



Bethlehem Star

Bethlehem Lutheran Church | Evangelical Lutheran Church of America | April, 2025

*“Look, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth; the time of
singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is
heard in our land.”*

Songs of Solomon 2:11-12

Yes! Winter is past, and we watch and wait for the flowers to appear. As I walked up to a home over this weekend, daffodils were close to coming out of their jackets, tulips and columbine were breaking through the crusty dirt. This truly is a blessed season, the season of spring as we watch things come to life! God opens our eyes to the beauty of his creation, opens our ears to the sounds of creation, our noses to the scent of new life, our fingers to the texture of dried leaves and unearthed soil as we tidy up, and ever our tastebuds as we might find some early plants.

Back in Illinois growing up, my family always enjoyed an early spring excursion to my grandmother’s childhood farm. We loaded everyone up in the pick-up after church and headed to the natural spring for a wiener roast, followed by an entire afternoon hunt for morel mushrooms. Then on Monday or Tuesday evening we had a delicious mushroom fry and ate our hearts out on morel mushrooms and then on Wednesday night we polished those mushrooms off with a ravioli supper. And then we knew it was truly spring!!!

Spring also came with the church year which we were all very involved, starting with the Nokomis Fillmore Parish Maundy Thursday worship, at our partner church, St. Mark Lutheran. The next morning my mom and I always arrived at Good Friday Prayer Vigil at my home church, St. Matthew, I, taking the 6:00-6:30 and she taking the 6:30-7:00 am prayer slots. At 3:00pm we returned that day for the Tennebrae Service. On Saturday all of us spent the entire day at church getting ready for Easter Sunrise Service at 6:00am on Sunday followed by Easter breakfast served by the ladies of the church where the community knew a good breakfast could be had. Spring had sprung with all the Easter hats and dresses, men in their suits, hair slicked back, and everyone shouting, “Christ is risen! Christ is risen, INDEED!”

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1st week:

Wed 1:30-3:00

Sat: 1:00-3:00

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Wed 1:30-3:00

Thurs: 9:00-10:00

Sat: 1:00-3:00

Holy Week (3rdWeek)

Thurs: 1:00-3:00

Fri: 1:00-3:00

Sat: 1:00-3:00

4th week:

Fri: 1:00-3:00

Sat: 10:00-noon

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church ~ 603 Custer ~
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 a.m.

*Gathered together,
we serve in Christ.*

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Spring is still coming in our church year, that has not changed! This year we are just a bit later on the calendar, than the last couple years. Holy Week will kick off with Palm/Passion Sunday on April 13. This year we will have live palms available for everyone to take home with them, if they so choose. On Maundy Thursday, April 17, as has been our practice the last three years, we will join Rankin Presbyterian and Brush United Methodist Church at Rankin Presbyterian at 5:00pm worship together the night Jesus took bread, broke it and gave it to eat. Prairie Parish will join together later at 6:30 for a soup supper, followed by worship at Akron United Methodist Church at 7:00pm. Anyone who would like to ride along for that service, please contact Deacon Ro. On Good Friday, April 18, we join the Methodists and the Presbyterians again, as in the last three years, at Brush United Methodist Church at 5:00pm for worship together on this important day in the life of the church.

Easter Sunday, April 20, we kick off with Easter breakfast at 8:00am for the early risers in the congregation who like coffee, breakfast, and fellowship before church. Come, shout, "Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed" at our usual time, 9:00am, the only thing usual for Easter Sunday!!! Then, anyone who wants a cup of coffee, breakfast left-overs and Easter eggs, join us at "Come and Celebrate" for a little more food and fellowship!!! It's spring! Why not jump for joy, filled with spring fever, and full of NEW LIFE IN CHRIST!!!!

