



Blessed to be a Blessing

June 2021

Worship Services

8:00 a.m. On-line only

*"Gathered around Word and
Sacrament, we live the Good
News of Christ's love
throughout our
Community and the World."*

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Ministry Events in June

- ♦ 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, Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom
- ♦ Communication Committee Meeting, June 1, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- ♦ Naomi Circle Meeting and Bible Study: June 8, 9:15 a.m. via Zoom
- ♦ BLC Council Meeting: June 8, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- ♦ Bethlehem Book Club: June 16, 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.



Rev's Revelations

For centuries—millennia, really—people have made pilgrimages to Jerusalem. In recent history, to see the sites, like the Old City, the Via Dolorosa, the Temple and the Dome of the Rock, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. In the past (and present) people made the journey for festivals, like Passover. Imagine for a moment, making that trek today. Not from a plane in Denver to New York to Istanbul to a bus in Tel Aviv to the Holy City itself. But on foot from Hebron or Nazareth, from sandy, rocky hills and valleys. That's the trek many ancient Hebrew people made. It's believed that while they walked up toward Jerusalem, they sang psalms.



The book of Psalms is a compilation of 150 Individual psalms. Some psalms are prayers for help, others are thanksgivings, poems, songs, and even liturgies.

Psalms 120-134 are each called a Song of Ascents, believed to be the psalms the Hebrew people sang as they traveled to Jerusalem.

The psalms have long been sung and prayed by Jewish and Christian assemblies. They

have sustained weary souls and ushered God's beloved from this life into the next. Martin Luther said that the Psalms, "might well be called a little Bible. In it is comprehended most beautifully and briefly everything that is in the entire Bible." The Lutheran Study Bible notes that Luther means by this, "the Psalms explore the highs and lows of the life of faith. They sing with joy and trust from the mountaintop moments and cry out with pain 'out of the depths'. The Psalms weep with those who suffer, laugh with those who celebrate, and teach all of us about the long journey of faith." (Lutheran Study Bible, Augsburg Fortress, page 848)

As we all experience the changes from pandemic to (hopefully) post-pandemic life, I invite you to walk with Intern Joy and me this summer. Each Monday at 12:30 p.m. we'll meet at the designated trail, read a psalm, pray, and then pair up for a short walk. All are welcome, but minors must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Bring with you: a mask (just in case), water, sunscreen, and maybe a snack--we're engaging in the spiritual practices of meditation and movement not fasting!

If you cannot join us for these hikes, you can access the Summer Psalms devotional here: <https://tinyurl.com/summerpsalmssofarcent>. You might consider walking and talking with a friend or simply meditating wherever you are.

There will also be a printed copy of the Summer Psalms devotional in your Summer Packets—available June 6 after worship or by calling the church office.

Summer Psalm Hikes, 12:30 p.m.

June 7: Pella Crossing (meet in parking lot on East side of 75th)

June 14: McIntosh (meet near Lakeshore Dr and Harbor Ln)

June 21: Lagerman Reservoir (Meet at the reservoir loop! The other is very long!)

June 28: Golden Ponds (meet in the parking lot)

Peace,

Rev NJC

Worship

June Lectionary Resources

June 6: Second Sunday after Pentecost

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God. Edited from Sundays and Seasons

Worship Focus: We value Profound Inclusiveness

- ♦ Mark 3:20-35
- ♦ Holy Communion

June 13: Third Sunday after Pentecost

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding. Edited from Sundays and Seasons

Worship Focus: We value Growing Generosity

- ♦ Mark 4:26-34
- ♦ Holy Communion

June 20: Forth Sunday after Pentecost

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear. Edited from Sundays and Seasons

Worship Focus: We believe the Holy Bible is the...source of our faith and life together.

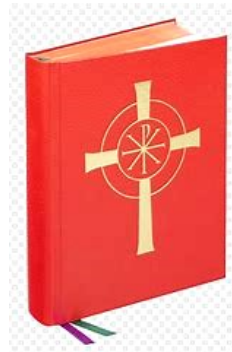
- ♦ Mark 4:35-41
- ♦ Holy Communion

June 27: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider. Edited from Sundays and Seasons.

Worship Focus: All people are created in God's image and all are welcome

- ♦ Mark 5:21-43
- ♦ Holy Communion



Covid-19 and Pandemic Updates

Pandemic Advisory Group

From a place of love for our neighbor, our congregants and leaders, we continue to assess the current situation and look forward not from a place of fear, but from care for one another.

