



# Bethlehem Star

Bethlehem Lutheran Church | Evangelical Lutheran Church of America | July, 2023

June was a month of transition or “CHANGE”! Whether you are adjusting out of spring into summer, adjusting to a different schedule of activities: having done Father’s Day, planning vacation, taking longer walks, working early morning/late evening with flower beds, mowing grass when it’s not raining, doing some gardening, enjoying sitting outside, or taking in a swing or two at the golf course; we do a lot of transition or change in June! What’s fascinating is—it’s changes we really enjoy/celebrate/look forward to, well maybe except the mowing!

While driving through southwestern Colorado, northern Arizona, southeastern Utah, and western Colorado the second week of June, I saw and experienced the most fascinating, beautiful, and awe-striking changes involving the hand of God with His creation. First, there was the terrain, with mountains, forests, waterfalls, elevation, desert, canyons, passes, rivers, and mesas, all changing pretty rapidly. Second, there was the geology with all kinds of rock formations, sand, stone colors: red, brown, white, green, deep red, black, tan changing at the blink of the eye. Third, there were cultures ranging from Navajo, Pueblo, Ute, ancient civilizations, Hopi, Latino Europeans, Asians, Africans, and Gilbert in Kayenta who hadn’t eaten since the morning before my evening meal, the second day. Fourth, there was the weather: a glaring sunset with a buggy windshield after light rain arriving in Durango; hard rain the first afternoon at the Grand Canyon; the need for hood and blanket at the Star Party 2023 South

Rim; two rainbows, not double, but two rainbows, one on the right and one on the left, on the way to Moab through the National Monument Valley. Finally, there were the things of daily living: Colorado gas the cheapest at \$3.59/gal vs. the highest in Utah at \$4.19. There was Indian Fry bread with honey, cinnamon, and powdered sugar.

My awareness and appreciation of all the changes I experienced in just 7 days of travel, is the fact we face change in a split second, the blink of an eye, in an awesome breath. CHANGE is fantastic when we are awestruck, blown-away, caught in the moment, able to reach out and do something pleasing, honorable, worthy, exciting! CHANGE is something we all can do and grow in! It is all in how we approach, look at, and experience what God asks of us, shares with us, opens up to us!

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**Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am - 3pm**

## **Sunday Worship**

**9:00 a.m. Worship Service**

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“Strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.”

1 Cor 12:31



During the month of July, I will not be signing a pastoral services contract with Bethlehem. As a candidate for your pastoral leader position while the congregation engages in the call process and makes decisions during July, I feel it is best to honor your time and space. If an emergency arises, I will be available. I also will be available the last week of July to provide home communions.

May the Lord bless and keep each of you!  
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## *Worship in the Park*

Worship in the Park is sponsored by Brush Ministerial Association and will be Sunday, **July 2 at 10:00am** at Memorial Park Gazebo, south of the museum. Steve Desmond returns to lead worship as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Steve shares his music, message, and recognizes our military service members. Be sure to bring a chair and join the community in this uplifting service to glorify God and celebrate our nation!

## **Lutheran Bethlehem Congregational Meeting June 11, 2023**

ALL Church members stayed after service to vote on approval of the updated Ministry Site Profile (MSP) submitted to the Synod on April 25, 2023. A rewrite of the MSP was needed due to the following:

Experience number of years to include 0-3 years.

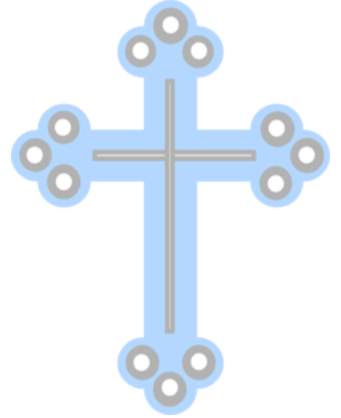
Leadership needs, to include full time call.

Compensation package, no parsonage, max amount available \$40,000.00 - \$70000.00 range.

