



Sunday Announcements

Sunday March 17, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

-Psalm 51:12

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 Valley Outreach. You are welcome to share a special offering for MN Foodshare Month.

VALLEY OUTREACH | March is MN Foodshare Month!

We are partnering with Valley Outreach to collect non-perishable food items through March 31. Please bring donations to add to the grocery cart by the office or to the box in The Connection. Monetary donations are also welcome and can be stretched even farther when our efforts are coordinated with Valley Outreach.



Holy Week @ BLC

All are Welcome!!

Palm Sunday | March 24

8:30 am | Worship @ BLC
Procession with Palms

10:00 am | Ecumenical Palm Procession
across the Old Stillwater Lift Bridge

Easter Sunday | March 31

8:00 am | Worship @ BLC

9 -10am | Easter Breakfast in Fellowship

10:00 am | Worship @ BLC

Maundy Thursday | March 28

7:00 pm | Worship @ BLC

Good Friday | March 29

7:00 pm | Ecumenical Service
at St. Croix United Church
(formerly People's Congregational Church)

Palm Sunday

Outdoor
Community
Worship
& Palm
Processional

March 24 | 10 am | Gather at Lift Bridge

Ecumenical Worship

includes communion.

Arrive by 9:45 at the Lift Bridge Plaza.

Bring your own palm branch from morning worship.

The parade route is 4-6 blocks. One does not need to walk the parade route to participate.

EASTER BREAKFAST!

Easter is quickly approaching and we are seeking volunteers. **SIGN UPS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CONNECTION.**



BETHLEHEM CALENDAR

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

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!

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP ZOOM | Fridays @ 8am

Contact Pastor Amy for the Zoom link. pastor.blcbayport@gmail.com



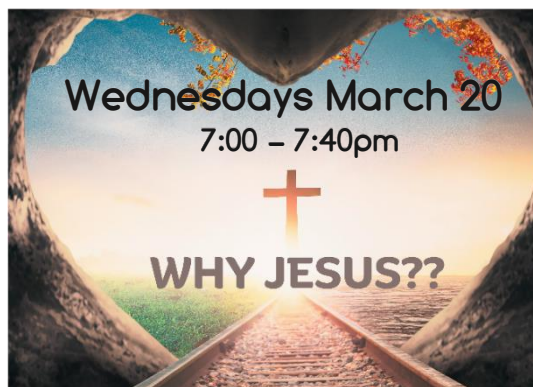
Invite Friends and Neighbors!

We will gather one final time during Lent to enjoy a simple meal together this Wednesday, March 20 before worship

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

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

**20 March
Andree Aronson & Mary Goulette**



Come, listen and reflect on one last story of faith shared by Paul Goulette. Paul will be sharing his "Why Jesus?" story while answering two main questions, "Why am I a Christian?" (or still a Christian) and "Why does Jesus matter to me?"



QUILTING | Thursday March 21 | 9am

Come join the fun this Thursday, March 21 at 9am in the BLC basement. No experience needed! Contact Mary Olson @ <mailto:marbolson@comcast.net>

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS ❤️

See openings on the sign-up sheet in the Connection or chat with Julie Grams or Constance Nelson to learn more.

March 17 | Ann Gilman & Lori Gleason

March 20 | AVAILABLE



CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILIES EVENTS! | Meal Packing and Camp!!



Sunday, May 19 at 11am | MEAL PACKING

Meals from the Heart 5600 Memorial Ave N. Oak Park Heights



July 14th-19th | 4th -6th graders / 7th -9th 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 9th -11th

Scan QR Code for more info & to register.



FUNDRAISERS | RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS | On-Going

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 : ENDS This Week

We are collecting SNEAKERS in the receptacle located near the Sanctuary. Last day to bring them in is this coming Friday, **Friday, March 22.**

BLC FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT | February 2024 Fiscal Year

	February 2024				February YTD [Month 5]			
	Revenue / Expense		Variance		Revenue / Expense		Variance	
	Actual	Plan	\$	%	Actual	Plan	\$	%
INCOME								
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 25,835	\$ 24,360	\$ 1,475	6%	\$ 126,211	\$ 123,599	\$ 2,612	2%
EXPENSE								
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 23,071	\$ 25,553	\$ 2,482	10%	\$ 123,464	\$ 128,641	\$ 5,177	4%
NET INCOME / (LOSS)	\$ 2,764	\$ (1,193)	\$ 3,957	16%	\$ 2,747	\$ (5,042)	\$ 7,789	6%
Line of Credit (current balance)			\$ 13,817					
Church Mortgage (current balance)			\$ 106,075					

Direct Online Giving

Scan QR Code



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