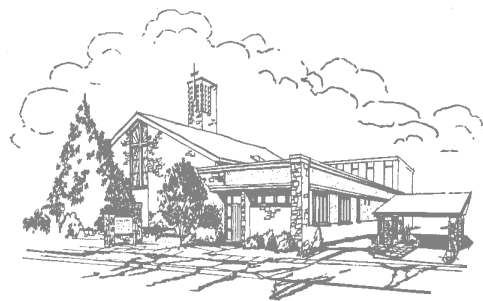


Bethlehem Star

Lutheran Church Lansing



Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lansing, Michigan

Pastor Matt

June/July 2020

*The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail,
according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.
(1 Kings 17:16 NRSV)*

*Jesus, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven,
gave thanks and broke the loaves.*

*Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people.
He also divided the two fish among them all.*

*They all ate and were satisfied.
(Mark 6:41-42 NIV)*

The scriptures above were the Daily Texts for today, June 10, as I write this. There is so much here that can apply to our world today. But what strikes me as the primary message from this that we all need to hear is abundance. In First Kings, the widow of Zarepath knew that she did not have enough meal or enough oil for her family to survive, **but God** made sure that there was enough, so much that her containers were never emptied. In the Gospel of Mark, In the story of feeding the 5,000, Jesus's disciples knew that there were not nearly enough provisions around to feed the crowds that had been following Jesus, **but God** made sure that there was enough, so much that the left overs filled twelve baskets.

But God. These two words describe our faith, and abundance is only a part of it. We think there won't be enough *fill in the blank*, **but God** always provides more than enough. We think we are not worthy to be called children of God, **but God** says yes, yes you are, and claims us as beloved in baptism. And today, some might even wonder if we are ever going to get through this time of pandemic, **but God** will make sure that the people of God will continue to share the good news of God's Word and Love with ALL people. God will provide a way for us.

RETURNING TO WORSHIP

Leading worship for Sunday from our Sanctuary gave me such a jolt of energy. I cannot wait for the day that church can once again look and feel like church. I know that you are all looking forward to the time when we can all be together again for in-person worship. There is a letter starting **on page 4** of this newsletter from the Congregation Council detailing our **REOPENING PLAN** and what worship will have to look like if we choose to open for worship while the virus is still actively spreading in our community. There is no date set yet. Our council is in agreement that we would rather be the church that opens late, and misses out on a couple weeks when we *could* have had in-person worship, than the church that opens too early, and gets people infected or even killed.

WAKING UP WHITE

Please join us for a book study on *Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* by Debby Irving (Elephant Room Press, 2014). I am planning to start Wednesday, June 17 at 6:30. The idea is not that you would have read the whole book cover to cover, but read one section a week, journaling on the questions that the author puts forth. Each section contains around five short chapters with questions after each. This class is about us doing the work of waking up white, and I do hope you'll join us. If you are able to join us on Wednesday evenings, please send me an email at pastormattsmith@gmail.com that you would like to be part of the study so that I can include you in the Zoom link.

Yes, God will provide the way for us, the way back to worship AND the way to racial reconciliation. It is simply our task to remain faithful on the path and do the work set before us. Thank you ALL for your faithfulness in this time. Let us pray:

*God our provider, our hearts praise and sing with gratitude for your merciful provision in our depths of need.
Hallelujah, praise the Lord, for his excellent greatness! In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*

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Visit our website at:
www.bethlutheran.org

Worship Schedule

9:30 - Live Streaming
Worship Service
On Facebook
BELC Worship Group

Worship in June/July

Assisting Ministers for June and July:

June 7: Nancy Holderread	July 5: Susan Mahoney
June 14: Phil Frame	July 12: Phil Frame
June 21: Bob Meeker	July 19: Nancy Holderread
June 28: Don Telles	July 26: Bob Meeker

Resources to Nurture Faith and Spirituality

This is a short, far from complete list of resource that you can use to strengthen your faith and spirituality, especially in this time of crisis.

