Bethlehem Star

Bethlehem Lutheran Church | June, 2026

Working together, the council and congregation have been successful in disaffiliating from the ELCA. I have included the letter we received from Bishop Alebouni acknowledging we are no longer part of the ELCA. We followed our constitution to the letter and they let us go. Our recent vote on which organization to join did not have a large enough majority so the council discussed the options and recommended we join boththe NALC and the LCMC, giving us more opportunities for support and finding a pastor. The congregation agreed and the council is working on applications to join the North American Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church in Missions for Christ. The only difference between the two is their organizational structure. The LCMC is an organization and the NALC is a church body. The beliefs are the same, believing the Bible is the inherent word of God, inspired by Him as well as the creeds, confessions and sacraments from Luther. We have been blessed with support already from both the NALC and the LCMC, helping us through the discernment process and helping with supply pastors. The council talked with Pastor Craig Lanning and he has committed to helping us for two Sundays a month and maybe more in three months. He is affiliated with both the NALC and the LCMC. Pastor Phil Reimer, who has also been serving us as a supply pastor is affiliated with the LCMC. He has indicated he will continue to help us after he returns from a trip to Thailand. There are other pastors and the council is exploring all options. We are moving forward as a church body and family; there is still work to do to become affiliated with these two denominations but the help and support from each has been such a blessing. We already have had some people coming to service who are trying to choose a church. We have seen a couple of members return on occasion, following what is happening. I have been blessed and am thankful to be part of a congregation and council who work hard together and care so much for each other and their church. I am excited to see us moving forward. I am excited to see our church grow. I am excited God guided us this direction and I am excited to see where he will lead us from here. Both the NALC and the LCMC encourage missions, reaching as many people with the good news of Christ through helping others, serving our community and world. I want to remind you what some of the awesomeness of this congregation is: we support world hunger, we give away boxes of beautiful quilts to those in need in our community and abroad, we give donations to Kuwai, through compassionate hearts, we have a giving tree at Christmas, we do Easter baskets and give them to the food bank at the Methodist Church, we donate to the food bank every quarter, we buy swimming passes for the local pool to give some summer fun to those who need help, and we fill backpacks for children who need school supplies. You all contribute to fellowship time by bringing food. There are folks in our own congregation with skills and they voluntarily step up and use those skills to benefit our church. Look how many disciples and good Samaritans we have already! This congregation is full of awesomeness! Christ is leading and we are following, serving with Grace. We have more work to do growing this church and I know we will make a difference starting this summer off with swimming passes.

Pat Chase

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
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SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:00 a.m.

Gathered together,
we serve in Christ.

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church,

Thank you all for bring there for the baptism of Ezra Rose. A big thank you to Kim for the beautiful and delicious cake, and also to Pastor Sonja for performing the ceremony. Everything went great and I couldn't have had a better church family there to help celebrate such a wonderful blessing. Thank you again.

Rose

Dear BLC,

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for your support, prayers, cards, and visits during my surgery.

Thank you friends and prayer warriors. God does answer our prayers in his infinite wisdom. It gives me strength and steadfast love on my quick recovery. I wanted you all to know it meant a lot to me!

Sincerely yours,
Donna M

Bethlehem Church,

Thank you for letting me/us use the fellowship hall for a baby shower. It was a blessed day for ALL of us to be together.

Sandy Cook

Baptized in Christ

We rejoice in celebrating the baptism of

Ezra Rose

on April 12th. Through the waters of baptism, Ezra has been welcomed into God's family and surrounded by the love and support of our church community.

Ezra's parents, Kallysta and Alexis,

and sponsors, Hailey and Grace,

shared in this special day as promises were made to guide and encourage Ezra in faith and life. Please keep Ezra and family in your prayers as they grow in God's grace and love.

BLC Church Council Meeting

MAY 10, 2026

The meeting was brought to order at 10:14am by President Pat C with prayer. All members, Pat C, Terry L, Jeanette Dehning, Beth H, Todd M, Maren B and Kevin G, were all present.

A **motion** was made by Maren and seconded by Beth to accept the amended minutes of the April meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Beth moved and Todd seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously. Everyone had read Pastor Sonja's report and again were very pleased with her report and all she has done for our congregation.

CORRESPONDENCE

A verbal thank you was given this morning with sincere thanks to all the council members for everything they have done to lead us out of ELCA and to be more positive and truthful in our faith.

NEW BUSINESS

Terry will spray weeds at the church and **Beth** will pick up all the dead leaves and debris.

Community Cupboard donations will be postponed until fall as we have so much going on now in our congregation.

Donations for swim passes will again be collected. The collection will take place Sunday, May 24. If you will not be in church that day you may give your donation to Jeanette. She will take the donation money to the Rec Department to acquire the needed passes. The Lifeguards and Manager know the children well and know which ones need financial help. Each card purchased has ten punches. The Guards keep the passes and punch one hole for those who needs it.