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ for the dead."
1 Peter 1:3

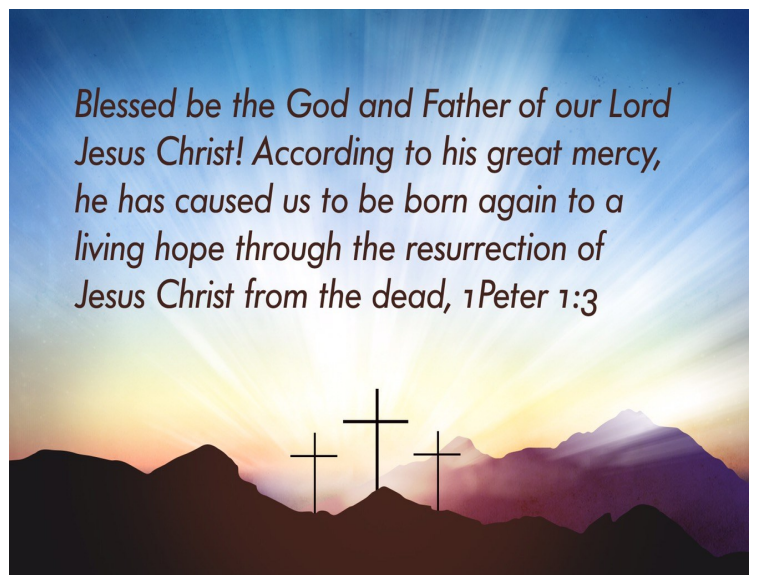
In Christ's love,

Ro



Sunday, April 27, at 5:30pm, we have the rare opportunity to experience a wild game dinner and presentation provided by Kevin Gardner. Kevin has done a great deal of study and research, plus publication on wild game animals and specializes in bear attacks. Kevin will first cook dinner, which will consist of 4 - 5 meats, a couple of side dishes, a dessert, plus drink. Kevin will then speak for about 45 minutes to an hour with questions following the presentation. Every Bethlehem household may invite TWO guests. Please make your reservation SOON on the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 1Peter 1:3





We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Ted Pearson for his incredibly generous donation to cover the cost of lawn fertilization for our church property again this year. His thoughtful gift ensures that our grounds remain beautiful and welcoming, and it reflects his commitment to maintaining a space where our congregation can gather and grow together in faith.

The care and attention he has shown to our church property not only helps our facilities look their best, but also enhances the environment for all who visit. It is through acts of kindness like this that we see the true spirit of community at work.

Thank you Ted for your generosity and for blessing our church in such a meaningful way. We are grateful for your continued support and for the positive impact you have on our congregation and our church family.

May God bless you abundantly for your kindness!



We are excited to announce the upcoming annual Altar cleaning as we come together to help keep our church's altar looking beautiful and reverent.

This special event will take place on Saturday, April 19th starting at 9:00 am. The Altar should be stripped on Good Friday and hopefully should be empty of all paraments, etc. by Saturday morning. The cleaning tasks will include polishing the altar items along with the pews, pulpit, lectern, Baptismal Font, and flower stands, all while sharing the joy of serving alongside one another.

April 19th
9:00am

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Be sure to provide the church office with your address, present phone number, and email in the next week. We would like to include everyone, but need your help to do so. Please consider confirming your contact information or filling out a lavender slip and leaving it in the office.

Honor and Remember with a Lily Bloom

As we approach the upcoming season, we invite you to participate in a special opportunity to honor or remember a loved one through the beauty of a lily bloom.

Lily Blooms for Sale - \$5 Each

You can sponsor a beautiful lily bloom for just \$5 here at Bethlehem. These stunning flowers will adorn our cross Easter morning, adding a touch of elegance and symbolizing the beauty of new life. This is a meaningful way to remember a loved one who has touched your life, or to honor someone who continues to inspire you with their faith. Whether it's a family member, a friend, or someone who has made a significant impact on your journey, this is a beautiful way to recognize their legacy.

To sponsor a lily, simply sign up on the sheet on the shelf outside the office or contact the church office. You can also make your donation online via our church website, www.blcorlutherans.org

Orders must be submitted by **Wednesday, April 16th** to ensure that you receive recognition in the Easter bulletin.

Whether you're celebrating the joy of a loved one or remembering their enduring spirit, sponsoring a lily allows us to come together as a church family in a meaningful and beautiful way. Thank you for participating in this special tradition and for helping to make our sanctuary even more beautiful as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ and the lives of those who have shaped our faith over the years.



