# BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

# **CHIMES Newsletter**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Where are you headed? By Rev Sarah Speed

We are trains on a track, moving through life at warp speed. Please keep all arms and legs inside the moving vehicle at all times.

The years pass like a flipbook, faster than we can absorb, but the train does not stop.

We press our faces to the windows to try and get a good view and we ask each other,
Where are you headed?
And there on the train we decide—

we want to head toward the promised day.
We want to head toward crowded tables and long, healthy lives.
We want to move in the direction of joyful children, and hopeful communities.
We want to move closer to God with every mile of track, and that does not happen by accident.

So it's time to ask, Where are you headed, and who's driving that train?

## Bethlehem Lutheran Church, ELCA

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### APRIL 2

9 am Palm Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Easter Egg Hunt 4:30 pm Fruit of the Spirit Kids Club 5:15 pm High School Youth Group

#### APRIL 3

5 pm Finance Meeting

#### APRIL 6

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship

## APRIL 7

1 pm Good Friday Worship

## APRIL 8

9 am Easter Decorating

#### APRIL 9

8 am Easter Worship9 am Easter Brunch10:30 am Easter Worship

#### APRIL 12

NO WORSHIP

#### **APRIL 12/13**

**Food Pantry Helpers** 

#### APRIL 13

9 am Women's Group

#### APRIL 19

6:30 pm Confirmation Classes Resume

#### APRIL 20

6:30 pm Church Council

#### APRIL 23

Earth Day

#### APRIL 29

Youth Community Service Project 1 pm Annual Women's Tea

## APRIL 30

Casserole Sale after Worship

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#### **OUR CHURCH**

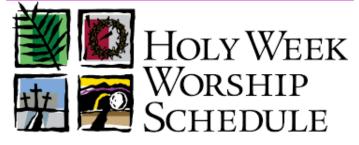
#### WOMEN'S GROUP



The next meeting is Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. All women of the church are welcome to attend. The Annual Tea will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> and the theme is "Summer".



## **HOLY WEEK & EASTER**



Wednesday, 4/5 - NO WORSHIP Maundy Thursday, 4/6, 6:30 pm Good Friday, 4/7, 1 pm Easter, 4/9, 8 am Brunch between services Easter, 4/9, 10:30 am

#### FAITH FORMATION

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following students for receiving their First Communion on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Gabriel Bishop Zane Bovre Leah Haroldson Claire Langan Jackson Randall Kathryn Thiele Clara Georgeson



We will have special activities and an Easter Egg hunt on Palm Sunday.

There is no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 9th. The



Sunday School lessons will be Doubting Thomas on 4/16 and Early Believers on 4/30.

#### FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT KIDS CLUB



at Bethlenem Lutheran Church W8267 Hwy 33, Portage

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, & Self-Control



Next Class: PEACE!!

Sunday, April 2nd, 4:00pm-

5:15pm

We will continue to meet on the 1st Sunday of every month through May: last class 5/7

Please join us for a fun class that will include a lesson, singing, games, crafts and a snack. All children in kindergarten through 5th grade are encouraged to register to attend.

Non-members welcome!



Please contact the church office at **608-742-8502** if you would like to register, or reach out to Tania Anderson directly at <u>parishassociate@blcportage.org</u>

You can also register here.

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#### CONFIRMATION CLASSES



Our confirmation students did a great job helping with the Lent soup suppers. If you see any one of them around church this month, please give them a pat on the back for a job well done. Confirmation classes officially resume on Wednesday, April 19th at 6:30pm. We will be discussing the Lord's Prayer until our final class on Wednesday, May 10th. We will also be participating in a service project involving the Habitat Restore on Saturday, April 29th 10:00am-2:00pm; more details about this coming soon.

#### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEETING



Attention High Schoolers! Join Pastor Jaime for Youth Group, **April 2**<sup>nd</sup> from 5:15 to 6:15 pm at church.

## YOUTH REP. FOR SYNOD ASSEMBLY



Looking for two people (1 male/1 female under the age of 35) to attend the Synod Assembly on May 20th – see Pastor if interested or want to know more about Synod Assembly.

## DOMINCAN REPUBLIC FUNDRAISERS

#### **Casserole Sales**

Save the dates: after worship on April 30 and May 21



## NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

#### JOB POSTING

### **Parish Administrative Assistant**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is looking for an experienced administrative professional to cover the typical administrative and secretarial duties required of a church office position. The



Parish Administrative Assistant will work 24 hours per week with the Pastor and other staff members on a regular basis to create a cohesive and friendly office environment. The person in this position will also work closely with parishioners and volunteers, building positive relationships while maintaining a high level of confidentiality. Effective written and verbal communications, along with strong organizational skills and the ability to prioritize in an often autonomous environment is required. This position will assist with some of the financial and youth ministry responsibilities.

**Application deadline: April 21**<sup>st</sup>. If interested, please fill out the job application, which can be found on our website, and send along with your resume and cover letter. Compensation: hourly, negotiable, based on experience.

## VALUES WORKSHEETS



Just a reminder to turn in your Values Worksheet into the Church Office by Easter to help with the Strategic Planning process. Thank you to everyone who has participated and turned them in.