Council has recommended that BLC join both the NALC and LCMC. Both have helped us greatly in the process of leaving ELCA. Neither requires monetary dues, but minimum dues are suggested. By joining both we have twice as many resources as potential pastors. Craig Lanning has been asked and is prayfully considering being our pastor. Everyone seems to really like Phil Reimers, who will be travelling in the month of June.

The Memorial Committee was kind enough to pay for the new "board" needed to stream our BLC services.

Tithley is our online giving app.

OLD BUSINESS

Gary will continue to work on completing the downstairs repairs. He will also do our lawn mowing this season.

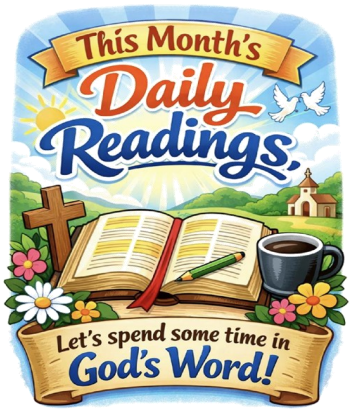
Terresa fell and injured her right hand. She is in a removable cast but has little use of her right hand. Janet and Pat helped to complete the May 10 bulletin.

OTHER

June Deacon may be Kim. Usher for the month is Jeanette. The next council meeting is June 14 at 5pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Dehning



Monday, June 1
Psalm 52
Joshua 8:30-35
Romans 2:1-11

Tuesday, June 2
Psalm 52
Joshua 24:1-2, 11-28
Romans 3:9-22a

Wednesday, June 3
Psalm 52
Job 28:12-28
Matthew 7:13-20

Thursday, June 4
Psalm 50:7-15
Lamentations 1:7-11
2 Peter 2:17-22

Friday, June 5
Psalm 50:7-15
Lamentations 3:40-58
Acts 28:1-10

Saturday, June 6
Psalm 50:7-15
Exodus 34:1-9
Matthew 9:27-34

Sunday, June 7
Hosea 5:15—6:6
Psalm 50:7-15
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Monday, June 8
Psalm 40:1-8
Leviticus 15:25-31; 22:1-9
2 Corinthians 6:14—7:2

Tuesday, June 9
Psalm 40:1-8
Hosea 8:11-14; 10:1-2
Hebrews 13:1-16

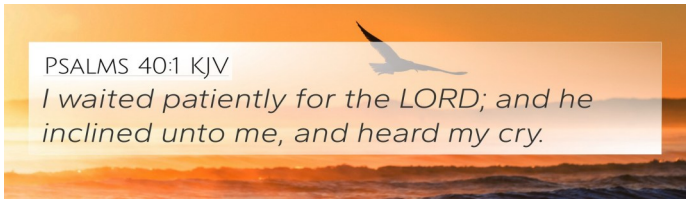
Wednesday, June 10
Psalm 40:1-8
Hosea 14:1-9
Matthew 12:1-8

Thursday, June 11
Psalm 100
Exodus 4:18-23
Hebrews 3:1-6

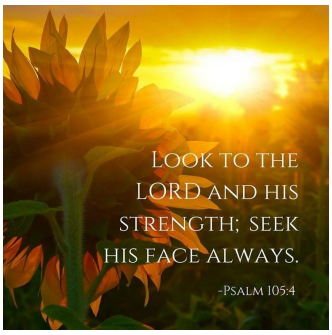
Friday, June 12
Psalm 100
Exodus 4:27-31
Acts 7:35-43

Saturday, June 13
Psalm 100
Exodus 6:28—7:13
Mark 7:1-13

Sunday, June 14
Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]



Monday, June 15
Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45
Joshua 1:1-11
1 Thessalonians 3:1-5



Tuesday, June 16
Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45
1 Samuel 3:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

Wednesday, June 17
Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45
Proverbs 4:10-27
Luke 6:12-19

Thursday, June 18
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Jeremiah 18:12-17
Hebrews 2:5-9

Friday, June 19
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Jeremiah 18:18-23
Acts 5:17-26

Saturday, June 20
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Jeremiah 20:1-6
Luke 11:53—12:3

Sunday, June 21
Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

Monday, June 22
Psalm 6
Micah 7:1-7
Revelation 2:1-7

Tuesday, June 23
Psalm 6
Jeremiah 26:1-12
Revelation 2:8-11

Wednesday, June 24
Psalm 6
Jeremiah 38:1-13
Matthew 10:5-23

Thursday, June 25
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Jeremiah 25:1-7
Galatians 5:2-6

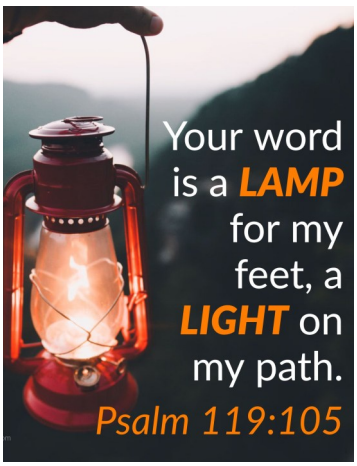
Friday, June 26
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Jeremiah 25:8-142
Galatians 5:7-12

