

The Star

Newsletter of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Through God's abundant love we invite, welcome, and serve as a light in the world.

Worship Services

Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.



VBS Donations Needed!

You can find items needed on cards attached to the rocket ships in the Narthex. Please take the card(s) of the item(s) you want to donate and put the item(s) in the bin in the narthex. Help make VBS 2023 a "stellar" time for our youth!

July–August Newsletter Submissions

We will combine the July and August Star again this summer. Please be sure to send submissions for both July and August to Tiffany (news@bethlehem-lutheran.net) by June 20!



Summer Worship Schedule

We will hold an outdoor worship service under the Pavilion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays June–August. In an attempt to both keep our worship leaders from burning out and our worshippers from burning up in the heat, this is the schedule:

- June 11, June 25, July 9: 8:00 a.m. indoors/livestreamed, 10:15 a.m. outdoors
- July 23, August 13, August 27: 8:00 a.m. outdoors, 10:15 a.m. indoors/livestreamed

We need extra volunteers to set-up and clean-up for outdoor services. Please sign up on Sign Up Genius:

<https://tinyurl.com/BLCWorship23>

In this Issue:

Rev's Revelations pg. 02

Monthly Events pg. 03

Worship pg. 04

Faith Formation pg. 05

Council Notes pg. 06

Finances pg. 08

To Serve pg. 09

Gather & Connect pg. 11

Summer Recipe pg. 14

Member Milestones pg. 15





Cruzando Fronteras: Part 2

Last month, I wrote to you with anticipation for the 2023 Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly Cruzando Fronteras which means crossing borders. While the business of the assembly was pretty much as expected (budget, elections, etc.), this year we did something we had never done before: we went on border immersions. Our assembly delegates, Sue and Mike, visited a processing center while I visited a shelter. You can hear about the immersions that Sue, Mike and I went on in our worship service

on Sunday, May 21 (<https://tinyurl.com/BLCSA2023>). We learned a lot about immigration, immigrants, and stories from various people in the process including border patrol agents, asylum seekers, social services, and church volunteers. One of the biggest takeaways was that each of their stories are real and each of their stories are related to our story as followers of Christ.

You may recall the quote from the assembly speaker Rev. Dr. David Vasquez Levy, "Immigration is not an issue, but a reality that shapes over 100 million people and because we are called to be people of God and God cares about people we will care about this." What you may not have heard—especially, if you are new to the community—is that we have cared about this for a very long time. In 1982—back in the days of Pastor Sather—Sophan and Vanny Heng and their two children were resettled from Cambodia to Longmont by Bethlehem Lutheran Church through the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. In 1983, BLC and the new Pastor Isernhagen wrote to Congressman Tim

Wirth regarding the immigration case for Vanny's brother and worked to have him brought from France and reunited with his family in Longmont.

No doubt, our world has changed since the 1980s. But people have not. We still live through movement. Moving from home to school/work. Moving from worship to fellowship. Moving from learning to action. And we still care about those who move around us—because as God's people we are called to care for friends, for neighbors, for strangers—even for our enemies.

Out of that care for God's people an Immigration Focus Group formed at BLC out of our Missions ministry in early 2023. The intent was to learn more about immigration today. Soon, people from other ELCA congregations and Light of Christ joined the conversation. Discussion has included learning about immigration issues, immigrants, and how our congregations might meet neighbors where they are (through ministries like the Nicaragua project) and where they are moving (through community programs like Casa de Paz in Denver and Cristo Rey in El Paso). Last month, the BLC Council approved the planning of an immersion trip to Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey in El Paso—like the immersions at Synod Assembly—for this group! Having just spent days on the border, I am excited to return and learn more about the complicated realities of life for our friends at the border and I'm even more excited to invite you to be part of the trip!



(continued on next page)

Rev's Revelations

(con't from previous pg)

The trip is an immersion. This means it's not a traditional mission trip and it's also not a sightseeing trip. The trip is not a mission to evangelize or to fix problems in any area. The trip is not focused on the agenda of one political party or another and it's not even about whether immigration is legal or illegal, right or wrong. This immersion trip gives people the ability to see life at the border and learn about immigration in El Paso firsthand—not through the news or through your uncle's opinion at Thanksgiving. I highly encourage you to consider participating in the trip and/or supporting your church friends to go and bring back stories to share. If you want to learn more about Cristo Rey and programs before committing, please visit their website (<https://iglesiastorey.wixsite.com/luterana>). If you're interested in going on the trip, please contact Cathy G. (cegood47@aol.com). There will also be opportunities to donate supplies for Cristo Rey as well as funds for both trip scholarships and a donation to Cristo Rey programs.

