



# Bethlehem Star

Bethlehem Lutheran Church | Evangelical Lutheran Church of America | April, 2024

This week as I have officiated three funeral/memorial services, I have to say I have fully appreciated this Easter season and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in my life! I have had a keen awareness of Easter hope and the future for each and every one of us in the kingdom of heaven where we will see Jesus face-to-face.

To God be the glory for all the amazing ministry you all did throughout April: the 20 special Easter baskets made for Community Cupboard, the Soup Luncheons and Studies shared with Brush Ministerial Alliance, the shared Ash Wednesday and Holy Week worship services with Rankin Presbyterian, Brush United Methodist, and Prairie Parish, the preparation of our own sanctuary for Easter morning, Easter breakfast, the outdoor sprucing up of our church, and all the assistance given to make worship special during this Easter season! Thank you for walking with the Andersen family to bring comfort and peace as they prepared for and held Larry's Remembrance and Celebration of Life. April stood out with Come and Celebrate with a Japanese-themed Sunday and Encouragement Sunday signing bookmarks to be sent with treats to Lutheran students at UNC during their upcoming finals week. April closes out with the blessing of a new member, Lane Morrow, affirming his baptism on the last Sunday of the month.

May will be quite the month with lots of celebration in the world around us. With Mother's Day, Memorial Day, proms, and graduations. Here at church, we celebrate the Day of Pentecost, May 19, the day the Holy Spirit descended like tongues of fire and a great wind blew among the disciples. This kicks off the season of Pentecost, a season of learning and exploring how the Spirit moves us with the gifts of God's good creation; focusing and growing in how our ministry as God's people fits into our context where we live and have our being; plus determining the urgency of Jesus, His person and His ministry being carried by us, as the body of Christ, with those we meet throughout the summer.

This month our opportunities abound...

Saturday, May 4: We get to collaborate with our northeastern plains brothers and sisters in Christ at Prairie Parish determining how we best serve Lutherans and the communities they live, loving and serving.

Sunday, May 5 Pastor Monica Butler and Deacon Ro swap pulpits. Pastor Monica will come from Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry at University of Northern CO in Greeley to share worship and a message about our Lutheran young adults.

Sunday, May 12, our ladies receive a hand blessing for their ministry and outreach in the congregation and to the community sharing the light of Jesus with others. Community Cupboard Food and Necessities Collection

Sunday, May 19, Day of Pentecost, Wear red, the fire of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Community Cupboard Food and Necessities Collection

Sunday, May 26, Deacon Ro on vacation; Pr. Dan Bollman, pulpit supply.

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## **Sunday Worship**

9:00am Worship Service

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We are also looking for suggestions for Compassionate Hearts/Giving Tree for children during the summer months. One suggestion submitted is pool passes for children/families who don't get the opportunity to swim at the pool.

We are the people of God, taking Christ to the world, living to bring justice, peace, and hope to all people.

*"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?" 1 John 3:17 (ESV)*

*"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience." Colossians 3:12 (ESV)*

*"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2 (ESV)*

Blessings in the name of the Lord!

Ro



## Want to support our **BLC QUILTERS**

The quilting group is running low on supplies. They are accepting donations of fabric or bed sheets. Thank you in advance for your consideration in supporting this awesome ministry!

**B A B Y  
BOTTLE  
CAMPAIGN**



**May 12 - June 16, 2024**

*Bringing HOPE to expectant mothers and fathers in Northeast Colorado!*

**Our Annual Baby Bottle Campaign runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day!  
Individuals, families, churches, or groups fill Baby Bottles in support of  
A Caring Pregnancy Resource Center.**

**Empty bottles, Bulletin Inserts, and a video will be available free  
for your use. We will begin making contact soon.**

**We thank the many churches and individuals who have been  
a part of this over the years. God continues to  
bless and we appreciate all who continually and  
faithfully show their support.**



**Debbie Eurich joined the Board in January 2024.** Debbie Eurich lives in Fort Morgan, CO, and is a Registered Nurse working in surgery at St. Elizabeth Hospital. She has been married for 43 years to Les and has 3 grown children and 2 grandchildren. She has a heart and passion for women and children. She feels it is an honor to serve on the Board in this new role and desires to become more active in A Caring Pregnancy Resource Center once she retires. She is herself a survivor of the trauma of abortion early in her marriage and has experienced the healing power of Jesus Christ.