**“Thanksgiving for an Embodied God,
Experiencing God through the Senses!”**

Wednesdays at noon

**April 2: Immanuel Congregational Church
“Touch”**

**April 9: At Bethlehem, All Saints Church hosting
“Taste”**

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

**HE IS
RISEN**

**EASTER
SUNDAY SERVICE**

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

603 Custer ~ Brush, Colorado

BREAKFAST

8:00AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00AM

Join us this Easter for a heartfelt morning of community and celebration! Start the day with a delicious Easter breakfast, followed by a meaningful worship service. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, reflect and rejoice in the Resurrection of Our Lord! All are welcome!

If you would like to bring a food item to share for Easter breakfast on Easter morning at 8:00am, please sign up on the breakfast sign-up sheet available on the shelf in the Welcome Center. You have lots of choices: breakfast casserole, fruit, juice, pastries, and CHOCOLATE would always be welcome!! What's breakfast on Easter morning without a chocolate egg?

Get To Know Your New Council Member!

Jeanne Wuest

a two-year term finishing 2024-2027 council seat



My journey began in 1959 when I was born in East St. Louis, Illinois. My family moved to Northglenn, CO years after I was born. I had three brothers and two sisters, fun growing up in a big family. When I was older and out of school, I moved to Albuquerque, NM. I lived there for almost thirty-five years. I worked as a paralegal at a law firm there. In March, 2018 I moved to Brush, CO and lived with my sister and her family. I soon was employed at Banner Hospital for almost six years. Currently, I am employed at Goal High School, and I'm having the time of my life, working with students there. In 2021, I joined Bethlehem Lutheran Church. I have come a long way with my walk with God and meeting new people at the church. I pray to God that my life has meaning, and I am in His good favor forever. Taking a walk with the Lord is always a grand adventure, and I truly hope I have many more walks with God throughout my life.



I am David Christian Wood, born in October, 1949, to my parents, Donald and Helen Wood, both faithful members of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church here in Brush. Helen Wood, David's mother was the oldest daughter of Chris and Helen Danielsen, the oldest sister of Raymond Danielsen. On November 27, 1949 David became the first baby baptized here in a newly remodeled church. David's parents missed being the first couple married in the remodeled church, losing out to Bob and Dottie Lorenson.



With the formation of the mission church - Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Fort Morgan, the Brush congregation lost a large chunk of their membership, and one Sunday - following a brief ceremony - those making the transfer stood and walked from the Church in mass. David of course with them, had just started Catechism classes under Pastor Staby.

David grew up with a Brush phone number and on the side of Dodd Bridge Road that went to the Fort Morgan school. From the age of 14 he spent the summers with his Grandparents Danielsen working bees and producing honey. Following Graduation David joined the U S Army and served with the 82nd Airborne Division. When discharged he in time returned to college, and took on a job at the Gale Funeral Home, working with Chuck Gale and a young Don Heer.

He left the Funeral industry after 7 years and entered the world of Law Enforcement. In time retired as the Chief of Police of the Wiggins Police Department. For many years thereafter he drove a semi truck around our country from coast to coast. David was married, then divorced after 20 some years. He has two children: a son Daniel who lives in Grand Junction and a daughter Anna-Marie Christine who is a Social Worker and lives in Portland, Oregon.

David simply has returned to his original church home after years of being a member at LCOR. David commented to the question, what brings you here? "Frankly the Church was calling me back home, once again."



Once a month we will be holding Open Forum during fellowship hour to ask questions and be transparent during this time of formation and development of Prairie Parish. Please bring your questions to ask and discuss openly with each other and Deacon Ro. A question/suggestion box is now available in the Welcome Center for anyone to drop their questions/suggestions in as he/she think of them. All questions/suggestions will then be shared at Open Forum.

Notes from March forum:

From the Open Forum, March 16, 2025 it was suggested we no longer gather in the center aisle to sing "Song of Peace" to shorten our service a bit. After trying this practice out a couple Sundays, most everyone wants to return to the center aisle, standing next to each other, not necessarily holding hands, and singing, "Song of Peace". We will return to the center aisle beginning the first Sunday in April.

April's open forum will take place on Sunday, April 27th.

Akron United Methodist Church votes YES!

On March 23, after receiving the blessing of their United Methodist Bishop for this area, Akron United Methodist Church voted 24 yes and 1 no to continue their affiliatin with Prairie Parish ad pursue the new direction Prairie Parish is taking. There was little discussion regarding the past three years' affiliation for the new direction prior to the congregational vote.



