

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, October 3, 2021

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Face masks are optional for fully vaccinated individuals at worship services. Per CDC and county guidelines, unvaccinated individuals are asked to continue wearing masks.*

Sunday School 9:00-9:45 am

Bible Study 9:00-9:45 am - with Pastor Tim in fellowship hall

Worship at 10:00 AM

Holy Communion is celebrated 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

**WELCOME** to all of our visitors today. If you're here for the first time or as a returning guest, we are very pleased to be able to worship with you today. The order of service and songs will be projected. An outline of the service is printed in your bulletin.

### ~ COMING UP AT BETHLEHEM ~

**Thank you** to Pastor Tim Heupel for leading our worship and sharing God's word with us this morning.

**Devotions** on Facebook Tues., Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

**Prayer Group** - Tues., Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, in the prayer room.

**Supper** - Wed., Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall. This is a light family meal for everyone, but particularly for Confirmation Students & Bible Study attenders who may not have had a chance to grab a bite to eat.

**Confirmation** - Wed., Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the youth room.

**Bible Study** - Wed., Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall; The Story Chapter 3.

**Movie Night** - Fri., Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Join us to watch "I Still Believe" Bring your own beverages. Popcorn and treats will be provided by the Fellowship Ministry Team.

**Next Sunday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>** - Sunday School at 9:00 am. Bible Study at 9:00 am. Worship 10:00 am. In preparation for Bible Study and Sermon please read *The Story* - Chapter 4, "Deliverance" this week. Christian Ed Ministry Team Meeting at 11:15 am.

### ~ COMMUNION POLICY ~

At Bethlehem, we believe that the Lord's Supper is more than a remembrance and more than a ritual. We believe that Jesus Christ Himself is truly present, and that this meal strengthens our relationship with Him and with each other.

If you believe that God loves you, that He gave His only Son, Jesus, to die for you, that through Jesus' death and resurrection your sins are forgiven, and that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the bread and wine in a supernatural way, then we welcome you to join us as we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

If you have not been instructed in the Lutheran faith, if you doubt any of those statements above, or if you have a confession different than the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet you desire to receive this sacrament, we encourage you to speak with the pastor.

**Gluten-free wafers and nonalcoholic wine** are available today for the Lord's Supper. Simply let the pastor or elder know if you would like to receive them.



**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER** Vern Noggle; Heather Krause; families affected by COVID-19; hurricane cleanup; God's blessings on our journey through *The Story*.

If you or a member you know of has been hospitalized or moved to a care facility please notify the church office so we can share their whereabouts with the church family.

**FELLOWSHIP TREATS** are provided by Marcella Jordan. Sign up sheet to serve at a future service in on the kitchen serving area. Talk to LeAnne Hohman if you'd like to supply treats but can't serve.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>Today</u> <u>10:00 AM</u>	<u>Sun. Oct. 10</u> <u>10:00 AM</u>
ELDER / USHERS:	Gary Hansen	Brett Grunewald
ACOLYTE:	Luke Hansen	Sully Vargo
GREETER(S):	Randy & Missy Schamberger	Heidi & Tim Ender
READER:	Gary Hansen	Marcella Jordan
SOUND BOOTH:	Nathan Hansen	Kayla Seigneurie
MUSIC:	Amanda Bradley	Theistes

To volunteer as a reader contact Carole Licht, to be an usher contact the church office. Scheduled worship assistants, please make every effort to be here.

**Attendance Last Week**  
Sun., Sept. 26, 2021  
82 - 10:00 am

**Bethlehem's Giving Report as of last week 9/26/21**  
Weekly Income Needed: \$ 3,871.00  
**Offerings Received Last Week: \$ 2,177.00**  
Total Offerings 2021 Year To Date: \$152,116.45  
*These totals do not reflect Daycare Income*

~ YOUR STORY IS PART OF GOD'S STORY ~

Friends, we have already handed out over 110 copies of *The Story* at Bethlehem, and the bookshelf is empty again. What a great problem to have! Another shipment is on the way and should arrive next week.

If you would like to order a copy of the illustrated storybooks for children, or if you would like to pick up a few extra copies of *The Story* for yourself or as a Christmas gift, please send an email to [PastorTim@blcaltoona.org](mailto:PastorTim@blcaltoona.org). You can also ask him for more information on some of the small groups that are meeting to study *The Story*.

~ MUSIC JAM SESSION ~

We're looking for musicians ages 12 and up. Do you sing or play an instrument? We have a fun-filled "jam" night planned starting at 6:30 p.m. **Thursday, Oct. 14**, here at the church. Bring your instrument, your voice, and your excitement. If you're unable to attend but would like more information, call 715-456-7804 or 715-829-1893.

~ OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX UPDATE ~

As you prayerfully consider packing a shoebox gift you may pick up a brochure with helpful tips from the display in the Fellowship Hall. Boxes are also there for you to take home, fill and return by November 7.

Another way you can participate in this mission project is to collect \$9 in quarters for shipping. Pill bottles holding this amount are also available.

For those of you wanting to contribute by shopping for select items there is a large collection box in the Fellowship Hall. Check out the OCC table for more info or contact Sherry Schantz at 715-379-8951.

~ TRUNK OR TREAT ~

Fellowship Ministry Team will be hosting Trunk or Treat again this year on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 2:00-4:00 pm in the church parking lot. We need your "Tricked Out" vehicles to make this a success. Donations of candy to hand out would also be appreciated. Start planning your trunk's costume now! Contact LeAnne Hohman at 715-456-7572 with questions.

~ NURSERY AVAILABLE ~

Young children are welcome in the sanctuary for worship. There is also a nursery available for nursing mothers or children who need other activities to occupy their attention. For safety reasons please do not leave your child unattended in the nursery.

~ Life Chain ~

The Eau Claire County Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life is sponsoring the annual Life Chain TODAY, from 2:00-3:30 pm. Life Chain is a peaceful witness and prayer vigil on behalf of unborn children whose lives are threatened by abortion. Get your pro-life sign at the Regis High School parking lot, and then stand with us along South Hastings Way as we pray for an end to abortion.

# A Rags to Riches Story

Genesis 37-50

## The Rags of Life

- A. Selfish ambitions and desires
- B. They impact our lives and others

## The Responses of Rags

- A. Jealousy, deception, hatred, violence, lies
- B. They strip us of our dignity
- C. There is a price to pay
- D. Rags repay good with evil

## The Riches Response

- A. Shown by Joseph and Jesus; they refused to sin against God
- B. I can't but God can
- C. Emptied themselves
- D. Remember, reveal, reflect

**Conclusion:** Oftentimes the Rags bring out the worst in us. God can turn Rags into Riches. He did it for Joseph, He did it for Jesus, and He will do it for you.