Lutheran Hour Ministries <https://www.lhm.org/covid-19/> Daily Devotions, Learning Resources, and even kid's activities.
Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations <https://cac.org/category/daily-meditations/>.
Centering Prayer App from <https://www.contemplativeoutreach.org/> available on Google Play and the App Store.

Facebook

As a community we are continuing to worship at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/belcworship/>. The Parish Notes and Worship Bulletin are available for Download prior to the service. Taking Faith Home is also available for download every week.

In order to take advantage of these resources and be part of our live community, you must have a Facebook account and ask to join BELC Worship. In order to receive the YouTube link to the service each week we must have an email address for you in our system.

Our Website

There is a button on the Home page for prayer requests and there is so much other information on our website. It is a great resource to keep you connected to the community of faith.

Pastor's Blog

Pastor Matt will be writing a bit each Wednesday, usually. The blog will be located on our website with links posted on our social media.

Zoom

BELCW Bible Studies will still be able to happen through Zoom. Board Meetings can use Zoom too. And we will have occasional Zoom coffee hours...

Statement of Purpose and Guiding Principles for Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church

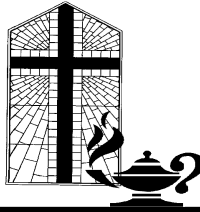
God's purpose for our church, as disciples of Jesus Christ, is to share with all people God's word, love and saving grace.

We will pursue this purpose by:

1. Being a Christ-centered, joyful community of baptized believers who gather regularly for worship, the Lord's Supper, study and prayer.
2. Inviting, accepting, and supporting all people as we build attentive, respectful relationships.
3. Taking action and risks with bold faith, acknowledging our imperfection, while trusting in Christ.
4. Actively engaging in community outreach near and far.
5. Being faithful stewards of our time, talents, possessions and all of God's creation.

Adopted January 29, 2017

Stewardship



Sharing the blessings we receive
from the Lord will surely give us joy!

**Make a gift to the
Bethlehem Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Endowment Fund**

A Financial Update

Right now, we are facing so many unknowns that many of us might feel overwhelmed just by the pandemic that has overshadowed everything. Sometimes it is all I can do just to grocery shop. But life goes on, and you may be wondering how things are financially at Bethlehem.

Well, you know me, I trust that God is a) taking us where we need to go, b) giving us what we need to get there, and c) providing us opportunities along the way to grow. However, for those of you who like to make your own determination, I have prepared the following.

Leadership anticipated that this would be a tough year financially, just as last year was, and maybe the year before. I really do not remember which was the first year Stewardship & Finance decided to recommend a deficit budget. But we knew when we expanded our staffing to include a parish administrator, we were facing several years of struggle. And while the advantages of Laurey's contributions far outweigh the cost, the cost still exists.

Thus far this year, our general offerings are down just over \$26,000.00 over last year which is reflected in a commensurate reduction in operating income. Our operating expenses are also down, but only by about \$7,500.00. Our actual shortfall of operating income over expenses is \$17,956.90.

As you may recall, we determined early on that we would continue to pay our staff during the crisis, and we have accomplished that goal. We have continued to maintain the building, we continue to serve our neighbors through the food bank, and we continue to serve and worship 'together' apart. I have said it before, but it bears repeating, our mission and ministry continue through this time.

Through the diligence of our Parish Administrator and Congregation President, Bethlehem secured a forgivable loan of \$38,700.00. As long as we monitor the expenditure of these funds utilizing them according to the loan guidelines the loan will not have to be repaid. This is a heavy load off the shoulders of our financial leadership.

Our predecessors also deserve a note of thanks. Through the foresight of past leadership, we have over \$36,000.00 in a set-aside certificate of deposit for emergencies. We have an endowment fund of over \$200,000.00 on which to draw during times of financial hardship or for the ongoing improvement of our church and mission. We have monies set aside for capital improvements which will be utilized in part to replace our boiler. We have savings of just over \$51,000.00 that can be utilized for immediate cash flow issues while still protecting the special funds for seminarians, Faith, Family, Fun day, food pantry, and outreach baskets.

I do not know what the future holds. I have no idea when we will be able to worship together in-person again, and I have no idea what that will look like. I know there will be costs to re-opening of both a financial and emotional nature. I pray that we come out on the other side stronger.

