



Bethlehem Star

Bethlehem Lutheran Church | Evangelical Lutheran Church of America | October, 2023

“And you shall eat there in the presence of the Lord your God, you and your households together, rejoicing in all the undertakings in which the Lord your God has blessed you.” (Deuteronomy 12:7 NRSV)

Come to the table! Taste and see just how good the Lord is!!!! On Friday, September 15, President Marsha Mills received communication from Bishop Jim Gonia: *Dear Marsha, Many thanks for your follow up—my apologies for not responding sooner. I will ask Yvonne, (Executive Assistant) to send a letter of authorization that permits Deacon Ro Fesser to preside at Holy Communion to the people of Bethlehem Lutheran in Brush, as long as she remains in her position as the congregation’s called minister. Blessings, Bishop Jim*

This is a time of rejoicing as we once again light the “communion candle,” the name you give the candle. It is the Christ candle in our Lutheran churches, representing the life of Christ, lit for each liturgy during the great fifty days of Easter, lit on Christmas Eve, lit for every baptism, lit at funerals/memorial services, and lit here at Bethlehem for every communion. The color white, for purity, because Christ is our sinless, pure Savior, present in and with us during these touching, precious moments in our faith lives, then goes with us into the world where we go to love and serve.

We can rejoice in all our undertakings this first month together in which the Lord your God has blessed you. We are quite a bit lighter around the building with the efforts of Blue Jean Sunday and God’s Work Our Hands, especially with vacuum cleaners gone, VCR tapes out, a Christmas tree to the curb, sheet music/music books sorted and whatever else moved out of the attic into the pick-up truck and dumpsters. A new office space was created for our financial team, Marisa and Kim. Yet, I keep hearing in the hallways, “we still gotta ways to go.” Rejoice everyone! Your council scheduled Sunday, October 15 for another day of the building getting even lighter.

We have invitations out to over thirty churches/agencies/special guests to join us October 1 for the

Installation Service of your deacon officially becoming your acting pastor at 3:00pm. **ONLY ONE SERVICE that day at 3:00PM!!!** Come rejoice, welcome brothers/sisters in Christ from around our community and North Colorado Conference as Bishop Gonia presides at worship celebrating the undertakings in which the Lord has blessed us. And yes, we will eat and drink the body and blood of our Lord Jesus in worship together that day.

We have rejoiced together in worship, with Garnet’s hand healed, returning to the clavivona plus enjoying our time together during worship with blessing of hands, thanksgiving for baptism, singing with smiles and a little rhythm in our bones as we leave worship. And we never quit rejoicing as to just how good the coffee, treats, and chatter are at “Come and Celebrate”!

One heck of a good month friends, our undertakings in which the Lord your God has blessed you!!! And so, we get to go forward, eating right here in the presence of the Lord your God, all the households together!! Come, be present and rejoice!

Thanks be to God!!! Ro

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Sunday Worship

3:00pm Service on October 1st

9:00am Worship October 8, 15, 22, & 29



We proudly invite you to join us as we celebrate the Installation of our new pastoral leader, Deacon Ro Fesser, on Sunday, October 1, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

We welcome Bishop Jim Gonias, Rocky Mountain Synod of the ELCA, who will preside at the service and lead us in celebrating this blessed occasion through worship and Holy Communion. Your presence will make this event a memorable experience for everyone at Bethlehem.

Deacon Ro's Installation is October 1, 3:00

We need everyone's help in preparing refreshments for this exciting event!

Please consider volunteering to make something and help set up, clean up and serve coffee and tea. Beside our congregation, there will be the Bishop, Synod Administrators, other pastors and friends of Deacon Ro. We are expecting approximately 70 to 80 attending.

The refreshments can be fudge, brownies, lemon bars, etc. precut into 2" squares or bite size cookies/candy. The church will purchase the sandwiches and the fruit.

Since there will be no regular service that day, we will set up at 10:00 and have our refreshments there by 2:00 to make the trays.

Sign up sheet is in the entryway of the church or call Marsha at 960-768-1562. Thank you in advance in making this a very special event for our congregation and Deacon Ro.



