

The Bethlehem Star

September 2020

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.



Fall Music Ensembles

We will have two handbell quartets: one that rehearses on Thursday at 4 PM and one that rehearses on Mondays at 5:30 PM. If you interested in being a substitute ringer for either quartet, please let Marshall know at music.bethluth@gmail.com.

We will also have a group of ringers to ring handbell descants for the hymns on certain Sundays. If there are any sopranos or altos interested in singing as part of a vocal quartet, please let Marshall know and we may be able to have an SATB quartet on a regular basis. **Worship Assistants:** If you are interested in being reader and/or cantor, please sign up for a Sunday via the web-site: <https://bethluth.org/volunteer-sign-up/pages/service-attendants>

Half-Hour Hymn Histories

Beginning after Labor Day, on Tuesdays at 4:30 PM, there will be a new opportunity. For those of you who have been keeping up with the church's Facebook site, you have probably seen the videos I have posted digging into some history and giving an opportunity to hear and sing along with hymns that are coming up for worship. Since these videos have been around 15-20 minutes, I have decided a different format would be better. I will be continuing to dig into the background and sing through the hymns for the upcoming Sunday via Zoom on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:00 PM. Here is the link to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85401060009?pwd=azRqMHP4SWk0bmFmdC8yWlhMN3NiQT09>

The videos of the session will be later posted to the church website for those that are not able to join at that time.

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Blessing of the Animals and Hymn Sing

September 27th at 3pm we will be hosting our annual Blessing of the Animals and Hymn Sing! You are encouraged to bring your pets and we will bless them (and all animals)! Please be sure to bring leashes and crates for your animals safety. Also, we will be holding a hymn sing following the ceremony for anyone who would like to join. We are looking forward to coming together in fellowship for this special day. It is set to be a roaring good time!!



BLC COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
 (Meeting conducted via Zoom)
 August 11, 2020

Education Committee

- Lisa Jones introduced as new director of Education Committee

Treasurer's Report (Anne Taylor)

- Lola Vulles gave \$100,000 gift in June. Requested that 10% go to community gifting, 90% to be used for future use.
- June Income \$27,976; expenditures \$39,196.
- July income \$26,813; expenditures \$32,140. Ending balance July 31st \$27,084.
- Discussion regarding how bills are paid.

Music Ministry Report (Marshall Jones)

- Used new portable sound system for two outdoor hymn sings in July & August with about 10 people gathering for each to sing favorite hymns together.
- Have enough willing to ring in small ensembles to have one handbell quartet; enough ringers also for two teams willing to ring descants for hymns.
- Enough people willing to sing in separate SATB quartets.
- Been posting hymns for the week on Facebook. Some said they have learned a lot from the posts.

Pastor's Report (Pastor Scott Thompson)

- Been a busy summer: High School retreat, "yea, Tony"; spent time with Jr. High kids at BLC camp; church painted; Serious JuJu Friday night skate has taken off. Reminded Council of Church in the Park, Aug. 16th.

Education Report (Vicky Nytes, Outgoing Director)

- Committee wondering what does church look like this fall? Sunday School teachers lined up with Rally Day tentatively scheduled for Sept. 20th. Pastor Scott reported that 'God's Work, Our Hands' service day would not be happening on the 13th so could move SS up a week if wish to.
- Suggested that Ed Committee make a plan and present to families/congregation for input.
- Pastor also reported there is 0% chance of having 2 services on the same morning so timing of SS will be crucial.

Youth Report (Tony Nelson)

- Youth retreat was a success. 13 of 14 kids attended. Tony felt they were desperate to be together so it was a great community building time. Youth Committee is also discussing what to do this fall. Kids said NO to Zoom.
- Committee leaning towards giving school a month or so and see what happens with cases. Anne Taylor felt we need to stop being so fearful and trust in God to take care of us. Tony agreed but was looking at it as 'managing risk'. Amber Brohn suggested parents be involved in this conversation.

Old Business

- Duane Anderson reported that the PPE loan was for \$32,992.50. Looks like the loan could be converted to a grant as May/June expenditures for payroll, health, and retirement was in excess of \$44,067.
- John Erfle still looking for budget requests from Youth, Fellowship, and Education. All three committees stated that their requests were the same as in 2019.
- Bill Pursell reported that painting on church buildings was completed. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to use the \$5,000 in Restricted Funds for Painting of Church and pay the balance out of Real Estate Fund.
- Pastor reported that Serious JuJu's presence on the church campus has been a blessing to both the JuJu skaters and the congregation. About 8-10 kids plus adults are taking part every Friday.
- A motion was made by Stewardship Committee, seconded and approved by Council to have Chuck McCoy and Jason Cronk make a proposal and presentation to Council in September for low-income housing/community service/commercial development on the south end of the church-owned property. Council would then consider authorizing a more detailed presentation to the congregation leading up to a vote on the proposal by the congregation at a special Congregational meeting in November.