We confirm the council's recommendation of allowing small outdoor group (10 people) gatherings based on the established guidelines from last fall and available on our website (<https://www.bethlehem-lutheran.net/gather/covid-19-news-and-plans.html>).

With regards to in-person worship, at this time based on current data for our area, we are recommending the current procedures in place—online services and no in-person worship or gatherings in the church building.

We do, however, see a path to holding outdoor worship services, according to county guidelines, once we see how the data trend is moving to decreasing numbers of cases and testing positivity, and increased vaccination rates. We are hopeful that this would be in the May/June time frame.

We will continue to monitor the data and work on indoor worship and gathering guidelines using input from Boulder County, RMS, Church Mutual, and other area congregations.

We recommend doing another congregational poll similar to last year's poll, possibly incorporating vaccination status information.

We recommend a regular update to the congregation through communication channels to keep them informed and allow direct input with the group (including updating the website).

Pandemic Advisory Group

Brenda H., Chuck S., Laura D., Jenny K.,
Father Teri, Deaconess Ann

Pandemic Advisory Group Recommendations

Update: The Pandemic Advisory Group (PAG) met twice in May:

- ♦ Reviewed guidelines for in person, outdoor worship, taking into consideration county guidelines, Rocky Mountain Synod recommendations and community input. We will continue to revisit these as things shift around based on vaccinations, number of cases, county guidelines and other factors. After Boulder County moved to level "clear," we removed and changed several of the restrictions for outdoor worship. You can read the approved guidelines on the church website. In short, wear a mask, stay in your group's bubble and if you need assistance we can help (chairs, bulletins, communion items etc.).
- ♦ BLC will continue to stream worship online until further notice so all can participate
- ♦ A survey is currently in the hands of our community. We look forward to hearing your input!
- ♦ At our next meeting in early June, we will discuss and propose revised small group guidelines for both outdoor and indoor.
- ♦ Looking ahead: we are researching the practices that have been found safe and beneficial with regards to opening the sanctuary for worship. This is still a ways off. However, We are excited about offering outdoor worship being offered now each Sunday morning! and small groups are allowed to meet at church outdoors following the established guidelines.

Information, statistics and recommendations seem to be ever shifting. It can be confusing what are the current guidelines for BLC. While some may feel the current guidelines are too strict, others may feel they are not enough - but we have to start somewhere to go anywhere. If you ever have helpful suggestions, you can email the Pandemic Advisory Group at pag@bethlehem-lutheran.net

Covid-19 and Pandemic Updates

Things we're hearing about the pandemic and church...

The following bubbles contain sentiments our Pandemic Advisory Group (PAG), Council, or Staff receives frequently.

Please take some time to read and think through these statements and how they work with or against each other.

Consider the overwhelming task our PAG has in creating guidelines for our worship and gatherings.

We encourage to pray as our congregation transitions safely from outdoor to indoor worship and activities

We're going to lose people in our congregation if we don't worship in the sanctuary

We're going to lose people if we don't take precautions. We need to feel safe.

I know this other church is doing...

I am not comfortable asking/sharing about vaccination status

I got vaccinated so that I *can* do church things.

What's the point in a shot if I have to wear my mask

I don't want to wear a mask!

I want to volunteer/participate, but I want to know that everyone is vaccinated.

eDevotion and Worship Opportunities

Sunday Worship Online

- ♦ We have moved from online-only to both outdoor 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 pm this summer beginning June 7 for Summer Psalms. More information can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/summerpsalmsfascent>.

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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.

New Adult Forum

We will not have an Adult Forum in June. Join us for coffee hour, instead. We will pick up the Adult Forum again in July!

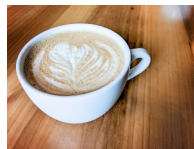
Scam Alert

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.

