

The Bethlehem Star



In-Person Worship

As many of you know, we have begun limited in-person worship services on Sundays and Wednesdays starting May 31st using a rotating schedule of specific groups (for more information go to www.bethluth.org). The church office opens on June 1st. We ask that you only come to the office if you have something to drop off. All other matter should be handled by phone. Wearing a mask in the office is greatly appreciated. Pastor Scott and the Council have worked hard to understand and follow local and national guidelines for re-opening the church so our members feel safe while attending worship. It is still early and we will take it one month at a time as we move forward. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support as we navigate our way through these uncharted waters. Your willingness to help and be flexible has made the last few months a smooth transition to worshipping from home. We look forward to the day we will be together in full force and give thanks to God for seeing us through these unusual times. Until then, let us continue to follow God into whatever the days ahead may bring knowing even though we are unable to see one another in person, we are always in each others thoughts and prayers.

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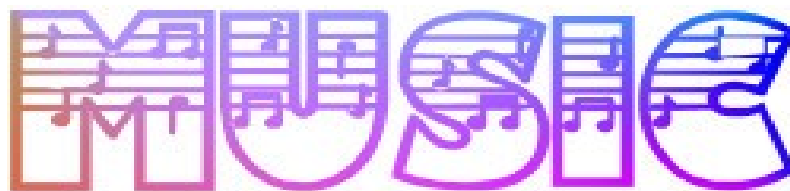
We are a Christian community rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ that gathers to worship, learn and share, and reaches out to welcome, witness and serve.



Bethlehem Lutheran Church,

I can't thank you enough for giving me a scholarship. I am honored that you would give me such an amazing gift. I am looking forward to attending Flathead Valley Community College with your financial aid to pursue my future career. I will forever be grateful for both the financial and spiritual contributions that Bethlehem Lutheran Church has made in my life.

Ashley Alvord



We are going to start slow in moving back toward a new normal for worship. For May and June, Marshall is not going to make a schedule of worship assistants. If you want to take on any one or more of these roles (reader, cantor, assisting minister), please sign up for those times in May and June via the website: <https://bethluth.org/volunteer-sign-up/pages/service-attendants>

There will be either a virtual and/or outdoor hymn sing near the end of June. Stay tuned for more information.



Blood Drive... We had such a great turn out for our May Blood Drive we decided to do it again! Mark your calendars for July 21st. More information to come.

Treasurer's Report May 2020

This written report is to accompany Our Church's Financial Health chart shown below. The figures in the chart are through April 2020, since as of the writing of this report, it is the fourth week in the month of May 2020. In my reports, I want to reflect the information that church council reviews at each month's council meeting, which was held as a Zoom meeting in May.

With the exception of December, April has been your most generous month of giving to the mission of Bethlehem Lutheran Church during this fiscal year! The people of this congregation are indeed an amazing example of expressing God's grace to the world!

My prayer for our congregation continues to be that we trust in our Lord, listen for his guidance and find his joy that continues to lead us forward.

May God bless and keep you in faith, hope, love and good health!

Blessings,
Anne Taylor, Treasurer



Income/Expenses for April

Income		Expenses	
April	\$31,657	April	\$34,993
year to date	\$251,308	year to date	\$243,455
Total budget		\$432,517	
Needed per month		\$36,043	

BLC COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

(Meeting conducted via Zoom)

May 12, 2020

Treasurer's Report (Anne Taylor)

- April Income \$31,993; expenditures \$34,993; ending balance April 30th \$29,442.
- In good shape in spite of pandemic.
- Duane Anderson noted dryer replaced in rental

Music Director's Report (Marshall Jones)

- Shared info regarding spread of virus – ‘aerosols are projected further when singing than when speaking – up to 16’ for trained singer singing loudly’.
- Will continue to monitor situation but recommends to discourage loud singing in worship; also, caution about singing loudly in a mask if have asthma, COPD, or heart disease.

Pastor's Report (Pastor Scott Thompson)

- Extended ‘thanks’ to Marshall for all the extra he’s been doing; extended ‘thanks’ for continued trust in him as go about reopening for worship and other ministry activities.
- Will be sending letter to congregation outlining plan for in person worship via 3 groups plus variations of usual routine regarding restarting ministry groups and reopening office.
- Staff prefer not having outside groups use church buildings as there is no ability to limit numbers and how they use building. (Staff re-evaluating this item-PS)
- Worship to continue on-line and radio.
- Coffee Break and Acts Bible Study, via Zoom, are continuing with faithful gatherings for both.
- Blood drive scheduled May 26th in Fellowship Hall. Vitalent has aggressive protocol in place for physical distancing and sanitation.
- Have one high school graduate – Ashley Alvord. (Added two additional graduates—Brandon Bernard and Brynlie Johnson.-PS) Will be brief recognition of Ashley and presentation of her scholarship and quilt on May 31st.

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Youth Report (Tony Nelson)

- Discussing offer of Carl/Amber Brohn about youth get together in their field (physical distancing possible there).
- National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in 2021
- Retreat in June scheduled at VRBO at cabin on west shore in Dayton. Looking at 10-12 attendees plus chaperones.
- Pastor noted no one excited about 'zoom' Confirmation. Actual confirmation October 25th.