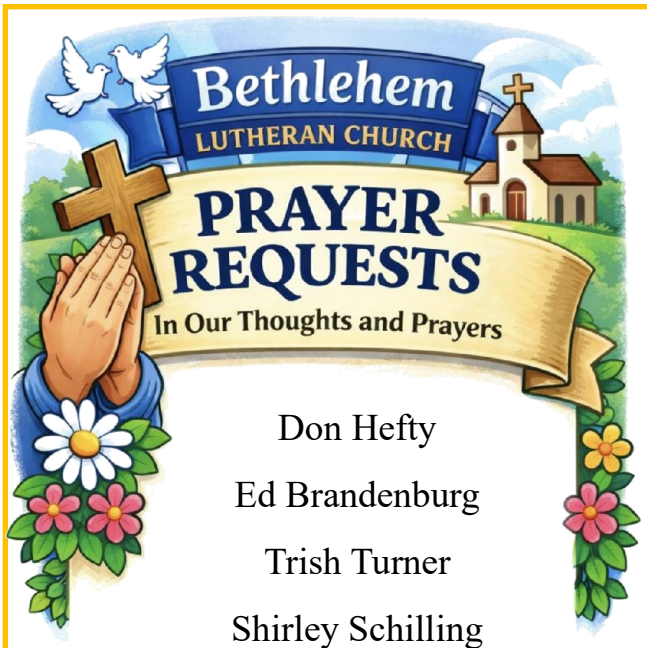
Saturday, June 27
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Jeremiah 28:1-4
Luke 17:1-4

Sunday, June 28
Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

Monday, June 29
Psalm 119:161-168
1 Kings 21:1-16
1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Tuesday, June 30
Psalm 119:161-168
1 Kings 21:17-291
1 John 4:1-6





Don Hefty

Ed Brandenburg

Trish Turner

Shirley Schilling

Brad Craven

John Turner

Lenore Wind

Roxanne Swanson

Garnet Leys

Marilyn Woodward

John Strauch

Beva Linker

Dave Honebein

June Birthdays

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

June Anniversaries

Steve & Janet Rohde	15th
Allyn & Lenore Wind	21st

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

Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA
The Lutheran Church in Wyoming,
Utah, Colorado, and Western Texas

May 15, 2026

Dear beloved children of God at Bethlehem Lutheran Church,

God's grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus.

On May 5, 2026, our office received the official notification of your April 19, 2026 decision to disaffiliate from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and to affiliate with another Lutheran denomination to be determined.

This decision brings great sadness, and we had hoped for a different outcome. The people of Bethlehem Lutheran will be greatly missed by your siblings in Christ from throughout the Rocky Mountain Synod and the ELCA. However, we recognize that you have duly followed the process set out in your constitution; and we receive and accept this decision. We will inform the ELCA Churchwide Office of Bethlehem's disaffiliation.

Please know that you will remain in our prayers as you discern your next steps as a congregation. We remain connected as fellow members of the body of Christ, and in our shared call to "go therefore into all the world" to baptize and teach in accordance with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

If, at anytime in the future, your discernment leads you to reconsider this decision and to seek to return to the ELCA and Rocky Mountain Synod, I would welcome that conversation. If not, may the Holy Spirit guide you in your ministry now and always, for the sake of the good news.

In Christ,

Bishop Meghan Johnston Aelabouni

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

June, 2026	7	14	21	28
Deacon	Kim Redden			
Reader	Kevin Gardner	Kim Redden	Sharon George	Maren Bostrom
Altar Guild	Donna Morgan			
Usher	Jeanette Dehning			
Bell Ringer	Larry Johnson	Kim Redden		Maren Bostrom
Clavinovist	Garnet Leys			
Sunshine Committee	Marisa Castrup			
Media Team	Todd Morgan, Kevin Gardner, Sharon George, & Deb Johnson			

	4/26	5/03	5/10	5/17	5/24
Attendance	27	36	26	37	21

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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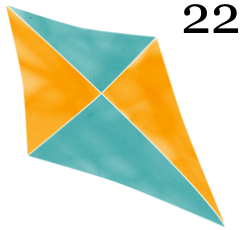
June 2026 Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 9:00am Quilting	5	6
7 2nd Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Craig Lanning	8	9 	10	11 9:00am Quilting	12 Terresa on vacation	13
 14 3rd Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Lyle Belleque 10:00am Council Meeting	15 Terresa on vacation	16	17	18 9:00am Quilting	 19	20
 21 4th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Craig Lanning	 22	23	24	25 Terresa gone 9:00am Quilting	26	27
28 5th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship	29	30				

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