Faith Formation

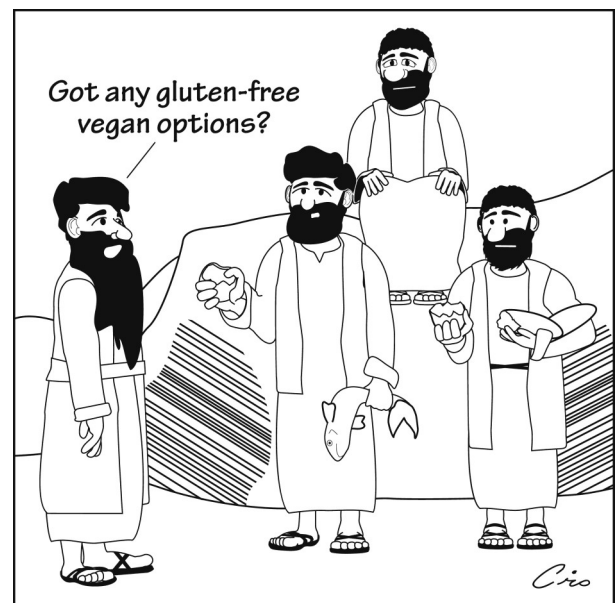
Zoom Coffee Hour for May

At 9:15 a.m., every Sunday, there will be a BLC leader on Zoom to chat with you. 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. Zoom information is in your Weekly Email.



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. You June even look into the etymology of the



Faith Formation

Summer Camp Opportunities

Outdoor ministry can shape one's faith in powerful ways! Both Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp and Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp will be having onsite, in-person camp week opportunities this summer. You and your family can make the decision that works best for you. Sky Ranch the week of July 25-30 (or half week for youth completed grades 1-3) and Rainbow Trail has availability that ranges based on age/week. Current information for both camps can be found on their websites. Skyranchcolorado.org and Rainbowtrail.org. Scholarship funds are available. If you want more information, scholarship assistance or to say, Hey, I signed up, please let Deaconess Ann know (faithformation@bethlehem-lutheran.net)

Day Camp!

July 12-16, 2021. Kids ages 4 through just completed 5th grade are invited **in-person** for a week of faith, fun and more! In cooperation with First Lutheran Church, Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp counselors will lead the songs, games, activities and the week of faith and relationship building. Yes, Covid has changed some things, but the goal has not—provide a safe and faith filled week of fun for our community. Drop off time is 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and pick up is from 11:30 a.m. to Noon. Pre-registration will be required as the number of participants will be limited. Masks will be required. No snacks will be provided, so please make sure to bring a filled water bottle with your child(ren).

Remember sunscreen, and please bring a towel as their home base place each day. No cost or fee! Keep an eye on the church website and your email for when registration goes live. A few volunteers will be needed to make this week run smoothly. If you are interested in helping, please contact Deaconess Ann ann@bethlehem-lutheran.net



Milestones

Milestones happen during pandemics, too. If you are celebrating a milestone in your life, we would like to celebrate or commemorate it with you! Packets are available to be mailed, porch delivered or picked up at church.

These are listed in alphabetical order:

ACT/SAT test	Extra-Curricular Achievement
Arrival of a New Sibling	First Christmas apart
Birthday	First Lost Tooth
College Graduation	High School Graduation
Death of a Loved One	Leaving Home
Death of a Pet	Marriage
Difficult Time	New Grade
Divorce - for adults	New Home
Divorce - for parent of adult children who are divorcing	Retirement
Divorce - for children experiencing the divorce of their parents	Riding a Bike
Driver's License	Wedding Anniversary
Empty Nesting	Welcoming a New Pet



Mission

Social Justice Initiative:

Concerned about Immigration Issues? Would you like to help?

Deported? But you came here as a teen and have lived here for 19 years. You have a 6 year old daughter and your American wife is pregnant! You work and pay taxes and have committed no crime. How is sending you back to Mexico beneficial?



This scenario is playing out across the country every day. The man described above has been a pen pal with Cathy Goodman through Casa de Paz while in detention at an ICE facility in Aurora. Casa de Paz offers shelter, meals, transportation and emotional support for immigrants. Several of Bethlehem's members are currently pen pals and/or have contributed financial support, frequent flier miles or support for legal defense through Casa de Paz. To find out more about how you can help, contact casadepazcolorado.org or you may contact Cathy Goodman with questions at cegood47@aol.com.

