

# The Star

Newsletter of Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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

# October



## OCTOBER 25

6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

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**Bethlehem**  
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One of the things I deeply value about our faith, is the timeless tradition of storytelling we get to experience weekly, in worship, in studies, and even in devotion. The more you experience them, the more you notice that the stories themselves are timeless. Have you ever read the book of Revelation and thought: *Gee, these signs are happening now!* Or, have you read the story of the prodigal son and father realizing: they're just like your brother and father. Or, have you heard the story of Job and felt: *Bad things happen to me all the time, and I'm a good person, too!*

These stories and verses sometimes seem to reach across time and cultures and be about *us* as much as their original characters. The people of the bible have troubles and doubts and failures. We recently read a story where Jesus disciples tried to stop a man from doing *good* in the name of Jesus. They tell Jesus, "*We tried to stop him because he was not following us.*"

That doesn't fly with Jesus. He calls them on what they were doing: creating stumbling blocks. They assumed someone outside of their group could not bear the name of Christ in the world. They refused to listen to what this man was doing and they failed to see he was doing good. They only cared that he wasn't part of their own group.

Their story is timeless.

Nine years ago, Pope Francis visited the United States. He spoke to Congress and the American people saying,

"Our world is increasingly a place of violent conflict, hatred and brutal atrocities, committed even in the name of God and of religion. We know that no religion is immune from forms of individual delusion or ideological extremism. ...

A delicate balance is required to combat violence perpetrated in the name of a religion, an ideology or an economic system, while also safeguarding religious freedom, intellectual freedom and individual freedoms. But there is another temptation which we must especially guard against: the simplistic reductionism which sees only good or evil; or, if you will, the righteous and sinners. The contemporary world, with its open wounds which affect so many of our brothers and sisters, demands that we confront every form of polarization which would divide it into these two camps."

The contemporary world demands that we confront every form of polarization. That story is timeless, too.

I'll let you compare our current wounds. Our current stumbling blocks. The things that polarize you and me and our neighbors and our families. Our indignantly righteous beliefs which insist, "I am right!" and therefor, "You are wrong." "I am good," and so, "You are evil." If you were a disciple, who would you try to stop?

It is said that history repeats itself. And there's truth to that. There is always a group of people in power. There are always people who are unheard, unseen, distrusted, and disbelieved for no reason other than they aren't part of the right crowd. There are always people who want power, who want to be the ruling class or the special, chosen ones. There are always people who have been given the bread of life and who still want more. But this story isn't about what we want.

The story is about the gospel. The good news of Jesus Christ.

This story, the one so timeless, is about peace. And not a kind of peace that comes after some

## Rev's Revelations (con't)

great realization or at the end of your life or at the end of time. Jesus says, "...be at peace with one another." The Greek word for *peace* in this scripture isn't just a noun, it's a present and active verb—which means that this kind of peace is not a passive thing that happens to people. Being at peace is creating harmony in relationships. To be at peace with one another means to *work*, to *do*.

Sometimes—like during the final weeks of an election season—that work is harder than others. It's easy to assume others aren't doing God's work because we don't know them or we don't think they're "one of us." Our challenge, friends in faith, is to do the hard work, to be peaceful.

### ***Prayer of St. Francis***

*Lord make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where  
there is injury, pardon; where there discord,  
union; where there is doubt, faith; where  
there is despair, hope; where there is  
darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be  
consoled as to console; to be understood as  
to understand; to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in  
pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in  
dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

Rev Kc

*Pope Francis, in a speech to US Congress, 24  
September 2015, accessed online 25 September 2015  
at <http://www.motherjones.com/mojol/2015/09/read-popes-speech-congress>.*

## Solar Conversations

Solar energy could be on its way to Bethlehem! A small committee has been working over the past several months toward this goal. With Council's approval, we are ready to tell you all about it, and to seek permission to apply for a loan to fund the effort. Important dates coming up are:

- Information session: Monday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Fireside Room & on Zoom
  - Join Zoom Meeting:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86535119975?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86535119975?pwd=x4bz7Tmba2jXbPumd8pgR4qixAFIlg0.1)  
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  - Meeting ID: 865 3511 9975
  - Passcode: 618962
- Special Congregational Meeting: Sunday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall & on Zoom

Contact Dave Hooley for more information

## Brewsday Mornings

Brewsday Mornings meets on the 2nd Tuesdays at BLC and 4th Tuesdays at a local establishment. Stop by on October 8 at BLC and October 22 (location TBD) to enjoy a cup and good conversation.