32 members present and 4 absentee votes came to 36 unanimous votes accepting the council and call committee recommendations.



**Benjamin Matthew Bustos and Miles Gene Westhoff** were Baptized on June 11, 2023 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Benjamin was born on July 28, 2022 to Christopher and Jessie Bustos. His sponsors are Casandra and Jarrod Rathbun. Miles was born on September 19, 2022 to Brent and Jenna Westhoff. His sponsors are Brian Westhoff and Erin Carter. We thank God for the gift of Benjamin and Miles and pray that their faith journey will be strengthened by those in their faith family.



As you have likely read in the March issue of *Living Lutheran*, the magazine will cease its print publication with the November/December 2023 issue. This does not mean, however, that we will stop telling stories of this church when the print magazine ends. Throughout the past several years, [LivingLutheran.org](http://LivingLutheran.org) has been the magazine's online platform, and we are excited about the ways in which we can enhance how you are able to experience the stories and lives of Lutherans throughout the ELCA as we transition to a fully online approach. You will start to see us employing these ways throughout the year, with videos, audio stories and more. This transition will also include a more robust social media presence and more opportunities for user-generated content with the potential for greater engagement from you, our most loyal readers.

The ELCA and its predecessor church bodies have been printing periodicals since 1831, when *The Lutheran Observer* began. Spreading the gospel and sharing the stories of our church have always been at the foundation of who we are as Christians and Lutherans. As many of you probably know, the cost of printing a magazine—including paper, ink, and postage prices—has steadily increased, especially during the pandemic, making it difficult to financially support a print edition. Being good stewards of the generous support given to the church is of the utmost importance to our team. While we will no longer print a magazine each month, the sharing and spreading of the good news continues every day.

By focusing on creating more online content and new channels for distribution, we will have more flexibility and options for how we tell the stories of this church. Storytelling will still be at the core of this work. We understand there are a lot of questions regarding your subscription, how the ELCA will reach readers who don't rely on the internet for information and how we will assist those who use *Living Lutheran* for church resources and group discussions. We are still working out answers to those questions and will provide them as soon as possible.

We are excited about what is ahead for the ministry of *Living Lutheran* and the future possibilities of reaching even more people about the great work people are doing in God's name.

In Christ,  
The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton  
Presiding Bishop ELCA

Dear BETHLEHEM Friends,  
 We send our heartfelt thanks to each of you who were so responsive with thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, food, visits, etc., during these past 6 months. Please know that you are special to us as we travel these unknown paths together with Christ. Thanks to Ro for her "home delivery" communions!

Allyn & Lenore Wind



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

**Marsha Mills**  
**Garnet Leys**  
**Wanda Rains**  
**Zach Griffith**  
**Dave Madsen**  
**Kari Linker**  
**Lori Bostron**  
**Collene Travers**



### July Birthdays

June Hansen	3rd
Charlene Holzworth	6th
Stan Krueger	11th
Zach Redden	11th
David Strand	15th
Zachary Lee Redden II	25th
Chester McCoy	27th



### July Anniversary

Charles & Rosa Guzman-Alexander	2nd
Chester & Betty McCoy	20th

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



*Saturday, July 1*  
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18  
Jeremiah 28:1-4  
Luke 17:1-4

*Sunday, July 2*  
Jeremiah 28:5-9  
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

*Monday, July 3*  
Psalm 119:161-168  
1 Kings 21:1-16  
1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

*Tuesday, July 4*  
Psalm 119:161-168  
1 Kings 21:17-29  
1 John 4:1-6

*Wednesday, July 5*  
Psalm 119:161-168  
Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Matthew 11:20-24

*Thursday, July 6*  
Psalm 145:8-14  
Zechariah 1:1-6  
Romans 7:1-6

*Friday, July 7*  
Psalm 145:8-14  
Zechariah 2:6-13  
Romans 7:7-20

*Saturday, July 8*  
Psalm 145:8-14  
Zechariah 4:1-7  
Luke 10:21-24

*Sunday, July 9*  
Zechariah 9:9-12  
Psalm 145:8-14  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