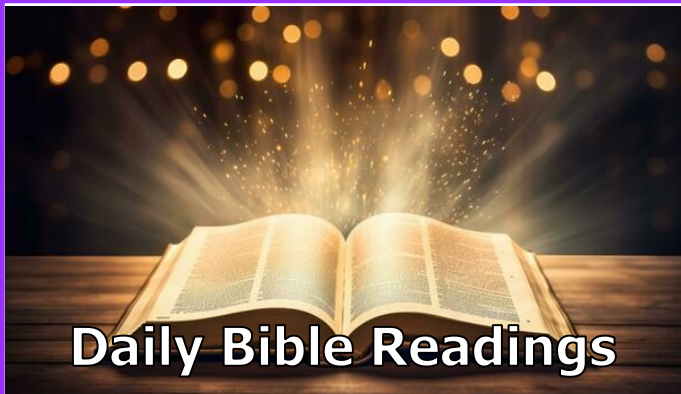
**Maundy Thursday Service
April 17th**

**Rankin Presbyterian, 5:00pm
All Saints Church, 9:30am
Akron Methodist Church, Soup 6:15pm, Worship at 7:00pm**



**Good Friday Service
April 18th**

**Brush United Methodist, 5:00pm
All Saints Church, 9:30am
Peace Lutheran Sterling, 7:00pm**



Daily Bible Readings

Tuesday, April 1
Psalm 53
Leviticus 25:1-19
Revelation 19:9-10

Wednesday, April 2
Psalm 53
2 Kings 4:1-7
Luke 9:10-17

Thursday, April 3
Psalm 126
Isaiah 43:1-7
Philippians 2:19-24

Friday, April 4
Psalm 126
Isaiah 43:8-15
Philippians 2:25—3:1

Saturday, April 5
Psalm 126
Exodus 12:21-27
John 11:45-57

Sunday, April 6
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

Monday, April 7
Psalm 20
Exodus 40:1-15
Hebrews 10:19-25

Tuesday, April 8
Psalm 20
Judges 9:7-15
1 John 2:18-28

Wednesday, April 9
Psalm 20
Habakkuk 3:2-15
Luke 18:31-34

Thursday, April 10
Psalm 31:9-16
Isaiah 53:10-12
Hebrews 2:1-9

Friday, April 11
Psalm 31:9-16
Isaiah 54:9-10
Hebrews 2:10-18

Saturday, April 12
Psalm 31:9-16
Leviticus 23:1-8
Luke 22:1-13

Sunday, April 13
Sunday of the Passion
Luke 19:28-40
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14—23:56

Monday, April 14
Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 36:5-11
Hebrews 9:11-15
John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 15
Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 71:1-14
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 12:20-36

Wednesday, April 16
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

Thursday, April 17
Maundy Thursday
Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, April 18
Good Friday
Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1—19:42

Saturday, April 19
Romans 6:3-11
John 20:1-18

Sunday, April 20
Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter Day
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter Evening
Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 114
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Luke 24:13-49

Monday, April 21
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Joshua 10:16-27
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Tuesday, April 22
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a
Revelation 12:1-12

Wednesday, April 23
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
2 Samuel 6:1-15
Luke 24:1-12

Thursday, April 24
Psalm 150
1 Samuel 17:1-23
Acts 5:12-16

Friday, April 25
Psalm 150
1 Samuel 17:19-32
Acts 5:17-26

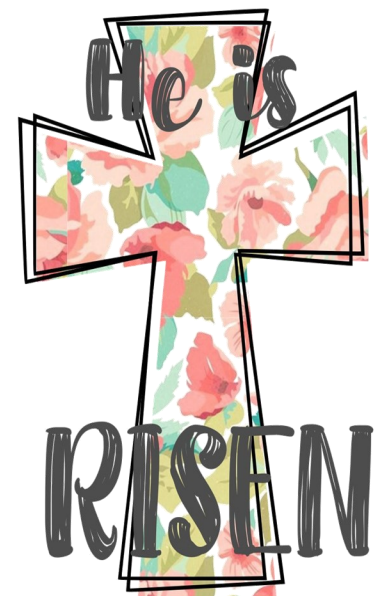
Saturday, April 26
Psalm 150
1 Samuel 17:32-51
Luke 24:36-40