Thank you for your continued support of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

God's Peace,
Vicki Leighton
BELC Treasurer
517-202-2233

Dear friends in Christ,

The Bethlehem Lutheran Congregation Council has been meeting regularly since the beginning of the Coronavirus pandemic to continue to address the full function of the church during our time away. There has been a great deal of research done to determine how Bethlehem can resume in-person worship services once the Michigan Safe Start Plan guidelines recommend it. The Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church (BELC) Re-opening Plan has been created and adopted unanimously by Council based on the following:

This plan is guided by our values for protecting God-created life using guidance from the following:

- ◇ Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
- ◇ The MI Safe Start Plan
- ◇ Michigan County Health Officials
- ◇ Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)
- ◇ North/West Lower Michigan Synod ELCA

Creating a realistic and safe plan to re-open our beloved church and once again worship together is not an easy task. It is also not a task that is taken lightly as the most important consideration is the health, safety, and well-being of our congregation. The intent of this letter is to inform you of where Bethlehem is as of today in this plan (Phase 4) and then what the next phase would look like (Phase 5).

Council voted to approve two resolutions that involve the following:

1. Approval of the Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church Re-opening Plan.
2. Agreeing that Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church may not immediately return to in-person worship at such time as the Michigan Safe Start Plan allows gatherings of no more than fifty (50) people.

As stated earlier, the following is where we are today as a church in Phase 4 of the Re-opening Plan.

BELC blueprint for **Phase 4**, as it relates to the MI Safe Start Plan providing the following guidance:

- ◇ No in-person worship services.
- ◇ In-building staff should follow the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Policy drafted by the BELC Parish Administrator.
- ◇ Pastor may resume live-streaming worship service from the sanctuary either alone, or with a small support group (pastor's discretion).
- ◇ No in-sanctuary singing (if pastor is preaching from the sanctuary).
 - ◇ Continue with music via technology with our music ministry members.
- ◇ Church Congregation Council, boards and committees should continue to meet online.
- ◇ Bible studies should continue to meet online.
- ◇ High-risk individuals should continue to shelter in place, whether staff or volunteers.
- ◇ Life rituals (weddings, funerals, baptisms) will not be held in the church.
 - ◇ Graveside committals of less than ten (10) people may be done at the pastor's discretion with appropriate social distancing and face masks.
 - ◇ Outdoor weddings of five (5) people may be done at the pastor's discretion with appropriate social distancing and face masks.

The following is what would be required to return to in-person worship services in Phase 5 of the Re-opening Plan.

BELC blueprint for **Phase 5**, as it relates to the MI Safe Start Plan providing the following guidance:

- ◇ In-person worship service for no more than fifty (50) people.
- ◇ There are recommendations that for churches with over fifty (50) average worship attendance (AWA) like BELC, to continue holding live-streaming worship service.
- Should the decision be made to hold in-person worship services, it would require the following:
 - Maintain live-streaming of the worship service for those that may not be ready to engage in large groups, as well as high risk members.
 - Multiple worship times.
- ◇ Sanctuary and all common areas must be sanitized before and after each worship service.
- ◇ Research needs to be done to determine the best way to sanitize the cloth pew cushions so they dry in between services.
 - ◇ Consider using plastic coverings for easier cleaning and faster drying.
 - ◇ Consider Sunday and a mid-week service.
 - ◇ If there are multiple worship services on Sunday, there will need to be several hours in between for sanitization and drying time.

