

Bethlehem Star

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

As I write this final article as your acting pastor, I share with you my affirmations from the Exit Interview held July 13 with church council and Pr. Sara Wirth, Synod Minister for Transition and Healthy Congregations.

First, I affirm this congregation's appreciation of worship, love of older hymns, and Holy Communion. I am thankful for the efforts made to have weekly communion so that everyone, every time has the opportunity to kneel and receive holy food and holy drink at the Lord's table, rather than at Bethlehem's table or Deacon Ro's table.

Second, I affirm the outreach of Compassionate Hearts, reigniting the joy of giving and service into this community with quarterly gathering of food for Community Cupboard, Easter Baskets for Community Cupboard families, pool passes for summer fun for all ages, "Coins for Caring" for Caring Pregnancy Resource Center of Northeastern Colorado, school supplies for Brush School District teachers, and Christmas gifts for Ones Without. These are community ministries without each of you, would be slim to nothing.

Third, I affirm after worship "Come and Celebrate" and before worship Easter Breakfast Potluck fellowship. You have really stepped up sharing special treats and fellowship that has

become a Sunday morning light shining in everyone's hearts following/before worship. The time spent together is uplifting, joyous, and supportive to everyone who comes, especially the single households.

Fourth, I affirm your focus on the kids and the intergenerational involvement and interaction to grow and develop the kids and adults together. We all saw the first weekend in July how much the kids lean on the adults, thoughtfully picking their adult partner to go and tell the story of Jesus to the world, that of being safe in Jesus, loved in Jesus, and saved in Jesus.

[Jesus said] "Go [Bethlehem] therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the earth." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Deacon Ro



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*Please be mindful Ro's last day
with BLC is August 9th.*

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 a.m.

*Gathered together,
we serve in Christ.*

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Backpacks Being Donated to Local Schools

Thanks to a generous donation bequeathed by Sister Patricia to our church, we are able to fill and donate backpacks full of school supplies to local students in need. These school supplies will help children start the year prepared and confident. We are grateful for Sister Patricia's lasting legacy of kindness and support for our community's youth.



After a short summer break during the month of July, our Quilting Ministry will resume meeting in August. We look forward to gathering again to create beautiful quilts that bring warmth and comfort to those in need. All are welcome—whether you're an experienced quilter or just curious to learn!

**Thursdays and Fridays
9am-noon.**

Letter of Agreement between a Former Rostered Minister and the Congregation:

At the exit interview on July 13 with Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council and Deacon Ro, all present, Synod Minister for Transition and Healthy Congregations, Pr. Sara Wirth discussed the Letter of Agreement, which explains the relationship following resignation of a rostered leader. The congregation also, is to receive the explanation of Agreement.

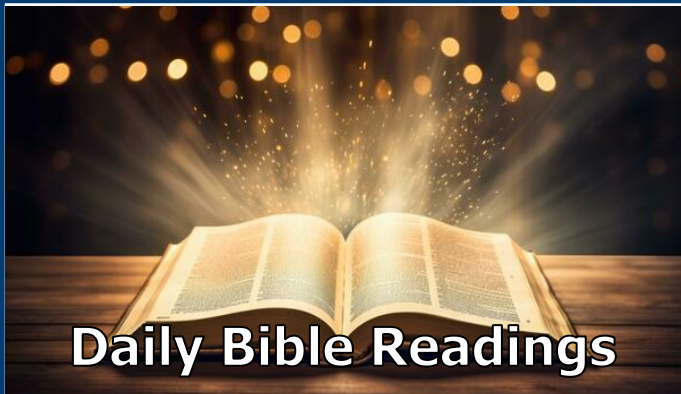
+Deacon Ro Fesser's resignation is effective August 9 2025 with the last Sunday worship service led on August 3, 2025

+Pastoral needs (funerals, weddings, baptisms, home visits, etc.) can no longer be served by Deacon Ro and she can no longer be contacted by an individual or family member asking for these services.

+ In end-of-life cases where there is no pastoral coverage assigned or available at Bethlehem, a family member may contact a Council Member who will bring the request to the Council for determination if Deacon Ro may be contacted, being the only rostered ELCA Lutheran leader in the immediate area to support the person and family during end of life. Once Bethlehem calls a rostered leader, Deacon Ro is no longer to be contacted for pastoral support.

+ Deacon Ro will be serving Prairie Parish which includes Eben Ezer and All Saints Church, Peace Evangelical Lutheran, Akron United Methodist, and Peace Lutheran. She will keep her apartment in Brush, which she may be seen around town or officiating at community services.

Any questions, please contact a council member.