Sunday, April 27
Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

Monday, April 28
Psalm 122
Esther 7:1-10
Revelation 1:9-20

Tuesday, April 29
Psalm 122
Esther 8:1-17
Revelation 2:8-11

Wednesday, April 30
Psalm 122
Esther 9:1-5, 18-23
Luke 12:4-12





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

The family of Ed Hansen

Gene Ruggles

Lenore Wind

Betty Kelly

Pat Chase

Roxanne Swanson

Ron Peterson

Garnet Leys

Amara Flaharty

Ken Kelly

Marilyn Woodward

Kenny Bostrom

John Strauch

Beva Linker

Dave Honebein

Lori Bostrom



April Celebrations

April Birthdays

Jody DeKorte	4th
Morgan Gardner	4th
Tammy Garcia	8th
Garnet Leys	9th
Dave Honebein	19th
Linda Bostrom	20th
Esther Wyatt	20th
Jayme Linker	22nd
Deb Johnson	25th
Rebecca Walker	25th

April Anniversaries

Larry & Deb Johnson	3rd
Kenny & Corinne Bostrom	13th

Baptisms must not have been a practice during Advent and Lent, in the years Easter happened in April. In my review of baptismal birthdays, very few were found in December, except during the early calendar days and none were found in April.

Please continue to help us update our baptism/confirmation records. Some people were not asked for their information when joining Bethlehem Lutheran. Church records are legal documents that can be used for legal purposes. Thanks!



Deacon Ro

BLC Church Council Meeting
March 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Chase at 10:31MDT. Those present were Pat, Beth, Kevin, Todd, Jeanette and Ro. Those absent were Terry, Maren, Charlene and new member Jeanne. Opening prayer was given by Pat.

Todd moved and Beth seconded the motion to accept the minutes from the February council meeting. Motion passed. Todd moved and Kevin seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer/Financial Secretary's reports. Motion passed.

PRAIRIE PARISH report was given by Kevin. PP needs to have its own identity. Benefits and how to distribute money was discussed. There will be no term limits on PP council. A president, secretary and treasurer are needed for the group, plus a call committee with one member from each church. Paul was elected President of the group, and Pat as secretary. Both are from Akron. Some PP council meetings will possibly be held on Zoom. PP will be a separate entity so no one church is held liable or in charge.

COMMUNICATION was received from **Brush Chamber of Commerce** wondering if we wished to continue our membership. Todd moved and Jeanette seconded to be an associate members for \$75. The **Danielson family** sent a Thank You to the church for everything done for them.

OLD BUSINESS was a reminder of the **council's retreat**. It will be March 22 from 8:30-11:00. Beth moved and Todd seconded to not do the **Lutheran World Relief Kits** as we do our Compassionate Hearts activities. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS included a reminder of a **congregational vote** next Sunday, March 16, to choose PP council representatives, and a call committee representative. Jeanne has decided she'd like to be on BLC church council. The ballot for PP council will have Steve and Kim, and anyone who chooses may be added to the ballot. Todd has volunteered to be on the call committee, but anyone else who wishes may add their name to the ballot. For Synod Assembly we can have one male and one female person to vote. Charlene has volunteered to be our female representative.

Lights are out in the nave and entry. Pete at Infinite Services will be contacted. Beth moved and Todd seconded to have them do the necessary work so it is done appropriately, and to pay them promptly.

A **quote for insurance** from Church Mutual was tabled.

It was decided to have **Easter breakfast** at 8am April 20. A sign-up sheet will be posted.

Kevin will host a **Wild Game Dinner and Presentation** on April 27 at 5:30pm. Each household may bring two guests. This event will be held at BLC.

Rosa Guzman-Alexander is being trained as a deacon.

Ro is having Sandy set up for communion on Sundays Ro is in charge of set up.

OTHER BUSINESS included a deacon is needed for April. Marsha is the usher for April. Next council meeting is April 13 at 10:20am, which is Palm Sunday.

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

*Ro indicated her helping with the formation of PP is not taking away from her time at BLC, that the synod is participating in PP by being more open to listening and they have a desire to see PP succeed, and she did not do an Ash Wednesday service at BLC due to the lack of interest the past couple years.