*Monday, July 10*  
Psalm 131  
Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22  
Romans 1:18-25

*Tuesday, July 11*  
Psalm 131  
Jeremiah 28:10-17  
Romans 3:1-8

*Wednesday, July 12*  
Psalm 131  
Jeremiah 13:1-11  
John 13:1-17

*Thursday, July 13*  
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13  
Isaiah 48:1-5  
Romans 2:12-16

*Friday, July 14*  
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13  
Isaiah 48:6-11  
Romans 15:14-21

*Saturday, July 15*  
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13  
Isaiah 52:1-6  
John 12:44-50

*Sunday, July 16*  
Isaiah 55:10-13  
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*Monday, July 17*  
Psalm 92  
Leviticus 26:3-20  
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

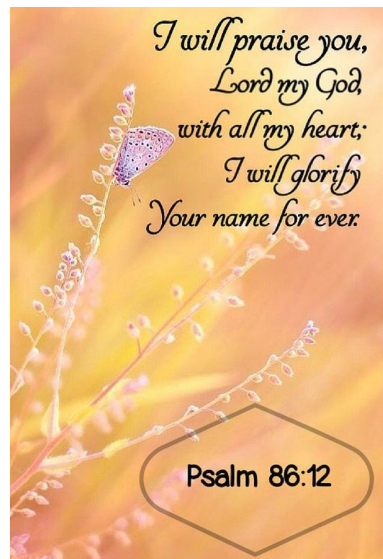
*Tuesday, July 18*  
Psalm 92  
Deuteronomy 28:1-14  
Ephesians 4:17—5:2

*Wednesday, July 19*  
Psalm 92  
Proverbs 11:23-30  
Matthew 13:10-17

*Thursday, July 20*  
Psalm 86:11-17  
Isaiah 41:21-29  
Hebrews 2:1-9

*Friday, July 21*  
Psalm 86:11-17  
Isaiah 44:9-17  
Hebrews 6:13-20

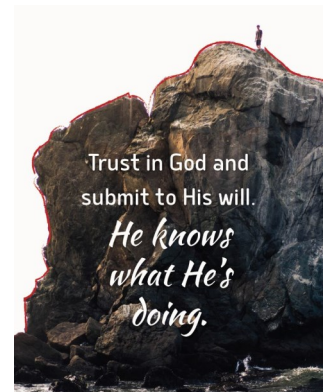
*Saturday, July 22*  
Psalm 86:11-17  
Isaiah 44:18-20  
Matthew 7:15-20



*Sunday, July 23*  
Isaiah 44:6-8  
Psalm 86:11-17  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

*Monday, July 24*  
Psalm 75  
Nahum 1:1-13  
Revelation 14:12-20

*Tuesday, July 25*  
Psalm 75  
Zephaniah 3:1-13  
Galatians 4:21—5:1



*Wednesday, July 26*  
Psalm 75  
Daniel 12:1-13  
Matthew 12:15-21

*Thursday, July 27*  
Psalm 119:129-136  
1 Kings 1:28-37  
1 Corinthians 4:14-20

*Friday, July 28*  
Psalm 119:129-136  
1 Kings 1:38-48  
Acts 7:44-53

*Saturday, July 29*  
Psalm 119:129-136  
1 Kings 2:1-4  
Matthew 12:38-42

*Sunday, July 30*  
1 Kings 3:5-12  
Psalm 119:129-136  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

*Monday, July 31*  
Psalm 119:121-128  
1 Kings 3:16-28  
James 3:13-18

## **Bethlehem Lutheran Congregational Council Meeting**

### **June 8, 2023**

Present: Jeanette Dehning, Beth Hocheder, Kim Redden, Deb Johnson, Marsha Mills, Marisa Ford-Castrup, Ro Fesser.

Call committee members Jim Christensen and Steve Rohde.

Meeting was called to order with Ro opening with prayer.