Thank you prayer warriors!  
My surgery went well and I  
am feeling fine. Thanks for  
your prayers, cards, and most  
of all for all the love you have  
shown to me. A special  
thanks to Ro for the visit and



blessing of  
healing. God is  
so good.  
Love,  
Sharon George

Thank you for ALL you do for  
me! Chaplain Ro's visits are  
the highlight of my month!  
Esther



A sincere thank you to Altar Guild  
members Donna, Trish,  
Kim, Deb, and Janet who  
spent the morning of  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> completing the  
annual cleaning and  
polishing of the Altar, all  
surrounding furnishings,  
and pews prior to Easter.

A big thank you to Deacon  
Ro for labeling all the  
church banners as to which  
church season they  
belong. It will be very  
helpful to the Altar Guild to know  
which banners to use during the  
various church seasons.



**United Way**

Hello, I want to start by introducing myself, My name is  
Miriam Delgado Loera and I am the Food Coordinator for  
United Way of Morgan County. I help our community find  
resources when they are in need of Food, assistance with  
Rent, etc. I also run the Food Distribution in Brush on the  
4th Wednesday of the month. As well as Senior Delivery at  
the Brush Methodist church every 3rd Friday of the month.  
We are very blessed that we have been able to manage our  
way to help distribute food with the volunteers that we  
have. We are seeking help from you or anyone you know  
that is looking for opportunities to help our community in  
need. We have been running into an issue of not having

enough volunteers in our past distributions which have been delaying our scheduled start time.  
We are fully run by volunteers who come and help. Our distribution at Brush starts at 10 am  
and volunteers come in at 8am or 8:30 to help open the boxes of food and start separating the  
product which can be produce, frozen items, dry goods. We then start packing boxes by the  
amount of food that goes in each box. Once we have a good amount of boxes pre packed we will  
then start the distribution. We have a great number of senior citizens who can't lift the heavy  
boxes for which we will put the boxes in their cars. We usually will be done by 12, it really  
depends on how many volunteers we have. We also have the distribution at the Brush  
Methodist Church which is different in the sense that we deliver the boxes to their homes. As of  
right now we are only delivering to 10 seniors. We have been having to do that in between  
myself and my co-worker. For this delivery we ask for a small group of 3 people with at least one  
or two cars so all the boxes fit. Each client gets 2 boxes. One of dry goods and the second of  
produce and or freezer and fridge goods. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or  
would like more information. Miriam Delgado: 970-370-3087



Please pray for the following who have been submitted to our prayer list:

- Pat Chase
- Sophia Hambleton
- Ken Kelly
- Sharon George
- Larry Herman
- Garnet and girls
- Marilyn Woodward
- Kenny Bostrom
- John Strauch
- Bev Strand
- Lane Morrow
- Beva Linker
- Dave Honebein
- Tom & Carol Morrow
- Zach Griffith
- Lori Bostron
- Collene Travers



### May Birthdays

Betty Kelly	6th
Kenny Bostrom	12th
Ted Pearson	16th
Ed Hansen	19th
Corinne Bostrom	26th
Steve Rohde	26th
Janet Krohn	28th
Gilbert Perry	31st



### May Anniversary

David & Andrea Strand	3rd
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*Please call the church office if there is an error or omission.*

## On the Horizon ~ Mark Your Calendars



Looking forward to warm sunshine and summer nights! Plan to join us here at Bethlehem on the 2nd Sunday of June, July, and August for burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, games, and fellowship!

Events will begin at 5:00 p.m.

