

*Connecting
with God,
One Another
and Our
Mission in
the World*



DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

This Fall the Call Committee has been in conversation with a number of candidates - a couple of deacons and a pastor. The discernment of the Call Committee was that the deacons were not a good fit for Bethlehem at this time. As this newsletter is being prepared, the process with the pastor is in very early stages. Please continue to hold the call process in your prayers and if you know of potential candidates, please share their name with one of the Call Committee:

Donna Alberts (chair), Miranda Telin, Kevin Foss, Zoey Pigors-Haselhorst, Kent Hanson, Becki Woehl, Bobby Smallman, and Pastor Jeff Whillock

What do you fear? Insisting on hope this Advent

Advent is the season of the church when we prepare for the coming of Jesus on Christmas. As we encounter many familiar stories about the announcement of Jesus' coming, the angels visiting Mary and Joseph, and of course, the wonderful Christmas story that we all cherish, our worship will be focused on a question.

What do you fear?

Many of us carry fear within us. Some fear for the future, others fear for their safety or the safety of their family, some have fears that take the form of a phobia, and others fear about if they'll make it to tomorrow. Fear can petrify us. Fear can keep us safe. Fear can make us irrational. Fear can be complicated. Fear can keep us from saying "yes" to God's call.

We know what it's like to have fear, and so did the people in the Christmas story. Mary had fear when an angel came to her, Joseph had fear when Mary was pregnant before they got married, and the people of Israel had fear of the Roman rulers who occupied them. But despite their fears, they still said "yes" to what God was up to, and the result of their courage was the birth of Jesus. This Advent, I hope and pray that you will find hope in the birth of Jesus despite the fears you have. I hope and pray that you will find the courage to say "yes" to whatever God is calling you to do at this time in your life. For Jesus is coming, and as we once again celebrate his birth, let us have hope that God still continues to bring joy and glad tidings to us all!



FROM THE PASTOR

Beloved People of Bethlehem,

As Christmas draws near, I am once again mindful that central to the story of our faith is God's giving. As John 3:16 proclaims: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son..." Of course, the whole tradition of giving gifts at Christmas time is an echo of God's giving.

One of my favorite hymns, *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*, celebrates God's giving nature and prays that we may live out that giving:

*Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!*

This autumn, in response to our ***Launch: Propelled by the Spirit*** Generosity Appeal, many people responded to the invitation to be intentional about their giving to support the ministries of Bethlehem. For each of these responses – whatever the size – we give thanks to both the givers and to God. (If you haven't responded to this invitation, please do so [here](#).) Every gift helps to propel our congregation as we touch lives, love each other, and to share "the joy divine."

I hope and pray that you may experience this joy divine this Christmas season. I hope and pray that you may experience anew the old, old story of God's amazing love for you and for all the world.

I thank God for the gift of Jesus! I thank God for the gift of you!

Pastor Jeff

2025 Year End Giving

As we celebrate this joyful **Christmas season**, we give thanks for the many ways God has worked through your generosity this year. Your gifts have supported worship, outreach, and ministries that share Christ's love with our community and beyond - thank you!

As the year draws to a close, please remember to complete your **2025 contributions by Tuesday, December 30th**. **The church office will be closed on Wednesday, December 31st for Sabbath in the Center**, so any **in-person gifts must be received before 5:00 p.m. on the 30th to be included in your 2025 giving record**.

For your convenience, you can also make your year-end gift **securely online anytime before midnight on December 31st**. Online giving is an easy and meaningful way to finish the year with gratitude and generosity.

Mailed contributions postmarked by December 31st will also be credited to your 2025 giving.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and support - your giving helps Bethlehem share the light of Christ in this season and throughout the year ahead.