Whether or not you are interested in the trip, you are welcome to learn more during Immigration Facts and Myths, a potluck and presentation on July 12, led by Christ the Servant Lutheran Church member and immigration attorney Cathy Brown at Bethlehem. She will explore facts and myths about immigration laws and challenge us to think, "What would Jesus do?"

This is a human reality and it is part of our reality. I am ever grateful to learn and live this together.

Peace,

Rev KJC

Monthly Events

- Worship Service: Sundays, 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
- Manna Bible Study: Mondays, 9:00 a.m.
- Staff Meeting: Mondays, 9:15 a.m.
- Table Talk: Wednesdays, Noon
- BLC Quilters Group: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.
- First Friday: June 2, 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday School: June 4, 9:15 a.m.
- Brewsday (Ziggi's): June 6, 8:00 a.m.
- Book Club: June 8, 9:00 a.m.
- Brewsday (Wibby): June 8, 5:30 p.m.
- Social Justice Initiative: June 11, 11:45 a.m.
- Naomi Circle: June 13, 9:00 a.m.
- BLC Council Meeting: June 13, 7:00 p.m.
- BLC/ LOC Joint Mtg: June 14, 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday School: June 18, 9:15 a.m.
- Summer Camp at Sky Ranch: June 18-23
- Brewsday (Ziggi's): June 20, 8:00 a.m.
- Land Stewardship Meeting: June 20, 5:30 p.m.
- Brewsday (Wibby): June 22, 5:30 p.m.
- Habitat Build Day: June 24
- Serving OUR Center: June 25
- Djembe Concert & Drum Circle: June 25, 4:00 p.m.
- VBS: June 26–30
- Immigration Focus Group: June 27, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 4, 2023

The word trinity is not found in the scriptures—though the understand of a multifaceted God is. In Matthew's gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith. **Readings:** Genesis 1:1–2:4a, Matthew 28:16–20

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously non-observant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

Readings: Hosea 5:15–6:6, Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

Reading: Matthew 9:35–10:23

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world. **Readings:** Jeremiah 20:7–13, Matthew 10:24–39

Sunday, July 2, 2023

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome. **Readings:** Jeremiah 28:5–9, Romans 6:12–23, Matthew 10:40–42

Worship Leader and Volunteer Opportunities

Please help our Worship Team plan for the coming weeks and beyond by signing up to join in leading worship today! Positions include: Altar Guild, Assisting Minister, Communion Minister, Usher, Audio/Visual, and Acolyte. Worship Team leaders will be available to assist with Summer sign up in the Narthex on Sundays June 4 and July 16. Sign-up by going to

<https://tinyurl.com/BLCWorship23>

For assistance please contact: Jim W. @jnswoodruff@gmail.com), Sabrina L. (worshipchair@bethlehem-lutheran.net) or the church office (303-776- 3290).



From the desk of the Faith Formation Director Gary:

Romans 15:7 states, "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

How does God welcome us? With open arms and invites us into an amazing incarnational relationship. How do we invite people to be with us in our Faith Journey? We ask them to come and participate in events at BLC!

All Aged Sunday School is on June 4 and June 18 for ages 3 years to 100 years old. We gather in the fellowship hall, for a story, craft and prayer time at 9:15 a.m.

Summer Camp is just around the corner from June 18–23, 2023. Registration is ongoing; please use code 23SKBLC to register. This is for grades 3–8. Contact Gary if you need more information.

Summer Fun has started to be scheduled and our first outing will be to the Rialto Theater in Loveland on June 6 to see the Lion King. This free activity is for all ages. We'll meet at BLC at 12:15 p.m. and take the bus there. We must have one female adult accompany us for the adventure. We only have 13 seats on the bus, so you must RSVP to Gary for a spot. First come basis.

Save the date for our Youth Lemonade Stand Fundraiser! Our youth will be raising money for the LFP (Little Free Pantry) by setting up a lemonade stand and selling homemade goodies on July 15 at 10:00 a.m., location TBD.



VBS 2023 is about to blast off!