# Daily Bible Readings



*Wednesday, May 1*  
Psalm 80  
Isaiah 65:17-25  
John 14:18-31

*Thursday, May 2*  
Psalm 98  
Isaiah 49:5-6  
Acts 10:1-34

*Friday, May 3*  
Psalm 98  
Isaiah 42:5-9  
Acts 10:34-43

*Saturday, May 4*  
Psalm 98  
Deuteronomy 32:44-47  
Mark 10:42-45

*Sunday, May 5*  
Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

*Monday, May 6*  
Psalm 93  
Deuteronomy 7:1-11  
1 Timothy 6:11-12

*Tuesday, May 7*  
Psalm 93  
Deuteronomy 11:1-17  
1 Timothy 6:13-16

*Wednesday, May 8*  
Psalm 93  
Deuteronomy 11:18-21  
Mark 16:19-20

*Thursday, May 9*  
Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

*Friday, May 10*  
Psalm 47  
Exodus 24:15-18  
Revelation 1:9-18



*Saturday, May 11*  
Psalm 47  
Deuteronomy 34:1-7  
John 16:4-11

*Sunday, May 12*  
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

*Monday, May 13*  
Psalm 115  
Exodus 28:29-38  
Philippians 1:3-11

*Tuesday, May 14*  
Psalm 115  
Numbers 8:5-22  
Titus 1:1-9

*Wednesday, May 15*  
Psalm 115  
Ezra 9:5-15  
John 16:16-24

*Thursday, May 16*  
Psalm 33:12-22  
Genesis 2:4b-7  
1 Corinthians 15:42b-49

*Friday, May 17*  
Psalm 33:12-22  
Job 37:1-13  
1 Corinthians 15:50-57

*Saturday, May 18*  
Psalm 33:12-22  
Exodus 15:6-11  
John 7:37-39

*Sunday, May 19*  
Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:22-27  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

*Monday, May 20*  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Joel 2:18-29  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11

*Tuesday, May 21*  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Genesis 11:1-9  
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

*Wednesday, May 22*  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
John 20:19-23

*Thursday, May 23*  
Psalm 29  
Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20  
Romans 8:1-8

*Friday, May 24*  
Psalm 29  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Romans 8:9-11

*Saturday, May 25*  
Psalm 29  
Isaiah 5:15-24  
John 15:18-20, 26-27

*Sunday, May 26*  
Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17

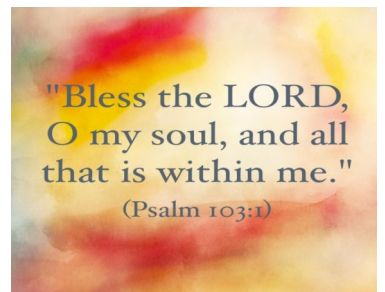
*Monday, May 27*  
Psalm 20  
Numbers 9:15-23  
Revelation 4:1-8

*Tuesday, May 28*  
Psalm 20  
Exodus 25:1-22  
1 Corinthians 2:1-10

*Wednesday, May 29*  
Psalm 20  
Numbers 6:22-27  
Mark 4:21-25

*Thursday, May 30*  
Psalm 103:1-13, 22  
Ezekiel 16:1-14  
Romans 3:1-8

*Friday, May 31*  
Psalm 103:1-13, 22  
Ezekiel 16:44-52  
2 Peter 1:1-11



**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2024**

The meeting was brought to order by President Deb Johnson at 10:23am. Members present were Deb Johnson, Beth Hocheder, Maren Bostrom, Jeanette Dehning and Kim Redden, plus Deacon Ro. Absent members were Charlene Holzworth, Terry Linker and Isaac Linker.

Ro gave the opening prayer. Kim moved to approve the consensus agenda (minutes, treasurer report and Ro's report), Maren seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A big thank you to Kevin DeKorte and Jody for all their work on our technology. New parts are needed and permission was given for them to buy the needed parts. As the DeKorte's will be gone the month of May, Kim, Marissa, Sharon and Deb have all volunteered to help. It does take two people to do the task each Sunday.

