



Bethlehem Star

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

As we move toward the end of May, this month may be quite a month with the love of family as a big part of how we spent the month: Mother’s Day, prom, graduations, and Memorial Day. It’s a time when sharing love and markers in life plus making memories, possibly even traditions, keeps us on the move. Celebrations offer joy and laughter, and we experience love as community.

With June and summer inching closer and closer...the church considers the season of Pentecost, as the season of growth. We watch flowers, gardens, and crops grow. Things are green, it’s warm, we have opportunities to complete projects, to travel, to be outside, to share fellowship with bbq’s and lake time, to just be and experience God’s creation!!!

I share these thoughts with you from “The Joys of Summer” by Lt. Colonel Patty Richardson, Salvation Army. “Summer is so bright and cheerful. It invites us to stay outside a bit later as the sunshine stretches the day longer. We sometimes like to complain,” It’s sure hot outside,” but we still enjoy the feelings of freedom and relaxation that summer gives.

Summer is one of my favorite seasons. Trees are in full leaves, flowers and vegetable gardens are in full bloom, and shorts, a t-shirt, and sandals rule the day. Daylight is plentiful and it appears that there is more time for everything. As a kid, I remember playing outside until well past dark.

Summer brings fun opportunities for laughter and happiness—the picnics, the vacations, and the get-togethers. Author Barbara Johnson says, “Human beings thrive on laughter. It’s important to learn how to make our own fun and create laughter by keeping our state of mind green and golden: an opportunity to find, recycle, or produce joy wherever and however you can.”

Scripture is abundant with reminders about the place that joy has in our lives:

Psalm 126:2...”Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.””

Psalm 111:2...”Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.”

Psalm 81:1...”Shout for joy to God, our source of strength! Shout out to the God of Jacob.”

Philippians 4:7...”Joy grows from a deep place in our souls where we meet with God honestly and humbly. A place where we learn more about Him and how our relationship can grow stronger. In this place we discover a peace that is ‘beyond all understanding.’

Through the peace and laughter of summer we can begin to experience the joy that living in Christ brings us, allowing us to enjoy all that God provides. Whether it is the beauty of nature, the

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 a.m.

*Gathered together,
we serve in Christ.*

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sound of children's laughter, or sharing a funny story with friends and family...be sure to share it, experiencing joy!! And, don't forget to savor a cold glass of your favorite beverage!"

Friends, I invite you to take an opportunity, plan an opportunity, experience an opportunity to grow yourself whether with the church family, the neighborhood, the birth family, or a perfect stranger. It is the season of ordinary time and the season after Pentecost, where we can nurture, where we can explore, and where we get to experience something new, a new sense of peace and joy, gifts of God!

In Christ,
Ro

Remember to turn
your baby bottles in
Sunday,
June 15

Wild Game Dinner

Sunday evening, April 27, twenty-one curious wildlife lovers joined Kevin Gardner for a 5:30 dinner, followed by a most enjoyable presentation on habits of wildlife, antlers, coats, teeth, and bear attacks. Kevin shared many stories about the research he has done in Pennsylvania and Colorado. He is considered an expert, especially with bears; plus an avid hunter of moose, elk, deer. In his collection of antlers and skulls, he has a treasured mountain lion skull, which was on display for our enjoyment and opportunity to learn. Prior to his informative talk, Kevin prepared an amazing dinner including appetizers of venison sausage (plain and cheese) and cheese and crackers, moose or elk tortilla rolls with salsa, moose or elk chili, and main dish, moose or elk lasagna. Kim Redden provided homemade cinnamon rolls with Deacon Ro providing tossed salad, garlic bread, and chocolate mint ice cream and brownie. Many questions dug deeper into wildlife habits and everyone walked away well-satisfied with food for thought and food for nourishment. A huge thank you to Kevin, who spent 6 hours in the church kitchen Saturday, April 26 preparing the dinner for everyone's enjoyment; then a couple hours loading up and bringing his collection for display and everyone's enjoyment, plus final preparation of the dinner. Everyone who indulged loved it!!! A bit of moose or elk lasagna and an ice cream container of chili still remains in the kitchen freezer and is available to whomever helps themselves first.



Baptism

Sunday, June 1, we give thanks to God for the baptisms of Joseph Bustos and Giavonna Perez, great grandchildren of Gene Ruggles. Following worship there will be a reception in the fellowship hall during Come and Celebrate with cake made by Kim Redden. Be sure to be present to welcome this new son and new daughter in Christ to God's family; then celebrate in the glory of God right after worship.

