



Blessed to be a Blessing

## October 2021

### Worship Services

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

*"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 October

- ♦ 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
- ♦ Daily Walk Bible Study: Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
- ♦ Bethlehem Quilters: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
- ♦ Confirmation Class: 7–8 grade, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- ♦ First Friday Social: October 1, 6:00 p.m.
- ♦ Communication Committee Meeting: October 5, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- ♦ Naomi Circle: Tuesday, October 12, 9:15 a.m.
- ♦ BLC Council Meeting: October 12, 7:00 p.m., Fireside Room
- ♦ Bethlehem Book Club: October 14, 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
- ♦ Ambassadors at The Atria: Sunday, October 15, 11:15 a.m.

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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**“Everyone in this room is negative!”**

That was the opening announcement of the Fall Theological Conference which began on September 20. The conference theme was,

*“Finding a Way.” Despite the pandemic still in full swing, we found a way to gather. Because we needed to. Every person in attendance was fully vaccinated. For two weeks leading up to the event, we recorded our temperatures along with any symptoms that could be Covid19 and we were extra-cautious with wearing masks, distancing, and avoiding crowded gatherings. When we arrived at the conference, we were screened and had rapid Covid19 tests.*

There was never so much excitement about negativity— because it meant that we could all stay! It had been two years since the pastors, deacons, and leaders in our synod had gathered. Since that time, we had buried many church members, family members and friends. We had seen two full church seasons— Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Pentecost. We had struggled through providing as many opportunities as possible for our people to gather— online and in person. And, yet, our congregations had seen participation, membership, and offerings drop. We all had the same concerns over emotional health of our members, our staffs, and ourselves.

This loss and grief was named in our first session. One of our pastors said, “I became a senior pastor during this time, and I just want to be able to vision with my congregation.” I understand that thought! Remember back in 2020, just after I joined Bethlehem and our leadership started Strategic Planning? We just wanted to vision, to plan, to revitalize our mission and members. There were many knowing nods in the room. Then, one of our

chaplains said, “As someone in the pews, I can’t imagine being a pastor right now, but I know that I can’t plan. I can’t promise to be at a meeting next week, let alone imagine next year.” Again, there were knowing nods. I know that many of you feel similarly. Too much has changed and is changing to even establish a baseline. This chaplain named what, I think, has been an elephant in the room (or the Zoom) for all of us: *We have to step back.*

*By we, I mean all of us. Pastors, deacons, synod staff, congregation leaders, church members. We need to step back. We need to close our eyes, take a breath, and be for a moment. We need to find our center, our baseline, our starting place. That’s hard to do. Our culture pressures us to do more. To set our eyes on the next goal, to run the race, to achieve and succeed. Right now, success might be simply being. Being home, being in worship, being at the meeting, not being at the meeting, or even being negative! Being negative that day meant that I could step back.*

When I stepped back— away from the meetings and the planning and all things that fill my calendar— that week of the conference, I remembered something about the Strategic Planning process we began a year and a half ago. That is: we didn’t begin with a mission or vision, we began with beliefs and values. We began with the basics. We established a baseline.

This month— as we celebrate our 120th anniversary as a congregation, as we celebrate Confirmation Sunday and Reformation Day— I invite you to step back. You don’t have to think months and years ahead. Just let yourself be. Be in the center, at our baseline, at our starting place. Take in where we are— where you are. Breathe and be. The future will come soon enough.

Peace,  
*Rev KJE*

## Rev's Revelations (con't)

### We believe and teach that:

- **Jesus Christ** embodies God's love for creation, extending grace and life to all of us.
- The **Spirit of God** empowers us to do good works in response to God's grace in our lives.
- The **Holy Bible** is the inspired Word of God and is the source of our faith and life together.
- **God inspires people** throughout history and the Christian church especially in: the Lutheran Confessions, Baptism, Communion, creeds, and our faith partners.
- All people are created in God's image and **all are welcome** in this community.