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- People might have to sign up for worship services to control numbers.
- Consider assigned seating.
- Social distancing in all directions (6').
- Cordon off alternating pews for social distancing (6').
- Set up chairs in the social hall with social distancing (6').
- All elements will be removed from the pews (Bibles/hymnals/pew envelopes/communion cards/Simply Giving cards, etc.)
- No printed bulletins.
 - ◊ Utilize the projection screen for the entire service.
- No water in the baptismal font.
- Do not offer children's activity bags (in narthex).
- Sanitization would need to be done after every worship service including: (following CDC guidelines)
 - ◊ Sanctuary
 - ◊ Pews
 - ◊ All door handles/pull/knobs/microphones/sound board/keyboards/floors/bathrooms/chairs in social hall.
- Hand sanitizer stations will need to be purchased and offered in different locations in the entryway, upper greeting area, narthex, and in the sanctuary.
- Social distancing on the altar by officiants (6').
- No acolyte
- No nursery.
- No choir.
 - ◊ Continue with music via technology with our music ministry members.
 - ◊ No singing by attendees.
 - ◊ No visiting instrumentalists or soloists.
 - ◊ Organist/pianist may play.
- No traditional communion.
 - ◊ Offer the sacrament in word only as suggested by the Bishop.
 - ◊ Allow people to schedule an appointment with Pastor(s) for communion.
- No "passing the peace".
 - ◊ Pastor(s) can create a verbal message that the congregation can respond to all with.
- Face masks will be worn.
 - ◊ Will need to purchase disposable face masks for those people that forget their face mask, or do not feel they need one.
 - * Ushers may turn people away if they refuse to use face masks.
 - * Need to have a place available for those who are unable to wear one due to a medical condition. (This is allowable in the Governor's Executive Order, however, those people may be asked to wait until Phase 6 to attend in-person).
- Set up a designated collection area for the offering to be deposited in.
 - ◊ No traditional gathering of offerings.
 - ◊ Designated area for special offering Sunday's will need to be determined for:
 - * Food Bank Sunday
 - * Pine Ridge Mission Sunday
 - * Lansing SAVE Sunday
- No coffee/fellowship time.
 - ◊ Remove the coffee display to eliminate the opportunity for someone to make coffee.
 - ◊ High-risk individuals should/may continue to shelter in place, whether staff or volunteers.
 - ◊ Consideration of Council, Mutual Ministry, boards, committees and small groups meeting in-person with social distancing (6').
 - * Face masks will be worn.
 - ◊ Life rituals (weddings, funerals, baptisms) may be considered with no more than fifty (50) people.
 - * This total to include the pastor, musicians and wedding party.

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Prayer Corner

Please Note: Hospitals do not notify churches when a member has been hospitalized; even if you inform them at registration of your church membership. If you would like a visit from the pastor, please call the church office at 482-3225 or call Pastor Matt directly at 881-9890.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS and with your cards and visits:
Shelby Waters in The Willows at Okemos

Those at home: Mary Ann Allen, Virginia Bauman, Mary Brenke
Crystal Collins, Ernie Hassell, Rhoda Hunter, Kurt Kollmeyer
Marilyn Kostrzewski, Michael Mahoney, Linda McClellan
Margaret Nelson, Yvonne Nelson, Tharin Palmer, Chris Ransom
Bob Robbins, Carol Roush, Audrey Skidmore
Don Spencley, Cheryl VanPatten, Matthew White, Ron Wescott

If you know of a member you would like us to include on this list or remove from this list, please call the church office.

SEMINARY STUDENT Jason Mills, from BELC, is studying at Gettysburg Theological Seminary. Please keep him in your prayers.

MISSION PARTNERS Pray for the people and ministry at Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and the Baker Neighborhood Partners.



Pastoral Acts:

Interment:

Janenne Grinnell May 18, 2020

PRAY for those who are on active duty in the United States Military Services:

Chris Browne – U.S. Air Force
Darian Doan – U.S. Army
Andrew Devine – U.S. Nat'l Guard
Carson Kosloski – U.S. Marines
Joshua Kosloski – U.S. Army
Rusty Landry – U.S. Air Nat'l Guard

Christopher Morgan – U.S. Marines
Ben Painter – U.S. Air Force
Ryan Schiffner – U.S. Air Force
Jake Sonnenberg – U.S. Army
Eric Wheeler – U.S. Army



**taking+
faith
home**

Here, you will find a list of the scripture readings that are part of the Daily Lectionary which move us from one Sunday to the next. You can also find these readings on our "Taking Faith Home" sheets we distribute after worship. They are also posted daily on our Facebook page. We encourage you to read your Bible every day as you live out your life of discipleship.