Community Cupboard

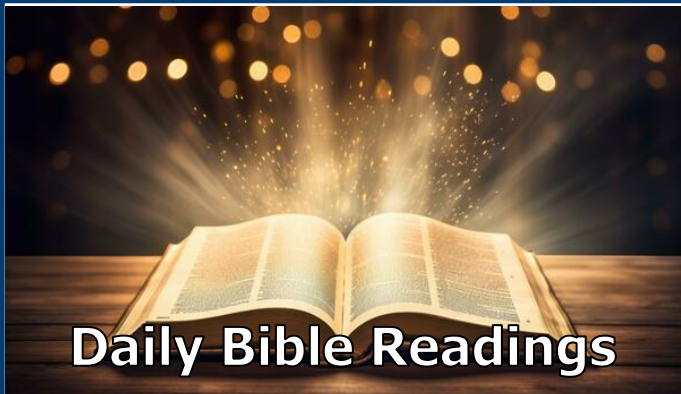
For our second quarter of giving in 2025, we gathered 67 lbs of food and hygiene products for the Community Cupboard. Those volunteers who offer their time to pick up donations, serve the people who come for food, and stock the shelves, truly give their thanks to all of you here at Bethlehem who donate to those in need. Without volunteers and those who give, we would have a very hungry Brush community! Our next collection will be the second and third Sundays in August. If you would like to donate throughout the months we are not actively collecting, please leave your donations in Deacon Ro's office or in the box at the Giving Tree. Thanks to everyone for your generosity!!!

Summer Worship Schedule

During the summer months of June, July, and August, Deacon Ro will take her final three Sundays of vacation, the fourth Sunday of the month. On these Sundays she will be leading worship at Peace Evangelical, Akron and All Saints Church on the Eben Ezer campus to provide communion to each of these congregations. When Deacon Ro is away on the 4th Sunday, a lay preacher will be present with either Kim Reddin or Sandy Gardner, lay worship leaders will lead worship. There will be no communion on the fourth Sundays in June, July, and August. Lay preacher for June 22 will be Ben Adolf, candidate for TEEM (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries) and trained Prairie Parish Lay Preacher. Thank you for sharing in the experience with Ben and Kim or Sandy, as they offer their time and gifts to the Lord and to you!

Deacon Ro's availability during summer....

During summer, Deacon Ro will be leaving immediately after worship to lead worship at other Prairie Parish sites, so everyone has a worship service on site at their church location. If you need to visit with Deacon Ro on Sunday, please arrive between 8:00-8:45am as she will be leaving Bethlehem immediately after worship. Another option in regards to speaking with her: Call or text her at 970-521-2715 anytime. You may also email her at lutheranchurchpastor@gmail.com. She does want to be available for your conversations, concerns, and support. Please use the times recommended to contact her.



Daily Bible Readings

Sunday, June 1

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

Monday, June 2

Psalm 29
Exodus 40:16-38
Acts 16:35-40

Tuesday, June 3

Psalm 29
2 Chronicles 5:2-14
Acts 26:19-29

Wednesday, June 4

Psalm 29
Ezekiel 3:12-21
Luke 9:18-27

Thursday, June 5

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Isaiah 32:11-17
Galatians 5:16-25

Friday, June 6

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Isaiah 44:1-4
Galatians 6:7-10

Saturday, June 7

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
2 Kings 2:1-15a
Luke 1:5-17

Sunday, June 8

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Monday, June 9

Psalm 48
Joel 2:18-29
1 Corinthians 2:1-11

Tuesday, June 10

Psalm 48
Ezekiel 11:14-25
1 Corinthians 2:12-16

Wednesday, June 11

Psalm 48
Numbers 24:1-14
Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, June 12

Psalm 8
Proverbs 3:13-18
Ephesians 1:17-19

Friday, June 13

Psalm 8
Proverbs 3:19-26
Ephesians 4:1-6

Saturday, June 14

Psalm 8
Proverbs 4:1-9
Luke 2:41-52

Sunday, June 15

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

Monday, June 16

Psalm 124
Proverbs 7:1-4
Ephesians 4:7-16

Tuesday, June 17

Psalm 124
Proverbs 8:4-21
Ephesians 5:15-20

Wednesday, June 18

Psalm 124
Daniel 1:1-21
Luke 1:46b-55

Thursday, June 19

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
Proverbs 13:1-12
Romans 5:12—6:2

Friday, June 20

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
Proverbs 15:1-9
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Saturday, June 21

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
Isaiah 30:8-17
John 16:1-4a

Sunday, June 22

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Luke 6:39-49

Monday, June 23

Psalm 1
Jeremiah 24:1-10
1 Corinthians 16:1-12

Tuesday, June 24

Psalm 1
Jeremiah 29:10-19
1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Wednesday, June 25