Join the "Stellar" fun June 26–30 at BLC. Registration closes on June 1! More information found at <https://bethlehem-lutheran.net/ministries/youth/vbs2023/>

Meet our Bible Buddies for the week!



Cosmo- Let Jesus' light shine!

Ringo- When people don't get along... shine Jesus' light!



Luna- When good things happen... shine Jesus' light!

Sol- When people are sad... shine Jesus' light!



Halley- When people need help... shine Jesus' light!

Astro is our pre-school mascot!



Council Notes

Council Meeting Minutes - Approved

May 9, 2023

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Thompson,
Secretary

Joint potluck meal between Bethlehem's Church Council and Light Of Christ's Parish Council:

6:00-7:20pm. A shared meal and conversations was the prequel to both our council meetings. Both councils enjoyed this time together and we are committed to going forward and elevating our relationship from sharing ministries and events with one another to creating and planning

CALL TO ORDER: Mark Holste called the meeting to order at 7:21pm.

Attending: Pr. Katie Chullino, Mark Holste, Steve Dawson, Cindy Thompson, Greg Schumann, Mike Smith, Cathy Goodman, Jaime Updegraff, Glenn Summers
Absent: Sabrina Lee and Cindy Tayler

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER: Meaningful conversations with LOC

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: approved via email and posted.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Greg reported General Fund giving this month was above budget by \$8,257 in the month of April. General Fund expenses were under budget by \$919. The General Fund is essentially what runs the church. This month's giving was approximately \$9,660 above last April's giving. Greg shared we are on track with spending/expenses and BLC is being supported by the congregation on the budget they passed. As stated in his report, we are seeing new faces in worship which is a blessing. Glenn moved to accept the financial report, Mike seconded. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Brewsdays have been requested to return. Pr. Katie has had requests for both Ziggi's and Wibby Brewsdays again this summer. Pr. Katie will look at her calendar and see when she can schedule these days. Pr. Katie has asked Council and church leaders to watch the calendar when scheduling events. More than one large celebration per Sunday is difficult. Pr. Katie suggested Tiffany be the "keeper of the calendar" so we can avoid overlapping events.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Faith Formation:** Confirmands had their final meeting for the year on April 30th. Sessions will resume in the fall. VBS registration is open and 23 youths are already signed up. Please help spread the word! (June 26-30 from 9:30-noon each day). The theme for the adult forum this fall will be "Welcoming". Exciting info on this to follow.
- **Mission Ministry:** Cathy thanked Mark Holste for organizing the OUR center luncheon on April 23rd. Manna Bible Study provided dinner for HOPE on April 25th. The Nicaragua Project Board met on April 16th to plan a June fundraiser. A newsletter was written and sent out to supporters via email and attached to the Star for the congregation. A motion regarding this fundraiser will be made later in the meeting under New Business. The Little Pantry continues to be a success. Thank you to Sue S. for overseeing this mission.
- **Property Ministry:** Glenn highlighted his report. July 7th is the date for the lifting of the floor. A contract with Lift Tech has been signed. The fire suppression system was inspected. Glenn is working on having the playground fence replaced. Glenn thanked all the volunteers who participated in Spring Clean-Up May 6th.

Council Notes (con't)

- **Worship:** See Sabrina's report. In addition outdoor services are June 11, June 25, July 9 - 10:15 am Service Outdoors. July 23, August 13, August 27 - 8 am Service Outdoors (10:15 am will be livestreamed)
- We will be looking for extra help for set up and tear down those Sundays.
- **Evangelism:** See Cindy's report.
- **Stewardship:** Mike shared April 23rd was a successful Time and Talent Sunday. The Stewardship Ministry is organizing the information received and will send an email to members who didn't complete a survey.

UPDATES:

- **Preschool Director:** The Preschool Advisory Board is in place. Contracts are being worked on for fall staff.
- **Financial Audit** – Greg shared an outside financial review will occur by a CPA the middle of this month.
- **Fundraising set up policy** – The Girl Scout bake sale set-up went well.
- **Ordination/Graduation gift for Andrea Kragerud** - An announcement will be placed in the bulletin and in weekly email.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Nicaragua Project Spring Matching Funds Challenge:**
 - Cathy moved the Nicaragua Project may carry out their annual June fun raiser for the Children's Project in Somoto. Mark seconded. Motion passed.
 - Cathy moved four noisy offerings be approved for each year to raise funds for organizations under missions who had donations from our budget decreased and/or organizations serving marginalized populations who do not receive funds from our budget. Mark seconded. Motion passed.
 - Pr. Katie will ask Tiffany to create a fundraising calendar and share it with Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **New troop bank account resolution:** Greg moved to pass a resolution to authorize Matt James, Jenna Duetsch, and Paul Wiggins as signers on a bank account for Boy Scout Troup 548. The bank account will be within the 501c3 of The Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Congregation. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION:

