



Bethlehem Star

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“Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men [and women] stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:30-31

Another month of abundance and busting here at Bethlehem in October! PRAISE GOD FOR HIS LOVE, WISDOM, AND JOY!!! Thank you, thank you, thank you to each and everyone of you who touched the installation service in some way, making it so very special to everyone!

Broken window glass is repaired, the insurance and insurance adjuster are in sync, the contractor for the roof awaits with baited-breath, and we have light in the sanctuary!

A second Blue Jean Sunday, God's Work Our Hands went to the basement and Sunday School rooms on October 15. Another pick-up load of old furniture, electronics for recycle, a utility room cleaned out, lots of cardboard, and dried-up paints, markers, ink pens, etc. were hauled away; but a lot of supplies (paper of all colors, coloring books, puzzles, crayons, markers, pencils, etc) sorted and taken as gifts to the elementary school and a family of little ones learning to color and office supplies put together for our office. For anyone who might like a little chair (two sizes available) or a child's table, take a walk to the basement, go all the way back to the chair corral and grab one for a grandchild or think about who you know who might enjoy little wooden chairs, say a pre-school or another church group. These are the old-fashioned good solid ones, not plastic. There's big, grown-up folding chairs or folding chairs with side desks, a bulletin board, chalkboard, and flannel board! Also check out the give-away table in the fellowship hall. Thanks to Beth Hocheder who provided the pick-up truck and landfill/recycle deliveries and Jeanette Dehning for going to the school.

This month we had the gift of fresh flowers on our altar three Sundays running, going for the fourth Sunday by refrigerating them all week. We invite any and all of you who might like to bring flowers to the church, please do. No sign-up necessary, no deliveries to the church, bring from your gardens or a

shopping trip. We have plenty of vases and will provide a vase when you bring flowers with you on Sunday. Then, we will refrigerate them during the week to see just how many Sundays God's garden beauties can be enjoyed!

Betty (Lage) Kelly re-affirms her membership with us Oct 29, Reformation Sunday; Bethlehem, her place she always considered home with baptism, confirmation, and marriage all taking place right here. Welcome home Betty! A suggestion from our home visitation members that Holy Communion be offered every Sunday just in case they are able to come to church. Holy Communion was available every Sunday in October and will continue. First and third Sundays will be offered at the rail by intinction; second and fourth Sundays will be offered at the rail with individual cups.

Jim Christensen, from his workshop, has built and provided us with a beautiful Advent wreath table! Thank you, Jim! Larry Johnson, from his workshop, is revamping the mailboxes for a new welcome center that is being created in the entrance area/fellowship hallway. Thank you, Larry! A new U.S. flag is displayed in the fellowship hall. Thank you, Steve and Janet Rohde!

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Sunday Worship

9:00am Worship Service

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What's in store in November???

November 5, All Saints Sunday, we remember those from our church family and community who have received their eternal reward with Jesus Christ and God, their Creator this past year. Families will be invited to join us that Sunday to light a candle and hear their loved ones' names lifted up as we toll a bell for each. If you have a loved one you want to remember, please list their name on the sheet on the shelf outside the office.

November 7, Chili and Soup Election Supper, 5:00PM-7:00PM!!! Extend those invitations to friends and neighbors and community! What a great night to be hosts and hostesses with chili, chicken noodle soup, and pies! A free-will offering may be given to overcome World Hunger as we give thanksgiving for the abundance we have, the freedom to vote and the possibilities to love and serve.

November 12, Good Gifts Fair!!!! It's a barnyard opportunity! During Come 'n Celebrate you all will have a chance to purchase a chick, a lamb, a donkey, a pig, a goat, honeybees, fish, even a rooster! Plus much, much more!! An opportunity to Christmas shop for your loved ones, giving gifts that make a difference in the lives of others around the world then share a touching difference with your loved ones. Take a miniature home to wrap up and place under the tree or receive a card to give to someone you have remembered and honored!

November 23, Thanksgiving Day!!! A day to enjoy feasting, family, and fun!!! Take a moment with your people to give thanks and share something with each other you are thankful for. Or invite brothers/sisters in Christ to share the day with you giving thanks to the Lord for all his/her blessings. A worship service will be held that day at All Saints Church on the Eben Ezer campus at 9:30am. Any and all are invited to come share an hour with the Lord and with the neighbors to give thanks!

