

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

November

All Saints' Jazz Services 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Louisiana Style Luncheon & Stewardship Celebration 11:30 a.m.



Fall Clean-up 8:00 a.m.



Budget Forum

9:30 a.m.

Solar Congregational Meeting 7:00 p.m.



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Hope for the Holidays Card Signing

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Rev's Revelations

"I am still discovering to this day, that one only learns to have faith by living in the full thisworldliness of life... living fully in the midsts of life's tasks, questions, successes and failures, experiences and perplexities..." (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, <u>Letters and Papers from Prison</u>)

Our Wednesday Table Talk group is currently discussing the life and works of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor and activist best known for his work against Nazism which led to his execution. (If you want to learn more, join us on Wednesday at noon in the Fireside Room.) Bonhoeffer has been followed by Protestant Christians since the second world war—and is *the* leading figure in seminary ethics courses because of his profound commitment to caring for his neighbor and the world, even in the darkest of times.

By the time many of you read this you will have already voted in the 2024 elections—and perhaps voting will be over. As citizens we may already have chosen a new president, various leaders, and new laws. You may be elated that "your" candidate was chosen or "your" amendment passed. You may be disheartened that they didn't. However your feelings find you, today, you are called. You have a mission. And it's not to be a sore loser or a sore winner. It is to be part of a greater good—bigger than our city, county, state, and nation. You are called as a member of the church, a child of God. You are called out of God's love to live in the full worldliness of life.

Here, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, we are committed to doing this together, too. Our mission states: Through God's abundant love we invite, welcome, and serve as a light in the world.

This means: We invite those who celebrate wins. We welcome those who grieve losses. And, together, we serve for the sake of the world.

That's important, especially now. We could choose to further the divides which have characterized our nation in recent years. Or we can choose to gather, to join our voices in song and hearts in prayer, to join our hands in God's work. We can choose to live in the full worldliness of life, to bear life's tasks, questions, successes and failures, experiences and perplexities together. We can choose faith.

I hope to see you soon.



Worship

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. **Readings**: Psalm 119:1–8, Mark 12:28–34

November 10 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance. **Readings**: 1 Kings 17:8–16, Mark 12:38–44

November 17 – 26th Sunday after Pentecost

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. **Readings**: Daniel 12:1–3, Psalm 16, Mark 13:1–8

November 24 – Reign of Christ

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. **Readings**: Daniel 7:9–10, Revelation 1:4b–8, John 18:33–37



Time to step up to the plate!

Volunteer to help with worship! There are many positions available. Just reach out to Sabrina at worshipchair@bethlehem-lutheran.net or the church office.

November signup at tinyurl.com/BLCNov2024

December signup at tinyurl.com/BLCDEC2024

Faith Formation – Youth

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 meet on November 3, 10, 17, 24 at 9:15 a.m. in the Sunday School Room.

Confirmation 2024–25

will meet on **November 10 and 24**. 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's

We will meet on **November 3** and have the meal of Louisiana down-home cooking. Chef Eric Kittkeburg will be cooking. This is in conjunction All Saints' and stewardship commitment celebration.

High School Youth Group

will meet on **November 17** 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



Plan Ahead!!

Shining Stars

Wednesday, December 4

Advent Midweek Celebration Starts!

- Potluck Dinner (Italian food), 5:30 p.m. (Food sign-up with Gary)
- Evening Prayer, 6:30 p.m.
- Activity & Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11

Advent Midweek Celebration

- Potluck Dinner (Mexican food), 5:30 p.m. (Food sign-up with Gary)
- Evening Prayer, 6:30 p.m.
- Activity & Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 15

- Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
- Annual Congregational Meeting 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18

Caroling & Bring your own dinner, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 22

Living Nativity & OUR Center Food Drive, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Family Service, 4:00 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Service, 6:00 p.m. LOC Christmas Mass. 8:30 p.m.

The church office will be closed from December 25-January 1

A Huge THANK YOU

to Jenny Kelley for her years of service and dedication as the Financial Secretary at Bethlehem.

-Bethlehem Council and Congregation



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.



Keep those in your prayers

Members: Matt J., Yvonne A., Irene R., Doris H., Jenny K., Gerry C., Bob D., Patty F., Cathy G., 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: Beth F., Jacob P., Scott P., Nick F., Barry S., Cindy K., Jacob C., Katie P., Shawn M., Staci S., Matt V., Morgan K., Noah L., Michelle T., Ron M., Abiba K., Katie T., Shannon M., Nancy P., Lydia M., Joyce P., 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.

Property

Solar At BLC?

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.

 Special Congregational Meeting: Sunday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall & on Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82433817476? pwd=acEVPRrY65bolNsrTI3K8WfUNl4Gbd .1

Contact Dave Hooley for more information

Fall Clean up

We'll start work at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 9

Music Ministry

Choir

Just a reminder that we will have a "seasonal choir" for advent and Christmas. We will rehearse in the sanctuary during Sunday school hour and are hoping for some new members to help fill our ranks!

