



The Bethlehem Star

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Ash Wednesday Worship

At St Mark in OJ
Wednesday February 18
at 6:30 PM.

Midweek Lenten Worship and Soup Suppers will be the following Wednesdays with the soup supper starting at 6 PM following with the worship service at 7 PM.

Soup Supper schedule is:

Feb. 25 – Eve Circle,
March 4 - Bethlehem C
March 11 – Council,
March 18 – Eve Circle
March 25 – Bethlehem C



You're Invited



To: **Bethlehem's
Annual Friendship Party**
When: **Sunday, February 15
@ 5:30 p.m.**

Where: **Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

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



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 Frank Johnson, Executive Director of Camp Ewalu.

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

Community Quilting Continues



We meet every Monday from 8:30-3:30 p.m. with a noon potluck. We invite all interested persons to join us in 2026 for food -fun and fellowship.

February Circle Meeting

“Embodied prayer”

by Rev. Liv Larson Andrews

Session One: Praying with our bodies

January Circle Meeting

“Embodied prayer”

by Rev. Liv Larson Andrews

Session Two: Praying with the body of the earth

Scripture inspires us to regard the natural world as both sacred space and our neighbor. This session explores ways we can pray not only for creation but with creation as our sacred neighbors. As we pray, even the trees and rivers are our prayer partners. The session concludes with the glorious vision in Revelation 22 of a restored world and the river of life.

Saturday, February 14 at 9:00 a.m.

Hostess: Joan Kleppe

Leader: Pastor

All are Welcome

BWELCA Hilites

Quilting continues every Monday from 8:30-3:30, come when you can.

You are all invited to the annual Cheer Brunch on Saturday Feb.7 at 9:00a.m. Our featured speaker will be Frank Johnson, CEO of EWALU. Bring a friend!

Circle is Sat. Feb.14 Joan Kleppe: H, L Pastor

You are invited to the Annual Friendship Party on Sunday Feb. 15 at 5:30 p.m. join us for food, fun, and fellowship.

The first Lenton soup supper begins on Wednesday Feb. 25th at 6:00 p.m. with Eve Circle hosting.

Shepherding Thoughts,

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

Just before Jesus ascends, he tells his followers that they will be witnesses to what they have seen and heard from Jesus since Jesus will no longer be with them. It is a simple request and one that we are called to do today. We are now the witnesses to what Jesus has done and continues to do for us and for all those who believe in him.

How do we be the witnesses Jesus call us to be? To be a witness means to proclaim the gospel in word and deed. We cannot and should not try to control the results but instead trust that God will guide us. In Acts, the early witnesses showed their love of Jesus in their actions, not just with words. They went out to tend to the people's needs just as Jesus had done when he was with them.

As we enter the season of Lent, it is a good time to consider how we can best proclaim Jesus' love to those around us. What can we do to show that love? What can we say to give people hope in a world that seems to thrive on chaos? Martin Luther suggested that the church is a "mouth house" because it bears the living voice of the gospel. For Luther the church was the "house" where the gospel comes to life, not only with words, but with the witness of the people.

During Lent we give you two chances each week to come to the "mouth house." Please join us on Sundays and Wednesdays to gain the strength you need to go out and witness to others. Your "mouth house" is waiting to welcome you.

See you in worship!
Pastor Roberta

February Worship Assistants

Ushers: Connie Kleppe

Lectors:

1- Jone Paarmann
8- Tim Thiede
15- Johann Ihns
22- Henry Ihns

Acolytes:

1- Henry Ihns
8-
15- Johann Ihns
22-

Altar Care:

Meagan Behrle, Trish Feuss

Teller: Brent Ihns

Coffee Makers:

1- Joan Kleppe
8- Jone Paarmann
15- NO Fellowship
Friendship Party Set Up
22- Ellen Pithan

Communion Assistant:

Brent Ihns

Bread Maker:

Barb Labath

Serving
from the
Heart



February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Holy Communion 9 AM Fellowship 9:45 AM	2 Quilting 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM	3	4 Pastors Office Hrs 4-6 PM Confirmation 6 PM	5	6	7 Cheer Brunch 9 – 10:30 AM
8 Worship 9 AM Fellowship 9:45 AM	9 Quilting Starts 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM	10	11 Pastors Office Hrs 4-6 PM Confirmation 6 PM	12	13	14 Bethlehem 9 AM L: Pastor H: Joan KLeppé
15 Council 8 AM Holy Communion 9 AM NO Fellowship Friendship Party 5:30 PM	16 Quilting 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM	17	18 Ash Wednesday Worship at St. Mark at 6:30 PM	19	20	21
22 Worship 9 AM Fellowship 9:45 AM	23 Quilting 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM	24	25 Pastors Office Hrs 4-6 PM Midweek Lenten Soup Supper 6 PM Worship 7 PM	26	27	28

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February Birthdays

- 8 AJ Schroeder
- 11 Ed Sheldon
- 13 Darla Fields, Callie Petersen
- 12 Josie Petersen
- 22 Jenna Holtz, Clara Ihns
- 23 Becky Petersen

February Anniversaries

- 8 Joan and Bruce VonSpreken

FEBRUARY 2025

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Sunday Schedule

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship 9:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Pastor Roberta

Wednesdays 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

*She can be reached by a call or
text to her cell phone.*

Secretary Hours:

Thursday: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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