Epiphany: Come and See

Each year after Christmas, Christians around the globe celebrate the season of Epiphany. It is a season that celebrates the gift of Jesus being manifested or revealed to not only the Jewish people, but all people. Early in Jesus' ministry he extends an invitation: "*Come and see*." In January and into February you are cordially invited to share in ***Come and See***, our winter worship series. Together with the children's ministries, we'll follow Jesus in his early ministry and let his way of seeing shape how we see. You are cordially invited to share in this worship series as well as participate in a small group to grow deeper in your faith. You are also encouraged to share the simple invitation, "*come and see*," as you invite a friend or family member along with you on this journey by worshiping together. Together we will see and experience Jesus and see how the kingdom of heaven has come near.

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL UPDATE

(as of 12/02/2025)

of Statement of Intents received: 245
of Statement of Intents with an increase: 174

Annual Statement of Intent totals: \$831,407.64
Annual Increase: \$163,753.40
Monthly Increase: \$13,518.62
Weekly Increase: \$3158.33
Average Annual Increase: \$885.15

of Statement of Intents received
for Launch 250: 60



Registration is open for the 2026-2027 School Year!

We offer Pre-K only (Monday – Thursday
from 8 – 11 or 12:30 – 3:30)

OR

Pre-K with Out of School Time (Monday – Friday
From 7:30 – 5:30).

Registration is open to children of all faiths who will be
4 or 5 by September 1, 2026. Spots typically fill quickly
so register early! Register online at:

www.bethlehemaberdeen.org/teach/pre-k

Please contact Cyndi Holtz at
choltz@bethlehemaberdeen.org or by phone at
605-225-9740 to schedule a tour or ask any questions.

There will be **NO Sunday School** on
December 21st or 28th. Classes resume on
January 4th .

There will be **NO Wednesday School** on
December 24th or December 31st . Classes
resume on January 7th

*We hope you have a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*

There will be **NO Sunday School**
January 18th.

There will be **NO Wednesday School**
January 21st.

Milestone Ministry

2nd Graders will celebrate a Lord's Prayer Milestone
and receive a special book during a Parent/Child
learning event on **Sunday, January 11th at 9:40 a.m. in
the East Fellowship Hall or Wednesday, January 14
at 5:15 p.m. in E15-18.**

Watch for more information coming soon.

Help support the Bethlehem Pre-K!

Bring your Kessler's and Ken's receipts to church and
place them in the containers near the Pre-K Classroom or
on top of the coat rack near the Hub.

Thank you for your support!



Children's Christmas Music

Sunday School kids in Preschool through 3rd
Grade, will sing in worship on Sunday,
December 14 at 10:10 a.m.

Wednesday School kids in Preschool through
3rd Grade will sing in worship on Wednesday,
December 17 at 6:15 p.m..



THANK YOU to all who
supported our fall Book Fair.
We enjoyed seeing the children
get excited to pick out books to
buy. We appreciate the support
as we promote literacy to our

Pre-Kindergarten and congregational children and
earn Scholastic rewards to stock the Christian
Education and Pre-K programs with free materials!

Winter Carnival

Friday, January 23

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Come for food, inflatables, and games.

**This FREE event is for everyone, so invite your friends
and neighbors and come for a wonderful time of
fun & fellowship!**

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Tot Gym

All are welcome to join us in the Re-Creation Center from 10:30 – 11:30 on Thursdays with your tots. Kids can run off energy, play with others and parents can visit. It's a win for all!

Please only bring children younger than kindergarten for the safety of all little ones.

Lutherans Outdoors Summer Camp Registration is Now Open!

There is nothing better than having your child(ren) experience a Lutherans Outdoors Summer camp! And even better is the fact that Bethlehem offers scholarships to kids attending camp!

We offer \$150 scholarship for full week camps and \$75 for the half week camps - all you need to do is sign your child up and email us the receipt! To sign up for camp visit: losd.org questions, talk to Cyndi Holtz or Stan Jung.



