



Blessed to be a Blessing

July 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 July

- ♦ On-line and In-person Worship Service:
Sundays, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 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
- ♦ Naomi Circle: No meeting in July
- ♦ Communication Committee Meeting: July 6,
6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- ♦ Bethlehem Book Club: July 8, 9:00 a.m. via
Zoom
- ♦ First Friday Social - July 9, 6:30 p.m. at the
Bethlehem Stable
- ♦ Day Camp: July 12-16 at Bethlehem Lutheran
Church
- ♦ BLC Council Meeting: July 13, 7:00 p.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.



Rev's Revelations

I've been thinking about the call process a lot lately—because our fabulous Intern Pastor Joy and our awesome Intern Pastor Kelsey are both entering that process soon. Our beloved church member and seminarian Andrea will be moving on to internship in Loveland in August. And, our call with Deaconess Ann, who has served as our fantastic Faith Formation Interim Director, will come to a close when we hire a long-term director. She, too, will be eligible for a new call. We, at Bethlehem, are blessed to be part of so many call processes and we pray for all good things for these strong women in faith and their future congregations!

In the ELCA, the call process can be likened to a dating app. A minister (who might be a pastor or a deacon) fills out a form called the Rostered Minister Profile. A congregation fills out a form called the Ministry Site Profile. Then a combination of highly trained bishops and synod staff members, who have interviewed both the minister and congregation, begin comparing profiles and making matches. And, while the process seems long for congregations waiting for that minister, I can assure you it's *at least* as long for the minister. There are a series of interviews between candidates and congregations. Eventually, the right congregation and the right minister click.

I have also been remembering my own call process with you all at Bethlehem. Two years ago, we started the interview process. Only a few months after we “made it official,” our relationship as pastor and congregation the pandemic threw us into one of the hardest relationships to maintain—a long distance one. While we could visit each other periodically, video chat, text, and phone one another, we couldn't do the normal things a pastor and congregation does. We missed out on so many morning coffees, dinners and potlucks, decorating for holidays, and even those awkward “Oh you got your haircut” conversations that people are never sure if they should have with their spouses or pastors. (Note: You should only have those conversations if you're complimenting the haircut. You're welcome spouses.)

To the point: our life together in the church is constantly changing. These coming weeks and months will be important for our congregation. We will be sending off Seminarian Andrea, Intern Joy and Deaconess Ann, meeting a new Faith Formation Director, and you and I will be learning how to be pastor and congregation both in-person and online in this bizarre moment in time. Please keep checking your Weekly Email, Bulletin Announcements, BLC For All Members Facebook Group, and the Star for opportunities to connect with all of our ministers and members.

Peace,

Rev KJC



Worship

July Lectionary Resources

July 4: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent. Edited from Sundays and Seasons

- ♦ Mark 6:1-13
- ♦ Holy Communion

July 13: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love. Edited from Sundays and Seasons

- ♦ Mark 6:14-29
- ♦ Holy Communion

July 20: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

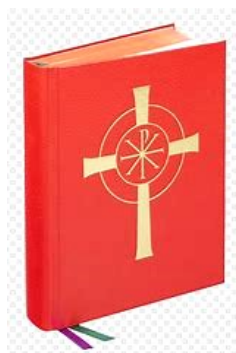
Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves. Edited from Sundays and Seasons

- ♦ Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
- ♦ Holy Communion

July 27: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied. Edited from Sundays and Seasons

- ♦ John 6: 1-21
- ♦ Holy Communion



Covid-19 and Pandemic Updates

We will hold an indoor and an outdoor service each Sunday. For the first week of this model we will hold indoor worship at 8:00 a.m. and outdoor worship at 10:15 a.m. Worship leaders will monitor attendance and needs to determine which service will be outdoors. (Note: seating for outdoor worship will be under the pavilion and stable.) We will hold an outdoor coffee hour between services in the stable.

There is no sign-up for these services, however, there are some basic guidelines we ask members and guests to follow.