Daily Bible Readings

Friday, August 1
Psalm 49:1-12
Proverbs 24:1-12
Ephesians 4:17-24

Saturday, August 2
Psalm 49:1-12
Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
Mark 10:17-22

Sunday, August 3
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14;
2:18-23
Psalm 49:1-12
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

Monday, August 4
Psalm 127
Ecclesiastes 2:1-17
Colossians 3:18—4:1

Tuesday, August 5
Psalm 127
Psalm 60
Ecclesiastes 3:16—4:8
Colossians 4:2-6

Wednesday, August 6
Psalm 127
Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, 13-14
Luke 12:22-31

Thursday, August 7
Psalm 33:12-22
Job 21:1-16
Romans 9:1-9

Friday, August 8
Psalm 33:12-22
Ecclesiastes 6:1-6
Acts 7:1-8

Saturday, August 9
Psalm 33:12-22
Genesis 11:27-32
Matthew 6:19-24

Sunday, August 10
Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

Monday, August 11
Psalm 89:1-18
2 Chronicles 33:1-17
Hebrews 11:1-7

Tuesday, August 12
Psalm 89:1-18
2 Chronicles 34:22-33
Hebrews 11:17-28

Wednesday, August 13
Psalm 89:1-18
Jeremiah 33:14-26
Luke 12:41-48

Thursday, August 14
Psalm 82
Joshua 7:1, 10-26
Hebrews 10:26-31

Friday, August 15
Psalm 82
1 Samuel 5:1-12
Hebrews 10:32-39

Saturday, August 16
Psalm 82
1 Samuel 6:1-16
Matthew 24:15-27

Sunday, August 17
Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29—12:2
Luke 12:49-56

Monday, August 18
Psalm 32
Jeremiah 23:30-40
1 John 4:1-6

Tuesday, August 19
Psalm 32
Jeremiah 25:15-29
Acts 7:44-53

Wednesday, August 20
Psalm 32
Jeremiah 25:30-38
Luke 19:45-48

Thursday, August 21
Psalm 103:1-8
Numbers 15:32-41
Hebrews 12:3-17

Friday, August 22
Psalm 103:1-8
2 Chronicles 8:12-15
Acts 17:1-9

Saturday, August 23
Psalm 103:1-8
Nehemiah 13:15-22
Luke 6:1-5

Sunday, August 24
Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

Monday, August 25
Psalm 109:21-31
Ezekiel 20:1-17
Hebrews 3:7—4:11

Tuesday, August 26
Psalm 109:21-31
Ezekiel 20:18-32
Revelation 3:7-13

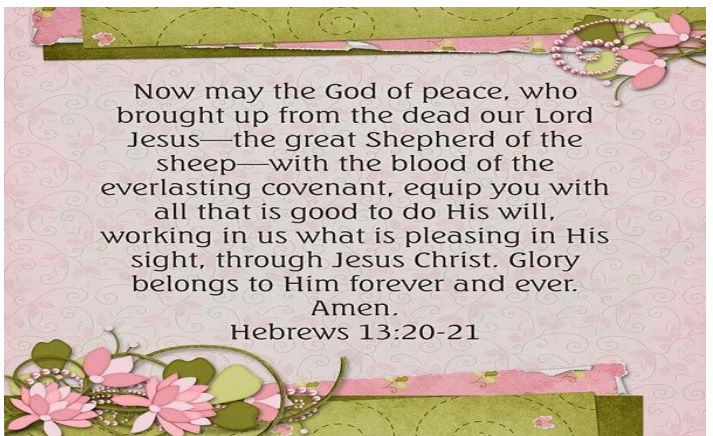
Wednesday, August 27
Psalm 109:21-31
Ezekiel 20:33-44
Luke 6:6-11

Thursday, August 28
Psalm 112
Proverbs 15:13-17
1 Peter 3:8-12

Friday, August 29
Psalm 112
Proverbs 18:6-12
1 Peter 4:7-11

Saturday, August 30
Psalm 112
Proverbs 21:1-4, 24-26
Matthew 20:20-28

Sunday, August 31
Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14



Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus—the great Shepherd of the sheep—with the blood of the everlasting covenant, equip you with all that is good to do His will, working in us what is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ. Glory belongs to Him forever and ever.
Amen.

Hebrews 13:20-21

The Russians are Coming!



An Evening with the Furmanovs

Noted pianist Erika Furmanov of St. Petersburg, Russia, will share classical, jazz, and sacred selections, joined by her family on viola & vocals. The family will share their lives as Christians in Soviet, post-Soviet, & current-day Russia & why they intend to return to Russia following their U.S. visit. Free & open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, August 7, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

The family of Lori Bostrom, Sharon George, Matt Gardner, John Turner, Roxanne Swanson, Lenore Wind, Ron Peterson, Garnet Leys, Amara Flaharty, Marilyn Woodward, Kenny Bostrom, John Strauch, Beva Linker, and Dave Honebein.

August Celebrations

August Birthdays

Roger Castrup	4th
Pat Herbst	9th
Ardelle Bruce	10th
Larry Johnson	21st

August Anniversaries

Bill & Sharon George	12th
Larry & Marsha Mills	18th



*Celebrating the
anniversaries of those
Baptized in Faith and Love*

August

Ken Bostrom, August 1, 1937
Stan Krueger, August 5, 1951
Steve Rohde, August 21, 1947
Lenore Wind, August 27, 1950
Shirley Schilling, August, 1930

BLC Church Council Meeting

July 13, 2025

The council meeting was brought to order at 5:04pm by President Pat C. Members present were Pat C, Beth H, Maren B, Jeanie W, Todd M. and Jeanette D. Absent were Kevin G, Charlene H, and Terry L. Guests present were Larry and Debbie J, Janet and Steve R, Kim R and Sarah W.