<> Pastor Matt

<u>JUNE</u>	08 Genesis 1:1-2:4	16 Romans 5:1-8	24 Genesis 21:8-21
01 Act 2:1-21	09 2 Corinthians 13:11-13	17 Genesis 18:1-15	25 Psalm 86:1-17
02 1 Corinthians 12:3-13	10 Isaiah 40:27-31	18 Palm 116:1-19	26 Ephesians 4:17-24
03 Titus 3:1-8	11 2 Corinthians 5:16-21	19 Galatians 5:13-15	27 Psalm 69
04 Genesis 2:4-9	12 Genesis 9:1-7	20 Psalm 100	28 Matthew 10:40-42
05 1 John 4:7-21	13 Psalm 8	21 Matthew 10:24-39	29 Jeremiah 28:5-9
06 Psalm 104:24-35	14 Matthew 9:35-10:23	22 Jeremiah 20:7-13	30 Romans 6:12-23
07 Matthew 28:16-20	15 Exodus 19:2-8	23 Romans 6:1-11	

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Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church Women



**Women of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America**

All women of Bethlehem Lutheran Church are members of the Women of the ELCA and are invited and encouraged to participate in all activities listed in the newsletters, bulletins, flyers or on the bulletin boards.

WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM:

A Letter from our President:

Hello Everyone! First I want to express how thankful I am that we have been able to adapt and still be able to come together virtually. Second, I want to say I pray you all are staying safe and well.

The Women's Board met on June 1st via Zoom. We have had to make some tough decisions in regards to the remainder of 2020. The changes are as follows:

1. Annual Rummage Sale: With great sorrow we have decided to not have the 2020 rummage sale, due to COVID-19. We plan to have the rummage sale in 2021.
2. Lutheran World Relief: We will not be having our kit assembly/project day this year. All items collected to date will be included in our 2021 donations. Anyone that would like to individually collect and assemble kits, please go to LWR.org, and scroll down the page for instructions on kits. For all quilts made so far, we have to determine who is accepting donations. We will decide if they can be sent to LWR or Pine Ridge in the fall.
3. General Meetings: We will not be having our September 2020 general meeting. The December 2020 general meeting is still to be determined. The board will continue with the Synod's and the CDC's recommendations to host "in-person" gatherings, when making this decision in the fall.
4. Offerings: With in-person meetings being cancelled and postponed, we are still welcoming all offerings that members wish to send in. Checks should be made to **BELCW** and can be mailed to the church, ATTN: Carole Kienke, or mailed directly to Carole at: 13624 Pearwood, Dewitt, MI 48820.
5. Thankofferings: Please remember to keep collecting those Thankofferings! We have lots to still be thankful for during this pandemic.
6. Board Meetings: Our board is still meeting throughout the summer. If there is anything you wish for us to discuss, please email our President Jamie Andrews: jamieandrews1307@gmail.com.

"May God's Love Surround You"

