

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



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Reformation Day
Sunday, October 31, 2021

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*Face masks are optional for fully vaccinated individuals at worship services.
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 1st, 3rd & 5th 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 ~

Today we celebrate Day Care Sunday with songs by the children of Little Star Daycare and a update of this ministry by Director Krystina Schumacher.

Devotions on Facebook Tues., Nov. 2nd at 9:00 am.

Prayer Group - Tues., Nov. 2nd at 10:00 am, in the prayer room.

Supper - Wed., Nov. 3rd at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall. *[This is a light family meal for everyone, but particularly for Confirmation Students & Bible Study attenders.]*

Confirmation - Wed., Nov. 3rd meet in the youth room at 6:00 pm.

Bible Study - Wed., Nov. 3rd at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall; *The Story* Chapter 7.

Next Sunday, Nov. 7th - All Saints Day observed. Sunday School at 9:00 am. Bible Study at 9:00 am. Worship with Holy Communion at 10:00 am. In preparation for Bible Study and Sermon please read *The Story* - Chapter 8, "A Few Good Men ... and Women," this week.

QUARTERLY GIVING STATEMENTS are in the mail box file,
at the coffee station, in the fellowship hall.
Please pick yours up today!

~ ALL SAINTS DAY FLOWERS ~

Next Sunday, Nov. 7, we will observe All Saints Day. The pink order form must be completed and returned with payment TODAY if you wish to place flowers in the altar bouquet.

~ HELPING THE CARLSON FAMILY ~

As part of our Day Care celebration, we will collect a special offering to help the Nora Carlson family. Nora has attended Little Star since she was a baby, and she is scheduled to have multiple surgeries in Boston this month to correct her spine. To help offset the costs of travel and lodging, we will take a collection during worship TODAY. A generous donor has offered to do a dollar-for-dollar match, so **your gift can go twice as far!** Please keep Nora in your prayers, and prayerfully consider how you can help this family. Checks can be made payable to Heather Carlson.

~ SHOEBOX UPDATE ~

Our packing party for Operation Christmas Child is coming up fast (Nov. 14)! Have you:

- **picked up a shoebox** in the Fellowship Hall?
- **looked at the list of suggested gifts** to donate (no food, liquids, breakables)?
- been **shopping for items to pack** on Nov. 14? (Drop off by Nov. 7.)
- checked out BLC's website at Samaritan's Purse to **Build A Shoebox Online** (<https://sampur.se/3Axoh6v>)? It's easy & only \$25.
- **been praying** that Bethlehem can share the love of Jesus by packing at least 50 shoeboxes on Nov. 14 along with 10 online boxes?

Stop by the displays in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall for more information. Questions can be directed to Sherry Schantz @ 715-379-8951.

~ GIVE THE GIFT OF THE STORY ~

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 email PastorTim@blcaltoona.org.

~ MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES BEGIN NOV. 17 ~

As we head into the holiday season, Bethlehem will have some special worship opportunities.

Deer hunters & deer hunting "widows" service on Wed., Nov. 17
Meal at 5:30 pm, worship at 6:00 pm, confirmation and Bible Study at 6:45 pm

Thanksgiving Eve worship with Holy Communion and Cereal Gathering
on Wed., Nov. 24 at 6:00 pm. (no meal, confirmation or Bible Study).

Midweek Advent services on Wed., Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22
Meal at 5:30 pm, worship at 6:00 pm, confirmation and Bible Study at 6:45 pm.

~ 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 & Bev Noggle; Nora Carlson; Heather Krause; families affected by COVID-19; 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 Little Star Daycare. 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. Nov. 7</u> <u>10:00 AM</u>
ELDER / USHERS:	Mike Smith / Tim & Shane Ender	Gary Hansen
ACOLYTE:	Madi Brown	Luke Hansen
GREETER(S):	Dennis Dawson & Pat Steinberg	Marlene Bredesen
READER:	Mark Jordan	Gary Hansen
SOUND BOOTH:	Jordans	Nathan Hansen
MUSIC:	Becca Roth	Amanda Bradley

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	Bethlehem's Giving Report as of last week 10/24/21
Sun., Oct. 24, 2021 106 - 10:00 am	<i>Weekly Income Needed:</i> \$ 3,871.00 Offerings Received Last Week: \$ 2,898.46 <i>Total Offerings 2021 Year To Date:</i> \$165,898.86 <i>These totals do not reflect Daycare Income</i>

Members & Visitors ~ Please sign the Fellowship Register on the aisle side of your pew every week. Pass it to others in your pew. Indicate if you are receiving the Lord's Supper.

The Battle Begins

Joshua 1-24

Entering the Promised Land

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (*Joshua 1:9, p. 89-90 in The Story*)

Grace Comes Knocking

So (the two spies) went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there. (*Joshua 2:1, p. 90 in The Story*)

Grace Demands a Response

By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. (*Hebrews 11:31*)

Grace Redefines Us

Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her ... and she lives among the Israelites to this day. (*Joshua 6:25, p. 93 in The Story*)