



Blessed to be a Blessing

November 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 November

- ♦ 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 Quilting: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. in the Quilting Room
- ♦ Confirmation Class: 7–8 grade, November 3 and 17, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- ♦ First Friday Social: Not meeting in November.
- ♦ Communication Committee Meeting: November 2, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom
- ♦ Naomi Circle: November 9, at 9:15 a.m. in the Youth Room
- ♦ BLC Council Meeting: November 9, 7:00 p.m., Fireside Room
- ♦ Bethlehem Book Club: November 11, 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
- ♦ Ambassadors at The Atria: November 14, 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.



Rev's Revelations



*"Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son." (**Give Thanks**, hymn by Henry Smith)*

I'm always slightly amused by the Thanksgiving Day. In the US, the holiday is rooted in sharing abundance. We recall stories—whether true or tales—of pilgrims being welcomed by and eating with natives of this land. The moral of the Thanksgiving story is based in gratitude. Today, many people gather for prayer to give thanks to God. We give thanks for being who we are, where we are, when we are (yes, even in a pandemic). We gather around tables filled with turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, and of course, pie. Eating 'til our hearts' content and often past that point. Then, we lounge around all afternoon and evening until we have just a little more room for some leftovers.

For many years, that Thanksgiving Day is followed by Black Friday. With sales and deals just down the street, we move quickly, from giving thanks to wanting more. This cultural Thanksgiving Day is very different than the way we talk about thanksgiving in the church.

You might recognize that every time we share communion in worship, we begin with what's called the *Great Thanksgiving*. If you don't recognize that title, you know the words: *The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise...*

Thanksgiving is what Jesus did in the holy meal: *On the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples...* Thanksgiving is what we mimic, share, and celebrate in the service of communion. And Jesus didn't do that only at the table with his disciples. He broke bread and gave thanks other times (such as at the feeding of the 5,000 and after his resurrection on the road to Emmaus).

Jesus' thankfulness in communion is lived out in his generosity throughout his entire life.

We too can give thanks throughout life. We can give thanks on the secular Thanksgiving Day, on Black Friday, on a Monday or Tuesday, on any day and at any time. During the pandemic, we have learned, that it might even be appropriate to engage liturgy outside the sanctuary by celebrating the *Great Thanksgiving in our own homes*.

As you give thanks this month, I encourage you to reflect on two of the core beliefs and values named by BLC members:

*We believe that... **God inspires people** throughout history and the Christian church especially in: the Lutheran Confessions, Baptism, Communion, creeds, and our faith partners.*

And,

*We value **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.*

What does thankfulness mean to you? How does generosity intertwine with thankfulness or gratitude? How will you celebrate Thanksgiving this season?

With Thanks and Peace,

Rev Kc



Worship

November Lectionary Resources

November 7 – All Saints’ Sunday

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year’s All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John’s gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah’s feast to come. Edited from Sundays and Seasons

- ♦ *Revelation 21:1–6a*
- ♦ *John 11:32–44*

November 14

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ’s coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love. Edited from Sundays and Seasons

- ♦ *Daniel 12:1–3*
- ♦ *Mark 13:1–8*

November 21 – Christ the King

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king’s title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the “one like a human being” (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel’s vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love. Edited from Sundays and Seasons

- ♦ *Revelation 1:4b–8*
- ♦ *John 18:33–37*

November 28 – Advent 1: Hanging of the Greens

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ. Edited from Sundays and Seasons

We invite everyone to prepare for the advent of Christ at home as well as church this week—especially those who are worshipping from home.

- *Luke 21:25–36*

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.*



Summary of Council Meeting Minutes October 12, 2021:

The Council met on October 12, 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, it was noted that minutes from the last council meeting were approved by email and made available in the library. One item of business was approved by email since the last council meeting. Mark H moved that council approve a request from the Social Justice Initiative to hold a Share the Grace event on October 31 (details are in the Mission monthly report); Greg seconded the motion and the motion passed by email vote.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Greg reported that general envelope giving significantly increased and the monthly net was only several hundred down last month compared to the previous months. He thanks all who caught up with pledges and general giving and to ministries and staff who watched their budget spending. The mortgage has been paid off and will show up on November financial reports! We are beginning the process of planning budgets for each ministry area; if a ministry area proposes an addition to last year's budget, please include a justification; if a line item is no longer needed, take it out of the budget. Start planning temple talks from all ministries to explain and justify the proposed ministry area budget for the congregation and staff.