Jamie Andrews

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JULY

01 Genesis 22:1-14

02 Psalm 13

03 Acts 6:5-15

04 Psalm 89:1-18

05 Matthew 11:16-30

06 Zechariah 9:9-12

07 Romans 7:15-25

08 Genesis 24:34-67

09 Psalm 45:10-17

10 Song of Solomon 2:8-13

11 Psalm 145

12 Matthew 13:1-23

13 Romans 8:1-11

14 Isaiah 55:10-13

15 Psalm 119:105-112

16 Genesis 25:19-34

17 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

18 Psalm 65

19 Matthew 13:24-43

20 Isaiah 44:6-8

21 Romans 8:12-25

22 Genesis 28:10-19

23 Psalm 139:1-24

24 1 Peter 1:3-9

25 Psalm 86

26 Matthew 13:31-52

27 1 Kings 3:5-12

28 Romans 8:26-39

29 Genesis 29:15-28

30 Psalm 128

31 2 Corinthians 12:1

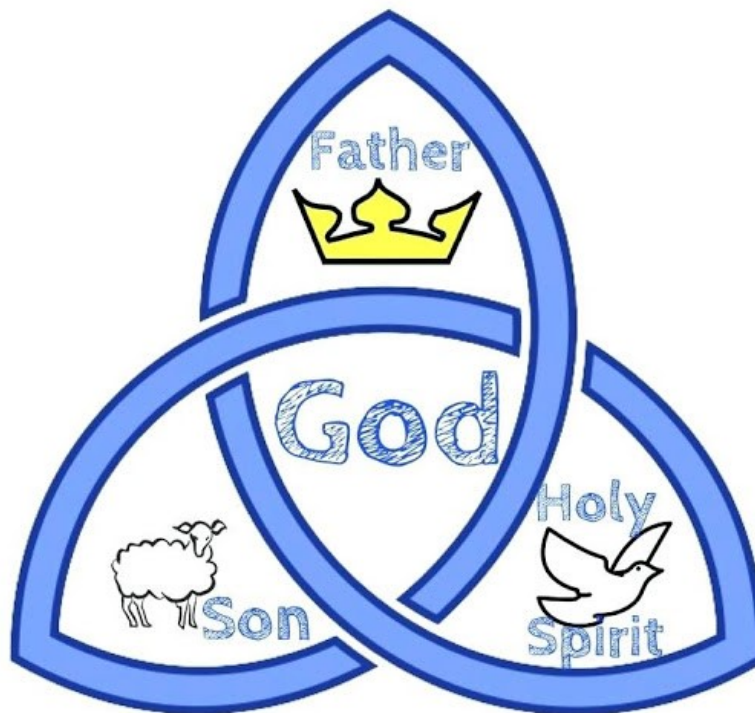
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As you can see, this is a pragmatic and well thought out plan that would involve significant challenges. Council has researched many other plans to make sure that every detail is considered. As noted in the resolution earlier, just because it may be allowed in Phase 5 in the Michigan Safe Start Plan to meet with no more than fifty (50) people, that does not mean that Bethlehem will resume in-person worship services at that time. Council will continue to monitor changing guidelines on a daily basis to be informed with the most up to date information available.

Rest assured that we will keep you apprised of the progression of this unprecedented process.

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand”. ~Isaiah 41:10

Thank you for you continued support of Bethlehem and may God continue to bless you,
Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church Council



Community Partners:



- May had five Sundays and once again BELC came through with Lansing SAVE offerings! Our gifts will be equally deposited in the accounts of 144 students who live in the Baker Neighborhood and are BELC members. To date, BELC members have contributed a total of **\$8161** to this worthy cause! A note to Bethlehem from Ben Thompson, Financial Education Coordinator for Lansing SAVE (after he was informed of our \$1136 donation for May): *"Wow is right! That's \$7.89 per student!"*
Thank you Bethlehem members!
For more information on Lansing SAVE go to: <https://www.lansingmi.gov/674/Lansing-SAVE>
- Partnering with the Lansing School District, the YMCA is serving free meals to our community from the BELC parking lot; Monday through Friday. The Y's former Summer Meals Program will not be implemented this summer due to Covid-19 concerns. The partnership with the Lansing School District will continue as it has since the middle of March—distributing lunches in our BELC parking lot in the mornings.

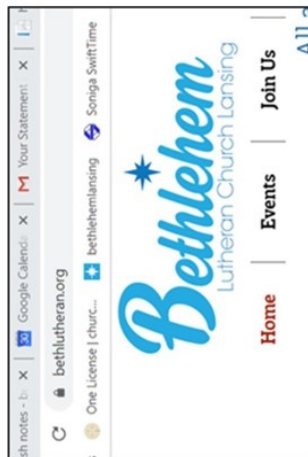
BELC/Building News:

- The Board of Building and Grounds is looking into alternate options for the building's custodial needs. If you see something that needs attention, please inform Laurey at belcparishadm@gmail.com.
- The boiler replacement project is underway. At publishing time, the unit will be delivered around 6/12 and labor will commence sometime soon afterward. Our prayers were answered!...the old boiler made it through the winter!

HOW TO CREATE AN ONLINE GIVING ACCOUNT

You need an email address and your checking/savings account routing and account numbers or your credit card number.