Football Food Drive Challenges

Later in January, you can cast your vote for who you think will win the Conference Championships and eventually the Super Bowl by donating non-perishable food items in your team's box! **Together we will help fight local hunger while cheering on our favorite teams!**

Celebrating First Communion



These students completed instruction about communion and the promise of forgiveness during the First Communion Class on November 15. They received their First Communion on Sunday, November 16 or Wednesday, November 19. Please hold them in prayer as they celebrate this milestone.

Westley Aldrich
Greta Bossert
Beckett Bruckner
EJ Dingman
Jett Dingman
Axel Graham
Hailey Hanson
Oliver Hanson

Cason Huebner
Madison Imbery
Lawson Kalt
Hudson Kludt
Andrew Konda
Gunner Osterman
Hadley Osterman
Grayson Pickrel

Grady Rithmiller
Cameron Schneider
Ivy Shimitz
Shaye Smith
Von Smith
Benson Struss
Keith Stucker II
Alyse Teeslink

Caleb Timm
Breyson Valsvig



Route 67 – It's a new year!

We made it to a new year! I'm not a New Year's resolution type person, but I think about what I can do better this year than I did last year. How can I be a better person, a better mentor, a better disciple? How about you?

We have had great attendance again this year, so I have to thank all the parents/guardians/adults that transport these awesome youths to church every week. THANK YOU! You are making a positive difference in their lives and you are a big influence on their faith journey. Keep up the great work!

Remember, all are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend or two...see you soon!

Here is a look at the upcoming schedule:

December 7th & 10th: Game Day! - Matthew 11:1-11 (When we're running out of hope, God is at work)

December 14th & 17th: Christmas Celebrations! (meet in the Youth Center to begin)

December 21st and 24th: NO ROUTE 67 – Christmas break

December 28th and 31st: NO ROUTE 67 – Christmas break

January 4th and 7th: Surprise Day! – John 1:10-18 (Jesus the Word)

January 11th and 14th: Treat Day! – Matthew 3:13-17 (Jesus' Baptism)

January 18th and 21st: NO ROUTE 67 – Martin Luther King Day break

January 25th and 28th: Game Day! – Matthew 4:12-22 (The Disciples)

February 1st and 4th: Service Project Day – Matthew 5:1-12 (The Beatitudes)

Open Gym (Re-Creation Center)

Open gym is happening! Come out with your family to get some exercise and do some family bonding! Basketball, volleyball, walking, cornhole, and many other games and activities are available.

Currently we only have the open gym on Sundays. If there is interest in being open during the week, we will try to accommodate that as well. Please communicate with Stan if you would like additional times.

We are looking for interested individuals and/or families to supervise the open gym dates. You must be 18+ to volunteer. Please connect with Stan if interested.

Below is the upcoming schedule. See you soon!

Sundays 4:00 - 5:30 PM

December 7, 14, 21

January 4, 11, 18, 25

February 1, 8



**Middle School
Mission Trip
Duluth, MN
June 21-26, 2026**

REQUIRED MEETING!

We will have a required meeting for all registered students and those that are interested, but not registered. Parents are encouraged to attend this initial meeting to learn more about the trip and to have any questions answered. **The meeting will be Sunday, January 11th at 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.**

We have a few spots available yet! You don't have to be a member of BLC to attend; so ask a friend and spend a week in Duluth doing service projects, having fun and meeting new friends! There is a link on the BLC website (BLC website, TEACH tab, YOUTH 6 TH -10 TH dropdown, scroll down to ROUTE 67 and select the 2026 MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP – DULUTH button) to register. Please connect with Stan for more information.

Students currently in grades 6th – 9th are eligible to attend.

Stan's contact info:

Phone (605) 225-9740 ext. 113

Email sjung@bethlehemaberdeen.org

Confirmation

8th Grade Confirmation Schedule

We have turned the halfway point already! We start the new year discussing sin, how we fall into traps, and how we are saved and forgiven.

If students haven't completed their worship notes yet, they should be working on completing them and their volunteer hours requirements. For 8th grade the requirements are 5 worship notes and 5 service hours.