Eric moved to accept the treasurer's report; Brian seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

MINISTRY REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Evangelism: Bob pointed to two big things: First Friday was fairly well attended with enthusiasm; there will be no First Friday in November, and December is scheduled for the

Schurmans. Dining for 6 is progressing with no complaints so far. Bob and his committee will begin to reach out to members who have not been seen for a while.

Faith Formation: Gary is off and running; Sunday School is back in gear with a consistent number of kids every Sunday. The team plans to start scheduling kids' events and see what the comfort level is for gathering together.

Property: Matt and Chili have blown out the sprinklers for the winter; there is a property meeting scheduled for Sunday, Oct 17, 2021, and Matt hopes to get a council chair.

Mission: Thanks to Naomi Circle for planning and serving the OUR Center lunch on 9/26/21; BLC will again serve lunch in November. Thanks to Matt for making a video for an application grant; The Nicaragua Project received a \$3000 grant. SJI is hosting the Share the Grace drive on Reformation Sunday, October 31, to collect items for those released from the Denver Women's Prison or from the Aurora Immigration Detention Center and will also collect items to support the New Beginnings ReEntry program.

Stewardship: The Celebrate 120 campaign started slowly but picked up a little in the last two weeks; we have received two \$1200 donations for the match! Eric wants to increase the number of donors now and additional talks are planned. The annual Pledge Drive plans are being made for a kick-off on November 14.

Worship: Jim said it has been a pretty good month with the new worship team; they split out responsibilities, and he thinks the plan will work pretty well. There is a need for volunteers for November and December; planning for Advent and Christmas through the end of year continues.

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Council Meeting (con't)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Pandemic Advisory Group recommendations: Matt reported the group has not met so there are no changes at this time. Matt received some of the HVAC airflow information from Timberline and did calculations regarding airflow in the sanctuary, and Jenny reviewed the research papers on airflow requirements for safely meeting and singing. The PAG will meet to review and make recommendations regarding space utilization and consideration of ionization filters for the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

NEW BUSINESS

- Website donation page: Jenny demonstrated and explained the new Vanco Online web donation page. She also reviewed what will be required to add anything new for different activities and projects that come up during the year in the various ministry areas.
- Exec session: 7:58 p.m. Matt moved, and Greg seconded the motion to enter executive session. Greg moved and Jim seconded the motion to exit the executive session at 8:32 p.m.

Following prayer considerations and the Lord's Prayer, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Ministry Events

Christmas Tree

On Saturday, November 27 at 9:00 a.m. the big Christmas tree will be going up again. There are jobs for all, young and not so young. In the past, the tree has been put up and most of the Chrismon ornaments hung by 1:00 p.m. with enough volunteers. What a fun start for the Advent season and a welcome sight!



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): 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.

Pandemic Advisory Group



BLC Guidelines for Group Gatherings (as of October 18, 2021)

These guidelines are based on current CDC, State of Colorado, Boulder County and Rocky Mountain Synod guidelines for group gatherings. They are reviewed by the Pandemic Advisory Group, approved by the BLC church council, and updated as new pandemic information becomes available.

1. Group Gatherings may include up to 12 or 30 people (see spaces available information below) who are following social distancing recommendations per the latest CDC, State of Colorado, Boulder County, and Rocky Mountain Synod guidelines. Where there are discrepancies, groups should follow the strictest advice whether it is from one of these organizations or from BLC:
 - a. ([Bethlehem Lutheran Church :: COVID-19 News and Plans](#).)
 - b. CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
 - c. State of Colorado: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>
 - d. Boulder County: [Indoor Mask Order - Boulder County](#)
 - e. Rocky Mountain Synod: <https://www.rmselfca.org/corona-virus>
2. Every gathering must have a designated leader. The gathering group leader has the following responsibilities:
 - a. Sign up to use designated space (pavilion/stable area, courtyard, fellowship hall, library Fireside room, or youth room) at least 72 hours in advance of gathering. Call 303-776-3290 to reserve a space and time.
 - b. Ensure that someone in the group has a key if indoor access is needed. (Note: Keys require background checks.)
 - c. Please see the church website for updates before your event (<https://bethlehem-lutheran.net/gather/covid-19-news-and-plans.html>). Share the most current BLC mask rules with the group.
 - d. For indoor events: ensure that tables used are wiped down after the event (and before if you would like). Staff will let you know where supplies are when you reserve space. Please notify staff if you see a shortage of supplies.
 - e. For outdoor events: ensure group members know to bring their own chairs if needed. (Note: there are picnic tables in the stable, benches near the stable, and benches in the pavilion.)
 - f. Share with group members if another person in the group has become sick with COVID-19 in the 14 days following the event.
3. All individuals at the gathering must:
 - a. Have no COVID-19 symptoms. (For a list of symptoms see: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/covid19-symptoms>)
 - b. Have no known exposure to anyone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days
 - c. Report to group leader if they develop COVID-19 symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 in the 14 days following gathering