## **October 4 - Pet Blessing**

October 4 is the celebration of St. Francis of Assisi who proclaimed a gospel of care for all of creation-- our beloved furry friends included. Stop by and share a special blessing with your pet from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Please keep all pets on leash or in carriers.

## **October 6 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost**

*(We will not have Communion -- we will be celebrating Thanksgiving for Baptism)*

We are called to invite, welcome, and serve God's people--including children. Jesus rebukes the disciples for fending off the children and poses a challenge to them of not only welcoming children, but being like children. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

## **October 13 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost**

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.

## **October 20 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

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.

## **October 27 - Reformation Sunday** *(one service at 9:15 a.m.)*

### **Confirmation Led Service**

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.

## **November 3 - All Saints Sunday - Jazz Sunday!**

Jesus states the core of God's law: love God with all you are and have, and love your neighbor as yourself. The scribe agrees that Jesus has rightly identified the most important commandments, much more important than sacrifices. It's easy for us to say with the writer of the letter to the Hebrews that sacrifices aren't needed anymore, but harder to acknowledge that all our worship, all our community service, all our social action, all our family caregiving is worthless if it is done without love.

## **News from the Worship Ministry**

It seems to me that the Worship Ministry just plugs along without much to say. Not this month! I have a lot to share with you.

We started the summer going to one service at 9:15. This was very well received by the congregation, it was nice to see the sanctuary full, and see friends from the other services. Attendance did drop a little as so many people were on summer vacation. Then Pastor Katie took a well deserved mini Sabbatical. We had Pastor Nicole fill in for the month of August and personally I thought she did an amazing job. I am so glad she got a call to serve at Epiphany Lutheran in Denver.

The council decided to go back to the normal two services starting September 15th. The decision was made because our Sunday School program is just growing after the big drop from COVID. We did not want to do anything that would interrupt this. We look forward to seeing the kids back in Sunday School.

We have been approached to start up a nursery again, something we have not done since COVID. This time it will be different because we want to use this for the little ones, from newborn to 2 years and 364 days. We have a volunteer that will work every week, and then we will ask for a second volunteer (we need to have at least 2 people) that will assist on a rotating basis. The plan is to have this during the second service. It is our hope that having a nursery for the little ones will allow more younger families to come and enjoy our services.

The last topic that we have been discussing is a Music Director. Since Brenda left due to health issues, we have been working with volunteers. Our choir, like many church choirs, is smaller after the pandemic. Betty Rasmussen has been our primary volunteer director and doing a great job finding music for our choir whether there are 5 or 15 vocalists. We thank her for sharing her time and gifts. We continue to evaluate what a new Music Director position may entail. In addition to choir, we hope a Music Director would help incorporate members who play instruments in services as well as other small groups. The possibilities are endless. The biggest concerns are if we have a sufficient number of members to warrant a paid position and how we would pay for that position?

While we consider options, Mary Jane Voogt has volunteered to lead the choir from the end of October through the Christmas season. At that time, choir practice will be between services and not on Wednesday evenings. Please join them if you have any musical ability at all, it would be great to see our choir grow!

## **We NEED Volunteers**

Volunteer to help with worship today! There are many positions available. Just reach out to Sabrina at [worshipchair@bethlehem-lutheran.net](mailto:worshipchair@bethlehem-lutheran.net) or Jim at [jnswoodruff@gmail.com](mailto:jnswoodruff@gmail.com)

**October signup** at [tinyurl.com/BLCOct2024](https://tinyurl.com/BLCOct2024)

**November signup** at [tinyurl.com/BLCNov2024](https://tinyurl.com/BLCNov2024)

### **From the Desk of the Faith Formation**

**Director, Gary:** Our Word/Theme for the year is "Serve" and it represents our mission statement of who we are as a congregation.