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*Ro also indicated worship team leaders Sandy and Kim will do the bulletin. With Ro's approval once PP begins.

*PP is still looking to hire two full time rostered pastors. BLC desires pastors over lay persons.

*Ted Pearson paid for the four step lawn service for BLC.

*Teresa does not need to create a manual, as was suggested, for the things she does. Pat and Kevin will meet with Teresa to go over her job description and clean it up if needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13pm with the Lord's prayer.

Jeanette Dehning

**BLC sponsors
COMMUNITY CUPBOARD
EASTER BASKETS**

Easter Baskets to be given to Community Cupboard are available for a special treat you might like to leave for a family to find in their basket on Easter Sunday. There are 15 baskets waiting for special little treats to fill them with joy, peace, hope, and love in this season of new life.



Dear congregation members,

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive!' - Acts 20:35

Your gift of \$350 will help us to fund the purchase of items for an enhanced dining experience, along with continuing our tradition of building our stones of help and maintaining our mission of providing quality care for future generations.

I appreciate your recognition of our continued needs and the importance of this ministry. We want you to know how much pride we take in the work that is being done at Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center because without **YOU**, our partner, it would not be possible to provide the excellent programs and services we currently offer.

We are grateful for every dollar that has come from caring people like yourselves, and hope that you will continue to help us meet the needs of others. You know that everyone is working harder for less, but no one knows that more than our Eben Ezer team.

Eben Ezer is a faith-based, not-for-profit organization that focuses on mission driven long-term care. Less than 10% of your gift goes towards our administrative costs with the remaining 90+% going directly to providing excellent care and vibrant social activities, in a pleasant environment!

Thank you again for supporting Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center. One stone at a time, one gift at a time, and one more person is helped due to your generous spirit of giving. Thank you so much for your support.

Sincerely,

Shelly Griffith
CEO

Special Congregational Meeting March 16, 2025

Church Council President Pat brought the meeting to order at 10:10am in the church sanctuary. Church members were told to write any questions they have and they will be answered during Come and Celebrate in the Fellowship Hall. **Ballots** were passed out to vote for Prairie Parish Council, and Prairie Parish Call Committee. Steve and Kim were voted to be on PP Council. Todd was voted to be on the PP Call Committee. Members were dismissed to the Fellowship Hall.

Beth announced BLC will be having an **Easter Breakfast**. A sign up sheet will be posted.

A comment was made that members were very disappointed about not having an **Ash Wednesday** service at BLC. Ro explained that it was due to a lack of members attending.

Ro mentioned she will be taking in June, July and August to help some Prairie Parish congregations. She is also doing 15 hours of work each week at Eben Ezer.

It was mentioned that **service length** needs to be an hour or less so PP pastors have time to get to the next congregation. Several ideas were suggested to have our worship service shortened.

- * As far as **Prairie Parish (PP)** is concerned, a question was asked if church time would change. Probably not, but there could be a small change.
- * All Saints and Eben Ezer are separate entities.
- * Lay Leaders are not wanted at BLC except when necessary, not on a regular basis.
- * A ministry site profile is being developed for PP.
- * Paperwork is being completed so PP is a designated Not for Profit organization.
- * Transparency is VITAL in the PP journey.
- * A box will be available to submit questions about PP.
- * The fourth Sunday in April, the 27th, will be another open forum at Come and Celebrate.

Those in attendance were: Jeanne, Trish, John, Kim, Don, Janet, Steve, Corrine, Maren, Larry, Deb, Larry, Marsha, Charlene, Terry, Beth, Lawrence, June, Jim, Allen, Todd, Donna, David, Ro and Pat.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanette Dehning

PRAIRIE PARISH NEWS

"Spiritual Visits vs Social Visits" Training has been re-scheduled for the Prairie Parish on Tuesdays, **April 1, April 8, April 15** by ZOOM. There is no fee and all are welcome to learn about visiting those who are in their homes, a hospital, a nursing home, missed church for some time, or just need a spiritual visit and to talk about faith. Deacon Ro will be the trainer. Please send her an email or let her know you would like to attend.