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- d. Remain six feet apart from individuals who do not live in their home.
 - e. If inside, wear a mask while at the gathering. You may not enter the BLC building without a mask. (For mask guidance see: [Your Guide to Masks | CDC.](#)) Be advised that Boulder County Health department inspectors are visiting churches and issuing citations if people are found inside in violation of the mask requirements. The third violation (by anyone) could result in BLC being closed.
 - f. Not cross between other groups which might be meeting in other spaces.
4. Groups have a two hour time-frame. These two hours include your time for set-up and clean-up.
 5. Groups must understand that the gathering will be canceled by the church if COVID-19 rates or guidelines indicate it necessary. Groups must also understand the gathering may be cancelled due to bad weather. Moving inside may or may not be an option. Consult with the office if you need an indoor back-up plan.
 6. Trash must be collected and placed in the dumpster in the white fence enclosure.
 7. People are asked to bring their own chairs, food and beverages (non-alcoholic only).
 8. No staff, volunteer, council, or church member will be required to attend your gathering. If they are invited to attend, they are considered in your group gathering count of people.
 9. Groups meeting indoors are allowed to drink and eat inside by following the instructions that are given by airlines: "pull your mask down, take a drink or bite, and then immediately pull your mask back in place." This compromise, much like using the communion kits during worship, should allow groups to remain responsible and enjoy food and drink.
 10. All travelers who have attended a high risk event or been in a high risk area, especially international travelers, should wait at least (5) days from the day of return to participate in BLC worship and events or have a negative COVID-19 test result at least three days after return.

Additional Suggestions:

1. Bring a few disposable masks for participants who may forget. If you do not have extra masks, contact the church office. Be advised that Boulder County Health department inspectors are visiting churches and issuing citations if people are found inside in violation of the mask requirements.
2. Bring a bottle of hand sanitizer. There are also sanitizing units at the main doors and the north doors.
3. Bring bug repellent and sunscreen for outdoor events.
4. Encourage group members to each bring a bottle of water.
5. Offer Zoom meetings or phone calls with group members unable to participate in an in-person gathering.

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Spaces Available for Reservation at BLC

Stable/Pavilion

- There is currently no limit on the number of people for this space.
- You can schedule in two hour time slots.
- Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
- Saturdays: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- Sundays: 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

October 18, 2021–June 2022

- This area is available for groups up to 30 people.
- You can schedule in two hour time slots.
- Monday–Friday: 1:00 p.m.–7 p.m.
- Saturdays: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- Sundays: 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Courtyard

- There is currently no limit on the number of people for this space.
- Monday–Friday: 1:00 p.m.–7 p.m.
- Saturdays: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- Sundays: 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Youth Room

- This area is available for groups up to 12 people.
- Monday–Friday: 1:00 p.m.–7 p.m.
- Saturdays: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- Sundays: 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Fireside Room/Library

- This area is available for groups up to 12 people.
- Monday–Friday: 1:00 p.m.–7 p.m.
- Saturdays: 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- Sundays: 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

For BLC Group Gatherings in Other Settings:

If you cannot reserve a space at BLC, you might consider hosting in a group member's yard, at a local restaurant, or at a local park. Since you are still meeting as a BLC group, we ask that you follow the same requirements above. Instead of reserving a BLC space with the office, we ask that you notify the BLC office with the details of your meeting. Also, don't forget to email news@bethlehem-lutheran.net with announcements for your event!