Habitat Build Day

Our next Habitat Build Day is Saturday, **June 26**. We anticipate working on the building of a duplex home in Dacono. This is immediately to the south of the Dacono Discount Grocery store. Please call me if you want to be part of the team. Bob C. (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)

Annual Spring Nicaragua Mission Fundraiser

Without the children's project we support children can go days without food and can be injured while parents leave their hut to hunt for work for a dollar a day. Please consider a generous donation to our Nicaragua Mission. There are \$5500 dollars in matching funds available. You can donate through our website or send your check written to Bethlehem-Nicaragua to Bethlehem Lutheran-Nicaragua, 1000 West 15th Avenue, Longmont, CO 80501.

Questions? Contact Mark H. at HolsteMarkA@outlook.com, Cathy G. at cegood47@aol.com, or Margot H. at nor-datter@gmail.com

Mission

Cultivate

Cultivate is a non-profit providing services to seniors. These services enhance their ability to live independently in the local community. With the coming of Spring, our Yarbusters program has begun for the season. Yarbusters provides weeding, trimming, raking, and other light yard work to your senior neighbors. Cultivate provides all the tools. As COVID restrictions loosen we can allow small groups, as well as families and individuals, to participate. This is a great way to give back with your family, pod, coworkers, or on your own. Like all of our other programs, we still require masks and social distancing. As a Yarbusters volunteer, you select the date and time to provide the services to a senior in need. It is not a yard maintenance program, but a one-time clean up. Volunteers can choose to volunteer once or multiple times in a season. For further information contact Doug Malcolm at 303-443-1933, ext. 408 or via email at dmalcolm@cultivate.ngo. You can also obtain more information at our website www.cultivate.ngo.

Pratt Street Little Free Pantry

The new Pratt Street Little Free Pantry (LFP) is open for business! BLC and LOC are excited to join the Little Free Pantry movement by serving those in our local community who need a helping hand. The LFP is open to anyone in our community to participate by either filling the pantry or taking from it. Most importantly, the LFP is offered to those in need the same way in which we receive God's grace, freely and without question. The LFP is located just north of the parsonage on Pratt Street, in the open lot. The pantry has been clearly labeled to make it easy to restock with the following list in order keep the LFP stocked with the items our community needs. If you have any questions or need to report any issues with the LFP, please contact the LFP administrator, Chili, ChiliBAS14@gmail.com, (720) 281-5113



Pratt Street Little Free Pantry			
Item	Full Qty	Item	Full Qty
Food Stuffs			
<input type="checkbox"/> Cereal (Individual Boxes)	16	<input type="checkbox"/> Instant Oatmeal Packets	18
<input type="checkbox"/> Peanut Butter	6	<input type="checkbox"/> Jelly	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Canned Soup	8	<input type="checkbox"/> Canned Veggies	8
<input type="checkbox"/> Fruit Cups / Apple Sauce	9	<input type="checkbox"/> Canned Beans	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Canned Meat	4-9	<input type="checkbox"/> Macaroni & Cheese	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Ramen (Packs or Cups)	6	<input type="checkbox"/> Granola Bars	12
Health Products			
<input type="checkbox"/> Box of Bandages	6	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush/Toothpaste Packs	12
<input type="checkbox"/> Tampons (Box)	8	<input type="checkbox"/> Menstrual Pads (Individual)	18
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen	6	<input type="checkbox"/> Socks	12
Pet Supplies			
<input type="checkbox"/> Canned Dog Food	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Canned Cat Food	4

Connect

Virtual First Friday Fellowship in June

First Friday will not meet in June but are planning an in-person gathering in July.

Bethlehem Book Club

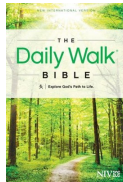
Join us on Zoom Thursday, **June 10** at 9:00 a.m. for an exceptional opportunity. Bethlehem Book Club and everyone who wants to participate will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom to discuss [The House That Love Built](#) by Sarah Jackson.



Sarah is the founder of Casa de Paz, an organization that offers shelter, meals, plane/bus tickets, transportation and emotional support to immigrants released from detention. Sarah Jackson herself has volunteered to join our discussion! Anyone who would like to read the book and join the discussion can email Mary Jane (mjvoogt2003@gmail.com) to be added to the list and to receive the zoom link.

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 Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84551369846?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84551369846?pwd=em5RVkZXZ1kxYmV3cytxMkl4Z3BoZz09)
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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).

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

you'd like. Check the weekly email for the Chapters for the week.