Rehearsal regularly on Sundays at 9:10 from November 3 through December 22. We will begin singing for worship on November 10 and continue weekly through December 22, and also sing Christmas Eve. No skills required! Join the joy of music making with camaraderie. All are welcome for whatever days you can make it.

Finances

Month of September

Income: \$ 39,507.78 Expenses: \$ 32,602.24

Net: \$ 6,905.54

YTD to Date

Income: \$ 304,412.13 Expenses: \$ 328,831.79 Net: \$ -24,419.66

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.

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@bethlehemlutheran.net, 303-651-6226).

Global Refuge

Bethlehem Lutheran will have the opportunity again this year to sign Christmas greetings of hope for the many detained persons (about 37,500) who await government decision on



their asylum cases. These are people who arrived in the US and turned themselves in at the border and asked for protection and an opportunity to work to support their families in their native countries. They are usually frightened, exhausted, held in crowded cells for an extended time, cut off from love and warmth and even from hope. We can offer an encouraging message and a little holiday hope.

Come to the narthex tables on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>November 17 and 24</u> to write messages. Everything is provided at the tables: cards, pens, ideas, and information.

Contact Mary Jane (mjvoogt2003@yahoo.com) to be a table volunteer, or to *pick up cards* on November 10 to write at home.

Let's help Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services) reach all those in detention centers!

Myth: Refugees and immigrants take American jobs.

Fact: With nearly 7.7 million unfilled jobs nationwide and at a time of record-low unemployment, immigrants are essential to filling in the gaps in the American workforce. Immigrants are also more likely to contribute to job creation than displacement, with more than <u>55% of the country's billion-dollar startups</u> founded by immigrants.

You can read more about Myths and Facts at www.globalrefuge.org/get-involved/advocate-with-us/combatting-disinformation/

More info at www.globalrefuge.org/hope www.globalrefuge.org/get-involved/advocate-with-us/combatting-disinformation/

To Serve

November Events

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, November 10!**

The 11th Hour Project

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

Our Center Lunch

BLC will prepare and serve lunch at the Our Center on Sunday, November 17. If have any questions please contact Mark H at holstemarka@outlook.com or president@bethlehem-lutheran.net

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!!

- Worship Service: Sundays, 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 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.
- Men's Group (Promise Keepers): Saturdays, 8:00 a.m.
- First Friday: November 1, 6:00 p.m.
- Men's Group (LMM): November 2, 9:00 a.m.
- All Saint's Sunday: November 3
- Mile High Jazz: November 3
- Stewardship Luncheon: November 3, 11:30 a.m.
- Nicaragua Project Board Meeting: November 3, 12:00 p.m.
- Property Clean-up: November 9, 8:00 a.m.
- Budget Forum: November 10, 9:15 a.m.
- Music Ambassadors: November 10, 11:30 a.m.
- Confirmation: November 10, 11:45 a.m.
- Solar Congregational Meeting: November 10, 7:00 p.m.
- 11th Hour Project: November 11, 11:00 a.m.
- Brewsday: November 12, 8:00 a.m.
- Naomi Circle: November 12, 9:15 a.m.
- Council Meeting: November 12, 7:00 p.m.
- BLC/LOC Joint Meeting: November 13, 10:30 a.m.
- Book Club: November 14, 9:00 a.m.
- Annual Reports DUE: November 17
- Bake Sale Fundraiser: November 17
- Our Center Lunch: November 17, 10:00 a.m.
- High School Youth Group: November 17, 4:00 p.m.
- Prayer Shawl: November 19, 10:00 a.m.
- Evangelism Meeting: November 19, 6:00 p.m.

• Confirmation: November 24, 11:45 a.m.

Thanksgiving: November 28

• Office Closed: November 28–29



SOLAR BIJERGY AT BLG?

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:

Special Congregational Meeting: Sunday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall & on Zoom at <u>tinyurl.com/BLCsolar</u>

Contact Dave Hooley for more information

Gather & Connect

First Friday

First Friday will be **November 1** at 6:00 p.m. at Shirley & Howie Wayne's home. Their address is 1712 Drake Street. Please bring an appetizer and beverage to share. For questions call Shirley K. at 303-775-6928

Naomi Circle

Our November meeting will be in the Youth Room and on Zoom on **Tuesday, November 12** 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

For the November meeting of Bethlehem Book Club we will be discussing *Good Night Irene* (f) by Louis Alberto Urrea. This is an historical fiction account of the overlooked role of brave women (known as Donut Dollies) serving the troops in WWII. Our discussion will be on Zoom, **Thursday, November 14** at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome! Email Mary Jane at mjvoogt2003@yahoo.com to be put in the reminder list and to receive notices and zoom links each month.

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!

Brewsday Morning

Stop by BLC on **November 12** at 8:00 a.m. to enjoy a cup and good conversation. We will not be meeting on the 4th Tuesday in November due to the holiday.

First Friday

Friday, November 1, 6:00 p.m.

Ambassadors at the Atria

Sunday, November 10, 11:30 a.m.

Naomi Circle

Tuesday, November 12, 9:15 a.m.

Book Club

Thursday, November 14, 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, November 19, 10:00 a.m.