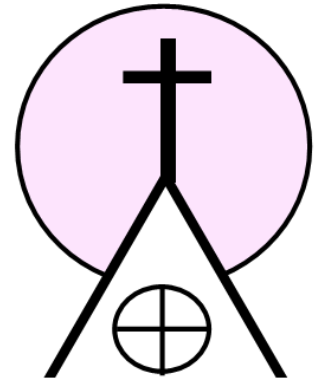
People Embracing New Roles at Bethlehem



In March, we installed our final Council seat that has been open since 2024. Jeanne Wuest has been appointed to fill a two-year term through 2027. We are delighted to have a full council leadership seated for the decision-making of our church. Thank you, Jeanne, for your willingness to serve.

A big thank you to Steve Rohde and Kim Redden, our newly-elected Prairie Council representatives, who will serve on the Prairie Council (the advisory board who will sort, discuss, and recommend the direction and formation of Prairie Parish to the five congregation councils for approval in shaping this new ministry direction on the plains of northern Colorado). The Prairie Council has picked the fourth Thursday evening at 6:30pm as their regular meeting time.

A big thank you to Todd Morgan, our newly-elected Prairie Parish call committee representative. Todd will be meeting very soon to help develop the Ministry Site Profile which will be our ministry advertisement for all three communities, congregations, and Eben Ezer. This will be a committee of six people, the five congregations and Eben Ezer.



We are delighted to welcome Rosa Guzman Alexander and Sandy Gardner to our group of deacons. Both Rosa and Sandy responded to the request at Annual Meeting for congregational members to join in serving as deacons. We are thankful for their willingness to serve.

Kevin Gardner joined the Media Team and served during Jody and Kevin's trip to Antarctica, along with Marisa and Sharon. They kept everything projecting and broadcasting which we are so thankful for. This group will continue in their roles over the next few months when Jody and Kevin are scheduled to be away. We are truly thankful for all the Sundays the DeKorte's have given over the years and we trust they will enjoy this small break in the months ahead.



May our hearts be full of gratitude for those who serve the church. We lift up each individual who dedicates their time, talent, and energy to furthering Your Kingdom. Whether they have served for 50 years or are new to serving, we pray that You will bless them abundantly. Grant them strength when they are weary, wisdom when they face decisions, and joy in the work they do.

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

April, 2025	6	13	20	27
Deacon	Rosa Guzman-Alexander		Sandy Gardner	
Reader	Jeanne Wuest	Kim Redden	Kevin Gardner	Maren Bostrom
Altar Guild	Deb Johnson			
Communion Set Up	Deacon Ro	Deb Johnson	Deacon Ro	Deb Johnson
Usher	Marsha Mills			
Bell Ringer	Larry Johnson	Kim Redden	Sandy Gardner	Maren Bostrom
Acolyte	Lily Redden	Sophia Hamilton	Lily Redden	Sophia Hamilton
Sunshine Committee	Deb Johnson			
Clavinovist	Garnet Leys			
Media Team	Sharon, Deb, & Kevin G	Kevin & Jody DeKorte		

	3/02	3/09	3/16	3/23
Attendance	33	33	38	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.

Watch Sunday services on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/>

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- Pat Chase, President
- Terry Linker, Vice-President
- Jeanette Dehning, Secretary
- Kim Redden, Treasurer
- Maren Bostrom
- Kevin Gardner
- Beth Hocheder
- Charlene Holzworth
- Todd Morgan
- Jeanne Wuest



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00pm Visitation Training (Zoom)	2 12:00pm Lenten Soup Study at Immanuel Congregational	3 9:00am Quilting	4	5
6 5th Sunday in Lent 9:00am Worship	7	8 7:00pm Visitation Training (Zoom)	9 12:00pm Lenten Soup Study at BLC, All Saints hosting	10 9:00am Quilting	11 	12
13 PALM SUNDAY  Palm Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:15am Council Meeting	14	15 6:00pm PEO 7:00pm Visitation Training (Zoom)	16	17  Maundy Thursday 9:00am Quilting	18  GOOD FRIDAY	19 9:00am Altar Cleaning
20  Easter Sunday 8:00am Easter Breakfast 9:00am Worship	21  EASTER MONDAY	22	23	24 6:30pm Prairie Council 9:00am Quilting	25	26
27 2nd Sunday in Easter 9:00am Worship 10:15am Open Forum 5:30pm Wild Game Dinner	28	29 	30			

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