Here is a preview of our upcoming schedule:

December 7th & 10th: Small Group – Joy and Peace

December 14th & 17th: Christmas Celebrations! (meet in the Youth Center to begin)

December 21st & 24th: NO CONFIRMATION CLASS

December 28th & 31st: NO CONFIRMATION CLASS

January 4th & 7th: Large Group – Sin (meet in the Youth Center)

January 11th & 14th: Small Group - Suffering

January 18th & 21st: NO CONFIRMATION CLASS

January 25th & 28th: Small Group - Grace and Doubt (2 lessons)

February 1st & 4th: Small Group – Confess & Forgive

9th Grade Confirmation Schedule

December 21 & 24: No Confirmation

December 28 & 31: No Confirmation

January 4 & 7: Small Group: Lord's Prayer
Introduction and Petition 1

January 11 & 14: Small Group: Lord's
Prayer Petitions 2 and 3

January 18 & 21: No Confirmation

January 25 & 28: Large Group: Lord's
Prayer Petition 4 (Sandwich
Making)

6th Grade Milestone

All 6th grade students will receive a "Made in the Image of God" sticker to place on a mirror/water bottle or other highly visible place, to remind them that they are indeed made in the image of God. The milestone will be celebrated on **Sunday, December 7th at the 10:10 AM service and on Wednesday, December 10th at the 6:15 PM service.** 6th Grade students and parents are encouraged to attend one of these services.

High School Mission Trip Niagara Falls, NY June 7-12, 2026

REQUIRED MEETING!

We will have a required meeting for all registered students and adult leaders. Parents are encouraged to attend this initial meeting to learn more about the trip and to have any questions answered.

The meeting will be Sunday, January 11th at 4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

There are 32 youth and adult leaders that will be making their way to this great city to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We will be working with those struggling to meet their basic needs through; homeless shelters, food pantries, youth programs, community gardens, home repair, meal preparation and more. We will also have some time in the evenings to explore the local area and have some fun!

Please connect with Stan for more information.

Winter Carnival Opportunity for Middle School Students

The Winter Carnival will be on January 23rd from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. For any Route 67/middle school student that volunteers to help with the carnival, we will have "free time" for them on all the inflatables and games in the gym, from 7:30 - 9:00 PM.

Pizza and refreshments will also be provided!
Come out and have some fun on a Friday evening!

Join Us at High School Youth Group!

In the fall of 2023 we relaunched our high school youth group at Bethlehem. High school youth group is open for all 9th -12th graders, and we do a variety of activities including Bible studies, service projects, community trips, and fun free nights. We are blessed to have a strong and growing group! If you are a high schooler looking for a community of peers who value faith, this would be a great group for you! Youth group meets on Wednesdays from 7pm-9pm. If you would like more information about youth group, talk to Pastor Matt at mspoden@bethlehemaberdeen.org or Stan at sjung@bethlehemaberdeen.org



Board Game Night

If you're looking for a New Years resolution, coming to Board Game

Night might be what you need! We'll gather on **January 22nd starting at 5:30pm and ending at 8:00pm** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Our theme this month will be new board games. If you got an awesome new board game during Christmas, come share it with others! Pizza will be provided. Water will also be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own beverage. If you arrive late or leave early, that's okay! If you would like more information about board game night, talk to Pastor Matt at mspoden@bethlehemaberdeen.org

Be Still & Know

Thursdays in the Chapel
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Enter through East Doors

Everyone 18 & older is welcome to gather Thursdays in the Chapel for self-reflection and prayer or simply silence to be in God's presence. Come as you're able & time allows.

*Join us in December for Music
from 12:00 - 1:00.*

Music will be played at the quarter hours for 5 minutes & then 10 minutes of self-reflection.