Psalm 1
Proverbs 5:1-23
Luke 14:34-35

Thursday, June 26

Psalm 96:1-9
1 Kings 6:23-38
2 Corinthians 5:11-17

Friday, June 27

Psalm 96:1-9
1 Kings 8:14-21
2 Corinthians 11:1-6

Saturday, June 28

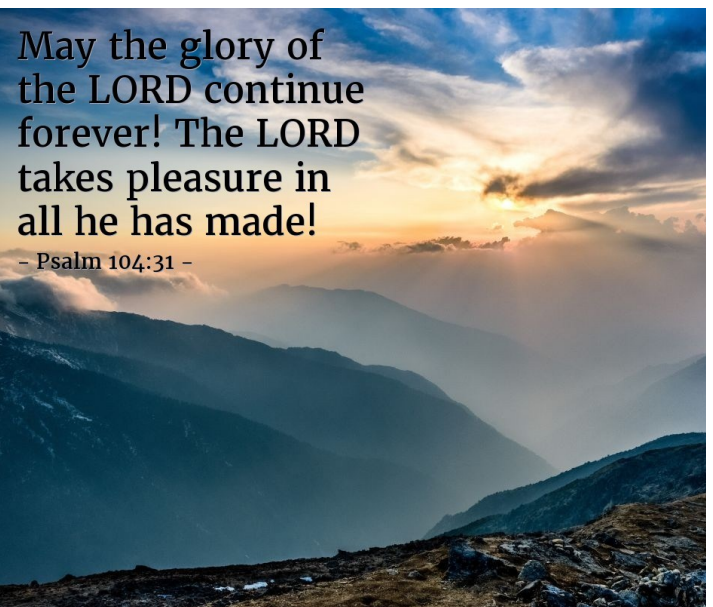
Psalm 96:1-9
1 Kings 8:31-40
Luke 4:31-37

Sunday, June 29

1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43
Psalm 96:1-9
Galatians 1:1-12
Luke 7:1-10

Monday, June 30

Psalm 5
Jonah 4:1-11
Acts 8:26-40



May the glory of
the LORD continue
forever! The LORD
takes pleasure in
all he has made!

- Psalm 104:31 -

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 8 the Bethlehem congregation will hold a special congregational meeting to vote whether to support two TEEM candidates for Prairie Parish to fill the pastoral vacancies in Prairie Parish. Ben and Shila Adolf from Sterling are interested in and are pursuing becoming ordained pastors in three years, beginning their seminary experience this fall. While attending seminary, Ben and Shila will serve in the five congregations and Eben Ezer with full pastoral privileges including presiding at holy communion, baptisms, funerals, visitation, and leading worship. They will be considered “vicars” which designates them as pastors in training until they complete the seminary experience and are ordained as pastors. Due to scheduling conflicts, we are unable to schedule them to preach to the congregation until the fourth Sunday in June, July, and August. You can watch their sermons on You Tube from All Saints Church: Ben on April 27 and Shila on June 1. Just go to You Tube, All Saints Church Brush. Mark your calendars and be present June 8 to cast your vote.



June Birthdays

Ro Fesser	3rd
Kim Redden	3rd
Lawrence Hansen	6th
Barbara Brandenburg	10th
Lily Redden	12th
Matt Gardner	17th
Sharon George	27th
Carol Walker	27th
Shirley Schilling	29th
Maren Bostrom	30th

June Anniversaries

Lane & Jaylene Evans	5th
Steve & Janet Rohde	15th
Kevin & Jody DeKorte	19th
Allyn & Lenore Wind	21st



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

The family of Shirley Schilling in the passing of her sister, Lanette Nestor, John Turner, Roxanne Swanson, Lenore Wind, Ron Peterson, Garnet Leys, Amara Flaharty, Marilyn Woodward, Kenny Bostrom, John Strauch, Beva Linker, Dave Honebein, and Lori Bostron.

**BLC Church Council Meeting
May 11, 2025**

The May meeting was brought to order by President Pat C at 5:09pm. Opening prayer was said by Ro. Members present were Pat C, Beth H, Kevin G, Charlene H, and Jeanette D. plus Ro. Kim R. was a guest. Absent were Terry L, Jeannie W, Maren B, Todd M.

Beth moved to accept the **April minutes, treasurer's report, and Ro's report**. Jeanette seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Baptisms on June 1st are great grandchildren of Gene Ruggles. The two children belong to the Bustos and Perez families. Kim will make a cake. Jeanette will contact the quilting ladies about two quilts for the two children.

Correspondence was a thank you from Carol Livengood's daughter, Diane.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kevin created a resolution to utilize for the BLC council President, Secretary and Treasurer to sign as authorized signators that will be needed in the future for documents.