If you'd like to discuss but the Zoom meeting isn't for you, ask Pastor Katie (pastor@bethlehem-lutheran.net) to join the

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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86980731311?pwd=KzRXL0tzMEZtMnB5TnBpZUIWdWpQdz09)
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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

Naomi Circle

Our membership is open to all who are interested in joining us. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, **June 8**, from 9:15–11:00 a.m. We will be celebrating Summer virtually with favorite memories from camp, summer vacations, get togethers, gardening, summer foods, etc. *We will meet virtually using Zoom; the link will be shared beforehand by email. All ladies are invited to come and invite a friend for a wonderful Christian fellowship. Hope to see you there!*

Contact Linda H. (holstell@outlook.com) or Sue S. (suesmith512@msn.com) for further information on the above. If you need help in setting up Zoom ahead of time, contact Jenny K. (financialsec@bethlehem-lutheran.net)

Finance for April 2021

General Fund Actual Income:	\$ 160,329	General & Designated Funds Actual Income	\$ 229,546
General Fund Budgeted Income:	\$ 162,317	General & Designated Budgeted Income:	\$ 208,725
Income Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ (1,988)	Income Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 20,821
General Fund Ministry Expenses:	\$ 160,081	General & Designated Fund Ministry Expenses:	\$ 194,466
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 248	Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ 35,080

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

Notice to all High School Seniors and College Students

The Bethlehem Education Committee is seeking to notify all high school seniors and college students that the application process for a BLC education scholarship for the academic year 2021–2022 will begin **May 1, 2021**. The application deadline is **July 1, 2021**, with scholarships to be awarded **August 1, 2021**.

To access the application, students will need to log into the Bethlehem website with a BLC account to access the members only space. If you do not have an account for the website, you will need to use the Create an Account button at the bottom of the sidebar to enter your username and password, and then you must click the submit button. You will receive notification shortly that you are approved to access the Members Only area. Once you receive this notice, you will be able to login and see the Members' Only area. Proceed to the heading "Resources" and pull down the menu to find the BLC Scholarship Application. Complete and submit.

The Committee looks forward to receiving your application. If you have any questions, contact Pat Wilder at pwilderco@gmail.com.

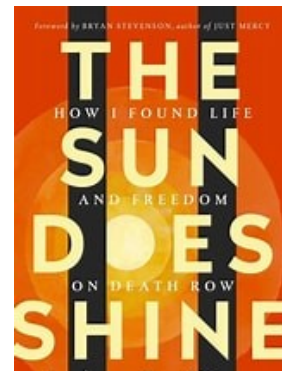


Members' Corner

A Book Review

The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row
By Anthony Ray Hinton with Lara Love Hardin, 2018

Falling in love and marrying Hallie Berry, then divorcing her because he had fallen in love with Sandra Bullock, happened to Anthony Ray Hinton, all while he was incarcerated and spent 30 years on Alabama's Death Row. Not really, of course, did Hinton marry and divorce one celebrity and remarry another, but vicariously through one of his mind games, played to liberate himself from the indignity, inhumanity, and wrongfulness of his sentence and to sustain hope he would eventually be freed.



When two fatal armed robberies occurred in Birmingham in 1985, Hinton was at work and couldn't have committed the crimes. However, because of pressure on law enforcement to crime solve and prosecute as well as inadequate legal counsel, Hinton was convicted and sentenced to death. Time passed and friendship endured: Hinton's childhood friend Lester, never doubting Ray's innocence, helped him on the outside and faithfully maintained visits to the inside. Time passed and new friendships developed: men on "the row" supported each other and, by banging on their cell bars, never allowed one walking to the electric chair to die alone. During his imprisonment, Hinton watched 54 men make that death walk.

Thanks to the efforts of attorney Bryan Stephenson, founder of Montgomery's Equal Justice Initiative, Hinton did not make that death walk himself. In 2015 Hinton's conviction was overturned, charges were dropped, and he was released from prison. Over 30 years had passed since he was first arrested and charged.

The Sun Does Shine poses a challenging, even gut-wrenching read; the memoir provokes outrage and inspires one to take action. Devoted to prayer and the memory of his deeply faithful mother, he found life and freedom on death row, holds no grudges, and models compassion and dignity. Since release, Hinton continues to champion criminal justice reform.