There will be a Chili/Chicken Noodle Soup Supper planning meeting on October 8 following our church service. This is for all interested in helping out this year for the Chili/Chicken Noodle Soup Supper on Election Day, November 7, 2023.



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Please pray
for the
following
who have
been
submitted

to our prayer list: Ashley George & friends, Kenny Bostrom, Dave Honebein, Tom & Lane Morrow, Wanda Rains, Zach Griffith, Dave Madsen, & Lori Bostron



October Birthdays

Beva Linker	4th
Terry Linker	4th
Sandy Cook	26th



October Anniversary

Albert & Beth Hocheder	7th
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Please call the church office if there is an error or omission.

Dear friends at Bethlehem,

I was so pleased to have the treat of German chocolate cake and ice cream on Sunday. But I was stunned by your generous gift of a hand-made quilt!! It shall get very good use in the coming months, and I shall recall your warm acceptance of this fill-in pastor!

Being with you in these past two years has been a blessing to me, and Bethlehem will always hold a place in my heart.

I wish you all the best in the ministry you do under Ro's leadership! And until we meet again, may God Bless you all!

With deepest gratitude,

Pastor Dan

Thank + you



Daily Bible Readings

Sunday, October 1
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm 25:1-9
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

Monday, October 2
Psalm 28
Judges 14:1-20
Philippians 1:3-14

Tuesday, October 3
Psalm 28
Judges 16:1-22
Philippians 1:15-21

Wednesday, October 4
Psalm 28
Judges 16:23-31
Matthew 9:2-8

Thursday, October 5
Psalm 80:7-15
Jeremiah 2:14-22
Colossians 2:16-23

Friday, October 6
Psalm 80:7-15
Jeremiah 2:23-37
Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a

Saturday, October 7
Psalm 80:7-15
Jeremiah 6:1-10
John 7:40-52

Sunday, October 8
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

Monday, October 9
Psalm 144
Ezekiel 19:10-14
1 Peter 2:4-10

Tuesday, October 10
Psalm 144
Isaiah 27:1-6
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Wednesday, October 11
Psalm 144
Song of Solomon 8:5-14
John 11:45-57

Thursday, October 12
Psalm 23
Isaiah 22:1-8a
1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14

Friday, October 13
Psalm 23
Isaiah 22:8b-14
James 4:4-10

Saturday, October 14
Psalm 23
Isaiah 24:17-23
Mark 2:18-22

Sunday, October 15
Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

Monday, October 16
Psalm 34
Exodus 19:7-20
Jude 17-25

Tuesday, October 17
Psalm 34
Amos 9:5-15
Philippians 3:13—4:1

Wednesday, October 18
Psalm 34
Song of Solomon 7:10—8:4
John 6:25-35

Thursday, October 19
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
Judges 17:1-6
3 John 9-12

Friday, October 20
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
Deuteronomy 17:14-20
1 Peter 5:1-5

Saturday, October 21
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
Isaiah 14:3-11
Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday, October 22
Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Monday, October 23
Psalm 98
Daniel 3:1-18
Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20

Tuesday, October 24
Psalm 98
Daniel 3:19-30
Revelation 18:21-24

Wednesday, October 25
Psalm 98
Daniel 6:1-28
Matthew 17:22-27

Thursday, October 26
Psalm 1
Numbers 5:5-10
Titus 1:5-16

Friday, October 27
Psalm 1
Deuteronomy 9:25—10:5
Titus 2:7-8, 11-15

Saturday, October 28
Psalm 1
Proverbs 24:23-34
John 5:39-47

Sunday, October 29
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Monday, October 30
Psalm 119:41-48
Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25
James 2:8-13

Tuesday, October 31
Psalm 119:41-48
Deuteronomy 10:10-22
James 2:14-26



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

October, 2023	1	8	15	22	29
Deacon	Jeanette Dehning				
Reader	Kim Redden	Deb Johnson	Sharon George	Jeanne Wuest	Kim Redden
Altar Guild	Deb Johnson				
Usher	Stan & Carla Krueger				
Sunshine Committee	Donna Morgan				
Clavinovist	Garnet Leys				

	8/27	9/03	9/10	9/17
Attendance	27	29	25	28

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.