(Serve) Matthew 25:35-40 --- For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

Romans 12:10-39 --- Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

1Peter 4:10-11 --- Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

### **Children's Sunday School**

will be on Oct.ober 6, 13, and 20 at 9:15 a.m. in the Sunday School Room. We will not meet on October 27 since we're having one service for Reformation Sunday.

### **Confirmation 2024-25**

will meet on October 13 and 27. We are learning about World Religions this year and we will dive into other faith communities and learn what they are about.

### **Family/Traditions Sunday**

is on October 6 for our annual Oktoberfest meal! We will all prepare the meal of jaeger schnitzel, German potato salad and spätzle. We also will have an Oktoberfest trivia game.



### **High School Youth Group**

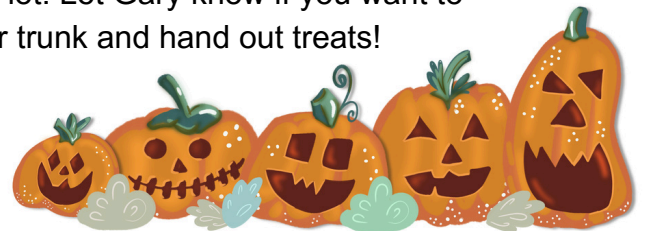
will meet on October 20 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. We will meet for fellowship, faith conversations and our mission trip in the summer of 2025. We will have snacks, games and have a great time in discussions. **ALL** high school youth are invited.

### **The 2024-25 year Ministry Calendar of Events**

is located on the wall next to the youth room. Please see it for information of dates and times of activities.

### **Trunk or Treat!**

Kids of all ages are invited to dress up and get treats on Friday, October 25 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the north parking lot. Let Gary know if you want to decorate your trunk and hand out treats!



### Adult Forum

Adult Forum plans for the 2024-25 program year are underway! You are welcome to join in any and all of the following opportunities for learning and fellowship:

- October 6: Bishop's Bible Study 3
- October 13: Holy Horror Stories 1 (The Scary, Gruesome Bible Stories You Never Read in Church)
- October 20: Holy Horror Stories 2
- November 10: Budget Forum
- December 1, 8, 15, 22: Advent Series
- March 9, 16, 23, 30, 6, 13: Lent Series

### Men's Group (LMM)

We will be starting a new men's group on **Saturday, October 5 at 9:00 a.m.** We invite **ALL** men to participate in this ministry. We will model our group after the Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) Group that is formed nationwide in the Lutheran Church. We will have breakfast, fellowship, and a short devotion. At our first meeting we will discuss what our group meetings will look like each month and how we want to serve in our community. We look forward to seeing everyone! Please let Gary know if you are interested so that we have enough food for breakfast.

### Table Talk

**will resume on Wednesday, October 16 at 12:00 p.m.** We will be discussing works of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. You don't need to have read to listen and discuss. However, if you want to prepare, recommended readings are: *The Cost of Discipleship* and *Letters from Prison*. For a shorter read, I recommend: *The Wisdom and Witness of Dietrich Bonhoeffer* by Wayne Floyd.