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## Bethlehem Lutheran Church &

## Profit and Loss Comparison

March 1-23, 2023

	TOTAL						
	MAR 1-23, 2023	MAR 1-23, 2022 (PY)	FEB 1-23, 2023 (PP)	JAN 1 - MAR 23, 2023 (YTD)	JAN 1 - MAR 23, 2022 (PY YTD)		
▼ Income	4 To 2 To			di .			
▶ Income	17,450.43	20,870.10	16,365.84	62,333.57	62,873.01		
Other Income	7,770.00	1,116.50	396.35	9,016.25	5,219.65		
Total Income	\$25,220.43	\$21,986.60	\$16,762.19	\$71,349.82	\$68,092.66		
GROSS PROFIT	\$25,220.43	\$21,986.60	\$16,762.19	\$71,349.82	\$68,092.66		
▼ Expenses							
Operating Expenses	15,038.10	16,257.79	15,620.90	64,190.92	57,650.79		
Other Expense	250.00	800.00		310.00	2,845.30		
Total Expenses	\$15,288.10	\$17,057.79	\$15,620.90	\$64,500.92	\$60,496.09		
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$9,932.33	\$4,928.81	\$1,141.29	\$6,848.90	\$7,596.57		
Other Income	\$2,100.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,100.00	\$5,825.00	\$9,399.64		
Other Expenses	\$2,061.00	\$2,451.00	\$1,791.75	\$5,651.57	\$8,247.97		
NET OTHER INCOME	\$39.00	\$ -951.00	\$308.25	\$173.43	\$1,151.67		
NETINCOME	\$9,971.33	\$3,977.81	\$1,449.54	\$7,022.33	\$8,748.24		

Cash basis Thursday, March 23, 2023 10:40 AM GMT-05:00



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## **APRIL 2023 WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

Date	Usher	Reader	Video Production	Communion Assistant	Communion Assistant	Altar Guild	Acolyte	Music	Coffee Hour
Palm Sun 4/2 9am	Kory Anderson	Ellen Kabele	Jeff Melby	Ellen Kabele	Marie Kucksdorf	Marie Kucksdorf	Colin Langan		
Maundy Thurs 4/6 6:30 pm	Del Molden	Kerry Melby	Jeff Melby	Cara Druckrey	Cheryl Hebel	Cheryl Hebel	Courtney Hernkind		
Good Fri 4/7 1 pm	Ellen Kabele	Del Molden	Julie Saalsaa						
Easter Sun 4/9 8 am	Kory Anderson	Darlene Anderson		Kerry Melby	Nancy Schwenke	Nancy Schwenke	Avri Anderson		Easter Brunch between
Easter Sun 4/9 10:30 am	010	Bobbie Goodman	Lori & Brady Cox	Bobbie Goodman	ONO	010	Lindsey Nickel		services
Wed 4/12 5:30 pm					Judy Donahue	Judy Donahue	Zoe Zellmer		
Sun 4/16 9am	Marie Rohrbacher	Bonnie Dixon	ONO	Bonnie Dixon	Darlene Anderson-Prest	Darlene Anderson-Prest	Shia Grosklaus		
Flowers: In honor of	of Larry & S	Sandy Swee	n's Anniversa	ry				•	•
Wed 4/19 5:30 pm					Kathy Lawrence	Kathy Lawrence	Alex Hayes		
Sun 4/23 9am	Jim Crawford	Robin Kvalo	Jeff Melby	Kathryn Crawford	Kerry Melby	Kerry Melby	Hartley Bell		
Flowers: Betty Lev	zow in hon	or of family							
Wed 4/26 5:30 pm					Cara Druckrey	Cara Druckrey	Dayne Wagner		
Sun 4/30 9am	Ginny McNeal	Ginny McNeal	0:0	Bobbie Goodman	Nancy Loether	Nancy Loether	Kayson Bulgrin		
Flowers:									1



**Looking for volunteers!** Contact the Church office to volunteer.

# **April 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:00am Palm Sunday Worship & 1st	Co 10:30am Tai Chi	9:00am Quilters	10:30am Tai Chi	6:30pm Maundy Thursday	10:30am Tai Chi	9:00am Easter Decorating
10:15am Sunday School	1:00pm Card Club				1:00pm Good Friday	
4:00pm Fruit of the Spirit Kids Club				MAHNIC		
5:15pm HS Youth Group	THE SPIRIT			MAUNE Thursday	COOP ENIDAY	
Youth War	SCLUB			elpers 13	GOOD FRIDAY	
9	10	11	12	elpers 13	omen's	15
8:00am Easter Worship	10:30am Tai Chi	9:00am Quilters	10:30am Tai Chi	9:00am Women's Group	pmen's Group 10:30am Tai Chi	
9:00am Easter Brunch	1:00pm Card Club			11:00am Strategic Planning - Va	ues	
10:30am Easter Worship	6:00pm SREA Meeting			Recap/Discussion; Bethlehem Lu Church Office	theran	
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:00am Worship	10:30am Tai Chi	9:00am Quilters	10:30am Tai Chi	6:30pm Church Council	10:30am Tai Chi	
10:15am Sunday School	1:00pm Card Club		5:30pm Worship			
	6:30pm SRA Meeting		6:30pm Confirmation	II on	uroh	
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Earth Day Cleanup	10:30am Tai Chi	9:00am Quilters	10:30am Tai Chi		10:30am Tai Chi	Youth Community Service Project
9:00am Worship	1:00pm Card Club		5:30pm Worship			1:00pm Women's Group Annual Te
10:15am SS Activity Day			6:30pm Confirmation			
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DR Youth Casserole Sale						
9:00am Worship						