



# Sunday Announcements

## Sunday February 25, 2024 – Second Sunday of Lent

Praise the Lord! <sup>24</sup> For he has not ignored or belittled the suffering of the needy.  
He has not turned his back on them, but has listened to their cries for help

-Psalm 22:23a, 24

### ADULT FORUM | Today at 10:30am

Grab your treats and coffee, sit down at a table and join the conversation! Today we will learn more about Dane's Place and Housing Needs and next Sunday, March 3, there will be a presentation on the BLC Foundation.

### TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY | 10am | Croixdale Senior Living Center, 750 HWY-95

Please join Pastor Amy every Tuesday to dive deeper into understanding of Bible text through discussion and contemplation. ALL ARE WELCOME!

### FRIDAY PRAYER CIRCLE ZOOM | 8am

Contact Pastor Amy for the Zoom link. [pastor.blcbayport@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.blcbayport@gmail.com)



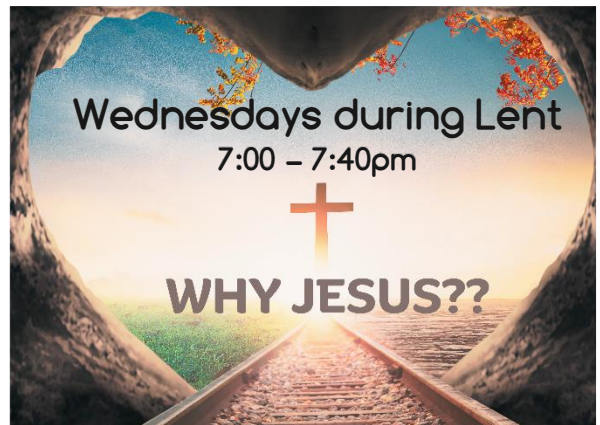
#### Invite Friends and Neighbors!

We will gather to enjoy a simple meal together before Wednesday evening worship for Lent

**Soup starts at 6pm**  
**Worship starts at 7pm**

♡ THANK YOU ♡  
**LENTEN SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER CHEFS**

**28 February**  
Constance Nelson & Beth Burns



Come, listen and reflect on stories of faith. As part of our Wednesday evening Lenten worship individuals from the congregation will be sharing their "Why Jesus?" stories. They have been tasked with answering two main questions, "Why am I a Christian?" (or still a Christian) and "Why does Jesus matter to me?"

Feb. 28 Tony Lesicka  
Mar. 6 Ali Staloch

Mar. 13 Daniel Baumgartner  
Mar. 20 Paul Goulette

### SUNDAY HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS !

Please consider volunteering for our Hospitality Ministry. We share coffee/tea/juice and treats for our BLC family & friends following our Sunday worship service. This is a ministry that feeds both body and spirit as we strengthen our faith community by building relationships through fellowship together. See openings on the sign-up sheet in the Connection or chat with Julie Grams or Constance Nelson to learn more.

**February 25** | Ginny & Dan Peulen  
**March 3** | Mary Croft & Amy Lesicka



### BETHLEHEM CALENDAR

The current calendar is found on the Home Page of our website: <https://www.bethlehemstar.org/>

### FRIENDLY REMINDER

Our building is not only used for worship and church activities, but we benefit our community by sharing our space with neighborhood groups and families to use as a gathering place. If you are planning to stop up to work on a project or enter the building at any time that is unusual, please be sure to check our calendar on the Home Page of our website: <https://www.bethlehemstar.org/>

### THANK YOUS

#### Blessings Abound!

Many thanks to Colin Goulette for sharing his time & talents to creatively repair & upgrade our carpeted steps with this robust solution that he installed at both entrances to our Bethlehem Church!



HEARTFELT THANKS to the "Roll of Nickels" AA group that meets here every Thursday evening for not only providing financial support to refurbish the main kitchen dishwasher room, but for raising their hands, sharing their talents & time to complete this task. Sonja Baumgartner designed a Serenity Prayer calligraphy artwork and a framed prayer that was presented as a tangible THANK YOU along with a beautiful poster and individual valentines for all the AA & Al-Anon members created by Pony Preschoolers.

## BABY KITS Lutheran World Relief | BLCW Thursday March 14 | 10am

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Women will be meeting on Thursday March 14, at 10am. Come join us and help pack Lutheran World Relief Baby Kits. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall because a funeral will be hosted in The Connection later that day. We have a good supply of all items except hand towels (Dark colors preferred) and mild 3 ounce soap bars, (wrapped) and some more Receiving Blankets (size 36" - 50" square blankets). **A basket will be on the Welcome Desk for donated supplies until March 10<sup>th</sup>.**



## EVENTS! | Meal Packing and Camp!!

Save the Date  
**BLC CONGREGATION  
 MEAL PACKING DAY!**  
**SUNDAY - MAY 19TH - 11AM**

**MEALS FROM THE HEART**  
 5600 Memorial Ave North  
 Oak Park Heights, MN 55082

**Luther Point BIBLE CAMP**

**July 14<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>**  
 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> graders  
 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> graders

BLC membership discount \$55  
 Scholarships are available See Pastor Amy or Ali.  
<https://www.ultracamp.com/clientlogin.aspx?idCamp=561&campCode=lpb>

**WAPO family camp**  
**August 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>**

Yesterday ~ Today ~ Forever  
**always**  
 2024

## FUNDRAISERS | On-Going RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS

Pre-purchase Gift Cards to give or use them yourself for everyday shopping. Scan QR Code



<https://www.raiseright.com/enroll?enrollCode=3CDI4Z9HKW27>

## GOT SNEAKERS

We are collecting SNEAKERS in the receptacle located near the Sanctuary.

## BLC FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT | January 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

	January 2024				January YTD [Month 4]			
	Revenue / Expense		Variance		Revenue / Expense		Variance	
	Actual	Plan	\$	%	Actual	Plan	\$	%
<b>INCOME</b>								
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$ 17,129	\$ 21,210	\$ (4,081)	-19%	\$ 100,376	\$ 99,239	\$ 1,137	1%
<b>EXPENSE</b>								
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	\$ 25,202	\$ 27,485	\$ 2,283	8%	\$ 100,394	\$ 103,088	\$ 2,694	3%
<b>NET INCOME / (LOSS)</b>	\$ (8,073)	\$ (6,275)	\$ (1,798)	-8%	\$ (18)	\$ (3,849)	\$ 3,831	4%
Line of Credit (current balance)			\$ 16,198					
Church Mortgage (current balance)			\$ 107,855					

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