### We value:

- **Christ-Centered Relationships** – We value time spent with believers and seekers in worship, fellowship, and service. The core of these relationships is Christ-like love showing mutual support and accountability.
- **Profound Inclusiveness** – We value the deliberate and counter-cultural ways Jesus includes people. We follow Jesus and invite others to follow Him by living compassionate and loving lives.
- **Growing Generosity** – We value God's abundant creation and seek to grow in giving our time, talents and treasures in response to God's generosity.
- **Selfless Service** – We value meeting and serving our neighbors wherever they are. We trust God to lead us in mission and outreach throughout our community and world.
- **Transformative Faith** – We value spiritual growth through worship, Bible study and continued learning. By God's grace we boldly embrace our differences, walk daily with Christ, and grow together in our spiritual development.

## Pandemic Advisory Group



Please remember to wear your masks in the church building. This simple practice is what allows us to gather at this time.

[You can read the latest guidelines on the BLC website](http://www.bethlehem-lutheran.net/gather/covid-19-news-and-plans.html) (www.bethlehem-lutheran.net/gather/covid-19-news-and-plans.html)

## Worship

### Sunday Worship Online and In Person Opportunities

We have in-person worship at 8:00 a.m. in the sanctuary and outside worship at 10:15 a.m. Masks are required inside the sanctuary and optional at the outside worship. 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. If you are willing to assist with worship needs (set-up, clean-up, ushering/greeting, reading, etc.) please contact Pastor Katie (pastor@bethlehem-lutheran.net) or Worship & Music Chair Jim (worshipchair@bethlehem-lutheran.net).

### Star Words

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.

# Worship

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## October Lectionary Resources

### October 3

*Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?*  
 Edited from *Sundays and Seasons*

- ♦ Genesis 2:18–14
- ♦ Mark 10:2–16
- ♦ Holy Communion

### October 10

*The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.* Edited from *Sundays and Seasons*

- ♦ Amos 5:6–7, 10–15
- ♦ Mark 10:17–31
- ♦ Holy Communion

### October 17

*Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great*

*shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.* Edited from *Sundays and Seasons*

- ♦ Isaiah 53:4–12
- ♦ Mark 10:35–45
- ♦ Holy Communion

### October 24

*Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as "Son of David" he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won't give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?"*  
 Edited from *Sundays and Seasons*

- ♦ Jeremiah 31:7–9
- ♦ Mark 10:46–52
- ♦ Holy Communion

### October 31—Reformation Day; Confirmation Sunday

*Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.* Edited from *Sundays and Seasons*

- ♦ Jeremiah 31:31–34
- ♦ Romans 3:19–28
- ♦ John 8:31–36
- ♦ Holy Communion



# Council Meeting

**Note: There will be a monthly Council Meeting Summary in the Star newsletter, and the printed copies of the full minutes will be available to read in the library or from the office after they have been approved. This change is due to our upcoming change to a new website which will not have a member's only section.**



## Council Meeting Summary: September 14, 2021

The Council met on September 14, 2021, with Matt James, Mark Abromski, Jenny Kelley, Greg Schumann, Pr. Katie Chullino, Bob Lee, Brian Carlson, Mark Holste, Eric Kittelberger, and Jim Woodruff in attendance. Matt called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Following the devotions and prayer:

### REPORTS

- Greg reported that this is the fourth month that giving is below budget; the total down is approximately \$50,000. We have enough to function now but must do something soon or we will need to tap into reserves by the end of the year. Greg mailed out a letter to the congregation recently so everyone would be aware of the shortfall. The budgeted mortgage payment is split over 12 months but we are paying out in 10 months so we are on track to pay off next month. Matt moved to approve the treasurer's report; Brian seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve.
- Pr. Katie had many things going on this week. It is great having Gary here! Cornerstone Preschool began last week with minimal issues. The nominating committee needs to meet soon. The funeral lunches/refreshments committee needs new leaders, or we may need to move to a catering option.
- Evangelism: Bob reported a good turn-out for "2nd Friday" and some dining groups have been scheduled. The Times-Call ad has been updated to indicate both indoor and outdoor services. A suggestion for the AV team is to put up credits to indicate the end of the service.
- Faith Formation: Brian reported that Gary's first month went well and he is starting to roll; confirmation classes are planned and structure is good. Wasp stings during outside Sunday School are an ongoing problem. Brian and Gary are also actively recruiting Faith Formation committee members.
- Mission: The Pine Ridge trip is cancelled due to tribal wishes that others not come into the reservation at this time due to increase in Covid19 cases; we made monetary donations to TipiRaisers. Habitat for Humanity build day went well; the next build is in October. Naomi Circle provided lunch for the build day and will be providing the OUR Center lunch on September 26.
- Stewardship: Eric requested feedback on his Celebrate 120 talk—was it effective and how could it be improved? Eric received an offer from a member to match two \$1200 donations (or possibly \$600–1200). There was a question regarding the YouTube channel requirements; we are now listed as a non-profit channel.
- Worship: Jim reported there has been a flurry of activities, and we now have a worship ministry committee (Cindy Tayler, Ray Leake, plus Jim Woodruff and Pr. Katie). The committee has planned for upcoming worship services and started tentative planning for special services in coming months.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Pandemic Advisory group recommendations: Matt reported no new meetings since the last council meeting. The BoCo requirement for masking indoors was already in place at BLC; the only change necessary is the required 12 foot space if unmasked inside (affects presenters and singers).

