



Bethlehem Star

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⁴Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:4-13

Throughout my almost 25 years of ministry, I have found myself repeatedly coming back to Paul’s understanding of church as the body of Christ. This image of the church as the body of Christ beautifully highlights how each of us is important and how we, as the church, come together. The Apostle Paul speaks of the church as the body of Christ in a number of his letters including 1 Corinthians, Ephesians, and Romans.

As we reflect on this image of the Body of Christ, we find that Paul emphasizes that *all* are needed. Each person has been given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. Every single person is important and needed for the body to work together. Each

person is unique, important, special and necessary. Often, we feel that we may not be as important as others in our church or in our world, but God honors that each of us is necessary for the body to work together. Each one of us has a special gift.

Each of us has a special gift and we are called to use that gift for the common good. It is not just the pastor who is called to the work of ministry or the church council or the church secretary. Each of us is called to the work of ministry. Each of us has been gifted by the Spirit to do ministry. This ministry can be in the church building, but more often than not, this ministry is throughout our lives as we share our gifts with others. The wonderful thing that I have found is that when we are using our spiritual gifts given to us by God that we find deep joy as we share those gifts. If we are not finding joy as we do ministry, then it probably is not our gift. When we live into the gifts that the Spirit as given us, we are filled with the Spirit and that Spirit and the joy of the Lord flow out of us.

Each on us has a gift, but the gifts are not the same gifts. As members of the Body of Christ, we are not all the same. As we reflect on the church as the body of Christ, we find that this image celebrates our diversity. There are many parts of the body, and all are different. We are all unique and different and so our unity is not built on everyone being the same. Actually, the Apostle Paul writes that if all were the same then the body would not work together. We would be lacking and not able to do God’s work in the world. We need all the diversity and differences to make the body whole.

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church
603 Custer ~ Brush, Colorado
SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:00 a.m.

*Gathered together,
we serve in Christ.*

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While we are all different and diverse, what brings us together is that we are all baptized into the one Spirit. For in the one Spirit, we are baptized into one body. The Holy Spirit is what brings us together and holds us together. It is not that we are all the same that holds us together, but that we are all baptized into the one Spirit.

As the Apostle Paul concludes, his chapter on Spiritual Gifts in 1 Corinthians, he writes, "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. (1 Cor 12:27)." May the Spirit lead and guide us to find our gifts, share our gifts, and come together as the body of Christ working together for the common good.

**Soup
Supper**
planning meeting
following the 9 o'clock
worship service on
SUNDAY
5th
OCTOBER



♥ ♥ Greeting Cards ♥ ♥
for Sale

Looking for the perfect card to brighten someone's day? Don't forget that our church has a variety of greetings cards available for purchase on the card stands next to the mailboxes.

*Cards are just 50cents each
*Please place your payment in the box located on the back side of the card stand closest to the mailboxes

With options for many occasions, these cards are a simple and meaningful way to share God's love with others.

SAVE THE DATE

State of the Church Meeting

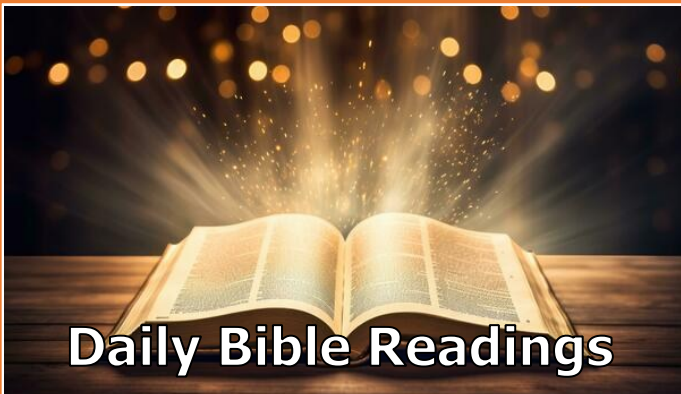
**Sunday,
November 9th**
following the 9:00am
worship service

This important meeting takes place annually here at Bethlehem. The purpose of the meeting is to present and approve the 2026 budget as well as elect council members for open council positions. A quorum is needed to conduct the meeting, so we are hopeful many of you will be able to make it!