- July council meeting date will remain on Tuesday, July 11th.
- **New Preschool Fence**
 - **Licensing Needs for the fence:** Glenn will work with Amanda regarding the fence and required licenses.
 - **Change parking:** Should parking change east of the fence?
 - **Some type of barrier:** Discussion will continue on whether a barrier is needed at fenceline.
- Authorization of purchases has not been updated so at times Glenn can't make purchases for property. Greg will call Ace Hardware to update Glenn as a purchaser.

PRAYER CONSIDERATIONS & LORDS PRAYER

ADJOURNMENT: Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm

UPCOMING DATES: Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, June 13, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M. Exec meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Month of April

Income: \$41,889.51

Expenses: \$32,719.19

Net: \$ 9,172.32

YTD to Date

Income: \$151,603.29

Expenses: \$136,555.13

Net: \$ 15,048.16



Summer Time Giving Options!

Whether you are away on vacation or just relaxing at home, now is a great time to consider switching to one of our electronic giving options. That way, Bethlehem can continue all the many activities that we support during the summer—no matter who is on vacation, busy with family activities, or just taking a break! Online giving lets you go to our website at any time 24/7 to: choose and set up an automatic donation plan; change your donation plan; make a one-time donation, pay a registration fee, give to current mission projects; or view your online donation history.

Here are our current options for making electronic donations to BLC:

- 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 Donate page.
- 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). Vanco Mobile can be downloaded for either Apple iOS or Android; detailed instructions and links are on the Donate web page.
- 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 per your instructions on the form.

Of course you can also mail or drop off a check or cash to the BLC office (Attention: Financial Secretary, 1000 West 15th Avenue, Longmont, CO, 80501).

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).

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 the church office with any changes in contact information.

Weekly Announcement Deadline

The Wednesday before you want the announcement to appear in the bulletin. Submit to BLC news form or the BLC news email (news@bethlehem-lutheran.net).

Newsletter Deadline

Submit items by **June 20 for the JULY & AUGUST newsletter**. Submit to BLC news form or the BLC news email (news@bethlehem-lutheran.net).

Living Our Faith in the Community: Member Hi-Light.

Bethlehem has members who volunteer in the wider community both through programs within our church and outside of it. If you do, or know someone who does, please contact Mission Chair, Cathy G.

(cegood47@aol.com). We would like to know how members are living out their faith through volunteerism and if you are willing, we would like to highlight the person and the organization or community that benefits.

Dave T. has been on the Nicaragua Project board as well as the website developer and coordinator for the Nicaragua Project for 13 years. More recently, he has also been helping with finances. On the trips themselves, he not only helped fit reading glasses at clinics, but also helped build up and maintain a computer lab at the preschool. Please read his story below.

The Nicaragua Project

Before I retired, I always thought I should donate time and money for the Nicaragua project, but there never seemed to be enough of either. After I retired, I decided I would go on the Nicaragua mission trip, but for multiple reasons I became more apprehensive the closer the date came. Nevertheless, I had committed so I decided I would go. We stayed at a motel right across from the airport in Managua the first night. In the morning, I discovered that Nicaragua has great coffee and I ended up having way too much at breakfast. The trip to Somoto was about four hours long and I was miserable almost the whole bus ride. At the time, I really wished I had not signed-up for the trip. We finally arrived in Somoto where we went to the preschool for the children to perform their welcoming program for us.

While walking up to the preschool from the base of a small hill, this little girl grabbed my hand, looked up and smiled at me. Luckily for me, Sarah Anderson, our intern pastor that year who was fluent in Spanish, was walking with me. I used Sarah as a translator and found out that the little girl's name was Carolina. She was 10 years old, lived with her parents, a younger sister and brother in one of the houses we had built a previous year. Her smile was as if God was telling me, "Don't worry, Dave. You're going to have a wonderful trip." And indeed it was. I have returned to Somoto eight times and have provided scholarships for Carolina and one of her friends. After seeing the deplorable situations in which many are living and yet how joyful they are, I decided that I could help a lot more. And so I have.