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## Council Meeting

- **Playground Project Update:** Matt reported that the project is complete and a great job! All seem very pleased. There is a need to address the fence at some point.
- **Property Team:** We need to have a Property Chair who can organize the volunteers and tasks.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Council has traditionally approved one special gift per year in past years and limits it to one special gift a year from a non-budget account. Council approved a request from the New Beginnings ministry for a \$1000 to be taken from the Heritage Worship endowment account in support of their annual fundraiser.
- **RTLCL Grace Race Request for Donation:** A request was received to sponsor the race at \$200 towards buying participant T-shirts, and council passed this on to interested members for their consideration.

Exec session: Matt moved that council enter into executive session, and Mark H seconded. We entered at 8:35 p.m. Matt moved that council exit the executive session, and Greg seconded. We exited at 10:15 p.m.

Following prayer considerations and the Lord's prayer, the meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, October 12, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

## Celebrate 120 update

I wanted to reach out and give everybody a quick update on the Celebrate 120 fundraising drive. Before I get too far into it, I'd like to personally thank everybody who has responded in such a wonderful way. It's heartwarming to get such great feedback and positive responses to this effort.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Celebrate 120 drive, here's the details: This year, we're celebrating the 120th anniversary of the founding of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Longmont. As we all know, this has been a very challenging time for many folks and institutions. You may recall getting a letter from our treasurer Greg Schuman recently to let everybody know that we are falling behind on our budget for 2021. While we knew that the budgeting process was going to be challenging, we still had to construct a budget for 2021, and we made several commitments to various parties that we have kept.

In order to keep our ongoing commitments and help bridge the funding gap we're experiencing currently, we've come up with a plan to raise some additional funds while simultaneously celebrating our 120th anniversary and hopefully have some fun. The plan is to ask each member to provide an additional \$120 beyond what they were already giving in 2021. In addition, for every extra \$120 received, the donating member will receive credit for a private screening of a movie at the Longmont Theatre Company. The drive will run through October, and we'll wrap everything up in November with a jambalaya cookoff in the stable area.

So now that you're brought up to speed, I'd like to report that we've gotten some great response to the campaign. I'm extremely happy to report that we have one member of the congregation who has committed to match any individual donations of \$1,200.00, up to two separate donations. So if you're planning on making a gift, please keep in mind that if you give \$1,200 or more, your gift will be matched. That's an extremely generous commitment and I'm humbled by it. I'm hopeful that this will be just the start of what looks to be a tremendously successful campaign and I look forward to providing you regular updates as we work through the next several weeks. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at [stewardship@bethlehem-lutheran.net](mailto:stewardship@bethlehem-lutheran.net).

Thanks!

Eric Kittelberger, Stewardship Chair

## Mission and Social Justice

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### Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Challenge

This challenge is going out to local churches. The church who gets the most congregational involvement is the winner! Go Bethlehem Lutherans!! To get involved you can donate, build, or work at the Habitat ReStore.

#### Donate

The Habitat ReStore at 1351 Sherman Street is a second-hand store for furniture, housewares, building supplies, and tools. They are looking for your donations in October; they accept donations Wednesday to Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Should you have larger furniture or functioning appliances you can call 720-303-3334 ext 201 and they can arrange a pick up for you.