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

BLC friends,
Thank you for all you have done for us following our brother's death. Especially thanks for all the cookies you furnished.

The Family of Ron Peterson



Daily Bible Readings

Wednesday, October 1
Psalm 62
Hosea 12:2-14
Matthew 19:16-22

Thursday, October 2
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36
Revelation 2:8-11

Friday, October 3
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37
Revelation 2:12-29

Saturday, October 4
Psalm 37:1-9
Isaiah 7:1-9
Matthew 20:29-34

Sunday, October 5
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Monday, October 6
Psalm 3
Habakkuk 1:5-17
James 1:2-11

Tuesday, October 7
Psalm 3
Habakkuk 2:5-11
1 John 5:1-5, 13-21

Wednesday, October 8
Psalm 3
Habakkuk 2:12-20
Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

Thursday, October 9
Psalm 111
Leviticus 14:33-53
2 Timothy 1:13-18

Friday, October 10
Psalm 111
Numbers 4:34—5:4
2 Timothy 2:1-7

Saturday, October 11
Psalm 111
Numbers 12:1-15
Luke 5:12-16

Sunday, October 12
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

Monday, October 13
Psalm 61
2 Kings 5:15-19a
Acts 26:24-29

Tuesday, October 14
Psalm 61
2 Kings 5:19b-27
Ephesians 6:10-20

Wednesday, October 15
Psalm 61
2 Kings 15:1-7
Matthew 10:5-15

Thursday, October 16
Psalm 121
Isaiah 54:11-17
Acts 17:22-34

Friday, October 17
Psalm 121
Genesis 31:43—32:2
2 Timothy 2:14-26

Saturday, October 18
Psalm 121
Genesis 32:3-21
Mark 10:46-52

Sunday, October 19
Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14—4:5
Luke 18:1-8

Monday, October 20
Psalm 57
1 Samuel 25:2-22
1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Tuesday, October 21
Psalm 57
1 Samuel 25:23-35
James 5:7-12

Wednesday, October 22
Psalm 57
1 Samuel 25:36-42
Luke 22:39-46

Thursday, October 23
Psalm 84:1-7
Jeremiah 9:1-16
2 Timothy 3:1-9

Friday, October 24
Psalm 84:1-7
Jeremiah 9:17-26
2 Timothy 3:10-15

Saturday, October 25
Psalm 84:1-7
Jeremiah 14:1-6
Luke 1:46-55

Sunday, October 26
Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Monday, October 27
Psalm 84:8-12
1 Samuel 2:1-10
1 Peter 4:12-19

Tuesday, October 28
Psalm 84:8-12
Daniel 5:1-12
1 Peter 5:1-11

Wednesday, October 29
Psalm 84:8-12
Daniel 5:13-31
Matthew 21:28-32

Thursday, October 30
Psalm 32:1-7
Proverbs 15:8-11, 24-33
2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Friday, October 31
Psalm 32:1-7
Job 22:21—23:17
2 Peter 1:1-11



Consider signing up for



Each Sunday after worship, we gather for Come & Celebrate—a time of fellowship, conversation, and refreshments. This meaningful tradition

gives us the chance to connect with one another and welcome visitors.

Each Sunday, a host is needed to help provide and serve simple treats such as cookies, bars, fruit, or other light snacks. Hosting can be done individually, as a family, or with a friend—it is a wonderful way to serve our church community!

A sign-up sheet is available in the kitchen on the counter next to the coffee pot. Please prayerfully consider signing up to host an upcoming Sunday.

Together we can keep this time of fellowship warm and welcoming for all!

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE

All Saints SUNDAY



On All Saints Sunday, we honor and remember the saints who have gone before us. During worship, the bell will be rung and the names of loved ones who have passed away will be read.

If you would like to have a loved one included, please write it on the sheet located on the shelf in the entryway.