Manna Bible Study

Every Monday, 9:00 a.m.

Table Talk

Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.

Quilting Group

Every Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Men's Group (LMM)

Saturday, November 2, 9:00 a.m.

Men's Group →

(LMM)

Our next meeting will be

Saturday, November 2 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. We look forward to
seeing everyone! Please let Gary
know if you are interested so that
we have enough food for
breakfast.



Council Meeting Minutes - Approved October 8, 2024 Respectfully submitted by Cindy Thompson, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: Mark Holste called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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

DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER: "Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver Us From The Evil One" 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.

Djembe Orchestra Concert: Rescheduled to Sunday 20 October – approved via email.

FINANCIAL REPORT: General Fund giving was above budget by \$4,188.78 in the month of September. General Fund expenses were below budget by \$2,393.76. The General Fund is what runs the church. This month's giving was approximately \$7,397 above last September's giving.

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

- Pastor/Staff: See Pastor's report.
- Worship: See Worship Ministry report.
- Missions: The Social Justice Initiative along with the Immigrant Focus Group did an internal food drive for a Venezuelan family supported by Atonement in Boulder and St Paul in Denver. It was in response to a call from Pastor Stephani of Atonement saying the family was running out of food.
- Faith Formation: See Faith Formation ministry report.
- Property: Glenn shared the fire suppression system was inspected and there were two items from the inspection that needed attention. 1) Hydro test the city water connected to the system 2) Test four heads in the Worship Center. These items are complete. November 9th is "Clean-Up Day". Scouts will help. The shelves in the north hallway will be removed and disposed of (the shelves are child height and are a safety hazard). Glenn will touch-up with paint.
- **Stewardship**: Continue to speak to members within your circle of BLC friends about the importance of supporting the general fund needs.

Council Notes (con't)

The All Saints' Day luncheon and Celebration of Time, Talent and Financial commitments will be Sunday, November 3rd after the Jazz Service. (Reminder: Time change: Daylight Saving Time ends)

• Evangelism: The Djembe Concert fundraiser for Growing Gardens rescheduled for October 20th. Jazz Service November 3rd followed by Celebration Luncheon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

 Our Center Food Drive & Living Nativity: Mark Holste moved that December 22nd BLC hold a food drive in connection with Living Nativity. Brian Carlson seconded. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION:

- Reconciling in Christ Congregation: Paul shared the process of becoming a welcoming congregation. Cathy, Paul and Jen went to a workshop of what's involved in becoming a Reconciling in Christ Congregation. It is an extensive process. The Rocky Mountain Synod is a Reconciling in Christ Synod. Mike Smith moved that Paul and Cathy and their committee go forward at making BLC a Reconciling in Christ Congregation. Glenn Summers seconded. Motion passed.
- Clothes collection bin: discussion tabled to next meeting.
- Ministry descriptions changes and bylaws changes for annual meeting: Greg will take care of notebooks for congregational viewing.
- Solar Energy Project: Meetings have been announced/publicized.
 Mark Holste moved to direct Dave Hooley to talk only about plan
 B which will be the only plan presented at the next solar meeting
 and congregational meeting. Mike Smith seconded. Motion
 carried with 7 votes. One abstention.
- December council meeting: Changed from December 10th to December 17th. It will be a joint meeting between the previous Council and newly elected Council. Only newly elected Council members may vote.
- Budget process for 2025: Get 2025 needs to Greg ASAP.
- Annual Meeting: December 15th. Reports are due November 17th.

PRAYER CONSIDERATIONS & LORDS PRAYER

ADJOURNMENT: Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

Upcoming Dates: next Council meeting will be Tuesday, November 12th. Executive session at 6.30pm and Council at 7:00pm.

Member Milestones

Birthdays

- Nov 2 Robert Romero
- Nov 3 Ann Hovick
- 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 11 Cynthia Pemberton
- Nov 14 Kallen Box
- Nov 15 Kamron Hosier
- Nov 16 Neil Hebbert
- Nov 17 Howard Wirth
- Nov 17 Lori Bloemker
- Nov 17 Ryan Lahman
- Nov 19 Ryan Bloemker
- Nov 19 Hillary Varas
- Nov 19 Madison Reed
- Nov 21 Cherrelyn Watts
- Nov 21 Tristan Steakley
- Nov 24 Mike Smith
- Nov 25 Sharon Wirth
- Nov 25 Travis Schlagel
- Nov 25 Micah Kessler
- Nov 26 Lauren Doop
- Nov 27 Dave Twait
- Nov 27 Melissa Parker
- Nov 28 Nathan Rumsey
- Nov 30 Ilene Ryan

Anniversaries

- Nov 12 Betty & Doug Rasmussen 41
- Nov 18 Ryan & Lori Bloemker 22
- Nov 19 Becky Kasperbauer & Peter Dickinson 8
- Nov 25 Dave & Rini Twait 58
- Nov 30 Matthew & Heather Barnhouse 33



The Star 1:

Bethlehem Lutheran Church 1000 15th Avenue Longmont, CO 80501

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. **Bethlehem Staff**

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