We know that a number of our members, including children, people who are immunocompromised and others, remain more vulnerable, and we seek to create a space for us all. Masks are to be worn when entering the church building, in common areas (such as hallways, restrooms, etc.), and during indoor worship. We continue to wear masks in these spaces per Boulder County recommendations and expect to drop mask requirements after Boulder County reaches an 80% vaccination rate for the total population.

[You can read the approved guidelines here.](#)

eDevotion and Worship Opportunities

♦ **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. .

♦ **Summer Psalms**

Join Intern Joy and Pastor Katie for Summer Psalms each Monday 12:30 p.m. this summer beginning **June 7** for Summer Psalms. More information can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/summerpsalmssofarcent>.

- ♦ Tuesday, **July 6** (Monday is a holiday for staff!), 12:30 p.m. at Niwot Loop Trailhead N 79th St and Mineral Rd
- ♦ Monday, **July 12**, No walk this week because of Day Camp! Pray for our youth and volunteers!
- ♦ Monday, **July 19**, 12:30 p.m. at Pella Crossing in the lot on the east side of N 75th St
- ♦ Monday, **July 26**, 12:30 p.m. at Golden Ponds Park on 3rd Ave

Worship Assistants

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. Thank you!

Faith Formation

Star Words

These words are meant to ponder and reflect on throughout the year. A tip from A Sanctified Art (sanctifiedart.org): Look up the definition of your word, even if it is a word you know well. For July 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.

Day Camp!

July 12-16, 2021. Day Camp registration is closed and we are full! Looking forward to a great week of Sky Ranch staff and campers building relationships with one another and the Lord.



As of Star publication time, a few more helpers to provide meals for the Sky Ranch staff (5 people) are needed. If you can help the week of July 12th, please contact Deaconess Ann faithformation@bethlehem-lutheran.net

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 22nd. The faith formation team is looking forward to a time to reconnect together.

Coffee Hour for July

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.



Scam Alert

Note: There have been a number of scams targeting church members. Pastor Katie, Deaconess Ann, and BLC leaders will never ask for money or gift cards via emails or texts

New Adult Forum

Our adult forum this month will focus on PRIDE. This interview will be pre-recorded and posted on both our website and newsletter. **If you have questions about PRIDE and the ELCA's understanding of the LGBTQIA+ community please submit them to joy@bethlehem-lutheran.net before July 1st!**

July Speaker:
ELLE DOWD

Elle Dowd (she/her/hers) is a bi-furious recent graduate of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and a candidate for ordained ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Elle has pieces of her heart in Sierra Leone, where her two children were born, and in St. Louis where she learned from the radical, queer, Black leadership during the Ferguson Uprising.

Faith Formation

Christ in Our Home

The Christ in Our Home devotional book has been mailed out. If you have not received it or would like one mailed to you, please contact the BLC office.

Note of interest: Louanne Isernhagen, wife of Pr. Glenn, our former pastor from 1983 to 2004, wrote the devotions for **September 1 to September 15** with some editing from Augsburg Fortress.

Mission

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)

First Friday Fellowship in July

We will be hosting the July First Friday event in person Friday **July 9** at 6 p.m. at the Bethlehem stable. Please bring your own food, drinks (Sorry no alcohol) and chairs. We will have tables set up and hope you can all enjoy some fellowship.

Connect

Bethlehem Book Club

Join us on Zoom **July 8 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 *Indian Horse: A Novel* by Richard Wagamese



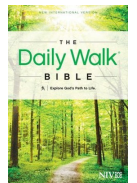
Join Us in Reading the Bible in a Year

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=em5RVkZkZXZ1kxYmV3cytxMkl4Z3BoZz09>

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).

Connect

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

RetireGuide

My name is Priscilla and I work with RetireGuide - a free web resource dedicated to providing useful information to help older adults.