Old Business

- Money from the PPP (Paycheck Protection Plan) is in the bank – about \$33,000.
- Bill Pursell reported that door on right side of sanctuary removed/walled over; prepped for installation of monitors. Cost about \$1,200. External painting of church and office building scheduled early June depending on weather. Will confer with Hagestad Painting about also painting trim on Hjortland Youth Building.
- Installation of monitors, if all goes well, June 29-July 2.
- Judie Cundy of Worship/Music and Pastor Scott spoke about using 'hosts' instead of ushers for greeting and seating worshippers so proper distance, etc. is maintained. Looking to train 3 groups to handle hosting; Bev Taylor volunteered to train 1 group. Contact Judie if interested/available.
- Duane Anderson confirmed that Portico changes to lay staff retirement done, effective Feb. 1st.
- Reminder for Committee Directors that May 18 is due date to get reports to office for the Semi-Annual Meeting Report.
- John Erfle reported that Property Planning Committee of 10 would like to get together in June.

New Business

- Policy proposal for allocation of unrestricted gifts in excess of \$10,000 tabled until June.
- Approved allocation of \$1,200 to Samaritan House Emergency Shelter

Next meeting is June 9, 2020. Bill Pursell to host the meal (tentatively), and give devotions.

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June Calendar 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 TBD Committee Directors, FR TBD Committees, FH TBD Executive Committee	3 6:45am Men's Bible Study, FH 10:00am Staff 7:00pm Worship- Group C	4 9:00am Prayer Shawl, FR 9:00am Quilting ,FH 1:00pm Acts Bible Study-Zoom and Facebook Live	5	6
7 9:00am Group C: In-person Worship Group B: online/ radio 10:30 KOFI	8	9 TBD Council, FH	10 6:45am Men's Bible Study, FH 10:00am Staff 7:00pm Worship- Group A	11 9:00am Prayer Shawl, FR 9:00am Quilting ,FH 1:00pm Acts Bible Study-Zoom and Facebook Live	12	13
14 9:00am Group A: In-person Worship Group C: online/ radio 10:30 KOFI	15 <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	16	17 6:45am Men's Bible Study, FH 10:00am Staff 7:00pm Worship- Group B	18 9:00am Prayer Shawl, FR 1:00pm Acts Bible Study-Zoom and Facebook Live	19	20
21 9:00am Group B: In-person Worship Group A: online/ radio 10:30 KOFI Youth Retreat	22 Youth Retreat	23 Youth Retreat	24 6:45am Men's Bible Study, FH 10:00am Staff 7:00pm Worship- Group C Youth Retreat	25 9:00am Prayer Shawl, FR 9:00am Quilting ,FH 1:00pm Acts Bible Study-Zoom and Facebook Live Youth retreat	26 Youth Retreat	27 Youth Retreat
28 9:00am Group C: In-person Worship Group B: online/ radio 10:30 KOFI	29	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Abbreviations Jr. & Sr. High– Youth groups FTF– Feed the Flathead </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Locations: CM–Commons FH -Fellowship Hall FR-Fireside Room HB-Hjortland Bld. KB– Kalispell Brewing </div>	



- William Arlint 06/01
- Adam Vish 06/04
- Camille Cronk 06/04
- Kyler Johnson 06/06
- Jacob Lane 06/08
- Peggy Aasheim 06/11
- Shawna Fabeck 06/12
- Krista Thorson 06/15
- Brooke Schmidt 06/15
- Macgregor Adkins 06/16
- Bradford Lane 06/17
- Jennifer Johnson 06/18
- Gary Dahlgren 06/19
- Mary Harris 06/19
- Jean Paschke 06/19
- Vic Andersen 06/20
- Joel Ahles 06/21
- Lars Louk 06/21
- Lauren Gunderson 06/22
- Tana Woepfel 06/22
- Ben Wright 06/22
- Shirley Maclachlan 06/24
- Darlene Buckingham 06/25
- Arloene Christianson 06/25
- Sheryl Saverud 06/25
- Barbara Goulet 06/28
- Paula Little 06/28
- Logan Siblingrud 06/29
- Jean White 06/29
- Margie Dornfeld 06/30
- Richard Hardel 06/30
- Olivia Kalvig 06/30
- Nick Marshall 06/30

Louise Gulick, Terry Brosten, Dick Siderius, Shane Crawford, Roland Roth, Janet Mullaney, Bob and Sure Moore, Beverly Hubbard, Thea Borgen, Linda Burkett, Ada and Tom John, Doug and Heidi Keis, Dale Shawhan, and Bev Hatlen.

The deadline for the June newsletter is June 15th. Thank you! - Kellie

<u>Church Council</u>	<u>Committee Chairs</u>
President: Paul Holmgren	Christian Education: Vicki Nytes
Vice Presidents: Amber Brohn Duane Anderson	Fellowship: Peggy Aagenes-Janzer
Treasurer: Anne Taylor	Outreach: Karen Fisher
Secretary: Janet Veidt	Property: Bill Pursell
	Stewardship: John Erfle
	Worship and Music: Judie Cundy
	Youth: Tony Nelson

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