A prayer...

Almighty God, our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to know and acknowledge your goodness, to give thanks for what you do for us, and to serve you with willing hearts, minds, and spirits, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN

Be blessed in His love! Ro



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

**67TH ANNUAL BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
ELECTION NIGHT SOUP SUPPER
5-7PM**

Plan to stop by on election night and enjoy a warm bowl of soup and some yummy dessert.

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The quilters had Halloween fabric donated and donated these two children's quilts to the Chamber of Commerce's Trick or Treat Street Event. Be sure to let your grandkids know to put his/her name in for a chance to win a prize of one of our quilts.

They also donated 39 baby quilts to a Caring Pregnancy Resource Center!



Bethlehem Lutheran,

Friends, what a special day you all made for our Lutheran congregations in North Colorado and the community of Brush for Installation. You also touched Bishop Jim and myself with how the Holy Spirit moved throughout our sanctuary and "tea house" with warmth, abundance, beauty, and joy! We both look forward to where the Spirit will open opportunities of hope, outreach, and newness not only here at 603 Custer but in the community as well. Thank you all for your hard work, your generous giving or treats, your gifts to me of the cross necklace and CHOSEN wall hanging! Many blessings as we go forward together!
Deacon Ro

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

ALL SAINTS' DAY

This is a special Sunday where we celebrate all the saints, both known and unknown, who have gone before us and now reside in Heaven with our beloved Lord and Savior.

If you have a loved one you would like to have lifted up by name during the service on

Sunday, November 5th,

please list them on the paper on the shelf in the church entryway or let the church office know.



Poinsettias

FOR ADVENT

Help us adorn our sanctuary this Advent season! Poinsettias are available in red and white (\$15) as well as pink, red glitter, maroon, and ice punch (\$17). To order yours, please use the order sheet on the shelf outside the church office or contact the church office to place your order. **Deadline: November 7th**



Christmas Church Decorating

It is indeed the most wonderful time of the year! Come join your Bethlehem family in setting up the Chrismon tree and preparing the church building for the season of Advent.

**Saturday, December 2nd
9:30 a.m.**

Advent Discovery

BLC will once again participate in Advent Discovery for 2023 on December 3, 10, & 17! More details to follow!



Installation of Ro Fessler



How blessed is BLC?!?!

On October 1, 2023 a special 3:00 p.m. service was held here at Bethlehem to officially install Ro as our pastoral leader. With 79 people in attendance for this blessed event, it was an amazing service indeed!



Thanks to each and everyone who attended this afternoon service and much gratitude to each of you who offered your support in the form of prayers for Deacon Ro and the BLC congregation. The service was lead by Bishop Jim Gonia, Rocky Mountain Synod of the ELCA. The Rocky Mountain Synod includes congregations in Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and El Paso, TX. Bishop Jim travels many miles each year experiencing the ministry, love of Christ, and good news shared by the people of God to the communities they serve.

A huge thanks to everyone who made worship special.

A special thanks to everyone who provided refreshments or flowers, helped transform the fellowship hall into a precious tea house, and who stayed to help with clean up. This truly was a group effort and a beautiful event!





Thanks Steve & Janet for the new flag in the fellowship hall!

We would like to thank Ro for the beautiful mums and gourds that she arranged in our planters in the front of the church.



Thanks to Beth for providing the pick-up and to all those who pitched in and helped with the second clean-up day on October 15th!

Thanks to Donna & Beth for always doing such a beautiful job decorating the church!



Prairie Parish

Come join the next Prairie Parish Event hosted by Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

Saturday, November 4th

9:00 a.m.

Breakfast provided.



For November, Ro and Terresa will have varying office hours. Please watch bulletins and emails for their hours each week. We will also keep the Google calendar on our website current for when you don't have a printed bulletin handy!



CALLING ALL BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN MEMBERS!

The State of the Church is an important part of our church life here at BLC. The meeting will be held this year following the 9 o'clock worship service on Sunday, November 19th. New council members will be elected and the budget for 2024 will be presented. Your voice is important, and we are hopeful that everyone will make an effort to be in attendance for this important meeting.