- Worship Service: Sundays, 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
- Adult Forum: Sundays, 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday School: Sundays, 9:15 a.m.
- Choir Practice: Sundays, 9:15 a.m.
- Manna Bible Study: Mondays, 9:00 a.m.
- Choir Practice: Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.
- Table Talk: Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.
- BLC Quilters Group: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.
- First Friday: October 4, 6:00 p.m.
- Blessing of the Pets: October 4, 6:00 p.m.
- Men's Group (LMM): October 5, 9:00 a.m.
- GG Farm Stand: October 6, 10:00 a.m.
- Family/ Traditions Sunday: October 6, 11:45 a.m.
- Brewsday: October 8, 8:00 a.m.
- Naomi Circle: October 8, 9:15 a.m.
- Council Meeting: October 8, 7:00 p.m.
- BLC/LOC Joint Meeting: October 9, 10:30 a.m.
- Book Club: October 10, 9:00 a.m.
- 11th Hour Project: October 11, 11:00 a.m.
- Music Ambassadors: Sept. 8, 11:30 a.m.
- Confirmation: October 13, 11:45 a.m.
- Solar Discussion: October 14, 7:00 p.m.
- Prayer Shawl: October 15, 10:00 a.m.
- Evangelism Meeting: October 15, 6:00 p.m.
- Growing Gardens Fundraiser/ Concert: October 20, 11:30 a.m.
- High School Youth Grp: October 20, 4:00 p.m.
- Brewsday: October 22, 8:00 a.m.
- Immigration Focus Grp: October 22, 7:00 p.m.
- Trunk or Treat: October 25, 6:00 p.m.
- Habitat Build Day: October 26
- Boy Scout Pancake Fundraiser: October 27, 8:00 a.m.
- Reformation Sunday: October 27, 9:15 a.m.
- Confirmation: October 27, 11:45 a.m.



### Month of August

Income: \$ 26,983.08  
Expenses: \$ 38,610.44  
Net: \$ -11,627.36

### YTD to Date

Income: \$ 264,894.32  
Expenses: \$ 296,229.55  
Net: \$ -31,335.23

**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.

***Next Budget Forum: Sunday, November 10 at 9:15 a.m.***

### Multiple Giving Options for BLC

We have several options for making donations:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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).

## Upcoming Dates

### Pastor Nicole Garcia Installation

will be on November 9 at 2:00 p.m. at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Denver (790 S Corona St.). If enough people are interested in going we could plan to carpool.

### Annual Congregational Meeting Dates

- Committee/ Ministry Reports due: November 17
- Reports available to congregation: December 8
- Annual Meeting: December 15





## Growing Generosity 2025

Every week we have several different ministry activities at our church and on our property with BLC members and our community — all of which are vital to the health of our congregation and the community. It is asked, "Would your congregation be missed if it no longer existed?" We can honestly answer a resounding, "YES," thanks to your generous sharing of your treasures.

Please fill out the 2025 Estimate of Giving for Financial Generosity on the back of this page. This will enable us to **accurately plan** next year's budget.

### TO MAKE YOUR PLEDGE

1. Fill this out and put it in the box at the entrance of the Sanctuary during October
2. Visit [bethlehem-lutheran.net/donate](https://bethlehem-lutheran.net/donate)
3. Or scan the QR Code



We will announce the total pledges made (not individual pledges) at a luncheon on All Saints Sunday.



Writing in September, it's hard to believe Christmas decorations are in stores and October is here. October is our stewardship month when we request that you indicate your 2025 estimate of giving in order to plan our budget for next year.

Our members and regular attendees are actively involved in many areas of outreach and ministry; you will see people and cars in the parking lot most mornings or evenings at Bethlehem. These may be workers in the Growing Garden, parents of children in Cornerstone Preschool, people attending a bible study, quilters, scouting groups (Boy, Girl, Cub), VBS in the summer, Djembe Drummers, TOPS, the Longmont Concert Band... too many groups and activities to list!

Recovery from the Covid shutdown has been a challenging time for all schools, businesses and organizations including churches. Our recovery has been slow but consistent, particularly with youth. Our high schoolers attended the postponed ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer, our confirmation class is active and we now have enough youth to start a high school youth group with 8-12 participants. This is a ministry to our next generation.

All the ministries mentioned, as well as staff, utilities, insurance, and basic maintenance are supported by your regular giving to the General Fund. In your quarterly statement, you should receive a 2025 Estimate of Giving card as well as a Time and Talent Interest card. In order for us to continue our areas of ministry, both within and outside our walls, please indicate your estimate of giving for 2025 and prayerfully consider an increase over 2024, if you are financially able. By filling out the Time and Talent card, ministry leaders will know your areas of interest and provide you with additional information if you request.