The Nicaragua Project is having their annual June matching fund-drive to feed, educate, protect 85 preschoolers and 50 older children living in abject poverty. Please consider a generous donation. (Details on page 10)

Thank you for the donations!

I want to thank everyone who stepped up to help us provide granola bars to the women in Denver Women's Correctional Facility who were required to give up breakfast to participate in our choir program. We have sufficient for the next month and will welcome more in July.

Social Justice Initiative

The next Social Justice Initiative meeting will be June 11 at 11:45 a.m., in-person at church or via Zoom at the link included on the BLC website. All are welcome!

To Serve (con't)

This year marks the 10th anniversary of "God's work. Our hands." Sunday!

On Sunday, September 10, congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service. "God's work. Our hands." Sunday began in 2013 in connection with the ELCA's 25th anniversary. It continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Habitat Build Day

On Saturday, June 24 we anticipate continuing working on the 8 homes being built or completed at Mountain Brook Development off Nelson Road in Longmont. Please sign up on the notice board on the narthex wall. Thank you.

Border Immersion Trip Quick Info

Who: Up to 20 Bethlehem, Light of Christ, and Christ the Servant members

When: October 6–13, 2023 plus travel time

Cost: Estimated \$600 plus travel cost. Limited scholarships available.

Commitment: Register with Cathy G. by July 31, \$100 non-refundable deposit due Aug 15.

Immigration Facts and Myths

Wednesday, July 12, 6:00–8:00 pm.

Join Bethlehem Lutheran, Light of Christ ECC and Christ the Servant Lutheran (Louisville) Churches for an informational event led by immigration attorney Cathy Brown. She will explore facts and myths about immigration laws and challenge us to think, "What would Jesus do?"

Come at 6 pm with a dish to share for a community potluck followed by presentation and discussion at 6:30 pm. Nursery care provided with thanks to Girl Scout Troop 76091.

This is for all members and friends--and highly recommended for anyone considering participating in the Border Immersion Trip.

Annual Nicaragua Spring Fundraiser

(The first \$5000 donated will be matched!)

\$60 Provides two meals and two snacks for 85 hungry preschoolers for a day

\$120 Provides them food for two days

\$240 Provides them food for four days

\$300 Provides them food for five days

\$480 Provides them food for eight days

\$1200 Provides them with food for a month

\$???? Any donation of any size will feed children:

Check's can be written out to Bethlehem-Nicaragua and sent to Bethlehem-Nicaragua, 1000 West 15 th Avenue, Longmont, CO 80501

Or Donate online at

<https://secure.myvanco.com>. Scroll to the options and click on The Nicaragua Project

What do you do when you a hungry preschooler and live in a plastic and cardboard shack in Somoto, Nicaragua? Your mother may find the largest leaf she can to boil to fill your empty tummy, or she may dig through the local dump for food scraps, or she may just need to leave you hungry at the end of a day with no food or.....Our children's project may find you and embrace you at our Children's Center where you receive 2 nourishing meals and 2 snacks a day, safety while your mother hunts for \$1 a day work, and a loving preschool education...and you start to thrive!.

Help us continue this life giving work with your donation today!

Questions? Contact Cathy G at cegood47@aol.com

Gather & Connect

First Friday

First Friday is on **June 2** at Jane and Roger Lahman's home (1907 Creekside Dr, Longmont, CO). Please bring an appetizer and beverage to share. For questions call Shirley at 303-775-6928.

Naomi Circle

Our June meeting will be in person (Fireside Room) and on Zoom **Tuesday, June 13**, from 9:15–11:00 a.m. 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.

Manna Bible Study

We are reading *He Gets Us* with selected writings by Max Lucado. We meet each Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Phyllis W. for more information and meeting location. Her phone number and email address is in the directory. All are welcome!

Quilting Group

We meet on **Thursday mornings** at 9:00 a.m. and would love to see you there! You don't need any experience. Join us for an enjoyable morning and perhaps learn something new!