You can find the notes from the meeting online at www.bethlehem-lutheran.net/gather/covid-19-news-and-plans.html

Mission and Social Justice

Musical Freedom



A Program inside the Colorado Department of Corrections Musical Freedom is a program inside both Denver Women's Correctional Facility and Colorado Correctional Center in Golden providing piano, violin, viola, cello, and vocal lessons to incarcerated individuals. Jeanne P. has been active in this program for over five years and is reaching out to her home congregation for financial assistance. "As we cannot charge the inmates for music lessons, we rely entirely on charitable donations to pay our instructors a stipend, purchase instruments, strings, lesson materials, etc."

"Music changes the brain in very positive ways and, since 97% of these individuals will once again return to society, we want them to come out with changed attitudes, outlooks on life, and behaviors. The connection between a music teacher and music student allows for one-on-one mentoring which is important to their developing new outlooks on life and new attitudes toward society. We want them to return to society with new skills and be successful contributing members of society. We are in need of volunteer music teachers to expand this program and encourage anyone with a music background to contact Jeanne at 720-838-3888 or jeanne@phippsweb.com."

Musical Freedom can also use calendars. Please save your unwanted calendars and place them in the basket at the back of the church. These will be shared by Musical Freedom and New Beginnings inside the prison system.

Tax deductible contributions to this program can be made through The Center for Musical Arts, 200 E. Baseline Road, Lafayette, CO 80026. Please mark the donation "Musical Freedom" or "Prison".

For more information about this program go to: <https://centerformusicalarts.org/partner-musical-freedom/>

Share some Love



The holidays should be a magical, wondrous time for children. But this year in America, thousands of children and families will be spending the holiday behind bars — because they

crossed the United States border seeking protection.

In an effort to bring hope and light to thousands of migrants in the United States, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) has launched its sixth-annual Hope for the Holidays campaign. The program collects cards and gifts for distribution at migrant detention centers across the country and at shelters along the border, reminding individuals and families that they are not forgotten during the holiday season. (From the LIRS Hope website)

Sunday November 7 during our "Celebrate 120" festivities be sure to drop by the "Hope" table sponsored by The Social Justice Initiative. We will have Christmas cards and instructions so you can send hopeful wishes and caring words to families and individuals held in detention until their case can be heard in court.

Then, on Sunday November 14, the children's education hour in Fellowship Hall will feature opportunities to make cards for Hope. There will also be a table outside of Fellowship Hall for anyone to sign or make a card. All the necessary materials for sharing Hope will be provided! We will mail all the cards to the LIRS Hope Team to distribute. Don't forget to share your love November 7 and 14!

Check out the [LIRS.org/hope](https://lirs.org/hope) toolkit for instructions for donating money for gifts and for sending cards from your home. Questions? Or volunteer to help? Call Mary Jane at 303-579-4324

Faith Formation

Adult Educational Opportunities



Are you interested in learning with other adults? Are you not interested? Do you want to connect in a small group? Would you prefer the anonymity of a larger group? Your answers can help plan fulfilling Faith Formation opportunities for our congregation. Please take a few

minutes and fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/qvfeXq5gi3QKFnVv5>

If you are interested in leading an educational event for adults, please contact Pastor Katie (pastor@bethlehem-lutheran.net).



Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes continue in November on November 3 and 17 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. We will be studying Solomon/Wisdom writings and Ruth. We will not have Confirmation on November 24 due to Thanksgiving.

Our 4 – 6 graders

Our 4 – 6 graders will meet again on the third Sunday of the month on November 21 where we will have a family dinner together from 5:00 – 5:30 p.m., weather permitting and if Covid restrictions will allow us. We then will break off for game time and then do our Bible story for the night. We will do a craft and then end our night with a Bible blitz. We will end at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday School

Sunday School continues every Sunday morning between the first and second service outside, weather permitting. If the weather is bad we will meet in the Fellowship Hall. In November we will be studying:
November 7, The Widow's Offering: Mark 12:38–44,
November 14, Be Ready: Mark 13:1–6,
November 21, Christ the King: John 18:33–37
We will not meet Thanksgiving weekend, November 28.

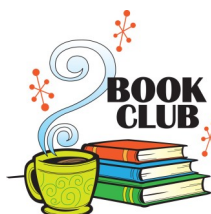
Gather and Connect

First Friday Fellowship



There will not be a First Friday in November.

