



Sunday Announcements

Sunday, September 17, 2023

“The LORD is merciful and gracious. Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.”

-Psalm 103:8

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful fresh bouquets displayed at today’s worship were sponsored by Sandi Bristol and her family in memory of loving mother and grandmother, Dorothy Spoons.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS

The Fall sign up is ready to receive volunteers! Take a look on the bulletin board in The Connection and pick the best week for you to host fellowship. The schedule may also be viewed on our Bethlehem Star calendar@ <https://www.bethlehemstar.org>. Anyone is welcome to join our ministry. You may bring treats and serve as host or provide treats for our BLC family to enjoy after worship service on Sundays. Simply add your name to the list on the bulletin board or contact Julie Grams or Constance Nelson once you choose a date.

Thank You!

September 17 Hope Pederson
Joy Montgomery

September 24 Amy Lesicka

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY – Tuesdays, 10am | Croixdale

Join us for Bible Study!

When: Tuesday Mornings at 10am

Where: Croixdale Senior Living Center, 750 HWY-95, in Bayport

Who: Anyone can participate. It's open to all adults who are available at that time. No Bible knowledge necessary- we will learn together.

Leader: Pastor Amy

Why: We gather for bible study as a practice of growing in faith and love toward God. But we also understand scripture to be best studied together, so it is also a practice in community. As we faithfully read, wrestle, and contemplate scripture, the Holy Spirit instructs us through one another's insights, questions and wisdom. We would love to see you there!

MUSIC at BLC

Greetings from your BLC music director, Daniel Baumgartner. It has been a real joy getting to know everyone during my first year here at Bethlehem, and I am excited to kick off another season of ministry with all of our talented musicians. If you haven't been singing or playing bells, this fall is the perfect time to come and join us! **Handbell Choir and Chapel Choir began this past Wednesday, but it is not too late to join us!**

At this time, the Wednesday night rehearsal schedule will run similarly to last year:

- 6:00 - 7:00 pm BOH rehearsal (every other week)
- 7:00 - 7:45 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal
- 7:45 - 8:30 pm Chapel Choir rehearsal

Soli Deo Gloria,
Daniel

BLCW (Bethlehem Lutheran Church Women)

Thank you for considering helping us in our ministries and serve those in need!

We are collecting items for local Food Shelves. A collection box with list of needed items is located at the entrance to the Sanctuary for any contributions.

Deadline to bring items to church is October 1st.



QUILTERS We will be meeting this Thursday, Sept. 21 at 9am after a Summer Hiatus.



How YOU can help!

- We are always looking for someone to take pieces of fabric home to iron. These pieces are then cut by other helpers into squares for making our quilts.
- If you have any unused children’s fabric, we would love to have it to use in making baby & toddler quilts for women & children in crisis. Please place fabric donations on the table at the Women’s Corner in the Connection.

HOLDING THE WORLD IN PRAYER

Flooding in Libya: Compassionate God, you choose to suffer with those who suffer, mourn with those who mourn, and carry the burdens of the weary. Comfort those grieving the loss of loved ones; give strength to rescue workers and those who labor on behalf of the wounded and dying; give leaders wisdom in their response and decisions.

We lift up all others impacted by the effects of climate change, hurricanes, fires, food scarcity and war. Lord have mercy. Amen.

WELCA

All women BLC are members of the Women of the ELCA (WELCA). Therefore, the Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Organization invites all women to read our Fall 2023 newsletter called Bridges at <https://conta.cc/3sIyAFW>, which shares faith stories, upcoming events and more. If you would like to receive Bridges directly into your inbox, click on the Sign Up link at the bottom of the Bridges Newsletter.

FROM LORI

If you have a prayer request or announcement that you wish to be shared, please email office.blcbayport@gmail.com or leave a message for Lori by calling 651-439-3450

PLEASE submit Weekly Announcements before 10am each Thursday and before the 23rd of the month prior for the Newsletter. - Thank You for your help :)

◆ September 17 – September 24 ◆

Sunday, Sept. 17

WORSHIP at BLC, 9am
Pastor Amy Vigesaa
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15
ADULT FORUM, 10:30

Tuesday, Sept. 19

CHAIR DANCING, 8:45
BIBLE STUDY/Croixdale, 10am

Worship Broadcast Ch. 18, VACTV

Wednesdays at 6pm & Midnight
Thursday at 6am, Noon

Wednesday, Sept. 20

CONFIRMATION
Dinner 5pm
Class 5:30pm
MUSIC
Handbells 7pm
Chapel Choir 7:45pm

Thursday, Sept. 21

BLCW 1pm
AA/Al-Anon, 7pm

Friday, Sept. 22

PRAYER CIRCLE, 8am (Zoom)
CHAIR DANCING, 8:45

Sunday, Sept. 24

WORSHIP at BLC, 9am
Pastor Amy Vigesaa

BLC FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

	July 2023				July YTD [Month 10]			
	Revenue / Expense		Variance		Revenue / Expense		Variance	
	Actual	Plan	\$	%	Actual	Plan	\$	%
INCOME								
All Income	22,910	20,832	2,078	10%	212,280	248,019	(35,739)	-14%
TOTAL INCOME	22,910	20,832	2,078	10%	212,280	248,019	(35,739)	-14%
EXPENSE								
All Expenses	19,266	23,681	4,415	19%	246,263	246,096	(167)	0%
TOTAL EXPENSE	19,266	23,681	4,415	19%	246,263	246,096	(167)	0%
NET INCOME / (LOSS)	3,644	(2,849)	6,493	31%	(33,983)	1,924	(35,907)	-14%

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