or the Casa de Paz van parked on the street across from it. The building was menacing and dominated that side of the street. It clearly was a prison. The van was small but inviting and on this hot day it was the only welcoming contact for individuals released from detention. No one else was there to help. Only Casa de Paz has a mission to be in place, every day of the week, to welcome "strangers" who need their help. Thank you God for Casa de Paz. (Margot H)

I had an opportunity to visit the van from Casa de Paz. What an eye opener—this group helps when you are released from the ICE detention center. I learned these are not criminals; they are held in detention until they can get to their family or sponsors. They need transportation, a phone to call family with details, and some toiletries in a backpack for a couple of days. I never knew this existed.

We have so many needs in our community from hunger, homelessness, prisons, and prison reentry programs, and immigration. It is just overwhelming—where to start! My hope is that when we start back in the fall with Adult Forum, that we can have speakers who can educate us on programs and needs and that we can learn about social justice and find our passion. (Sue S)

I appreciate having been able to visit the "Casa on Wheels." It enlightened me to observe the valuable outreach of this ministry at work. (Karen A)

And from Pat W, to Sarah, the founder of Casa de Paz:

Wow, what an amazing organization you have put together. We were so very impressed with José and just the entire operation. So glad that we were able to make it down and deliver the phones and cards. We are in the process of trying to figure out how to get you more phones and cards.

We were very interested in finding out more about the funding for the detention centers and all about the quotas that are needed, etc. It would seem that the private companies are making money off something that they should not be actually making money on. José also told us about the state of Louisiana that has no organization like Casa de Paz and that there was discussion about how to implement your organization across the country.

Several of us want to start the volunteer process with the idea of getting more involved. So thank you for what you have done and are doing. I look forward to completing the volunteer process. At this time I would really like to become a pen pal.

Thank you again, Sarah, and we will continue to pray that the Lord will bless Casa de Paz and the organization will have continued growth to help those that have been cast aside.

If you want to learn more, follow the link to Casa de Paz at <https://www.casadepazcolorado.org/>.

## Mission

### The Nicaragua Project

The matching funds challenge was a great success, exceeding our goal. We received over \$17,000.00 in donations and matching funds. Thank you to everyone who supports this mission of Bethlehem Lutheran.

### Habitat Build Day

Saturday, **August 28**, we will be working on building a new home, probably in Dacono.

The Naomi Circle is providing lunch for us, thank you!

To sign up to help, please sign up on the board on the narthex wall, or call Bob C. at 303-651-6563.

### Opportunity Knocks!

Friday, **September 10**–Monday, **September 13**

Looking for three BLC persons to join me on a "Winterization" project at Pine Ridge Reservation. We will be boarded by "Tipi Raisers" in their new facility in Oglala. The goal is to make life more livable for some of the Lakota in the winter. Projects could involve working on trailers, improving insulation around the base, putting on new siding, replacing old flooring, and patching the roof. Another project would be splitting wood, cutting it to manageable size, and delivering it to families. "Tipi Raisers" will have plenty of projects for us to tackle.

Please call me for more information, Thank you very much for your interest. Bob C. (303-651-6563)



## Connect

### First Friday Fellowship in August

First Friday fellowship will be held at the Stable on Friday, **August 6**, at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your food, drinks (no alcohol please) and your chairs.

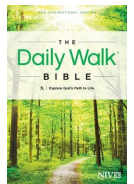
### Bethlehem Book Club

Join us on Zoom **August 12** at 9:00 a.m. for an exceptional opportunity. Bethlehem Book Club and everyone who wants to participate will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom to discuss [One for the Blackbird, One for the Crow](#) by Olivia Hawker



### Join Us in Reading the Bible in a Year

All are welcome to join the Manna Bible Study in reading the bible this year. Zoom discussions on the week's readings are on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84551369846?pwd=em5RVkZXZ1kxYmV3cytxMkl4Z3BoZz09>



**Meeting ID:** 845 5136 9846

**Passcode:** Bible365

If you don't have *The Daily Walk Bible NIV* by John Hoover, you can read from any bible you'd like.

If you'd like to discuss but the Zoom meeting isn't for you, ask Pastor Katie (pastor@bethlehem-lutheran.net) to join the Facebook group discussion for this called Bible 365. Colleen Beyer has another option for discussing this Bible Study via email. If you would like to be a part of this discussion, contact Collen ([cabeyer7@gmail.com](mailto:cabeyer7@gmail.com)).

### Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will be having an in person coffee and catch up time in the HS/MS Youth Room #126, Tuesday, **August 10** at 9:30 a.m. Our membership is open to all who are interested in joining us.

Contact Linda H. ([holstell@outlook.com](mailto:holstell@outlook.com)) or Sue S. ([suesmith512@msn.com](mailto:suesmith512@msn.com)) for further information.

## Connect

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### Quilter's Coffee Zoom

All quilters and non-quilters are welcome to join! Bring a friend!  
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.



#### Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86980731311?pwd=KzRXL0tzMEZtMnB5TnBpZUIWdWpQdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 869 8073 1311

**Computer Passcode:** QLT4GOD

If you don't have video capabilities, you can join conversation by phone!

**Phone Number:** 1 253 215 8782 US

**Phone Meeting ID:** 871 3685 9719

**Phone Passcode:** 472501257

### Ambassadors at The Atria - August 8

We are delighted to once again be able to bring joy in song and scripture to the memory unit at The Atria located at 9th and Hover in Longmont on the second Sunday of each month. Our first trip there will be on Sunday, **August 8** at 11:30 a.m.– immediately following our second service. Our beloved Peggy Peterson is one of the residents. ALL ARE WELCOME, including children. You do not need to be able to carry a tune – just bring a joyful heart. A mask is required in the lobby area but may be removed in the unit. You do not need to sign in individually. The first person to arrive may sign for the group.

## Property Update

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### Are you handy?

Join council leaders as we form an official ministry for people who like to work with their hands--or are good at finding people to do the work when it's needed. We'll be forming a team of people for our Property Ministry to oversee maintenance of the BLC building, grounds, and vehicles. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Council President Matt James ([president@bethlehem-lutheran.net](mailto:president@bethlehem-lutheran.net)) or Pastor Katie ([pastor@bethlehem-lutheran.net](mailto:pastor@bethlehem-lutheran.net)).



## Finance for June 2021

General Fund Actual Income:	\$ 220,972	General & Designated Funds Actual Income	\$ 301,710
General Fund Budgeted Income:	\$ 243,474	General & Designated Budgeted Income:	\$ 313,062
Income Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ (22,502)	Income Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ (11,352)
General Fund Ministry Expenses:	\$ 241,011	General & Designated Fund Ministry Expenses:	\$ 304,849
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ (20,039)	Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ (3,139)

### Financial Summary Reports Presented to Council are Available

You can download the Financial Reports submitted each month to Council from our Member website under Finances (<https://www.bethlehem-lutheran.net/members-resources/finances.html>). Contact Greg S. ([Treasurer@bethlehem-lutheran.net](mailto:Treasurer@bethlehem-lutheran.net)) for more information or with questions or suggestions.

### Multiple Giving Options for BLC

We have several options for continuing your donations:

- 1) Mail a check to the BLC office (1000 West 15th Avenue, Longmont, CO, 80501)
- 2) Use our GivePlus online options accessed through our website (visit the church website [Donate tab](#) (<https://www.bethlehem-lutheran.net/donate.html>) and follow instructions)
- 3) Use the GivePlus app on your smart phone
- 4) Use the GivePlus Text option from your smartphone (1-844-957-1020)



For more details on all these options, see the website Donate information page (<https://www.bethlehem-lutheran.net/donate.html>). If you are able, please consider keeping your donations on a regular schedule during this time. contact our financial secretary ([financialsec@bethlehem-lutheran.net](mailto:financialsec@bethlehem-lutheran.net)) for more information, with any questions, or assistance with any of the available options.

### Second Quarter Donation Statements 2021

The second quarter donation statements for 2021 were mailed out in July to all who have given plus those who pledged. Please review these statements as soon as possible. If there are any questions, comments, or corrections, please contact our Financial Secretary, Jenny K. ([financialsec@bethlehem-lutheran.net](mailto:financialsec@bethlehem-lutheran.net), 303-651-6226).

Also, if you donated but did not receive a statement in the mail, please notify Jenny. These statements are provided for your convenience; however, be advised that any decisions regarding tax implications are at your discretion.