Music will be played by:
Dec 4 - Joell Rachel
Dec 11 - Julie Storly
Dec 18 - Mallory Scott

CURIOUS ABOUT BETHLEHEM



CURIOUS is a time to meet with a member of the Welcome Team who will assist with answering questions about BLC & give a tour of the church

SUN., Jan. 11th
9:30 a.m. &
11:00 a.m.
at Welcome Desk

WED., Jan. 14th
After the
6:15 pm service
at the
Welcome Desk

January Book Study for Tuesday Ladies

You are welcome to gather with the Tuesday Ladies in January as we explore the life and message of the Apostle Paul. We will hear from Adam Hamilton as he shares the story of Paul and how he is still shaping our lives today. What was his impact and influence on the Christian faith and what does it mean to be a follower of Jesus Christ?

Jolinda Finley is excited to lead us through these sessions and share some stories from her recent trip to Greece where she was fortunate to "walk in his footsteps."

Hope to see you on **Tuesdays at 7pm in the Fireside room; Jan. 6th through Feb. 10.** If you'd like a copy of "The Call" by Adam Hamilton, please contact Jolinda Finley at jjfinley91@gmail.com

CHURCH VAN SERVICE

Van service available for:

- CANTATA 12/14 FOR 3:00 PM SERVICE
- CHRISTMAS EVE FOR 4:00 PM SERVICE



Contact the Church
Office to sign up



Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 p.m.
Prelude Music will start at 2:30 p.m.

The Cantata will be LIVESTREAMED at
www.bethlehemaberdeen.org/worship/worship-online

SPARK JOY

Friday, January 23rd
12:10 PM - 12:50 PM
East Fellowship Hall

Incorporating Spiritual Practices
for Brain Health

SAVE THE DATE:
Friday, February 13th



Aging Gracefully **A Ministry for Lifelong Learning**

Aging Gracefully is a monthly gathering curated especially for those age 50 and older, offering helpful, hopeful, and insights into life's later seasons. All are always welcome—bring a friend! These events are held in the East Fellowship Hall from 2-3 p.m.

Coming in December: Streaming TV Made Easy! Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Confused by streaming? You're not alone! **Jeff Evenson** from Northern Valley Communications will walk us through how to access popular streaming platforms like Netflix, Hulu, and more - no tech experience needed. We are told that the future of television is in streaming!

January Topic: Mobility & Strength Training Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Mobility and Strength Training is all the buzz in the fitness world and a key for physical wellness and longevity. Trainer **Peyton Price** will share simple exercises that can be done at home. Peyton holds a degree in Human Performance and Fitness and serves as a trainer at the Aberdeen Family YMCA.



Monday, December 15th, 2025 - 6:15 p.m. Chapel at Bethlehem Lutheran Church

For many, the Christmas season is anything but merry. Grief, loss, and longing can feel especially heavy this time of year. Whether you are mourning the death of a loved one, the end of a relationship, the loss of health, security, or direction - you are not alone.

We invite you to a peaceful, contemplative service of hope and healing. This Blue Christmas service offers sacred space to honor your pain, find comfort in God's presence, and rest in the light that gently shines in the darkness.

All are welcome. Bring your sorrow, friends and family.

All are welcome!

A time of quiet fellowship will follow the service.



Final Results from the Coat Drive

- Received 458 coats
- Gave out 329 coats
- 129 coats will be shipped to McLaughlin, SD



CONCORDIA CHOIR (MOORHEAD, MINN) IN CONCERT

Hear one of the nation's finest college choirs perform **Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 2:00 PM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church**. Michael Culloton conducts the 68-voice a cappella choir in a varied concert ranging from Renaissance motets to contemporary choral works. "You MUST see them - it's an unforgettable experience!" says Eric Whitacre. *Tickets will be available to purchase through the Concordia website or at the door.*



GREETINGS FROM PASTORAL CARE

As we enter the season of Advent and journey toward Christmas and the new year, we invite you to rest in God's reassuring promise that we were not created to live in fear. Fear can quiet our joy and cloud our hope - but Christ meets us right where we are. Whatever you may be carrying, bring it to Jesus. In Him, you are tenderly held and perfectly loved.