Any time in October, both forms may be deposited in the boxes placed at the entrance to the sanctuary, mailed to the church, or you can complete them online by using the QR codes.

On November 3, we'll announce the Estimate of Giving results after the jazz service at the New Orleans style luncheon for All Saints' Day. I encourage you to be an active participant in ministry with your Time, Talents and Treasures. It makes a difference to you and others!

Sincerely yours,

Michael Smith  
Stewardship Chair



## Growing Generosity 2025



We value God's abundant creation and seek to grow in giving our time, talents and treasures in response to God's generosity.

While it's easy to calculate the ways people are generous with their treasures, it's near impossible to calculate the ways people are generous with their time and talents. All of these things--time, talents, and treasures--are vital to our Congregation.

Please fill this out and put it in the box at the entrance of the Sanctuary during October or online by scanning the QR Code.



## Music Ministry

### BLC Choir Needs You! Come and Make a Joyful Noise

BLC Choir has started up again and we'd love to have you join us. The Choir is open to all singers. No experience necessary! We will be working on music for the Jazz Service (November 3) during October. Choir will be rehearsing on Wednesdays and Sundays during October to offer additional opportunities for all to participate. Come and try us out! The schedule for October is below.

- October 2 (Wednesday) - Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. *We will be looking at music for the Jazz service starting with this rehearsal.*
- October 9 (Wednesday) - Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
- October 13 (Sunday) - 9:15-10:00 a.m. Jazz Service Rehearsal (between services)
- October 16 (Wednesday) - Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
- October 20 (Sunday) - Rehearsal between services
- October 23 (Wednesday) - Jazz Service Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
- October 30 (Wednesday) - Rehearsal with the Jazz Band 7:00 p.m.
- November 3 (Sunday) - JAZZ SUNDAY. Sing at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. services

Music is a powerful act of worship. There are many ways to worship with music, but one central and historical music leadership role in worship has been the vocal choir. There are many people at Bethlehem Lutheran Church who have great love for choral worship music leadership, and are missing having a robust choral group led by an experienced church choral director. The worship committee has decided to try of to see if we can grow a choir of diverse ages and voices by adding rehearsal to Sunday mornings.

Beginning October 20, we will add choir rehearsal to Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour. Mary Jane V. has volunteered to direct through December. Our hope is that this rehearsal time will allow some new choir enthusiasts, and parents of Sunday School children to participate in choir without having to commit a weekday evening to rehearsal. If this rehearsal time works well and increases choir numbers, it is a schedule that could be continued. The choir will assist in worship leadership, alternating participation at the 8:00 and the 10:15 services. Please give some thought and consideration to your participation in enriching our worship through a commitment to choir!

## Keep those in your prayers

**Members:** Doris H., Jenny K., Gerry C., Bob D., Patty F., Cathy G., Jim W., Dave B., Irene M., Doris C., Jill H., Nancy H., Jamie A., Joanne L., Florence M., Coqui S., Paul P., Darlene B., Jan M., Kristal H., Jeremy G.; **friends and relatives of our community:** Pastora RoseMary, Nick, Barry S., Cindy K., Jacob C., Katie P., Shawn M., Staci S., Ken G., Matt V., Morgan K., Noah L., Michelle T., Ron M., Abiba K., Katie T., Shannon M., Nancy P., Lydia M., Nora, Joyce P., Jordan, Mike, Pete C., Linda S., Howard P., Shawn M., Michael, Virginia, Victoria, John L., June D., Scarlett K., Erwin B., Donna S.; and **those serving your people:** Brett B., Bill W.



## To Serve

### Little Free Pantry

Don't forget we are always taking donations for the LFP! Individual packages and pop tops please. Peanut butter, breakfast bars, fruit, canned meats, ravioli, cereals, plasticware, hygiene items....Thank you for supporting our community!!

### Music Ambassadors

Singing at the Atria on the second Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m. We invite everyone to join us – if you can or can't sing, young or old. The residents appreciate and enjoy the visits. We'll sing next on **Sunday, October 13!**

### Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser!