## Member Milestones

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### **AUGUST** Anniversaries

August 2	Hilary & Brad King (7)
August 3	Alisha & Matt James (13)
August 4	Candy & Don Tiff (37)
August 8	Wanda & Gene Schnabel <b>(51)</b>
August 12	Dorothy & Joel Sutter (44)
August 14	Jill & Adam Luere (12)
August 15	Patsy & Bruce Bowman <b>(62)</b>
August 15	Katie & Chili Chullino (12)
August 16	Cherrelyn & Gerald Watts (13)
August 17	Mary & Philip Gustafson <b>(64)</b>
August 17	Betty & Dave Bluhm <b>(58)</b>
August 19	Linda & Art Holm (32)
August 20	Jan & John Mackay (10)
August 23	Jeanne & Jerry Phipps <b>(56)</b>
August 23	Carol & Darwin Wissink (41)
August 26	Megan & Mike Gutierrez (4)
August 27	Carol & Dennis Bloemker <b>(54)</b>
August 30	Audrey & George Dillan <b>(69)</b>
August 30	Lu & Wayne Kluck <b>(68)</b>
August 31	Caleb & Cassie Payne (3)

### **AUGUST** Birthdays

August 1	Janice Fisher-Giles
August 2	Joanne Larsen, Carrie Watson
August 3	Mike Anderson, Madison Dirkes
August 4	Janet Baird, Leon Koob, Jean Propp, Kendra Twito, Jill Woodley
August 5	Jake Tiff
August 6	Brian Koob
August 7	Talon Bloemker
August 8	Mary Boyer, Brian Carlson
August 10	Morgen Dirkes, Devon Twito
August 12	Sharon Kirby-Cole
August 13	Heather Ditillo, Jordan Stamey
August 14	Rose Hansen, Hilary King, Lisa Kittelberger
August 15	Ken Creamer
August 16	Emmalee Torrez, Julie Winter
August 17	Matt James
August 18	Eric Kittelberger, Barbara Price
August 20	Colleen Beyer
August 22	Bradley Luere
August 23	Sue Smith
August 24	Travis Winter
August 26	Karen Wade
August 27	Bob Lee
August 28	Sara Corner, Carl Schurman, Tiffany Beisner
August 31	Emma Gordon

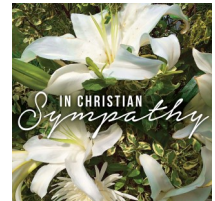
### Healing Prayers for:

Howard W., Joy K., Sandy W., Shirley W., Alice S., Cathy G., Darlene B.,  
Howie W., Gerry C., Jan M., Kristal H., Joe P., Ranelle L., Robert H.,  
George D., Bayne G., Lydia M., Bruce B., Candy T., Jeremy G., our  
homebound members: Mike G., Esther G., Doris C., Peggy P.



### Sympathy for:

Jeanne and Jerry Phipps on the death of their son, Russ on June 30, 2021.



### Congratulations

Colleen and Dave Beyer on the birth of their 3rd grandchild, Sutton Rae Schalk on July 8, 2021. Parents are Sara and Joey Schalk of Texas.

Congratulations to Carly and Sean Riley on the birth of their son, Darrell June Riley on June 1, 2021. Grandparents are Michelle Felton and Kevin Hanson and great grandparents are Gail Felton and the late Darrell (Mike) Felton.

### Thank You

We want to thank the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful and comforting shawl provided following the unexpected death of our son, Russ. We appreciate the many cards and condolences from so many and it's comforting to know we have the prayers and support of our church family as we travel through our grief.



~Jeanne & Jerry Phipps

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### Keep the BLC Office Up to Date

Please keep the church office up to date with address, email and phone information for your family. Contact Nancy at the church office (303-776-3290, [admin@bethlehem-lutheran.net](mailto:admin@bethlehem-lutheran.net)) with any changes in contact information.

**Weekly Announcements are also available on the website.** Go to [www.bethlehem-lutheran.net](http://www.bethlehem-lutheran.net), login as a Member and then go to [Notes/Weekly Bulletins](#).

**Deadline for weekly announcements:** The Wednesday before you want the announcement to appear in the bulletin. *Submit all announcements through the Members website/Resources/ Submit to BLC news form or the BLC news email ([news@bethlehem-lutheran.net](mailto:news@bethlehem-lutheran.net)).*

**Deadline for the 2021 September Star: August 20.** Submit all articles through the Members website/Resources/Submit to BLC news form or the BLC news email ([news@bethlehem-lutheran.net](mailto:news@bethlehem-lutheran.net)). If you have any problems, please contact [webmaster@bethlehem-lutheran.net](mailto:webmaster@bethlehem-lutheran.net).

