

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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The Day of Pentecost  
Sunday, May 19, 2024

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## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM  
Bible Study 10:50-11:20 AM - in fellowship hall  
Holy Communion is celebrated 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

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**WELCOME to all of our visitors today.** If you're here for the first time or as a returning guest, we are pleased to be able to worship with you today. The order of service and songs will be projected. An outline of the service is printed in your bulletin. Please sign the Fellowship Register on the aisle side of your pew and indicate if you are receiving the Lord's Supper. Then pass it to others in your pew.

### ~ COMING UP AT BETHLEHEM ~

**Christian Ed Meeting** - TODAY at 12:00 pm.

**Council Meeting** - Mon., May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**Newsletter Deadline** - Mon., May 20<sup>th</sup> for the June edition. Please be on time with your submissions.

**Facebook Devotions** - Tues., May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am.

**Prayer Group** - Tues., May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am, in the prayer chapel.

**Cake Roll Delivery** - Thurs., May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm. If you ordered cake rolls from Little Star Daycare's fund raiser please pick them up. We will be located in the library. The cake rolls arrive frozen and should be kept frozen until time of use. Freezer space to store them is limited; please make every effort to pick up your orders on Thursday.

**Next Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** - We will have one worship service, at 9:30 am. No Bible study. Please note the CHANGE in time. See page 6 for details.

### ~ SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE ~

Starting next Sunday, May 26, we will have **one worship service** each Sunday, starting at **9:30 a.m.** Fellowship will follow at 10:30, with Bible study at 10:50. This is a change from what was reported in the May newsletter.

Pastor Tim and other congregational leaders believe switching to one service for the summer will energize our worship, give volunteers a break, unite our congregation's two worshipping communities, and give us a consistent schedule for the entire summer.

Our regular worship schedule (with two services at 8:30 and 10:45) will resume on **Sunday, Sept. 8.**

### ~ ARK ENCOUNTER ~

Plans are in the works for a road trip this summer to the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Ky., a life-size interactive replica of Noah's ark.

Depending on the number of people interested and the available dates, we will decide whether to travel as one large group or let families travel on their own and meet each other at the ark.

If you are interested, please email Pastor Tim or speak with him **TODAY.**

### ~ MISSION OF THE MONTH: COLLECTIVE ARTS ~

Every dollar you give at Sunday morning fellowship in May will go to The COLLECTive Arts, based in Eau Claire. This nonprofit organization seeks to glorify God and reflect the love of Jesus through music, dance, and the arts.

One of the ministries, the COLLECTive Arts Choir, is leading our worship today. The choir is a collaborative singing group led by Michael Rambo that includes people from different ages, socio-economic status, and ethnicities. For more information, go to [www.collectiveartsec.org](http://www.collectiveartsec.org).

### ~ BETHLEHEM SERVING AT THE COMMUNITY TABLE ~

We are scheduled to serve a meal on Thursday, June 6. Volunteers are needed to cover two shifts: 9-11 am (prep and set-up) and 11am-2 pm (serving and clean up). We need 8 people for each shift. You can volunteer for both shifts, if you wish! Youth are encouraged to volunteer as well. A sign up sheet is at the kitchen serving counter. If you have questions contact Kristina Risler at 715-456-5120 or [kristinarisler@gmail.com](mailto:kristinarisler@gmail.com).

### ~ WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS ~

Please consider serving as an usher, greeter, or reader. The June schedule is ready and on the secretary's desk stop and sign up or contact Charleen by calling the office or at [blcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:blcsecretary@gmail.com).

### ~ SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE ~

There are two scholarships available through Bethlehem for students going into teaching or church work.

Two \$750 Rasmussen Scholarships are available to all qualifying high school graduates. Criteria include: member of Bethlehem; enrolled at UW-Eau Claire, UW-River Falls, or CVTC; pursuing a degree in teaching or church work; preference given to graduates of Altoona High School. Applications are available in the church office. Deadline to apply is July 1.

One \$850 Dietrick & Donna Schmidt Scholarship is available to any member of Bethlehem who is studying ministry at the college or post-secondary level. For more information, talk to Pastor Tim. Application deadline is July 15.

~ COMMUNION POLICY ~

At Bethlehem, we believe that the Lord's Supper is more than a remembrance and more than a ritual. We believe that Jesus Christ Himself is truly present, and that this meal strengthens our relationship with Him and with each other.

If you believe that God loves you, that He gave His only Son, Jesus, to die for you, that through Jesus' death and resurrection your sins are forgiven, and that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the bread and wine in a supernatural way, then we welcome you to join us as we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

If you have not been instructed in the Lutheran faith, if you doubt any of those statements above, or if you have a confession different than the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet you desire to receive this sacrament, we encourage you to speak with the pastor.

Gluten-free wafers and nonalcoholic wine are available for the Lord's Supper. Simply let the pastor or elder know if you would like to receive them.

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP:** Lisa Sedahl; Laura Garbisch; Lesley Kentgen; Mike Theiste; Janet Viellieux; Kendra Drake; Becca Roth; Stacy Oberholtzer; Judy Meznarich (Arlene Christ's daughter); Barb Erickson; and friends of Bethlehem: Gloria Kohn; Jenie Davis (*Shelly Rossano's niece*), Gene LaPine (*Linda LaPine's father*), John Wicklein (*Abby Rowe's uncle*), and Katie (*Lois Olson's granddaughter*).  
*For additional prayers for the Bethlehem family, see the May newsletter.*  
If you or a member you know of has been hospitalized or moved to a care facility please notify the church office so we can share their whereabouts with the church family.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS!**

	<u>Today</u>		<u>Next Sun., May 26, 2024</u>
	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>10:45 AM</u>	<u>9:30 AM</u>
ELDER:	Jeff Gilles	Randy Schamberger	n/a
USHER:	Randy Wollmer	Mike Smith	Randy Schamberger
ACOLYTE:	Jazzy Moore	Tevin Simpson	Jazzy Moore
GREETERS:	LeAnne Hohman	Gib & Donna Ganther	Marlene Bredesen
READER(S):	Linda Anderson	Mike Smith	Joe Rosengarten
TECH:	Alex Wollmer	Alex Wollmer	Don Demaree
MUSIC:	COLLECTive Choir	COLLECTive Choir	Terry Rosengarten
ALTAR GUILD:	Kegan & Anna Fassler		n/a

FELLOWSHIP TREATS today are provided by Jennie Childs.  
A sign up sheet to serve at a future service can be found in the kitchen serving area. Talk to LeAnne Hohman if you'd like to supply treats but can't serve.

**Attendance Last Week at Bethlehem:**

Sunday, May 12, 2024 8:30 am - 86 | 10:45 am - 64

*Signing the Fellowship Register in your pew each time you attend a worship service and indicating if you receive the Lord's Supper helps us keep accurate records, and generate reports directly from our computer data base. Sign for every member of your family and pass the book to others near you who perhaps have not signed or can't easily reach a book.*

# One in the Spirit

Acts 2:1-12

## The Babble of Babel

Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves." (*Genesis 11:4*)

## Unity in the Christ

"I pray also for those who will believe in me ... that all of them may be one, Father." (*John 17:20-21*)

## Unity in the Spirit

When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. (*Acts 2:6*)

## Unity in the Church

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. (*Ephesians 4:3*)

**Acts 2:1-21****The First Reading**

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

" 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' "

**Ephesians 4:1-6****The Second (Epistle) Reading**

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called— one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**John 17:-11, 20-23****The Gospel Reading**

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one.

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."