The Sun Does Shine reviewed by Deanna Hebbert

Property Update

Our 12 HVAC systems have all been serviced and checked out for the summer months. The filters were all changed and the AC checked. The only problem discovered was a very small leak in the gas valve to the unit for the sanctuary. I have that scheduled to be replaced. The summer mowing has started now thanks to all those volunteering to share with this task. We did encounter a broken bracket on the riding mower that needs to be welded. I'll be working to get that done soon. The sprinkler system should be checked out and up and running by the time you read this.

If anyone would like to help keep our church property looking great drop Chuck S. a note at property@bethlehem-lutheran.net. There are several outdoor areas that could use your help. Just an hour or two can really help to make a difference. I can suggest areas or if you have something you would love to help with just let Chuck S. know.

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



June 2 Deanna & Roger Hebbert (48)
June 2 Sandy & Jim Woodruff (**65**)
June 3 Coqui & Mike Stetson (19)
June 4 Amy & Eric Zigler (11)
June 6 Marisa & Brian Carlson (12)
June 10 Laura & Tim Steakley (26)
June 11 Greta & Mark Abromski (10)
June 11 Lydia Mott & Paul Dorn (**54**)
June 13 Karen & Carl Sum (23)
June 15 Amy & Neil Hebbert (8)
June 15 Joanne & Duanne Larsen (**63**)
June 16 Brenda & Chris Downing (14)
June 17 Mona & Bryan Dirkes (21)
June 17 Cheryl & Mike Engles (10)
June 17 Roxanne & Mike Kessler (43)
June 19 Ruth & Dale Conrad (**61**)
June 19 Myrna & Don Wiser (45)
June 19 Jean & Todd Propp (39)
June 19 Cindy & Corey Pemberton (28)
June 21 Pam & Todd Bischoff (**51**)
June 21 Kathy & Dave Loberg (35)
June 22 Kay Lynn Baker & Dave Coventry (2)
June 22 Andrea & Ryan Kragerud (19)
June 23 Helen & Erik Kessler (14)
June 23 Jill & Justin Woodley (9)
June 29 Melanie & Kennar Bowman (19)
June 29 Jaime & Dru Updegraff (19)



June 1 Charlene Bock, Mona Dirkes,
Fred Fanton, Jan Mackay, Don Wiser
June 2 Lydia Carlson, Roberta Fjeld,
John Mackay, Drake Steakley
June 3 Sandy Frazer, Charles Still
June 4 Dale Conrad
June 5 Morgan Abromski, Corey Pemberton
June 7 Robert Hammond
June 8 Scott Wiser
June 9 Dave Bluhm, Sandy Burrell, Pat
Goecke
June 10 Ray Hill, Rylee Koob, Sammantha
Koob, Luke Kunselman
June 11 Barbara Gordon, Clara Woodley
June 14 Ed Byrne, Todd Bischoff
June 15 Troy Payne
June 16 Jacoby Ramer
June 17 Esther Woodley
June 18 Art Holm
June 19 Candy Tiff
June 20 Brenda Harris, Haley Reed
June 21 Trevor Curtis, Garry Gordon, Alec
Hopp
June 22 Megan Gutierrez, Marilyn Zuege
June 23 Logan Ditillo, Cassandra Lee,
Shaylee Pierick
June 24 Amanda Dawson, Judy Johnson
June 25 Meghan Brunscheen, Jill Updegraff
June 29 Mirian Kyzer, Aaron Jurkovich
June 30 Karsen Box, Abigail Riley

Healing Prayers for:

Jerry C., Barb B., Ilene R., Kate A., Alice S., Jan M., Bob D., Carol T., Joe P., Ranelle L., Robert H., George D., Estelle G., Carol D., Darlene B., Bayne G., Joyce G., Marilyn V., Bruce B., Candy T., Jeremy G., our homebound members: Mike G., Lydia M., Esther G., Doris C., and Peggy P.



Sympathy for:

Charlie Wilson, Stacey Mari and Darin Josh and families on the death of wife, mother and grandmother, Gloria Wilson on May 5, 2021

Verne Steigler and Ilene Ryan on the death of Verne's uncle Bob Berghoff on May 12, 2021



Thank You

Many thanks to Sharon Kirby-Cole for the donation of her Baldwin studio piano and gooseneck light to the BLC music program. It will replace a well-used piano in the choir room to beautiful effect and is much appreciated by Ray and other BLC musicians. Sharon, we appreciate your generosity!

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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 July Star:
June 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.