The sales generated by Habitat ReStore typically brings in enough proceeds to pay for the building of one Habitat home each year. With churches getting congregational involvement in this challenge, it would be great to double that!

#### Build

- 9 homes at East Rogers Road (near Martin Street)
- 8 homes at Mountain Brook (west of Home Depot and Hover)
- 26 Tiny Houses for Veterans (a joint venture with the Veterans and Habitat's management)
- Land has been acquired for 35 more homes of which 5 will be in Estes Park.
- Funds have been secured to perform 10 repairs on homes in the Glens (Dacono)

#### Work at the Habitat ReStore

If using a hammer is not for you, consider helping Habitat by volunteering to work at the ReStore. There is a simple volunteer form online; you choose the day(s) you want to help and work as little as two hours at a time.

#### Covid Updates

The pandemic and consequential delays in city and state offices has caused a bottleneck for getting approvals. Hopefully work can begin soon on some projects!

As you can see, there is a lot to do so please sign up! Contact Bob C. with any questions. Thank you.

### Habitat Volunteer Opportunity

On **October 30** we will be working on the final details of the duplex homes in Dacono or possibly working in the basement of the Habitat Office building on Atwood Street. The Habitat Office is converting the space into living quarters for the Ameri Corp workers. Habitat has had to pay for places for them to stay in the past so this will reduce Habitat's expenses. Please sign up on the board on the Narthex Wall or call Bob C. Thank you.

### 55th Annual Longmont Gift of Home Tour

St. Vrain Habitat is proud to announce the **55th Annual Longmont Gift of Home Tour**. This beloved community tradition started with United Church of Christ, passed to Longmont Meals on Wheels, and now St. Vrain Habitat is honored to be the host and beneficiary. This year, guests can tour four homes (including a Habitat home). Homes will be "dressed up" for the holidays by local Colorado vendors and decorators. Decor items will be available for purchase. Mark your calendars (**December 2-4, 2021**) and join us for this beloved community tradition. Add your name to the interest list to be notified when tickets go on sale and other announcements - [www.thegiftofhome.org](http://www.thegiftofhome.org).

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the homes, greet, and direct guests, and more. Interested volunteers or volunteer groups may contact Hannah Williams, Tour Project Manager ([hwilliams@stvrainhabitat.org](mailto:hwilliams@stvrainhabitat.org); 303-682-2485 x111).

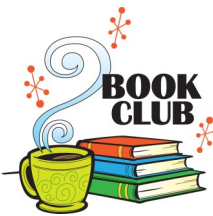
## Gather and Connect

### First Friday Fellowship in October



First Friday will be, **Friday, October 1**, at the Gene and Wanda S.'s house at 6:00 p.m. Please bring an appetizer that is easy to share and a beverage. Please refer to your BLC Member Directory for their address.

### Bethlehem Book Club



The next meeting of Bethlehem Book Club will be on **Thursday October 14 at 9:00 a.m.** on zoom to discuss "*Running With Sherman: the donkey with the heart of a hero*" by Christopher McDougall. Book Club is open to everyone! If you would like to read the book and join the discussion just email Mary Jane at [mjvoogt2003@yahoo.com](mailto:mjvoogt2003@yahoo.com) to be put on our email list. You will receive a reminder the week before the meeting and the zoom link will be included in the email.

### Ambassadors at The Atria



We are delighted to once again be able to bring joy in song and scripture to the memory unit at The Atria located at 9<sup>th</sup> and Hover in Longmont on the second Sunday of each month. Our next trip will be on **Sunday, October 10, 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.

### Manna Bible Study



Manna Bible Study meets every Monday morning in person at 9:00 a.m. We are currently studying "*Traveling Light*" by Max Lucado. Please call Phyllis W. with any questions or for more information. All are welcome!

### Reading the Bible in a Year

**October 1** begins the readings of the New Testament. After nine months of studying/ discussing the books of the Old Testament we are beginning Matthew. The last three months of 2021 will fulfill the prophecies of the Old Testament pointing to Jesus and His life/ death/ resurrection.