**NOVEMBER 19TH
10:00AM**



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

Larry Andersen, Beva Linker,
Ashley George & friends,
Kenny Bostrom, Dave Honebein,
Tom & Lane Morrow, Wanda Rains,
Zach Griffith, Dave Madsen,
Lori Bostron, & Colene Travers.



November Birthdays

Larry Mills	7th
Janet Rohde	15th
Pat Chase	16th
Gene Kautz	23rd
Andrea Strand	25th
Jenny Morgan	28th



November Anniversaries

Roger & Marisa Castrup	4th
Todd & Donna Morgan	22nd

Please call the church office if there is an error or omission.

Don't forget to fall back!

**Daylight savings
ends**

**Sunday,
November 5**



**Set your clocks
back 1 hour.**

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

November, 2023	5	12	19	26
Deacon	Deb Johnson			
Reader	Deb Johnson	Sharon George	Jeanne Wuest	Kim Redden
Altar Guild	Kim Redden			
Usher	Steve Rohde			
Sunshine Committee	Sharon George			
Clavinovist	Garnet Leys			

	9/24	10/01	10/08	10/15
Attendance	23	79	34	29

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

Marisa Ford-Castrup, Secretary 303-502-7459

Kim Redden, Treasurer 970-380-9727

Jeanette Dehning 970-380-3822

Kevin DeKorte 970-867-2238

Beth Hocheder 970-768-3888

Isaac Linker 970-520-1989

Terry Linker 970-768-1099



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Bethlehem Lutheran Congregational Council Meeting

October 12, 2023

Present: Kevin DeKorte, Isaac Linker, Terry Linker, Marsha Mills, Debbie Johnson, Beth Hocheder, Ro Fesser, Marisa Ford-Castrup, Jeanette Dehning, Kim Redden

Ro opened the meeting with prayer

Approval of minutes from last meeting: Jeanette moved to accept as is. Deb second, all approved.

Treasurer/ Financial Secretary Report: Beth moved to accept as is, Terry second, all approved. Standard glass: actual work was different than the bid. Terry moved to pay the bill, Beth second, all approved.

Deacon Report: Kim moved to accept report as is. Beth second, all approved. Theological conference, room and board, and mileage for Ro. Jeanette moved to pay for that, Isaac second, all approved. This is part of Ro's package agreed upon.

Correspondence: Ro received a note from Brush Chamber of Commerce about participating in the Trick or Treat Street in Downtown Brush for Halloween. BLC will be providing candy to hand out to the children during that time.

New Business:

Renewing the Living Lutheran Magazine for 2024. That magazine is going digital, so we will no longer be receiving it.

Reaffirmation of Betty Kelly will be on October 29th, which is Reformation Sunday.

Chili Supper on November 7th. Funds collected will go to World Hunger.

Nominating 2024 Council Members. We have asked a few members. Kevin, Marsha, and Marisa are finishing this term.

Janet and Steve Rohde bought a new U.S. flag for the Fellowship Hall. Jeanette moved to hang it on the wall in the Fellowship Hall and Kim second, all approved.

We will ask Terresa to start emailing the usher 2 weeks ahead of service they will be responsible for, as a reminder.

Council members will think about if we want to keep meetings on Thursday night or choose a different time that would work for everyone.

Old Business:

Electrical work for security cameras is completed.

Buzz electric completed new LED lightbulbs.

Standard Glass has replaced 3 windows.

Insurance Report- Ryan Sutherland. Marsh called the adjuster and he told her getting this report together is not quite done yet.

Other business for the good of the order:

Snow removal- Isaac has graciously offered to remove the snow around the Church this winter.

God's work, Our hands was on Oct. 15th.

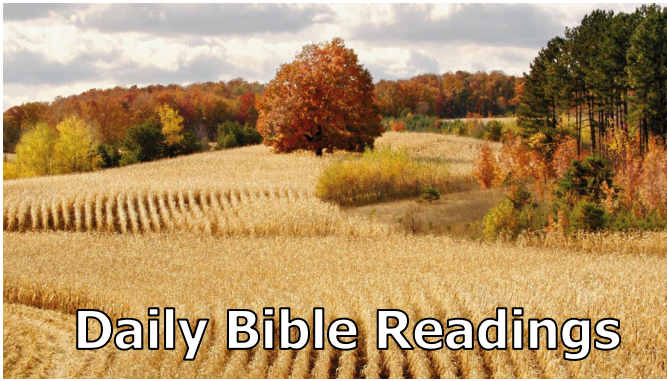
Discussion is starting about the Advent series with the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, and maybe several other Churches.