Bethlehem Book Club



The next meeting of Bethlehem Book Club will be on zoom on **Thursday, November 11 at 9:00 a.m.** on zoom to discuss "West

With Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge. 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 to be put on the 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

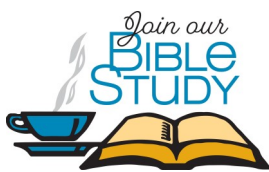


We are delighted to once again be able to bring joy in song and scripture to the memory unit at The Atria located at 9th and

Hover in Longmont on the second Sunday of each month. Our next trip will be on **Sunday, November 14, 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.

Gather and Connect

Manna Bible Study



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

Reading the Bible in a Year



We are currently reading the New Testament. After nine months of studying/ discussing the books of the Old Testament we will begin 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 - 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) 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 Collen (cabeyer7@gmail.com).

Gather and Connect

Quilting Queens



Quilters are meeting in the Quilting Room and Music Room on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. to tie quilts.

If you would like to donate or purchase a quilt of your own, please contact the church office for more information (303-776-3290).

Naomi Circle



Naomi Circle will meet **Tuesday, November 9th, at 9:15 a.m.** in the Youth Room. Our membership is open to all who are interested in joining us. Please contact Linda H. (holstell@outlook.com) or

Sue S. (suesmith512@msn.com) for further information

New Website Coming Soon

The communications committee is excited to announce that the new BLC website will be launching soon. We will be posting details in the weekly emails and bulletin. The communications committee will make a brief video on how to navigate the new simplified website.

Please note the member's login site has been removed from the new website. You can find the documents usually posted there in the Fireside Room library. The newsletter now contains a Summary of Council Meeting Minutes and continues to post the monthly finances.

Please contact communications@bethlehem-lutheran.net with any questions.

Mission and Social Justice

Winter List for Little Free Pantry

It is safe to say that our community has fallen in love with the Pratt Street Little Free Pantry! Each week community interaction with the pantry continues to grow. We have neighbors that have received meals they would have otherwise skipped and others who made it a weekly practice to help stock the pantry on their way to work, or while out on their daily walk. I want to particularly thank the Naomi Circle group and our band of individuals from BLC that have stepped up to adopt days of the week on which they stock the Little Free Pantry. With winter coming up the list of items we'll be stocking in the pantry will be changing to not only reflect the needs of our community, but also make sure those items are safe to have in the pantry during freezing conditions. **The new winter list will go into effect on November 1.** If you or a group you are part of would like to step up to adopt a day of the week to help stock the pantry, please contact Chili (chilibas14@gmail.com).

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 (Plastic Container)	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Rice	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Powdered Milk	12
<input type="checkbox"/> Apple Sauce	9	<input type="checkbox"/> Macaroni & Cheese	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Ramen (Packs or Cups)	12	<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	18
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapstick	6	<input type="checkbox"/> Warm Socks	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Scarves/Beanies	6	<input type="checkbox"/> Gloves	6
Pet Supplies			
<input type="checkbox"/> DRY Dog Food/Treats	4	<input type="checkbox"/> DRY Cat Food/Treats	4



Longmont Rotary Winter Warmth

30th Annual Coat Drive

October 17 through November 20

Please donate new or gently used: Coats, Blankets, Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Mittens, and Boots. Bethlehem Lutheran Church is a drop-off location. Please visit longmontrotary.org for more info.

Stewardship

Celebrate 120

It's been a few weeks since we provided an update on the Celebrate 120 fundraising campaign, so I wanted to bring everybody up to speed. The numbers are encouraging, but we still have some work to do. Thus far, we've received \$8,403 in contributions, with two individual \$1,200 contributions that are being matched to bring our total to \$10,803. There are 12 donors who contributed \$240 or more. Those folks have qualified for the private movie screening at the Longmont Theater. Special thanks to all who have contributed and to the BLC member who has pledged to match the two \$1,200 contributions. This is making a real difference. It's helping keep our programing in place and helping a lot of people in our community and elsewhere. Our goal with this campaign was to get as many folks contributing \$120 or more as possible. If there is one area where we appear to be lagging, it's in the number of folks who have participated. With a total of 31 donors out of roughly 200 BLC members, there is still a lot of room for us to finish out the campaign strong. We're encouraging all BLC members to participate in the Celebrate 120 campaign. If you haven't contributed yet, it is not too late! Although the campaign officially ends on October 31, we will still accept donations by check/cash or donate online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YXX6/home>.