Carol Livengood left a CD for \$50,000 to BLC. When it matures on June 1 it will then be in the name of BLC and go directly into our checking account as it will possibly needed to pay for some upcoming Prairie Parish bills. Motion was made by Beth and seconded by Jeanette. Motion passed.

Our **CD at Edward Jones** from the sale of the parsonage is coming due. It was moved by Beth and seconded by Kevin to take the quarterly interest and reinvest the rest. Motion passed.

Vacation for Terresa will be June 20-29. She will make sure that bulletins are ready during her absence. The July newsletter will be sent out June 30th.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Mills have hired Steve N. to spray for weeds in the back of the church.

EnviroPest has treated the church for bugs.

Allo has visited the church, but not completed any work yet.

Galaxy Plumbing has fixed the toilet downstairs.

Compassionate Hearts will be collecting money for swimming passes to be used for children and adults who need them. They will get a card from BLC, and hoping they had a great time at the pool.

Hammer will be painting the peeling paint in the downstairs bathrooms.

Ben and/or Shila will be doing the gospel and preaching the fourth Sunday of the month in June, July and August. Jeanette moved and Beth seconded to pay \$50 plus mileage for each of those Sundays. Motion passed.

Ro stated that our sponsorship of Prairie Parish TEEM needs to be voted on as soon as possible. Two weeks need to be given to announce the congregation meeting, so after the June 8th church meeting the congregation will vote on this issue. So there will be no chance to hear them preach for us. Ro will give us links to watch them preach on line.

EIN number has been received for Prairie Parish, plus the legal formation of documents are at the Synod office for review.

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The Peace song has been halted by Ro for the Easter season. It will be sung again after the season is over. Congregants are to stay in their pews.

Acolytes will soon be wearing robes and sitting up front like has been done in the past. The current robes are too long, so we are looking into getting shorter robes.

June Deacon: Rosa Alexander Guzman

June Usher: Jeanette Dehning

Next council meeting will be June 8th at 5pm.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 6:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Dehning



**HELP US MAKE A SPLASH THIS SUMMER:
DONATE TO OUR POOL PASS FUND TO
HELP LOCAL FAMILIES**

As summer heats up, there's nothing better than a day at the pool. But for many families in our community, the cost of admission is a barrier to this simple joy. That's where you can help!

We're asking for your support to fund pool passes for local families to cover the cost of a swim. Your donation—big or small—goes directly toward providing access to a safe, fun, and healthy summer activity for children and parents alike.

Whether it's cooling off, learning to swim, or spending time together outdoors, your generosity can make these moments possible.

Donate today and help everyone dive into a summer of fun!

You're invited to participate in a Card Shower honoring a very special 95th birthday for

Shirley Schilling

Send her a card full of love, memories, and well wishes in honor of this milestone event.

Her birthday is June 29th, so help us shower her with love!

Cards can be sent to:

**Shirley Schilling
122 Hospital Road
Brush, CO 80723**

Whether you send a heartfelt note, a favorite memory, or a cheerful greeting, your words will help make this milestone extra special.

Cards are welcome anytime, but we'd love for them to arrive the week of the 23rd!

Thanks for helping us honor a remarkable life well lived!

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

June, 2025	1	8	15	22	29
Deacon	Rosa Guzman-Alexander				
Reader	Kevin Gardner	Maren Bostrom	Charlene Holzworth	Sharon George	Jeanne Wuest
Altar Guild	Donna Morgan				
Communion Set Up	Deacon Ro	Donna Morgan	Deacon Ro	Donna Morgan	Deacon Ro
Usher	Jeanette Dehning				
Bell Ringer	Larry Johnson	Kim Redden	Sandy Gardner	Maren Bostrom	Sandy Gardner
Acolyte	Sophia Hambleton & Morgan Gardner				
Sunshine Committee	Marisa Castrup				
Clavinovist	Garnet Leys				
Media Team	Kevin & Jody DeKorte		Sharon & Marisa	Kevin & Jody DeKorte	

	4/27	5/04	5/11	5/18
Attendance	26	31	26	27

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.

- 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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Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7th Sunday of Easter 9:00am Worship		9:00am PEO		9:00am Quilting		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Pentecost Sunday 9:00am Worship 10:00am Congregation Meeting 5:00pm Council Meeting				9:00am Quilting		 Happy FLAG DAY
 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Holy Trinity Sunday 9:00am Worship		6:00pm PEO		9:00am Quilting	 Happy 1st DAY to SUMMER	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
2nd Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship/Ben Adolph				6:30pm Prairie Council 9:00am Quilting		
~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Teresa gone ~ ~ ~ ~ ~						
29	30					
3rd Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship						

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through compassion, love, and integrity.