"When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You." - Psalm 56:3

On **December 15th at 6:15 p.m.**, we warmly welcome you to our **Blue Christmas Worship Service** - a gentle, sacred time for anyone experiencing loss of any kind: the loss of a loved one, a relationship, a job, health, security, or simply a season of feeling "blue." Come as you are and rest in a space created for comfort, peace, and God's healing presence.

We are also excited to launch a new women's small group, **Thursdays By The Fire**, hosted by **Marion Hartung and Janis Heier**, beginning **January 22nd, from 10-11 a.m.** for six consecutive weeks. Together we'll gather for fellowship, Scripture-based devotions, and meaningful conversations that spark reflection, encouragement, and connection.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming ministry opportunities:

- **Aging Gracefully: Streaming TV Made Easy!** – Tuesday, December 9th at 2:00 p.m.
- **Blue Christmas Worship** – Monday, December 15th at 6:15 p.m.
- **Aging Gracefully: Mobility & Strength Training** – Tuesday, January 20th at 2:00 p.m.
- **Thursdays By The Fire** – January 22nd–February 26th from 10–11 a.m.
(Registration requested; space limited to 12 participants)
- **Spark Joy: Incorporating Spiritual Practices for Brain Health** – Friday, January 23rd at 12:10 p.m.

Additional details about these events can be found throughout this newsletter.

Prayer

Jesus, You know the fears I hold on to. Shine Your love into each one, and help me release them to You. Fill me with trust, courage, and the freedom only You can give. Amen.

In Christ's peace,

Janis Heier

Ann Rasmussen

Pastoral Care Ministers

Thursdays by the Fire...Enriching Mind, Body & Spirit!

Are you at a place in your life where you long for connection and conversation with a group of like-minded women?

Come warm your spirit by joining us for a six-week women's gathering designed to bring gentle rhythm, reflection, and joy to your week.

We will gather on **Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. January 22 through February 26, 2026**, in the **Fireside Room**. Together we'll share in fellowship, a devotion, a thought-provoking topic that invites reflection and connection, and close with a moving, breath-work meditation.

Come as you are - no preparation needed, just a heart open to community and God's presence. You will find a warm chair by the fire, a kind word, and a moment of peace waiting for you.

Facilitators are Marion Hartung and Janis Heier. This session (of six weekly gatherings) is limited to 12 participants. To register, please contact the church office, Janis at jheier@bethlehemaberdeen.org or Marion at mhartung4@abe.midco.net.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to the following 10th Graders who were confirmed on October 26

Jack Aberle, Camryn Albrecht, Henry Biegler, Anniston Bindenagel, Alexandria Bunke, Arabella Clark, Temperance Cody, Baileigh Dannen, Mikaela Erickson, Mitchell Golz, Abigail Hartung, Gavin Hauck, Addison Hoeft, Aubrey Huber, Carlee Johnson, Kinley Kamphuis, Ella Kettner, Donovan Kiesow, Cody Kiesz, Easton Kludt, Makenna Krause, Aftyn Kriech, Blake Landon, Colbie Larson, Talon Larson, Porter Lozenski, Julia Malsam, Taryn Mettler, Amelia Moore, Noah Nelson, Taylor Opsahl, Shaylee Rathert, Olivia Reinbold, Noah Scepaniak, Thomas Schuster, Brayden Smith, Keyana Stillman, Aliyah Torigian, Taylor Tullar, Jovee Waldo, Preston Welke, Brynne Willems, Parker Wood

Memorials and Honorariums

General Fund Memorials

Given in memory of Norg Sanderson, Gayle & Loren
Steele by: Barb Gohn

Given in memory of Casey Hundstad by: James & Barbara
Hundstad

Wednesday Night Supper Memorials

Given in memory of Jerry Kleinknecht by: Sandy
Kleinknecht

Youth Fundraiser Memorials

Given in memory of Marilyn Batch, Bob Gunderson, Susan
VanDover, Sheila Smith, Lavanda Clemensen, Audrey
Boschee, Millie Fauth & Gerald Gab by: Stan & Kari
Jung