Bethlehem Book Club

The Bethlehem Lutheran Book Club meets on the second Thursday of the month at 9:00 on Zoom. We alternate fiction and non-fiction titles and everyone interested is welcome! On Thursday, June 8 we will be discussing *Booth* by Karen Joy Fowler. *Booth* is a fictionalized account of the life of John Wilkes Booth. You are invited to read the book and contact Mary Jane at mjvoogt2002@yahoo.com to be added to the communication list. You will receive informational emails and also the zoom link and remainder a week before each meeting. The club reading list can be found on the church website (<https://bethlehem-lutheran.net/bethlehem-book-club/>)

Table Talk

The Wednesday Table Talk session meets at noon in the Fireside Room. We will be discussing *The Universal Christ - How A Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, And Believe* by Richard Rohr.

Group Schedule

First Friday

Friday, June 2, 6:00 p.m.

Book Club

Thursday, June 8, 9:00 a.m.

Social Justice Initiative

Sunday, June 11, 11:45 a.m.

Naomi Circle

Tuesday, June 13, 9:15 a.m.

Immigration Focus Group

Tuesday, June 27, 7:00 p.m.

Manna Bible Study

Every Monday, 9:00 a.m.

Table Talk

Every Wednesday, Noon

Quilting Group

Every Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

What's Brewing?

After having received multiple requests for the return of Brewsdays this summer, Pastor Katie has scheduled the following gathering times at Ziggi's on Francis and Wibby's:

- Thursday, June 8:
Wibby's 5:30–7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 20:
Ziggi's, 8:00–9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, June 22:
Wibby's 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Feel free to stop by, have a drink, and talk about what's brewing in life and church and Longmont!

Gather & Connect (con't)

June 25 Community Drum Concert and Circle

We hope everyone enjoyed the DJO concert and community drum circle on May 7 and thank you all for your generous donation of \$452 for our After School Food & Fun! Our next community event will be on Sunday, June 25, at 5:00–7:30 p.m. out at the Gazebo. We will listen to the Djembe Orchestras of Colorado and then have a community drum circle for everyone to join. There will also be popcorn and, hopefully, some additional treats. Our freewill donation this time will support our community partnership with Growing Gardens by helping to pay for the water and some additional items this year. So bring your lawn chair and join us for a fun afternoon of music, rhythms, and fun! For more information, contact the church office (303-776-3290), the Evangelism committee (evangelism@bethlehem-lutheran.net), or Jenny K (financialsec@bethlehem-lutheran.net).



Groovin' on a Sunday Afternoon

GREGG HANSEN
and his

Djembe Orchestras of Colorado

FREE Popcorn & Cotton Candy

Concert & Drum Circle

Presented by
Friends of Community Drums & Bethlehem Lutheran Church

5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 25

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1000 W. 15th Ave., Longmont, CO • Under the Gazebo

A freewill donation will support our community partnership with Growing Gardens to grow food for the local community!

Design by Design Source

Summer Coffees are Back

It's time to enjoy each other's company and meet visitors at our traditional (pre-Covid) summer coffees between services during the summer months. The neighborhood groups assigned to each Sunday from June through August are to bring goodies that we can enjoy along with Bethlehem's Lutheran Coffee.



June 4 – Orange	July 2 – Gold	August 6 – Red
June 11 – Teal	July 9 – Purple	August 13 – Pink
June 18 – Red	July 16 – Fundraiser group	August 20 – Gold
June 25 – Pink	July 23 – Teal	August 27 – Purple
	July 30 – BBQ/Concert	


LONGMONT KIDS FOR KIDS

 **SUMMER** 
LUNCH & SNACK
COLLECTION

To support the community market & cafe at:

 **OUR CENTER**
Paving the Road to Self Sufficiency

PICKUP DATE
Saturday, June 10th
TAG YOUR BAG WITH THIS DOOR HANGER
AND LEAVE DONATIONS OUT BY 9 AM



A Bronze Award Project By
Girl Scout Troop 77904 



Learn more at: longmontkidsforkids.com



Longmont Kids For Kids is a kid-led group for kids run by the kids of **Girl Scout Troop 77904**. For our first project, we planned and organized this summer food collection for **Our Center** because all kids need healthy meals and snacks in the summer.

Many kids receive free snacks and meals at school, but during the summer when school is out, some kids do not have easy access to lunch and snacks. Some families cannot afford the extra groceries they need in the summer. Some kids may miss meals or go without the snacks their bodies crave for high-energy summer fun.

Our Center provides meals and groceries free of charge to families who need help, but donations often dip during the spring and summer. With your support, we hope to stock the community market and cafe at **Our Center** with good, healthy lunch and snack items to help meet the summer demand. See below for ideas.