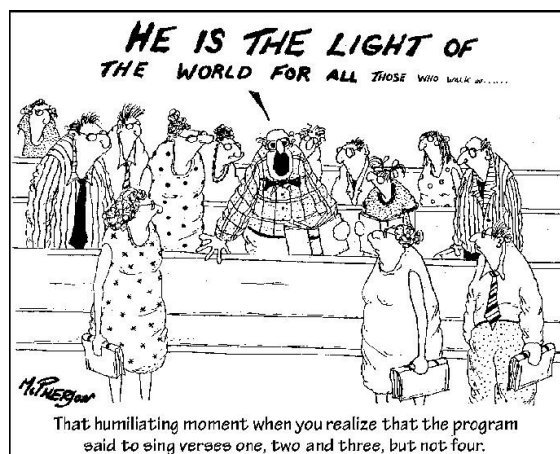
We recently published a new guide entitled, "Taking Care of Yourself While Raising Your Grandchildren"

Nearly 5.8 million children under 18 live in their grandparents' households. Focusing on your physical, mental and financial health is critical if you are your grandchild's primary caregiver.

We believe that this guide would be very helpful to share with grandparents who are currently taking the lead in raising their grandchildren. Feel free to take a look: www.retireguide.com/guides/self-care-raising-grandchildren/

Property Update

The gas valve leak has been replaced now. Repaired the riding lawn mower so it is cutting evenly now.



Finance for April 2021

General Fund Actual Income:	\$ 190,901	General & Designated Funds Actual Income	\$ 270,530
General Fund Budgeted Income:	\$ 202,896	General & Designated Budgeted Income:	\$ 260,906
Income Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ (11,995)	Income Surplus/(Deficit:)	\$ 9,624
General Fund Ministry Expenses:	\$ 198,127	General & Designated Fund Ministry Expenses:	\$ 255,027
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ (7,226)	Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 15,503

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) 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) (<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@bethlehehem-lutheran.net) for more information, with any questions, or assistance with any of the available options.



ELCA Advocacy Opportunity: Working for Change in Public Policy

Are you concerned about any of the following: hunger, poverty, social justice, the environment, immigration, peacemaking, or health? If you answered yes to one or more of the above, you can help effect change from the comfort of your home through the ELCA e-Advocacy Network. By signing up, you will receive notifications to send letters about current legislation and issues via email. Many of them have already been essentially written for you. And yes, every letter that is sent gets counted by an elected official, locally or nationally, *and you can choose the issues to which you respond*. Join the ELCA e-Advocacy Network today by signing up at elca.org/advocacy. For more information or questions, contact Cathy G. (cegood47@aol.com).

Lutheran Family Services (LFS) Announcements

Foster Parents Needed

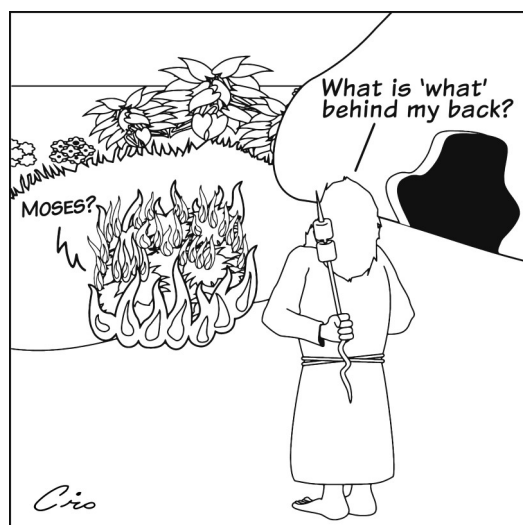
Our foster care program is currently caring for the most kids we have ever had. Our hope is for every child to grow up in a safe, loving family. For some children, this includes foster care. We're looking for more foster families so that we can better serve our youth! With each family, it is vital to have a community of people able to provide respite and support. Does this sound like something your congregation would be good at?