Pipe Organ Memorials

Given in memory of Judy Anderson, Betty Pinkerton &
Susan VanDover by: Darlyne Johnson

Worship & Music Honorariums

Given in honor of Jacque Ann DePlanty joining BLC by:
Darlene Atkinson

October 2025 Financial Update

GENERAL FUND

Analysis of Budgeted Revenues & Expenses

	MTD	YTD
Undesignated Offerings	\$ 93,332.72	\$ 950,965.86
Other Designated Revenues	\$ 29,361.66	\$ 468,453.29
Total Revenue	\$ 122,694.38	\$ 1,419,419.15
Budget Expenditures	\$ (156,133.51)	\$ (1,458,727.15)

Net Operating Total from Budget Operations	\$ (33,439.13)	\$ (39,308.00)
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Other Non-Budget expenditures from designated sources	\$ -	\$ -
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Net Operating Total	\$ (33,439.13)	\$ (39,308.00)
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Summary of Assets & Liabilities

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,072,874.43
Accounts Payable due within 30 days	\$ (14,779.96)
Pre-paid tuition & fees	\$ (4,050.00)
Due to Restricted Fund Accounts	\$ (5,417.33)
Temporary reserve for D. Hagenson estate gift	\$ (205,137.35)
Reserved for Others/Temporary Restricted accounts	\$ (164,607.24)
Total Unrestricted Cash Assets	\$ 678,882.55

RESTRICTED FUND ACCOUNTS

Restricted Memorials & Accounts	\$ 25,128.49
Prairie Mindset Scholarship	\$ 23,740.08

ENDOWMENT FUND

Endowment Fund Assets	\$ 1,425,433.76
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FUTURE MAINTENANCE FUND

Income Statement

	MTD	YTD
Revenues, Investment Activity & Other Sources	\$ 7,333.08	\$ 160,424.79
Expenditures <i>(reflects parking lot expenses)</i>	\$ (436,718.84)	\$ (552,910.18)
Net Operating	\$ (429,385.76)	\$ (392,485.39)

Future Maintenance Fund Assets	\$ 20,849.85
Due to General Fund <i>(FM owes GF for Parking Lot Exp)</i>	\$ 376,203.83



THANKS TO ALL OF OUR BLC VOLUNTEERS

Have you volunteered to prepare the Newsletter mailing? How about volunteer at the Welcome Desk? Have you volunteered to get bulletins ready for the weekend or other services? Have you given treats for Sunday morning or maybe for a funeral? How about ushering? Volunteering for the Stream Team? Or have you volunteered in one of the many other areas of the church?

At Bethlehem, we have so many volunteers, in several different areas,
and we want to say...

Thank You!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Van Service available for Christmas Eve on Wednesday, December 24th at 4:00PM.

Contact the church office to sign up, before 12noon, the Friday prior.



Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 14th
Prelude music starts at 2:30 p.m.
Christmas Cantata @ 3 p.m.
(Livestream)

Blue Christmas

Monday, December 15th
Blue Christmas @ 6:15 p.m.
in the Chapel

Christmas Eve Services

1:00 p.m. - Band-led (Livestream)
2:30 p.m. - Band-led
4:00 p.m. - Organ-led
5:30 p.m. - Organ-led
9:00 p.m. - "Unplugged"

New Year's Eve

Sabbath in the Center
BLC Offices Closed
(No Wednesday Night Supper/No Worship Service)

All Christmas Eve Services have Communion & Candlelight

Watch the LIVESTREAM at
1:00 PM on our website at:

[https://
www.bethlehemaberdeen.
org/worship/
worship-online](https://www.bethlehemaberdeen.org/worship/worship-online)

View the LIVESTREAM after
at:

[https://
www.bethlehemaberdeen.
org/worship/
worship-archives](https://www.bethlehemaberdeen.org/worship/worship-archives)

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