The daily readings take about 15 minutes and we have lively discussions every week on Wednesday mornings. Please join us for the 'zoom' hour from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. The Daily Walk group meets in person at members homes while zooming those who prefer that option. Please contact Colleen B. for the location each Wednesday morning.

<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](mailto:pastor@bethlehem-lutheran.net)) to join the Facebook group discussion for this called Bible 365. Colleen B. has another option for discussing this Bible Study via email. If you would like to be a part of this discussion, contact Colleen ([cabeyer7@gmail.com](mailto:cabeyer7@gmail.com)).



## Gather and 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://](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86980731311?pwd=KzRXLOtzMEZtMnB5TnBpZUIWdWpQdz09)

[us02web.zoom.us/j/86980731311?pwd=KzRXLOtzMEZtMnB5TnBpZUIWdWpQdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86980731311?pwd=KzRXLOtzMEZtMnB5TnBpZUIWdWpQdz09)

Meeting ID: 869 8073 1311

Computer Passcode: QLT4GOD

### Naomi Circle



Naomi Circle will meet **Tuesday, October 12, at 9:15 am**. More information will be sent later. 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.

### RTLCL's Grace Race



**Rainbow Trail**  
LUTHERAN CAMP

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp is hosting its 15th annual GRACE

RACE 5K run/walk in Denver on **Saturday, October 2, 2021** to help support of ELCA World Hunger Appeal. RTLCL has raised over \$71,000 for World Hunger through the first 14 races. Come join us for an afternoon of fun, exercise, and a great party afterwards. The race starts at 4:00 pm. You don't have to be a runner! They are hoping to raise \$10,000 for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal this year and they need 200 people to participate. You can register online! Online registration and more details are on their website at [www.rainbowtrail.org](http://www.rainbowtrail.org). Help us make this race one to remember!

## New Website Update

The communication's team is excited to announce that the new BLC website will be launching in October. We will be posting details in the weekly emails and bulletin. Please contact [communications@bethlehem-lutheran.net](mailto:communications@bethlehem-lutheran.net) with any questions.

## Stewardship



### Have You Seen Our Church's New Mobile App?

We announced earlier about Vanco Mobile, our church's new and improved mobile app. Vanco, our eGiving provider, has launched this updated mobile app to replace GivePlus Mobile. With Vanco Mobile, you can send one-time donations or set recurring gifts.

### How Do You Download Vanco Mobile?

It's easy! Head over to the App Store or Google Play to download Vanco Mobile for free. Be sure to download this app soon, **as GivePlus Mobile will be retired as of September 30, 2021.**

To give using Vanco Mobile, follow these five easy steps:

1. Search for our church by name (Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Longmont— look for our logo).
2. Select your gift amount, fund and frequency.
3. Enter your payment method. (You can save this information for future use!)
4. Choose whether you want to cover processing fees.
5. Click Submit to complete your donation.

If you would like more information or help setting up Vanco Mobile, please contact our financial secretary, Jenny ([financialsec@bethlehem-lutheran.net](mailto:financialsec@bethlehem-lutheran.net), 303-651-6226)!

## Stewardship

### Finances for September 2021

General Fund Actual Income:	\$ 275,247	General & Designated Funds Actual Income:	\$ 366,598
General Fund Budgeted income:	\$ 324,640	General & Designated Budgeted Income:	\$ 417,480
Income Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ (49,393)	Income Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ (50,882)
General Fund Ministry Expenses:	\$ 312,029	General & Designated Fund Ministry Expenses:	\$ 408,220
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ (36,782)	Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ (41,622)

### Financial Summary Reports Presented to Council are Available

Contact Greg S. ([treasurer@bethlehem-lutheran.net](mailto:treasurer@bethlehem-lutheran.net)) for more information or with questions or suggestions. Printed copies of all the reports are available for review in the Fireside Room library.

### Multiple Giving Options for BLC

We have several options for making donations:

1. To make an online web donation (one time or recurring), go to the Donate web page and click on the Online Giving icon to access our secure giving page and follow the instructions. Detailed instructions are also available below.
2. For recurring donations, another option is to download the Vanco [BLC Enrollment Form 2018.pdf](#) or get a copy from the BLC Office, complete and sign, and return with a voided check to the BLC office with Attention Financial Secretary. The financial secretary will set up an account for you per your instructions.
3. Use the new Vanco Mobile app on your smartphone.
4. Mail or drop off a check or cash to the BLC office (1000 West 15th Avenue, Longmont, CO, 80501).

