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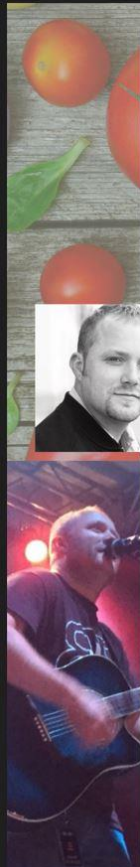
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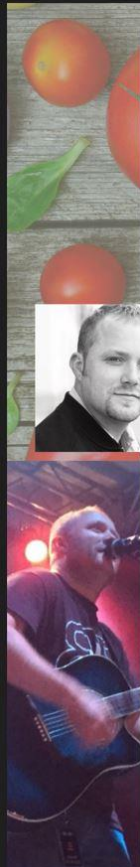
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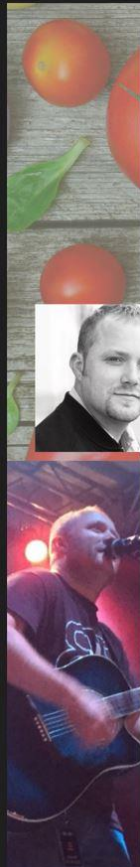
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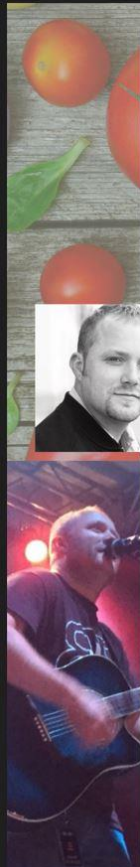
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In a world where comparison is too often the thief of joy, how might we honor and celebrate who we are, just as we are? How might we give thanks for the ways that God has made us unique and how the Spirit blesses each of us with different gifts? And if you are not feeling especially "gifted" right now, what invitations or opportunities might be close at hand for you to explore what your gifts are?

It is my prayer that in learning about how the Spirit shows up in us and embracing that presence with love, we would be moved to embrace with love the variety of gifts that are present in others by that same Spirit.

May the Spirit surprise you and grant you peace this Pentecost season.

Blessings to you,
Pastor Jaime Benson



UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 7

6:30 Mentor Meeting

JUNE 11

Pastor Tom's 50th Anniversary of Ordination

JUNE 14

6:30 High School Youth Bonfire

JUNE 28

2-6 pm Farmers Market

5:00 pm Brendan Brooks Concert



New office hours will be Monday – Friday from 8:00 Am to 11:00 Am, or by appointment.



The Church Council is excited to announce the addition of a youth representative. Braxton Druckery joined the council back in April. We are looking forward to collaborating with him.

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OUR CHURCH

BLC HELPING HANDS – “WE RISE BY LIFTING OTHERS”



Starting the summer of 2023, we are going to begin posting available service projects on the bulletin board in the narthex that have been requested by fellow members of BLC or others from the community. Our BLC members that have extra time available can volunteer to help with or complete a project that is posted.

Do you have something that you need help with this summer? Please contact Tania Anderson with your requests to be added to the bulletin board. Attention confirmation students & youth: do you need any volunteer hours for church & school? This is the perfect opportunity!

Although payment isn't necessary in exchange for the work provided, any donations earned will be passed on to River Haven Shelter. Checks can be made out to Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Please contact the church office or Tania Anderson with any questions.

PASTOR TOM'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Please join us for coffee hour after worship on Sunday June 11th to celebrate Pastor Tom Wagner's 50th Anniversary of Ordination. Tom served at Bethlehem for many years and he and his wife, Ellen, will be visiting. Coffee and refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall.

FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our last day for this session of Sunday School was busy. The children sang in church. Followed by a Stellar Congregational Potluck Celebration and game day. We were blessed with wonderful weather, and excited that we were able to be outside for games. Everyone had a great time. Thank you to all who attended and all those that helped make this a great day of fellowship. We hope your child/children have enjoyed Sunday school this year as much as we have enjoyed being with them. We look forward to seeing you next year. Hope you have a great summer.
Bethlehem Lutheran Sunday School Staff



Feed Your Soul

FARMERS' MARKET & CONCERT SERIES
SUMMER 2023

Featuring music by
BRENDAN BROOKS
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June 28th
July 26th
August 23rd

FARMERS' MARKET 2:00PM-6:00PM
OUTDOOR CONCERT 5:00PM-6:00PM

Market items include handmade candles, soaps, wood art/signs, denim and fabric bags/purses/accessories, jewelry, wooden toys, produce, baked goods, and more!

Bring your own chair for the concert.
Food and beverages will be available for purchase.


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YOUTH ACTIVITIES



High School Bonfire
June 14th
After Worship
High School aged members and
friends please join us for smores
and fun!

