



Sunday Announcements

Sunday November 27, 2022

◆ THANK YOU Sunday Hospitality Volunteers ◆

Volunteers bring treats, set-up & serve them along with coffee, tea, juice after our Sunday Worship service, then stay to tidy up. Please sign-up in the Connection or by contacting Julie Grams or Constance Nelson.

View openings via Bethlehem Star calendar @ <https://www.bethlehemstar.org>

MANY OPENINGS available starting in JANUARY

November 27

Julie Grams

December 4

Ginny Peulen
Sharon Knox

December 11

Tracy &
Matthew Wubben

SPECIAL THANKS to Matthew & Tracy Wubben for the MANY treats & beverages they bring on a regular basis to share via our Hospitality Ministry!!

◆ ALTAR FLOWERS ◆

Altar flowers sign up is located by the office or contact Lori @ office.blcbayport@gmail.com.

◆ ADVENT MID-WEEK SERVICES ◆

Advent Midweek services will begin on Wednesday, November 30 and end December 21. Worship will start at 7:00 and end at 7:30. They will be held in the sanctuary. This year's theme is "Magnificat: My Soul Magnifies the Lord". Here is the overview for each Wednesday service:

• **Week of Advent 1: November 30**

Nothing will be impossible with God

God's redeeming power surprises us anew. Who are we to doubt the impossible?

• **Week of Advent 2: December 7**

My soul magnifies the Lord

Mary responds to Gabriel's message with an ecstatic song of praise. How do we respond to God's call?

• **Week of Advent 3: December 14**

God has brought down the powerful and lifted the lowly

God's sense of justice overturns our human constructs. In a world dominated by power and privilege, what does this "overturned justice" mean for us?

• **Week of Advent 4: December 21**

According to the promise

God's promises are trustworthy and sure.

Do we have the faith to watch and wait for the promise to be fulfilled?

◆ BLC WEEK AT A GLANCE ◆

Calendar Updates Available <https://www.bethlehemstar.org/>

Sunday

✝ Sunday School: 10:20am

✝ Adult Forum: 10:30am; Forum Room.

Wednesday Youth and Family

✝ **WASK:** K-5th grade 3:15pm - 5:00pm

✝ **Confirmation** - Dinner 5pm, class at 5:30

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesdays 10am in the Forum Room

Wednesday Music Rehearsals

✝ **Bridge of Harmony** - 6pm - 6:45pm
(every other Wednesday)

✝ **Bell Choir** - 7pm - 7:45pm

✝ **Adult Chapel Choir** - 7:45pm - 8:30p



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◆ BLC NEWS ◆

Hanging of the Greens: TODAY after Worship

All are welcome to stay after worship to partake in the Hanging of the Greens to ready our church for the Christmas Season. Many hands make light work. A light lunch will be served.

Poinsettia Orders!! BLC Christmas Eve Memorial Garden

All orders and payments are due no later than **Wednesday, November 30** by midnight. You may place an order online https://bit.ly/2022_Poinsettia_Garden or fill out an Order Form and place it in the giving basket or drop off or mail to the office.

BLCW Holiday Boutique Saturday, December 3, 8am - 2 pm.

Come shop Homemade Crafts and wearables, Christmas decorations, and the BAKE SALE then stay for a bite and fellowship at our. Café. *No premade cookie orders

Holiday Boutique Crafters Please have your Items for the Bake Sale to church by **5:00pm on Friday, December 2nd**. This will allow adequate time for the bake sale set up and pricing. Thank you for supporting BLCW! ❤️

Giving Tree

Please have gifts back to church and ready for distribution no later than December 4.

BLC Quilters There will be no official quilting during December. We will reconvene the third Thursday of January, January 19 from 9am to Noon. If anyone would like to have fabric to take home to iron so someone else can cut into squares, that would be wonderful. We also need squares cut and the squares sewn into a quilt top. Call Mary Olson, 439-7652. or Mary Trenda, 439-5478 and we'll be sure you get what you need.

Capital Improvement Updates

As discussed at the annual meeting, October 30, 2022, we have two major capital improvement projects in our future - the elevator and the roof. Updates on both projects are summarized below. Council will continue to keep the congregation updated on these projects as our bid gathering and financing needs become clearer. Please contact an executive council member if you have any additional questions.

Elevator: We currently have one bid from MEI, who installed our elevator in 1991 and with whom we have a service contract. They have offered us two options, one which replaces the 32 year old hydraulic power unit and one that does not. The price savings to replace this unit when it breaks vs replacing when the other work is being done is significant (approx \$25k later, approx \$14k now). Additionally, there is related work that must be done in the elevator equipment room, hoistway/pit, and lobbies that require updated wiring, HVAC, etc to bring the elevator and surrounding systems up to 2016 code, which is required with this current repair work. The estimate from MEI is \$93,611 the related work is \$19,606 plus \$5,979 to replace the 32 year old HVAC system and install a new ductless split AC. Council is seeking other bids before moving forward to see if there is a better repair &/or cost scenario ahead of us. At that time, we will also start to explore financing options.

Roof: The church currently has three roofs covering our education wing, connection/office, and sanctuary. The hail storm that occurred May 19, 2022 caused damage to our roofs and the insurance company has strongly recommended that we replace all three roofs at the same time. We are working with two roofing companies, but are awaiting a follow-up meeting with the insurance company's engineer on December 2, 2022 to ensure that the full scope of damage to our three roofs is included in their coverage.

National Lutheran Choir's Christmas Festival

Friday, Dec. 9 - 4:30 & 8 p.m. | Saturday, Dec. 10 - 8 p.m. | The Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis
Join the National Lutheran for the 37th annual Christmas Festival, "Jesus Christ Yesterday, Today, Forever"! A free-to-all livestream of the performance will be broadcast at [NLCA.com](https://www.nlca.com) on Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. and will be available as a recording throughout the holiday season.

*Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is good:
His love endures forever. -1 Chronicles 16:34*