November Deacon: Deb Johnson. Usher Steve Rohde.

Next Council Meeting November 9th, 2023 6:30 PM

State of the Church meeting November 19, 2023

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.



Wednesday, November 1
Psalm 119:41-48
Proverbs 16:1-20
Matthew 19:16-22

Wednesday, November 8
Psalm 5
Proverbs 16:21-33
Matthew 15:1-9

Thursday, November 2
Psalm 43
1 Samuel 2:27-36
Romans 2:17-29

Thursday, November 9
Psalm 70
Amos 1:1—2:5
Revelation 8:6—9:12

Friday, November 3
Psalm 43
Ezekiel 13:1-16
2 Peter 2:1-3

Friday, November 10
Psalm 70
Amos 3:1-12
Revelation 9:13-21

Saturday, November 4
Psalm 43
Malachi 1:6—2:9
Matthew 23:13-28

Saturday, November 11
Psalm 70
Amos 4:6-13
Matthew 24:1-14

Sunday, November 5
Micah 3:5-12
Psalm 43
2 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday, November 12
Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Monday, November 6
Psalm 5
Jeremiah 5:18-31
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

Monday, November 13
Psalm 63
Amos 8:7-14
1 Corinthians 14:20-25

Tuesday, November 7
Psalm 5
Lamentations 2:13-17
Acts 13:1-12

Tuesday, November 14
Psalm 63
Joel 1:1-14
1 Thessalonians 3:6-13



Wednesday, November 15
Psalm 63
Joel 3:9-21
Matthew 24:29-35

Thursday, November 16
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
Ezekiel 6:1-14
Revelation 16:1-7

Friday, November 17
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
Ezekiel 7:1-9
Revelation 16:8-21

Saturday, November 18
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
Ezekiel 7:10-27
Matthew 12:43-45

Sunday, November 19
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18J
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30



Monday, November 20
Psalm 9:1-14
Zechariah 1:7-17
Romans 2:1-11

Tuesday, November 21
Psalm 9:1-14
Zechariah 2:1-5; 5:1-4
1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Wednesday, November 22
Psalm 9:1-14
Job 16:1-21
Matthew 24:45-51

Thursday, November 23
Psalm 95:1-7a
1 Kings 22:13-23
Revelation 14:1-11



Friday, November 24
Psalm 95:1-7a
1 Chronicles 17:1-15
Revelation 22:1-9

Saturday, November 25
Psalm 95:1-7a
Isaiah 44:21-28
Matthew 12:46-50

Sunday, November 26
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Monday, November 27
Psalm 7
Esther 2:1-18
2 Timothy 2:8-13

Tuesday, November 28
Psalm 7
Esther 8:3-17
Revelation 19:1-9



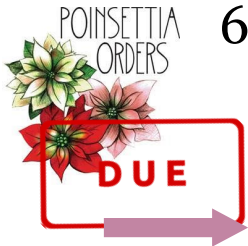






Wednesday, November 29
Psalm 7
Ezekiel 33:7-20
John 5:19-40

Thursday, November 30
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Zechariah 13:1-9
Revelation 14:6-13



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November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				3:00pm Ministerial Alliance (Ro)		4
				9:00am Quilting		9:00am Prairie Parish at LCOR, Ft. Morgan
 5	 6	7	8	9	10	11
All Saints Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 8am-1pm Ro at BLC		2-8:30 Ro at BLC 5-7pm Election Night Soup Supper		3-6:30 Ro at BLC 6:30pm Council Meeting		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
24th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service 8am-1pm Ro at BLC				9:00am Quilting		9am-2pm Ro at BLC
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
 25th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am State of the Church 8am-1pm Ro at BLC	8am-2pm Ro at BLC	6:00pm PEO				
26	27	28	29	30		
Christ the King Sunday 9:00am Worship Service 8am-1pm Ro at BLC 3pm-6pm Ro at BLC	8am-2pm Ro at BLC			9:00am Quilting		December 2 9:30am Come help decorate the church for Advent