There has been much discussion and research over the past couple months about wax, oil and battery candles. Beeswax candles would be the best wax candles, but they have a smell, and burn unevenly. Battery candles have a flame that is not seen well and would use a lot of batteries. So it was finally decided with Beth moving and Jeanette seconding, to keep the oil candles as they have no smell and stay the same height. The full candelabra will be used Easter through Pentecost, and Christmas through Epiphany.

Deb was given permission to buy nine bags to keep the Sterling Silver. Ro is still working on updating our constitution and bylaws we agreed upon. When completed it will be sent to the synod. After that the congregation will vote on the proposed changes.

Ro will be taking vacation May 24-30. Ro can be reached by phone during her vacation if there is a need. Dan Bolman has been requested to be the supply pastor that Sunday. On May 5th Ro will be doing the service at Immanuel in Greeley, and Monica Butler with UNC Campus Ministry will be conducting our service. And Ro has gotten a synod grant to pay for her synod assembly expenses.

Several events will be upcoming. Lane Morrow will have a reaffirmation of faith on April 28th. Kim will be making a cake for him for Come and Celebrate that day. Ro will incorporate Ladies (Mother's) Day and Men's (Father's) Day into her sermons.

Ro requested the second Sunday of June, July and August to have a "grill" night. Ro will be grilling hamburgers and/or hot dogs with potato salad available. Others may bring a side but do not have to do so. This will happen with the meal 5-5:45, with a game/social time 5:45-6:30pm.

Deb will check with Larry Mills to see if he is still willing to do our church lawn care. The sprinklers do need to be turned on soon to get the grass watered. The system does need some repairs done on it. No word has come from the roof repair company. A local contractor will be contacted to do the needed repairs upstairs to repair the water damage.

May Deacon: Beth

May Usher: John Turner

Next council meeting will be Sunday, May 12.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeanette Dehning





**Prairie Parish**

**May 4, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer**

Come and offer your voice in discussion as we begin to look at resources, possibilities of sharing ministries, leadership models, and a call committee for a full-time ordained rostered leader for Prairie Parish. Come share Bethlehem's success with lay leadership during 2 years of vacancy.

*Breakfast provided*

**Worship Banner sent to the Philippines!**

During the season of Lent in a March worship service we blessed a beautiful banner made by Sharon George for the parish and small chapel of San Isidro. The parish serves the town/village of San Isidro, with a surrounding community of 1,000 farmers. Sharon placed wheat on the banner, one of the staple crops. The community

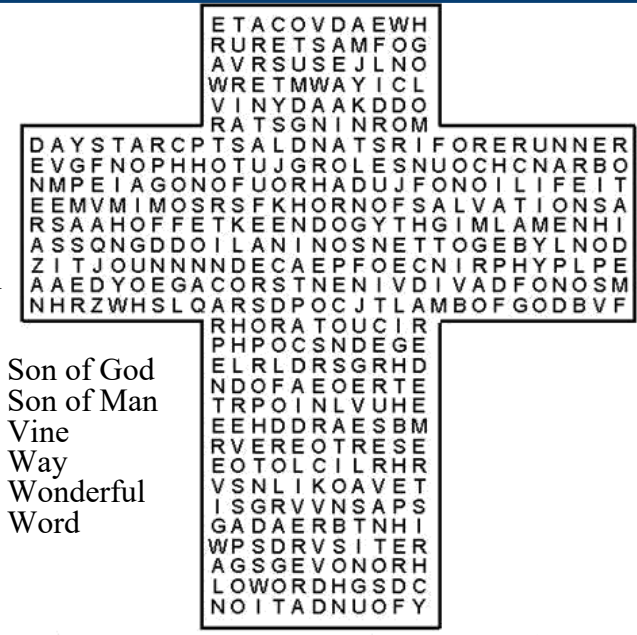


also grows corn. The banner portrays a bountiful harvest. This community is the original home of Donna Morgan, from our congregation, who still has family members living in the community. Sharon made a matching banner for our congregation which will hang in our sanctuary during our season of growth, the summer months. Bethlehem's banner was blessed at the same worship service as San Isidro, now connected farming communities and sister congregations, both serving the people of God.