Come join us on Sunday, November 2nd

October, 2025

October Celebrations

October Birthdays

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

October Anniversaries

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



Celebrating the anniversaries of those Baptized in Faith and Love

October

Joanne Hansen—October 11, 1942

Roxanne Swanson—October 27, 2024



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

Sharon George, Pat Chase, Matt Gardner, John Turner, Roxanne Swanson, Lenore Wind, Garnet Leys, Marilyn Woodward, Kenny Bostrom, John Strauch, Beva Linker, and Dave Honebein.

BLC Church Council Meeting September 14, 2025

The meeting was brought to order by President Pat C at 4:59pm. Members present were Pat C, Kevin G, Todd M, Maren B, Beth H, and Jeanette D. Absent was Terry L. Guest was Kim R. Pat gave the opening prayer.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as printed. Beth moved and Todd seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence was received about the Doris Miner donation to the church. Jeanette will send a thank you to her son and daughter-in-law. The Center for Healing, Trauma and Attachment, Inc requested a donation. This is a Brush business. Todd moved and Jeanette seconded to send \$250 to them. Kim R will send a check to them. Jeanne Wuest sent an email resigning from church council.

NEW BUSINESS

Our **sprinkler system** has been fixed by Galaxy Plumbing. They replaced several sprinkler heads. The bill has been paid. **Larry Johnson** graciously did grub control for the lawn.

Downstairs toilets need to be replaced. An estimate of \$1,775 was given to install the highrise toilets. Jeanette moved and Beth seconded the motion to approve this cost. Motion passed.

Council meeting time will stay the same, Sunday evenings at 5pm.

Pastor Sonja will email her reports to the council. Also she has been given a list of people to visit and offer communion to them. She will do this on Sunday afternoons.

Freshen Up account was closed and the money put into an account to help with the hail damage.

Sister Patricia's donation given to the church is used for youth activities, as supporting the backpacks and supplies given to the Brush schools.

Garnet was given the option of coming earlier to church to begin playing music. If she chooses to do this she will get an extra \$25. Beth moved to approve this and Maren seconded the motion. Motion passed.

LCMC report was distributed by Todd. We are to read it and come back with questions and/or comments next meeting. Randy Fruend, our former pastor's son, is affiliated with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. Terry will be contacting him for more information.

It has been asked if the **piano** in the in the Come and Celebrate room can be tuned. We are looking to see if we can find anyone to do this.

Trees on the church property should be trimmed the week of September 14 by Greg Dardanes Tree Trimming Service.

OLD BUSINESS

Pat will bring more information on the **NALC (North American Lutheran Church)** to our next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

A **utility cart** is to be purchased by Teresa. It will be used to bring in the heavy boxes of paper for printing, and the moving of any other heavy items.

The **new address book** is being completed by Teresa and should be available soon.

October Deacon: Rosa Guzman-Alexander

October Usher: Larry Johnson

Next Council Meeting: October 12 at 5pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 with the Lord's Prayer.

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

October, 2025	5	12	19	26
Deacon	Rosa Guzman-Alexander			
Reader	Maren Bostrom	David Wood	Sharon George	Sharon George
Altar Guild	Janet Rohde			
Usher	Larry Johnson			
Bell Ringer	Larry Johnson	Kim Redden	Larry Johnson	Maren Bostrom
Clavinovist	Garnet Leys			
Sunshine Committee	Donna Morgan			
Media Team	Sharon George, Kevin Gardner, & Deb Johnson		Kevin & Jody DeKorte	Sharon, Deb, & Kevin

	8/31	9/07	9/14	9/21
Attendance	27	35	28	31

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
- Todd Morgan

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October 2025

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
17th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:00am Soup Supper				9:00am Quilting		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
18th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship 5:00pm Council Meeting				9:00am Quilting		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
19th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship		6:00pm PEO		Teresa out of office 9:00am Quilting		
 26 Reformation Sunday 9:00am Worship	27	28	29	30	31 	Office Hours (unless otherwise indicated) Tuesdays: 11:30-1 Thursdays: 9-3
				Teresa out of office 9:00am Quilting		

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