Our local scouts are raising money to cover the cost of summer camp and high adventure outings next year. Pancakes will be served on Sunday, October 27 from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and again after service from 10:15-11:15 a.m. (only one worship service that Sunday). Tickets are sold at the door, \$5 for kids and \$7 for adults. We appreciate all your support!



### Our next Habitat Build

will Saturday, October 26. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex at "Bob's Corner." Thank you!



The poster features a light blue background with a string of colorful triangular bunting at the top. The text 'Longmont Rotary' is in a large, black, serif font. Below it, 'Winter Warmth Coat Drive' is written in a mix of black and red fonts, with 'Drive' being the largest and most prominent. Underneath, a list of items needed is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font: 'GENTLY USED OR NEW COATS - BLANKETS - HATS - WINTER BOOTS - GLOVES - SCARVES - MITTENS'. At the bottom, there is an illustration of three winter coats (teal, red, and brown) and a red banner with the dates 'SEPTEMBER 22- OCTOBER 30' in white capital letters.

*The Longmont Rotary is partnering with the OUR Center for their annual Winter Warmth Coat Drive. They are gathering gently used or new winter warmth items that will be distributed in November.*

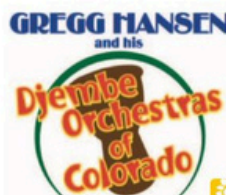


Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Join us for a day of

# MUSIC, GAMES, SNACKS & FUN

Live music from Gregg Hansen and  
his Djembe Orchestras of Colorado!



**Sunday, October 20**

**11:30 A.M.**

**Bethlehem Pavilion**

**1000 15th Ave., Longmont, CO**

This event is to help fund maintenance  
of the Growing Gardens Food  
Project Farm at BLC

### First Friday

First Friday is October 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Shelley Kunselman & Sam Cox home. Please bring an appetizer and beverage to share. For questions call Shirley at 303-775-6928.

### Naomi Circle

October's meeting will be in the Youth Room and on Zoom Tuesday, October 8, 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.

### Bethlehem Book Club

The Bethlehem Book Club will be meeting on zoom on Thursday, October 10 at 9:00 a.m. We will be discussing *The Women (f)* by Kristin Hannah. This novel is about the horrific challenges of the war in Vietnam for combatants and medical personnel both "in country" and upon returning home to the US. The story focuses on the contributions and experiences of women working as nurses in Vietnam. Back at home the sensitivity and caring of individuals keeps our hopes alive for the rehabilitation of these heroes altered by their service. Anyone interested in joining the discussion is welcome. Email Mary Jane at mjvoogt2003@yahoo.com to be added to the contact list. You will receive reminders and the zoom link about a week before each meeting.

### Manna Bible Study

We meet each Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. for discussion and would love to have you join us. Please contact Phyllis W. (pkwright1360@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### 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 to learn something new!

### First Friday

Friday, October 4, 6:00 p.m.

### Ambassadors at the Atria

Sunday, October 13, 11:30 a.m.

### Naomi Circle

Tuesday, October 8, 9:15 a.m.

### Book Club

Thursday, October 10, 9:00 a.m.

### Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, October 15, 10:00 a.m.

### Manna Bible Study

Every Monday, 9:00 a.m.

### Table Talk

*Resumes October 16*

Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.

### Quilting Group

Every Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

### The 11th Hour Project

is an Inter-Faith coalition of people who intend to build hope and actions that lead to solutions to the growing Climate Crisis. Join us at the BLC Bell Tower on October 11 at 11:00 a.m.





**Council Meeting Minutes - Approved  
September 10, 2024**

**Respectfully submitted by Cindy Thompson, Secretary**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mark Holste called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**ATTENDING:** Pr. Katie Chullino, Mark Holste, Brian Carlson, Greg Schumann, Cindy Thompson, Cathy Goodman, Paul Puebla, Mike Smith, Glenn Summers, and Jaime Updegraff. Absent: Sabrina Lee.

**DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER:** led by Pr. Katie. "Forgive Us Our Debts, As We Also Have Forgiven Our Debtors from *May It Be So: Forty Days with the Lord's Prayer* by Justin McRoberts & Scott Erickson.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** approved via email and posted.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** General Fund giving this month was below budget by \$8,332.92 in the month of August. General Fund expenses were over budget by \$3,602.44. Oddly enough we are above giving compared to August of last year. Be very conscious of your ministry's spending for the remainder of 2024.

**REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:** See each ministry's monthly report for details.

- **Pastor/Staff:** Pr. Katie shared a joint funeral service will be held October 3rd for Dick and Diana Grieve. Bob Gardinier's service is pending. Pr. Katie suggested we move ministry temple talks to the offering time as it would be more impactful. Pr. Katie thanked everyone for helping while she was on sabbatical.

- **Worship:** See Sabrina's report.

- **Missions:**

- The Nicaragua Board met on Sunday the 18th of August. It was decided that 4 board members, Racheal G, and, if they wish, two others we are inviting will travel to Somoto the 31st of January and return the 9th of February. There may be another trip in 2025 for a larger group.
- **GWOH** was a success. Twenty-four people tied quilts and at least 89 backpacks were filled.
- Members of the Mission/Service team have requested that the Share the Grace and GWOH Sunday (usually the second week of September) be separate from Rally Day.
- Eight members (including Ray) went to the Atria to provide worship.

- **Evangelism:** Jazz service is November 2nd. Help is needed on

## Council Notes (con't)

September 22 - Djembe event – Growing Gardens fundraiser.

- **Faith Formation:** Lots of information in Jaime's report. Chalk art was amazing from Rally Day. See it before it rains.
- **Property:** Property received a request by Longmont Concert Band to fix lighting in fellowship hall. Glenn took care of this. Josephine is having issues which are being addressed.
- **Stewardship:** See report. Mike shares more Stewardship information below under "Discussion".

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ministry descriptions changes and bylaws changes:** Done. Greg will put together packets/notebooks for members to view. He will talk to Tiffany about putting this out electronically. A vote will be taken at the annual meeting in December.
- **Cub Scouts Popcorn Sale:** Sunday 29 September – **Mark Holste moved to allow a popcorn sale by the Cub Scouts on Sunday, September 29th. Cathy Goodman seconded. Motion passed.**
- **Boys Scouts Pancake Feed:** **Mark moved to allow a pancake feed by the Boy Scouts on Sunday, October 27th. Paul Puebla seconded.** (That's a one service Sunday). **Motion passed.**
- **Nicaragua Project Bake Sale:** Sunday, December 15th (Annual mtg Sunday). **Cathy Goodman moved to allow a Nicaragua Project Bake Sale on Sunday, December 15th. Brian Carlson seconded. Motion passed.**
- **Nicaragua Project Winter Matching Funds Drive:** **Cathy Goodman moved that a Nicaragua Project Winter Matching Funds Drive occur the month of December. Mark Holste seconded. Motion passed.**
- **December council meeting change from 10 Dec to 17 Dec:** **Mark Holste moved to move December's Council meeting to December 17th. Brian Carlson seconded.** Discussion: This would allow Council to meet after the Annual Meeting. **Motion passed.**

### DISCUSSION:

- **Solar Energy Project:** The Solar Energy Project committee comprised of Dave Hooley, Pr. Katie, Helen Majzler, Gene Schnabel, Glenn Summers, and Dave Twait have completed a project plan for the solar energy project. Dave Hooley presented the project plan to Council. After a question and answer session, **Paul Puebla moved Council allow the Solar Energy Project Committee to move**

forward, apply for a loan, and present their project plan to the congregation using these suggested dates:

- **Presentation of project plan: September 29th at 11:30am in Fireside Room**
- **If a 2nd meeting is needed: Presentation of project plan: October 14th at 7:00pm in Fireside Room (Zoom available)**
- **November 10th: Congregational Special Meeting at 7pm in Fireside Room (Zoom available)**

**Glenn Summers seconded. Motion passed.**

Reminder: Invite LOC to these forums and ask Tiffany to place these dates in STAR.

