

The Bethlehem Star

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February 2025

Annual Cheer Brunch

Bethlehem Women invites All (men included) to their Cheer Brunch on Sat. Feb. 1 at 9:00 a.m.

Our guest speaker will be Sara Hogan, From Sleep in Heavenly Peace of Jackson Co, an organization that builds and delivers beds to children who do not have a bed.

So bring a friend to learn more and, Enjoy a delicious brunch!!

Camp EWALU Summer Camp 2025

Camp EWALU Summer Registration 2025 Brochures can be found on the tables. Early Bird Registration by Feb. 28. The BWELCA is offering Campership to anyone interested, see Connie Kleppe.

Time to Celebrate!

February Birthdays

- 8 AJ Schroeder
- 9 Betty Rehmke
- 11 Ed Sheldon
- 13 Darla Fields, Callie Petersen
- 16 Brooks Kleinsmith
- 22 Jenna Holtz, Clara Ihns
- 23 Becky Ihns-Petersen

February Anniversaries

- 8 Joan and Bruce Von Sprecken

You're Invited

To: **Bethlehem's**

Annual Friendship Party

When: **Sunday, February 16**
@ 5:30 p.m.

Where: **Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

Why: **To share Food, Fun, & Fellowship**
Childcare Provided



January Joint Circle Meeting

Faithfulness

Session Two: Faith in the depths: Psalm 22

David testifies that God is God and worthy of praise, even as David is in despair. It's no wonder that Jesus cried out to God during the crucifixion using these very words. In our worst times, this psalm gives us a way to contemplate God's holiness.

By Denise Rector,

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Saturday, Feb. 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Hostess/Leader: All

Worship Assistants

Usher: Diana Ihns

Communion Assistant: Jone Paarmann

Lectors:

- 2- Elsa Sullivan
- 9- Tim Thiede
- 16- Brent Ihns
- 23- Connie Kleppe

Bread Maker: Jone Paarmann

Altar Care: Sue Zeller, Ellen Pithan

Teller: Brent Ihns

Coffee Makers :

- 2- Joan Kleppe
- 9- Jone Paarmann
- 16- Friendship Party
- 23- Ellen Pithan

COLLECTIONS: we are gathering items for Baby Care and Personal Care Kits. We will be assembling these kits during midweek Lenten events. There are displays throughout the church with shopping lists provide.

Shopping List:

Baby Care Kits:

- Sleepers
- Cloth diapers
- 4 oz. bars of Ivory Soap
- 4 oz. bars Bath Soap (such as Dial or Irish Spring)



Council Highlights

Bethlehem Congregation Council met for its regular meeting in December.

Heard the following Treasurer's report:

Balance 12/01/24	\$ 19,607.19
Income	\$ 8,207.79
Expenses	<u>\$ 15,194.25</u>
Balance 12/31/24	\$ 12,620.73



BWELCA HILITES

Joint Circle Mtg. Sat. Feb. 8 at 9 a.m. H/L: All

UPCOMING EVENTS :

The Cheer Brunch on Sat. Feb. 1 with guest speaker will be Sara Hogan, from Sleep in Heavenly Peace of Jackson Co, an organization that builds and delivers beds to children who do not have a bed.

Also mark your calendars for the Friendship Party on Sunday Feb.16.



World Day of Prayer Noisy Offering will be Sunday, March 2. Theme is "I Made You Wonderful", Psalm 139:14. The Cook Islands are the featured country.

We will be collecting and packing Baby Care and Personal Care Kits TBD.

Bethlehem is next in line to serve.

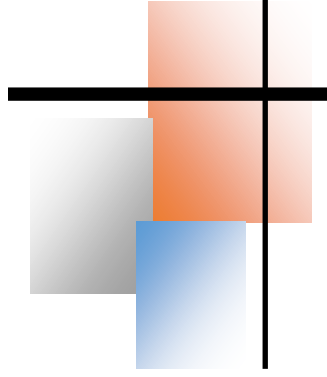
****Ash Wednesday is Wed., March 5, information for the Lent Season will be announced at a later date.****




Whenever i am afraid,
i **trust** in You.

Psalm 56:3





February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Cheer Brunch 9 AM
2 Worship 9 AM Lector: Elsa Sullivan Fellowship 9:45 AM	3	4 Office Hours 11 AM- 1 PM	5	6 Office Hours 11 AM- 2 PM	7	8 Joint Circle H: All L: 9 AM
9 Council (pending) 8 AM Worship 9 AM Lector: Tim Thiede Fellowship 9:45 AM	10	11 Office Hours 11 AM- 1 PM	12	13 Office Hours 11 AM- 2 PM	14 	15
16 Worship 9 AM Lector: Brent Ihns Fellowship 9:45 AM Friendship Party 5:30 PM	17 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE for March	18 Office Hours 11 AM- 1 PM	19	20 Office Hours 11 AM- 2 PM	21	22
23 Worship 9 AM Lector: Connie Kleppe Fellowship 9:45 AM	24	25 Office Hours 11 AM- 1 PM	26	27 Office Hours 11 AM- 2 PM	28	

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Sunday Schedule

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship 9:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Secretary Hours:

Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

If you need to enter the church and do not have a key, always call ahead to be certain someone is there.