Portage Community VBS
July 31st-August 4th

Please join us for a week of activities, learning and fun!! The ecumenical VBS program meets daily from 8:30am-11:30am. Children 4K through 5th grade can register to attend VBS, and children 6th grade-12th grade may sign up as volunteers to help with activities that week. You can register online by scanning the QR code shown, or you may pick up a registration and/or volunteer form from the church in the narthex. We also need a few donations to make VBS week possible! Please review the presentation board in our lobby for a list of items needed. Thank you!!










FINANCIAL UPDATE

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Profit and Loss Comparison
 May 1-23, 2023

	TOTAL				
	MAY 1-23, 2023	MAY 1-23, 2022 (PY)	APR 1-23, 2023 (PP)	JAN 1 - MAY 23, 2023 (YTD)	JAN 1 - MAY 23, 2022 (PY YTD)
▼ Income					
▶ Income	22,283.57	34,879.37	17,658.32	109,760.77	125,710.49
▶ Other Income	2,592.01	1,384.66	13,675.00	28,405.42	7,370.13
Total Income	\$24,875.58	\$36,264.03	\$31,333.32	\$138,166.19	\$133,080.62
GROSS PROFIT	\$24,875.58	\$36,264.03	\$31,333.32	\$138,166.19	\$133,080.62
▼ Expenses					
▶ Operating Expenses	15,598.10	12,902.51	35,035.76	132,354.93	97,919.88
▶ Other Expense			7,320.00	10,121.55	2,845.30
Total Expenses	\$15,598.10	\$12,902.51	\$42,355.76	\$142,476.48	\$100,765.18
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$9,277.48	\$23,361.52	\$ -11,022.44	\$ -4,310.29	\$32,315.44
▶ Other Income	\$1,500.00	\$2,356.45	\$2,315.00	\$10,390.00	\$14,906.09
▶ Other Expenses	\$1,474.25	\$740.00	\$2,215.81	\$10,083.38	\$13,523.72
NET OTHER INCOME	\$25.75	\$1,616.45	\$99.19	\$306.62	\$1,382.37
NET INCOME	\$9,303.23	\$24,977.97	\$ -10,923.25	\$ -4,003.67	\$33,697.81

JUNE 2023 WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS									
Date	Usher	Reader	Video Production	Communion Assistant	Communion Assistant	Altar Guild	Acolyte	Music	Coffee Hour
Sun 6/4 9am	Jim Crawford	Ginny McNeal		Judy Traut	Darlene Anderson	Darlene Anderson	Colin Langan		
Flowers: Dean & Judy Traut - 49th Wedding Anniversary									
Wed 6/7 5:30 pm					Cheryl Hebel	Cheryl Hebel	Beau Grosklaus		
Sun 6/11 9am	Kory Anderson	Robin Kvalo	Jeff Melby		Kerry Melby	Kerry Melby	Kinleyh Anderson		Molly Nyholm Andy Wagner
Flowers: Betty Levzon - In Honor of her family									
Wed 6/14 5:30 pm					Judy Donahue	Judy Donahue	Zoe Zellmer		
Sun 6/18 9am	Dianna Bush	Mark Teslik		Ann Ciske					
Flowers: Marie & Ed Rhorbacher - Wedding Anniversary									
Wed 6/21 5:30 pm					Kathy Lawrence	Kathy Lawrence	Alex Hayes		
Sun 6/25 9am	Del Molden	Del Molden	Ben Rudolph		Sue Connor	Sue Connor	Hartley Bell		
Flowers:									
Wed 6/28 5:30 pm					Cara Druckery	Cara Druckery	None Needed		



Looking for volunteers! Contact the Church office to volunteer.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

June 2023

General Church Grounds × → Conference Room × → Music Room × → Fellowship Hall ×						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 28 9:00am Worship	29 Office Closed 10:30am Tai Chi 1:00pm Card Club	30 9:00am Quilters	31 10:30am Tai Chi 5:30pm Worship	Jun 1	2 10:30am Tai Chi	3
4 9:00am Worship 6:30pm Worship & Music Meeting; Bethlehem Lutheran Church Office	5 10:30am Tai Chi 1:00pm Card Club	6	7 10:30am Tai Chi 5:30pm Worship	8	9 10:30am Tai Chi	10
11 9:00am Worship	12 10:30am Tai Chi 1:00pm Card Club 6:00pm SREA Meeting	13	14 Food Pantry Helpers 10:30am Tai Chi 5:30pm Worship 6:30pm Youth Bonfire	15 2pm Church Council	16 10:30am Tai Chi	17
18 9:00am Worship	19 10:30am Tai Chi 1:00pm Card Club 6:30pm SRA Meeting	20	21 10:30am Tai Chi 5:30pm Worship	22 Pastor Out of Office	23 10:30am Tai Chi	24
25 Pastor Out of Office	26 10:30am Tai Chi 1:00pm Card Club	27	28 10:30am Tai Chi 2:00pm Feed Your Soul Farmers Market 5:00pm Brendan Brooks Concert	29	30 10:30am Tai Chi	Jul 1 To Jul 9 →



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