- **Stewardship:** Mike shared different versions of the commitment card and the time/talent card. Council voted on the format they liked for each. Temple talks are needed to emphasize how each ministry is impacted by the general fund.
  - September 22nd: Cathy Goodman
  - September 29th: Glenn Summers
  - October 6th: Brian Carlson will highlight Adult Ministry
  - October 13th: Jaime Updegraff will highlight Youth MinistryGreg is going to work with Pr. Katie about a visual aid that shows how much the general fund is doing for our members.
- **Budget process for 2025:** Greg shared that all ministry leaders will receive their budget packet by the end of the weekend.
- **Annual Meeting:** December 15th
  - Reports Due: November 17th
  - Meal: 11:30 lunch followed by 12:00 Annual Meeting. Council will serve sub sandwiches, chips and chocolate chip cookies. Glenn will pick up sandwiches and Greg will take care of cookies.
- **Choir Director:** October 20 - end of 2024: Mary Jane Voogt. See Sabrina's report.
- **Theological Conference 2024 September 16-19 at Ghost Ranch:** Pr. Katie
- **Bishop Installation – Saturday 05 October 4pm Augustana Lutheran:** all members of Council are invited.

### PRAYER CONSIDERATIONS & LORDS PRAYER

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mark adjourned the meeting at 9:30pm.

**Upcoming Dates:** next Council meeting will be Tuesday, October 8th. Executive session at 6.30pm and Council at 7:00pm.



*You are cordially invited to attend  
the Rite of Installation of*

**The Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni**  
*as Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA*

OCTOBER 5, 2024 - 4:00 P.M.

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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DENVER, CO. 80246

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## Member Milestones

### Birthdays

Oct 1 Matthew Barnhouse  
Oct 2 Jesse Demmel  
Oct 4 Jane Lahman  
Oct 5 Alna Heil  
Oct 5 Daniel Lautenschlager  
Oct 6 Amy Payan  
Oct 7 Jim Hoffmeyer  
Oct 7 Jonah Kessler  
Oct 8 Andrew Steger  
Oct 8 Sarah Loberg  
Oct 8 Ella Davis  
Oct 9 Jamie Lee  
Oct 10 Howie Wayne  
Oct 10 Janice Hopp  
Oct 10 Lorie Coulson  
Oct 10 Cindy Ballard  
Oct 10 Gary Knutson  
Oct 14 Shelley Kunselman

### Birthdays

Oct 14 Debbie Moors  
Oct 14 Brianna Kasperbauer  
Oct 14 Sophia Watts  
Oct 15 Carol Schlachtenhaufen  
Oct 15 Gene Schnabel  
Oct 16 Lydia Mott  
Oct 16 Jackson Updegraff  
Oct 18 Estelle Goode  
Oct 19 Shirley Wayne  
Oct 19 Joel Buck-Gengler  
Oct 19 Jamie Jurkovich  
Oct 22 Evan Doop Jr.  
Oct 23 Chris Wagner  
Oct 23 Nicole Hosier  
Oct 24 Jack Torrez  
Oct 26 Daylan Figgs  
Oct 26 Benjamin Dawson  
Oct 29 Jorden Steele

### Birthdays

Oct 30 Phyllis Wright  
Oct 30 Kristal Hopp  
Oct 31 Sharon Layton  
Oct 31 Robin Lee

### Anniversaries

Oct 2 Josh & Morgan Dimmitt (3)  
Oct 3 Mark & Kim Herbst (32)  
Oct 4 Noah Judson & Heather Haukoos (10)  
**Oct 6 Ed & Claudia Byrne (63)**  
Oct 10 Jacob & Leanna Maki (13)  
Oct 12 Ken & Diane Forsberg (39)  
Oct 16 Jim & Sue Starr (43)  
Oct 20 Paul & Jennifer Puebla (22)  
**Oct 28 Ken & Carolyn Creamer (63)**

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Return service requested

**Worship Services**

Sundays  
8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

**Office Hours**

Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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