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Stewardship

Celebrate 120 (con't)

We will be wrapping up the campaign with a Jazz service and Jambalaya cookout in the stable on Sunday, November 7 and hope to see you all there!

As always, please feel free to reach out to Eric K (stewardship@bethlehem-lutheran.net) with any questions you may have regarding stewardship. Respectfully,
Eric Kittelberger, Stewardship Chair.

Finances for October 2021

General Fund Actual Income:	\$ 316,094	General & Designated Funds Actual Income:	\$ 417,132
General Fund Budgeted income:	\$ 365,211	General & Designated Budgeted Income:	\$ 469,593
Income Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ (49,117)	Income Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ (52,461)
General Fund Ministry Expenses:	\$ 350,583	General & Designated Fund Ministry Expenses:	\$ 453,757
Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ (34,489)	Net Surplus/(Deficit):	\$ (36,625)

Financial Summary Reports Presented to Council are Available

Contact Greg S. (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 then follow the instructions. Detailed instructions are also available on the website.
2. For recurring donations, another option is to download the [BLC Vanco Enrollment form](#) 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.
3. Use the Vanco Mobile app* on your smartphone to make either single or recurring donations. Type in Bethlehem Lutheran Church or use the code [AUTHZY](#) to find our church (look for our logo).
4. Mail or drop off a check or cash to the BLC office (Attention: Financial Secretary, 1000 West 15th Avenue, Longmont, CO, 80501).

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, 303-651-6226).

Member Milestones

NOVEMBER Birthdays

Nov. 1	LaVonne Marcus
Nov. 2	Robert Romero
Nov. 3	Diane Penny
Nov. 3	Famuer Rasmussen Jr
Nov. 3	Laura Steakley
Nov. 4	Alpha Wuertz
Nov. 4	Sue Anderson
Nov. 5	Dan Larsen
Nov. 7	Donna Nupen
Nov. 7	Pat Snyder
Nov. 8	Doris Slinger
Nov. 8	Roger Lahman
Nov. 8	Glenn Summers
Nov. 9	Robert Cotton
Nov. 10	Bob Gardinier
Nov. 11	Cynthia Pemberton
Nov. 11	Leah Twito
Nov. 12	Hayley Rawlins
Nov. 13	Wayne Bruckner
Nov. 14	Kallen Box
Nov. 15	Kamron Hosier
Nov. 16	Chris Downing
Nov. 16	Neil Hebbert
Nov. 17	Howard Wirth
Nov. 17	Lori Bloemker
Nov. 17	Ryan Lahman
Nov. 19	Ryan Bloemker
Nov. 19	Madison Reed
Nov. 21	Tonja Twito
Nov. 21	Cherrellyn Watts
Nov. 21	Tristan Steakley
Nov. 23	Nancy Koob
Nov. 24	Mike Smith
Nov. 25	Sharon Wirth
Nov. 25	Travis Schlagel
Nov. 26	Lauren Abromski
Nov. 27	Margaret Peterson
Nov. 27	Dave Twait
Nov. 27	Melissa Parker
Nov. 30	Ilene Ryan

NOVEMBER Anniversaries

Nov. 18	Ryan & Lori Bloemker (19)
Nov. 19	Becky Kasperbauer & Peter Dickinson (5)
Nov. 25	Dave & Rini Twait (55)
Nov. 25	Bob & Nancy Koob (49)
Nov. 25	Janelle & Ralph Wappel (32)
Nov. 30	Matthew & Heather Barnhouse (30)



Healing Prayers for:

Brenda H., Racheal G., Eli B., Lu K., Dennis B., Howard W., Sandy W., Cathy G., Darlene B., Gerry C., Jan M., Kristal H., George D., Lydia M., Bruce B., Candy T., Jeremy G.; our homebound members: Esther G., Doris C., Peggy P.

Sympathy for:

Georgene Mulvaney Gibson on the death of Bayne Gibson on September 27, 2021

Pat Geocke and the Goecke Family on the death of Mike Goecke on Friday, Oct. 22, 2021.

Office help: Lydia M

Thanks:

The Woodruff's would like to thank everyone for all the cards, food and phone calls after my fall and surgery. It is so comforting to know that there is a "family at church".
Sandy and Jim

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
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Longmont, CO 80501

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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 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).*

Deadline for the 2021 December Star: November 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.