Marsha Mills, President 970-768-1562

Deb Johnson, Vice-President 970-842-5633

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Bethlehem Lutheran Congregational Council Meeting

September 14, 2023

Present: Marsha Mills, Deb Johnson, Jeanette Dehning, Ro Fesser, Terry Linker, Kevin DeKorte, Marisa Ford-Castrup.

Ro opened the meeting with Prayer.

Approval of minutes from last meeting: Terry made a motion to accept as is, Jeanette second, all approved.

Treasurer's/ Financial Secretary Report: Marisa made a motion to accept as is, Jeanette second, all approved.

Deacon Report: Jeanette made a motion to accept as is, Terry second, all approved. Ro talked about some members going to a workshop called Excellence in Leadership. Council discussed Mutual Ministry Program (it supports Pastors in their work). Teresa is working only at Bethlehem now. 36 invitations were sent out for Ro's installation on Oct. 1st.

Old Business:

White Castle Construction, Roof- waiting on adjuster evaluations.

Adjuster report- Have not received yet. Should be here next week.

God's work, our hands recap- everyone worked around the Church. It went very well so will do it again on Oct. 15th.

New Business:

Oct. 1st Installation of Deacon Ro- no service in the morning. Service will be at 3:00 followed by tea.

Offertory envelopes- will no longer order, will use up what we have.

Communion Schedule- still working on it.

Oct/ Nov Deacons: Jeannete will be October; Deb will be November.

The Ushers will be Stan and Carla Krueger.

Next Meeting: October 12th, 2023, at 6:30pm.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by Marisa Ford-Castrup
Council Secretary

Conference Gathering
"Bishop's Election Process"
Saturday, Oct 21, 10:00-2:00
Our Savior's, Greeley
Lunch provided.

This is an opportunity to learn about the process, have voice in shaping the Synod for the next 6 years, and hear what North Colorado brothers and sisters in Christ expect in a church leader.

According to the RMS constitution, the Synod Council is required to notify congregations about proposed constitutional amendments at least six months prior to the Synod Assembly (April 25-27, 2024). To fulfill that requirement, we are now sending each congregation in the Rocky Mountain Synod this notice of a proposed constitutional amendment to be voted on at the 2024 Synod Assembly. The reason for this amendment is that the Office of the ELCA Secretary has said that the RMS constitution must say August 1 or September 1 in †**S8.52**.

The Rocky Mountain Synod Council proposes that the 2024 Synod Assembly approve the following amendment to the Rocky Mountain Synod constitution in Section†**S8.52** as follows: ***"The terms of the officers shall begin on ~~August 15th~~ August 1 or in the year of a Churchwide Assembly, the day after adjournment of that year's Churchwide Assembly or, in special circumstances, at a time designated by the Synod Council."***

Thanks to all the members who participated in our God's Work Our Hands event on Sunday, September 10th. So much was accomplished and our church building is looking great!








"God's work. Our hands."



Come join for our next cleaning day
October 15th ~ 10:00 a.m.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Pastoral Installation 18th Sunday of Pentecost 3:00pm Installation Service, followed by tea celebration	2	3	4 	5 9:00am Quilting	6	7
8 19th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Chili/Soup Supper Meeting 3-6pm Ro in the office	9 8:00am-1:00pm Ro in the office	10 1:00pm-6:00pm Ro in the office	11	12 6:30pm Council Meeting 9:00am Quilting	13 	14
 15 20th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am BLC Clean-Up 3-6pm Ro in the office	16 8:00am-1:00pm Ro in the office	17 1:00pm-6:00pm Ro in the office 6:00pm PEO	18 	19 9:00am Quilting	20	21 10am-2pm Conference Gathering, Our Savior's, Greeley
22 21st Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service 3-6pm Ro in the office	23	24 Terresa out of the office	25	26 9:00am Quilting	27 8:00am-1:00pm Ro in the office	28 9:00am-2:00pm Ro in the office
29 Reformation Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 3-6pm Ro in the office	30	31 