Deacon Ro gave the opening prayer.

Minutes of the June Council Meeting, the Treasurer's Report, and Deacon Ro's report were all accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

The paperwork for Doris Miner's estate has been finished. The money should come in the near future.

Kevin D has all our computers updated. He, along with Ted Pearson's help, installed light strips in the altar area.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sarah Wirth from the Synod came to do the exit interview about Ro resigning. The council's affirmation about Ro is the BBQ's she organized last summer, okaying an encouraging the start of Compassionate Hearts, her visitation of our elderly, the good job she did with funerals, her listening and being there if needed.

Ro's affirmation of BLC is that we love worship and older hymns, for everything Compassionate Heart's does in the community, the Come and Celebration discussions and food for all, and our focus on children. She noted we need to be patient with others, watch how we speak to each other, and check on the elderly. Ro stated she would be here the 20th of July, and August 3rd.

Council president and secretary were given paperwork to complete as Ro leaves. Once she is gone, congregation members may not ask her to do any funerals, weddings, etc at BLC. The council may ask her if necessary, and she then can say yes or no. We can ask Sarah if we have any questions.

Sarah asked what we want in a future pastor. We stated part time, not yolked with but share a pastor with another congregation, even ecumenical partners. We mentioned looking into other Lutheran Synods and Sarah took that as a threat if we didn't like what our Synod did. It was a statement made that we are trying to find what best suits our congregation. We stated that we need to let her know the amount we could offer a pastor. A call committee will need to complete a Ministry Site Profile.

OTHER BUSINES:

After Sarah left Beth indicated the trees on the south side of the church need trimming. She will contact Dardanes. Pat will contact the person who does our lawn to paint the downstairs bathroom. She has not heard back from the plumber, so will contact him again.

Todd indicated that we can join either or both the NALC or LCMC at no cost. We can then get information on available pastors and many other things.

August Deacon for August 3, 10 and 31 will be Marsh M. A deacon is still needed for August 17 and 24. August usher is Jeanette D.

Next council meeting is August 10 at 5pm.

Additional meetings may take place during Come and Celebrate if needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Faithfully Submitted by

Jeanette Dehning

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

August, 2025	3	10	17	24	31
Deacon	Marsha Mills		Beth Hocheder		Marsha Mills
Reader	Kim Redden	Kevin Gardner	Sharon George	David Wood	David Wood
Altar Guild	Jeanette Dehning & Sandy Gardner				
Usher	Jeanette Dehning				
Bell Ringer	Larry Johnson	Kim Redden	Sandy Gardner	Maren Bostrom	Sandy Gardner
Acolyte	Morgan Gardner				
Sunshine Committee	June Hansen				
Clavinovist	Garnet Leys				
Media Team	Kevin & Jody DeKorte	Kevin Gardner	Kevin & Jody DeKorte		
Pastor	Ro Fesser	Dan Bollman	Chuck Hubbard	Robert McNamara	Sonja Pancoast

	7/06	7/13	7/20	7/27
Attendance	26	23	32	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.

- 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

Watch Sunday services on YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/@BethlehemLutheranBrush>


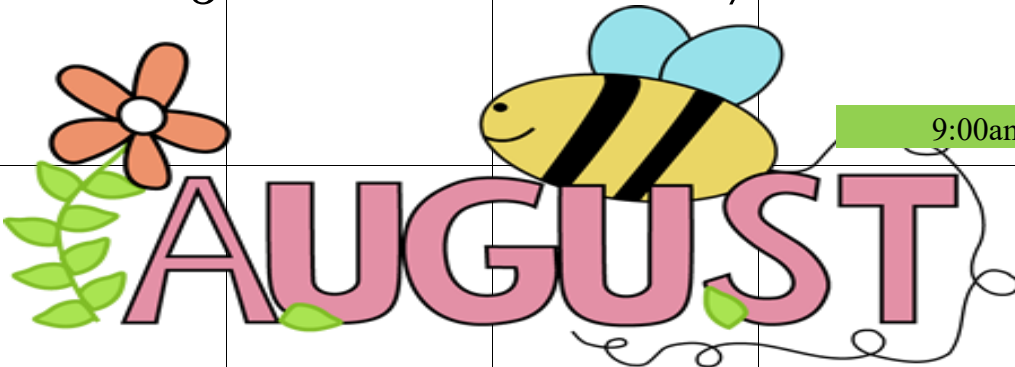


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August 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Ro Fesser		9:00am PEO		9:00am Quilting		10:30am Memorial Service for Lori Bostron
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Dan Bollman 5:00pm Council Meeting		Terresa out of office		9:00am Quilting Terresa out of office		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Chuck Hubbard		6:00pm PEO		9:00am Quilting Terresa out of office		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
11th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Robert McNamara				9:00am Quilting		
31					Terresa's Office Hours (unless otherwise indicated) Tuesdays: 11:30am-1:00pm Thursdays: 9:00am-12:00pm	
12th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Sonja Pancoast						

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A growing community of Christ's followers; cultivating disciples
through compassion, love, and integrity.