### Options for Making a Pledge at BLC:

1. To make a pledge online, click on the Pledge Online icon to access our online pledge form. Complete and submit.
2. Download and fill out the [Bethlehem Pledge form](#) and mail to the office with Attention Financial Secretary.

**Note:** Vanco Payment Solutions, as do all processing companies, charges an upfront convenience bank fee per transaction. We give each contributor the option to check a box under the credit/debit card information screen so that fee is paid by the donor, and Bethlehem does not incur that cost.

Online giving lets you go to our website at any time 24/7 to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation, or view your online donation history.

If you have any questions about either our giving or pledging options, please contact Jenny, our financial secretary ([financialsec@bethlehem-lutheran.net](mailto:financialsec@bethlehem-lutheran.net), 303-651-6226).



## Member Milestones

### OCTOBER Birthdays

October 1 Matthew Barnhouse  
 October 2 Jesse Demmel  
 October 3 Brad King  
 October 4 Jane Lahman  
 October 5 Dave Stambaugh  
 October 5 Alna Heil  
 October 5 Daniel Lautenschlager  
 October 6 Amy Payan  
 October 7 Jonah Kessler  
 October 8 Andrew Steger  
 October 8 Sarah Loberg  
 October 8 Ella Davis  
 October 8 Brax Gutierrez  
 October 9 Jamie Lee  
 October 10 Howie Wayne  
 October 10 Janice Hopp  
 October 10 Lorie Coulson  
 October 10 Cindy Ballard  
 October 10 Gareth Knutson  
 October 10 Larry Twito  
 October 12 Joseph Petersen  
 October 12 JR Baltrum  
 October 14 Shelley Kunselman  
 October 14 Debbie Moors  
 October 14 Brianna Kasperbauer  
 October 14 Sophia Watts  
 October 15 Esther Gies  
 October 15 Gene Schnabel  
 October 16 Lydia Mott  
 October 16 Jackson Updegraff  
 October 17 Kristen Baltrum  
 October 18 Estelle Goode  
 October 18 Colin Wappel  
 October 19 Shirley Wayne  
 October 19 Joel Buck-Gengler  
 October 19 Jamie Jurkovich  
 October 23 Bob Koob  
 October 23 Chris Wagner  
 October 23 Nicole Hosier  
 October 24 Jack Torrez  
 October 26 Benjamin Dawson  
 October 27 Jan Geiser

October 29 Jorden Steele  
 October 30 Phyllis Wright  
 October 30 Kristal Hopp  
 October 31 Sharon Layton  
 October 31 Robin Lee

### OCTOBER Anniversaries

**October 3 Dick & Diana Grieve (57)**  
 October 3 Mark & Kim Herbst (29)  
**October 6 Ed & Claudia Byrne (60)**  
 October 10 Jacob & Leanna Maki (10)  
 October 12 Ken & Diane Forsberg (36)  
 October 21 Robert & Kristen Baltrum (26)  
 October 23 Sean & Carolyn Riley (11)  
**October 28 Ken & Carolyn Creamer (60)**



#### Healing Prayers for:

Brenda H. Racheal G., Lu K., Dennis B., Sandy W., Cathy G. Darlene B., Howie W., Gerry C., Jan M., Kristal H., George D., Bayne G., Lydia M., Bruce B., Cand T., and Jeremy G.

#### Sympathy for:

Famuer Rasmussen Jr. and family on the tragic death of his brother, Jeff Rasmussen on August, 11, 2021.

Nancy Tiff and her cousins, Jeri Schmetzel and Julie Kennedy and their families on the passing of Nancy's uncle and Jeri and Julie's father, Jim Fankhasuer

#### Congratulations:

Congratulations to **Morgan Abromski** and Trevor Davidsen who were married on August 15, 2021

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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 in our weekly worship bulletin found each week on our website (<https://www.bethlehem-lutheran.net/>).

**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)).*

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