Nonperishable Lunch & Snack Items



Other nonperishable food items are welcome.

Read our full story at: longmontkidsforkids.com

Give a Gift!

Andrea Kragerud has graduated from seminary and now awaits her first call as a pastor! As her home church we have the opportunity to send her to her new congregation—wherever it may be—with a gift. Our council has decided that a set of stoles would be a useful, thoughtful, and appropriate gift for a new pastor. A nice set of stoles cost \$800–\$1200. Donations for Andrea's gift can be made at BLC or online. Please mark donations as "Andrea's Gift."

Save the Date!

Congregation BBQ Potluck
July 30



Summer Recipe

An easy but delicious cool summer treat to make at home! Great for those summer potlucks like the one we're having on July 30!

Cherry Salad

Ingredients

- 1 (21oz/540ml) can cherry pie filling
- 1 (14oz/300ml) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup walnuts, chopped
- 1 (20oz/540ml) can pineapple chunks, drained
- 4 cups Cool Whip, thawed
- 2 cups mini marshmallows

Instructions

- Add all ingredients to a large bowl and stir to combine.
- Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours or until ready to serve.



Share your photos and artwork

We would love to incorporate your photos and artwork in our bulletins. If you have any personal artwork that reflects your favorite Bible verses or stories or photos that remind you of God please email them to Pastor Katie at pastor@bethlehem-lutheran.net. We are looking for artwork from all ages and abilities!

Thank you

Thank you for your support in May during my surgery and subsequent recovery. I found comfort in your prayers, calls, visits, emails, and cards. Thank you to the Manna Bible Study group for a restaurant gift card. My faith, family, and friends sustained me during this trying time. Psalms 28:7–8 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.

Deanna (and Roger) Hebbert

Member Milestones

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

Jun 2	Jim & Sandy Woodruff (67)
Jun 2	Deanna & Roger Hebbert (50)
Jun 3	Coqui & Mike Stetson (21)
Jun 4	Amy & Eric Zigler (13)
Jun 5	Ben & Marcie Hushka (47)
Jun 6	Brian & Marisa Carlson (14)
Jun 10	Laura & Tim Steakley (28)
Jun 11	Lydia Mott & Paul Dorn (56)
Jun 11	Mark & Greta Abromski (12)
Jun 15	Duane & Joanne Larsen (65)
Jun 15	Neil & Amy Hebbert (10)
Jun 16	Chris & Brenda Downing (16)
Jun 17	Roxanne & Mike Kessler (45)
Jun 17	Bryan & Mona Dirkes (23)
Jun 19	Dale & Ruth Conrad (63)
Jun 19	Don & Myrna Wiser (47)
Jun 19	Todd & Jean Propp (41)
Jun 19	Corey & Cynthia Pemberton (30)
Jun 20	Jill Haney & Antonio Osborn (31)
Jun 21	Todd & Pam Bischoff (53)
Jun 21	Dave & Kathy Loberg (37)
Jun 22	Ryan & Andrea Kragerud (21)
Jun 23	Erik & Helen Kessler (16)
Jun 23	Jill & Justin Woodley (11)
Jun 29	Kennar & Melanie Bowman (21)
Jun 29	Dru & Jaime Updegraff (21)

Prayers

Praying for: Gerry C., Coqui S., Paul P., Steve W., Sharon K.C., Deanna H., Shirley K., Caroline P., Ilene R., Darlene B., Gerry C., Jan M., Kristal H., George D., Lydia M., Jeremy G., Doris C.

Bethlehem Staff

Pastor Katie Chullino - pastor@bethlehem-lutheran.net

Nancy Tiff, Hospitality Coordinator - nancy@bethlehem-lutheran.net

Director of Worship and Music - worship@bethlehem-lutheran.net

Gary Knutson, Faith Formation Director - faithformation@bethlehem-lutheran.net

Karen Haag, Bookkeeper - bookkeeper@bethlehem-lutheran.net

Tiffany Beisner, Office Administrator - admin@bethlehem-lutheran.net

Aaron Jurkovich, Webmaster - webmaster@bethlehem-lutheran.net

Andrea Becker, Director of Cornerstone Preschool - andrea.j.becker@gmail.com

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
1000 15th Avenue
Longmont, CO 80501

Return service requested