1. Go to bethlutheran.com

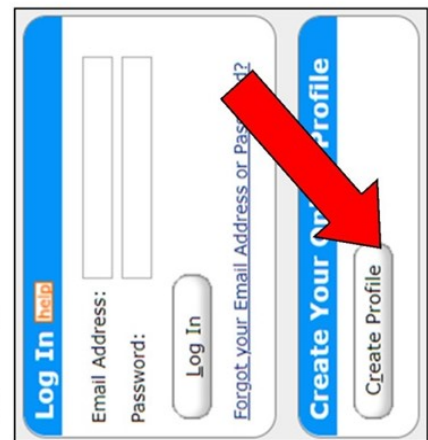


2. Click on the Online Giving link- bottom left.



3.

This will transfer you to the Online Giving page. Click on "Create Profile" on the upper right.



4. Enter and confirm your email address.

Create Profile

Enter a valid email address below.
This will be used as your User ID.

Email Address:

Confirm Email Address:

5. Create your profile.

Profile

First Name: (required)

Last Name: (required)

Address 1: (required)

Address 2:

City: (required)

State / Zip: (required)

Phone Number:

Email Address: (required)

Confirm Email Address: (required)

Enter Password: (required)

Re-Enter Password: (required)

6. Add your transaction.

Thank you for creating a profile. To add a Donation:

My Scheduled Transactions

You do not have any transactions scheduled.

7. Enter your offering.

Donations

My Support to My Congregation

-GENERAL OPERATING:

-ENDOWMENT:

-FOOD BANK FUND:

-MISSION FUND:

-OTHER FUND:

Specify where you would like your donation to go

-DEBT RETIREMENT:

8. Enter your checking, savings or credit or debit card information. NOTE: Using a credit or debit card will add extra transaction fees.

Donation Information

Decade Born (i.e. 1980) (required)

I agree to share non-personal data with ELCA (About Sharing Data) (required)

Account: New Account - Checking

Routing Number:

Account Number:

Joe Smith
1234 Anystreet Court
Anytown, AA 12345
1234

9. Click process...and you're done! Thank you!

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Note: Please review the information you entered carefully. Once you click the Process button, your donation will be processed and your account will be debited for this organization to debit money from your account.



Thank you to everyone that sent me a card or called in to check on me while navigating these uncertain times. I'm blessed to be here at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and I thank each of you for your kind words. God bless!!

With love,
Tracy Baker

Dear Friends at Bethlehem,

Thank you for your faithful support of the Lutheran/Lakota Job Corps. We are continuing to pay them while they are on furlough thanks to partners like you!! Your partnership is an encouragement, especially in these uncertain times. I believe that this common experience with the Covid-19 virus will connect us in deeper ways as God's family. We will be transformed with God's love!

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!!
Pastor Karen

Dear Bethlehem Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation of \$490.00 for The House of Promise. Your generosity and support contribute to the transformation of the lives of women on a daily basis. On behalf of them, thank you.

Thank you for believing in the vision, helping some of the most desperate people in our community, and joining me in saying, "Not in my city! Not on my watch!" Together we are restoring women's lives.

Thank you!
Shari Montgomery, Founder

★ **June & July Birthdays** ★

Anna McCuaig	June 3
Nancy Jackson	June 4
Patrick Dolan	June 7
Sharon Drake	June 7
Sandy Midgley	June 9
Barbara Goris	June 10
Tim Nelson	June 12
Audrey Skidmore	June 12
Margo Devine	June 13
Dennis Hunt	June 14
John Bedford Jr.	June 22
Barb Leonard	June 22
Jeanne Smith	June 22
Peggy Teter	June 23
John Ransom	June 27
Marjean Hefke	June 29



Each year our birthday list of members 62 and over is updated from the church records. If for some reason you do not wish to have your name appear in the newsletter or if you see someone we have missed, please call the church office.

Ferris (Mike) Kosloski	July 5
Bruce Large	July 5
Ron Wescott	July 6
Debbie Viele	July 7
Jon Wilford	July 8
Crystal Collins	July 9
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