Approval of minutes from last month: After changing East Coast roofers to East Co roofers, Kim moved to approve minutes, Deb second, all approved.

Treasurer's/ Financial Secretary Reports: Deb moved to accept as is, Beth second, all approved.

Deacon Ro report: Jeanette moved to accept as is, Kim second, all approved. Deacon Ro will be on vacation from June 10<sup>th</sup> and back on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Correspondence- God's work, our hands will be held on Sept 9, 2023.

Old Business: Electrical work for cameras is in the works with Buzz Electric.

Minor Church repair update, will be getting a bid from several companies to decide which way to go with window glass replacement.

Plumber came in and made several repairs and replaced broken items.

Call committee update: Angela Chacon and Ro Fesser are both candidates for call at this time. Committee will interview both of them and continue to follow the process set forth and will keep us updated.

Sky Ranch: Discussion was held on donating Patricia Chafin memorial fund money received in May. Council decided to donate \$3000.00 to Sky Ranch to use at their own discretion, with a request it does not go to administration. Jeanette moved, Deb second, all approved.

Council decided to table other donations until next meeting so we can discuss definite amounts to donate. Kim moved, Deb second, all approved.

Other business for the good of the order: Council recommended to amend the existing church constitution with proposed amendment C10.05. This will allow the voting procedure to include absentee ballots to be counted.

July Deacon will be Jim Christensen, Usher will be Jeanette Dehning.

Next meeting will be July 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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

July 2023	2	9	16	23	30
<b>Deacon</b>	Jim Christensen				
<b>Reader</b>	Jeanne Wuest	Kim Redden	Deb Johnson	Sharon George	Jeanne Wuest
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jeanette Dehning				
<b>Usher</b>	Jeanette Dehning				
<b>Sunshine Committee</b>	Jeanette Dehning				
<b>Clavinovist</b>		Kim Pflug	Diane Nicklas		
<b>Pastor</b>	Vicky Daub	Dan Bollman	Ro Fesser	Dan Bollman	Ro Fesser

	5/28	6/04	6/11	6/18
<b>Attendance</b>	21	28	70	25

## 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.*

Marsha Mills, President 970-768-1562

Deb Johnson, Vice-President 970-842-5633

Marisa Ford-Castrup, Secretary 303-502-7459

Kim Redden, Treasurer 970-380-9727

Jeanette Dehning 970-380-3822

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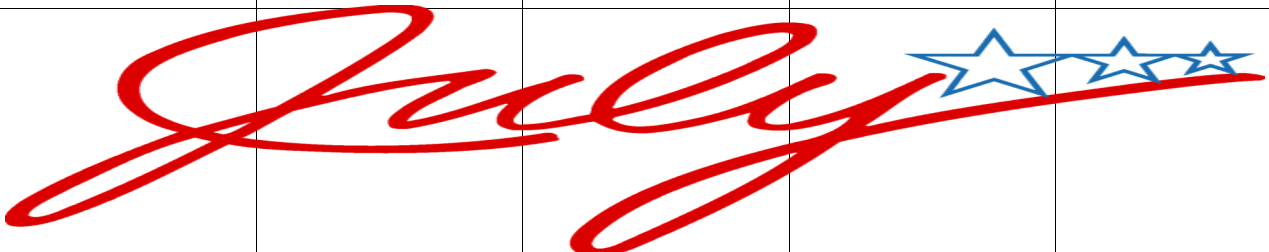
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July, 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 5th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:00am Worship in the Park Vicky Daub	3	4  Office Closed	5	6 9:00am Quilting	7	8
9 6th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Dan Bollman	10	11 1:30pm Bible Study	12	13 6:30pm Council Meeting 9:00am Quilting	14	15
16 7th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Ro Fesser	17	18 1:30pm Bible Study 6:00pm PEO	19	20 9:00am Quilting	21 	22
----- Terresa on vacation -----						
23 8th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Dan Bollman	24	25 1:30pm Bible Study	26	27 9:00am Quilting	28	29
30 9th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship Ro Fesser	31					1