Advocate  
Almighty  
Alpha and Omega  
Amen  
Apostle  
Beloved Son  
Bishop  
Branch  
Bread  
Captain  
Carpenter  
Chosen  
Christ  
Consolatin  
Cornerstone  
Counselor  
Day Star  
Deliverer  
Door  
Emmanuel

Everlasting  
Faithful and True  
First and Last  
Forerunner  
Foundation  
Governor  
Head  
High Priest  
Holy and Just One  
Horn of Salvation  
I AM  
Jesus  
Judge  
King  
King of Kings  
Lamb of God  
Lawgiver  
Life  
Light  
Lion of Judah

Lord  
Lord of Lords  
Master  
Mediator  
Messiah  
Mighty God  
Morning Star  
Nazarene  
Only Begotten Son  
Passover  
Priest  
Prince of Peace  
Prophet  
Redeemer  
Resurrection  
Rock  
Savior  
Servant  
Shepherd  
Son of David



We thank those who offer their gifts in leading worship this month!

May, 2024	5	12	19	26
<b>Deacon</b>	Beth Hocheder			
<b>Reader</b>	Jeanne Wuest	Kim Redden	Deb Johnson	Sharon George
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Janet Rohde	Janet Rohde	Janet Rohde	Janet Rohde
<b>Communion Set Up</b>	Deacon Ro		Deacon Ro	
<b>Usher</b>	John Turner			
<b>Sunshine Committee</b>	Pat Chase and Marsha Mills			
<b>Clavinovist</b>	Garnet Leys			
<b>Media Team</b>	Marisa Castrup			

	3/31	4/07	4/14	4/21
<b>Attendance</b>	49	22	29	36

## BLC Congregation Council Members & Officers

*Congregation Council is the core leadership body of the congregation, charged with overseeing and directing the life and mission of our church. We encourage you to talk with them! Please pray for their ministry as they provide leadership to BLC.*

Deb Johnson, President  
 Terry Linker, Vice-President  
 Jeanette Dehning, Secretary  
 Kim Redden, Treasurer  
 Maren Bostrom  
 Beth Hocheder  
 Charlene Holzworth  
 Isaac Linker



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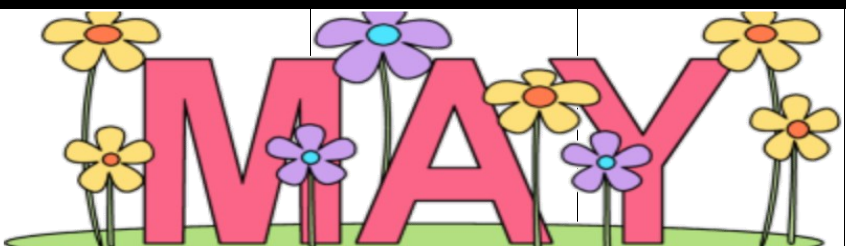





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# May, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						9:00am Prairie Parish at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer  2:00pm 4 Gospels Study
	8:30am Men's Coffee at Home Plate  9:30am-10:30am Ro at Bethlehem					2:00pm-5:00pm Ro at Bethlehem
	9:00am-1:00pm Ro at Bethlehem					9am-10am Ro at Bethlehem  
	8:30am Men's Coffee at Home Plate  10:00am-1:00pm Ro at Bethlehem	6:00pm PEO		9:00am Quilting	~~~~ Ro on Vacation ~~~~	
	~~~~ Ro on Vacation ~~~~				9:00am-1:00pm Ro at Bethlehem	Teresa's Hours: Tues and Thurs 9-3 (unless otherwise shown)
Holy Trinity Sunday 9:00am Worship Pastor Dan Bollman				9:00am Quilting		