Contact Cindi for more info on fostering and support systems: cindi.newkirk-noah@lfsrm.org

Refugee Information

Do you like learning about other cultures? Join a cultural mentor team for a refugee family and participate in an exchange of cultures as you accompany a newcomer friend through life for six months (or more). Email mary.francis@lfsrm.org for information about training dates and more of what the mentor program entails.

Is your congregation interested in learning more about refugees and immigrants and what scripture says about them? Mary Feeney Francis, from LFS' Refugee & Asylee Program, is happy to help you and your church understand and engage this very relevant cultural and biblical issue. You can contact her at mary.francis@lfsrm.org or 303-225-0199



Member Milestones



July 1	Barbara & Garry Gordon (54)
July 1	Colleen & Dave Beyer (43)
July 3	Carolyn & Dan Kube (15)
July 4	Cindy & Todd Tayler (34)
July 4	Caitlin & Jake Tiff (2)
July 6	Carole & Bob Gardinier (47)
July 6	Gail & Carl Schurman (47)
July 9	Pat & Randy Snyder (54)
July 13	Carolyn & Joel Buck-Gengler (30)
July 13	Megan & Travis Schlagel (8)
July 15	Erin & Jake Gordanier (15)
July 18	Doris & Robert Cotton (57)
July 18	Diane & Duane Penny (40)
July 19	Laura & Alex Hoime (19)
July 21	Julie & Ray Leake (19)
July 23	Carrie & Chris Watson (10)
July 25	Gail & Nick Gaffney-Taylor (29)
July 27	Emily & Luke Kunselman (19)
July 30	Lydia & Alex Hebbert (9)
July 31	Sandy & Brian Burrell (45)
July 31	Jamie & Aaron Jurkovich (17)



July 1	Stacia Goecke
July 2	Dion Borgmann, Scott Hopp, Beth Webber
July 4	Melanie Bowman, Molly Ritzen
July 5	Brittany Steele, Karen Haag
July 6	Jacob Coulson
July 7	Gail Gaffney-Taylor, Dawn Reed, Rini Twait, Jenelle Winter
July 8	Arline Sahl
July 9	Eva Summers
July 10	Bryan Dirkes, Daniel Sutter
July 11	Crystal Coulson, Nicholas Frank
July 14	Andrew Dawson, Bobbie Goodman
July 15	Becky Kasperbauer
July 16	Alex Hoime, Mark Peterson
July 17	Bruce Bowman, Brent Buck-Gengler, Eric Ronneberg, Don Tiff
July 18	Kelly Neuhaus, Nick Taylor
July 19	Mike Goecke
July 20	Andrew Hopp, Reece Lahman, Marcy Smith
July 21	Kate Adams, Emma Romaszewski
July 22	Leanna Maki
July 23	Laura Hoime, Wendy Mears
July 24	Barb Payne
July 25	Brandi Curtis, Steven Dawson, Linda Holste
July 26	Gabriel Pemberton
July 28	Marla Dirkes
July 29	Andrew Kessler, Mary Mahlendorf
July 30	Andrea Kragerud, Neal Stoffer
July 31	Alan Cobb, Audrey Dillan, Rosalie Young

Healing Prayers for:

Alice S., Howie W., Gerry C., Barb B., Jan M., Bob D., Carol T., Joe P., Ranelle L., Robert H., George D., Estelle G., Carol D., Darlene B., Bayne G., Joyce G., Bruce B., Candy T., Jeremy G.; and our homebound members: Mike G., Lydia M., Esther G., Doris C., Peggy P.

**Sympathy for:**

Gary Blando and family on the death of Barb Blando on June 19, 2021

Leonard Thieking and Barbara Price on the death of Leonard's wife Carol on June 20, 2021

**Thank You**

Many thanks to Julie and Steve Winter for taking all the packets that were mailed out to the Post Office. The packets included the new directory, the June Star and other information.



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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) with any changes in contact information.

Weekly Announcements are also available on the website. Go to 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).*

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