New Business

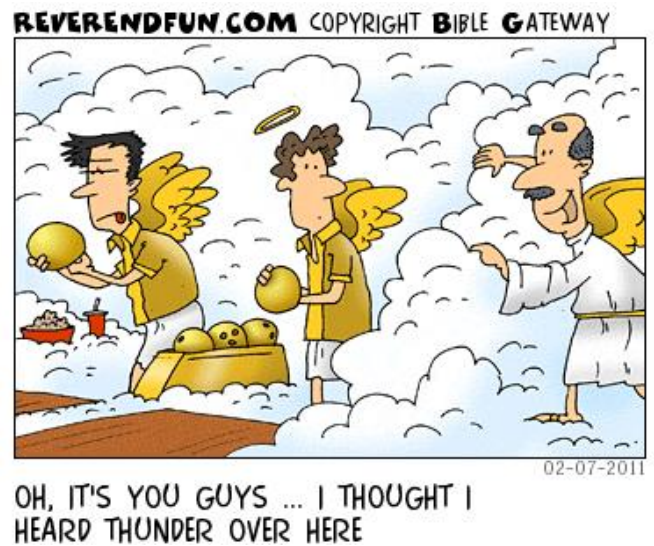
- A motion was made, seconded and approved to appoint Lisa Jones as replacement Director of the Education Committee.
- Bill Pursell reported that there are numerous cracks and broken chunks of brick on the bell tower and other places. An insurance claim has been started and an engineer is looking at it. Not sure what cost of repairs will be. It does need to be done by winter.
- Duane Anderson reported that several trees (Mountain Ash) are dying on 7th St. East, south of the apartments and a couple of Elms are overgrown. Those trees on the boulevard are city property and they have been tagged for 2021 maintenance. Property committee will also deal with the dying Mountain Ash by the Hjortland Bldg.
- Paul Holmgren reported that he's tried contacting the Knowledge Nest PreSchool about their plans for the school year but he's not heard back from them. It is thought that they may be waiting on the Kalispell School Districts scheduling.

- Pastor Scott presented a proposal for Worship – Fall 2020. After much discussion a motion was made, seconded and approved to hold one worship service per week at 9 am on Sunday and continue Online/Radio service. Mask wearing would be mandatory for people who do not have a medical exemption.
- There is a need to upgrade equipment for video streaming on Facebook. It could cost about \$4,000 for camera, software, sound mic connections, computer, and additional wiring. A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize Pastor Scott to look into upgrading Audio Visual equipment, up to \$5,000, for good, quality equipment.
- Duane Anderson reported that Co-Rental has no BLC tenants that are having trouble paying rent. If that situation should come up, BLC will act with forgiveness.

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

—Joshua 1:9



Kyle	Buckingham	9/1	Teagen	Flint	9/14
Arlene	Field	9/1	Cindy	Galvin	9/16
Amberlyn	Brohn	9/2	Florence	Jacobson	9/16
Charlotte	Ahles	9/3	Sidney	Zimmerman	9/18
Mitchell	Johnson	9/3	Evelyn	Sutton	9/20
Karen	Brown	9/3	Brad	Nelson	9/22
Melissa	Smith	9/4	Maya	Buckingham	9/23
Marlene	Anderson	9/8	Jason	Cronk	9/24
Lorna	Hauser	9/8	Linda	Augusta	9/24
Seth	Anderson	9/9	Lynette	Lorenzen	9/26
Karen	Fisher	9/11	Leon	Linguist	9/28
Jason	Buckingham	9/11	Gracie	Jones	9/29
Brenda	Bernard	9/12	Gary	Morrison	9/29
Earl	Holst	9/12	Lillian	Hammer	9/30
Heidi	Ulbricht	9/12	Beverly	Taylor	9/30

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



Louise Gullick, Beverly Hubbard, Ada John, Maurice Serna, Tom Wiggin, Dale Shawhan, Rick Cowan, the Stobbe Family, Pam Carlson, and Helen Dollan.



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God's work. Our hands.

At Home
In your Community
For your Neighbors

Serve in
whatever way
you are able

On or around September 13th

Since we can't really have a Day of Service together this year, choose a way to service in your neighborhood or community! Take pictures and post to Bethlehem's Facebook page – or send to Pr. Scott.

Ideas...

- Bake some cookies and take them to a neighbor
- Take a walk and pick up trash as you go
- Write a letter to someone who is lonely
- Write a letter to your congressional representatives about an issue of justice in your community
- Help the kid next door pump up the tires on her bike

The possibilities
are endless!

Blood Drive

Because of you, life doesn't stop.

#VitalToLife

Kalispell Community Blood Drive Sponsored by Bethlehem Lutheran Church

DATE: September 22nd

TIME: 1:15pm - 5:30pm

**Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church
603 S Main St - Kalispell MT**

Vitalant is now testing blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies.

- Appointments are strongly recommended
- Do not donate if you are sick.
- * This antibody test does not test for the presence of COVID-19 disease
- All successful donations will be tested for antibodies to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19
- Donors can view results in your online donor account 2 weeks after you donate
- * Make an appointment with Gary Aasheim @ 406-698-4138 or use information below



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call **877.258.4825** or visit **vitalant.org**

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*Our Mission:
Experience Christ's grace
through meaningful
relationships,
shared adventures, and
purposeful service.*

Dear Pastors, Delegates, Congregations, and Friends,

We need YOUR help to provide extraordinary camping experiences for all! Join Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp as we aim for a hole in one to raise money for camperships at our Golf Tournament on October 9th, 2020, at Eagle Bend Golf Club in Bigfork, Montana.

The funds raised from FLBC's golf tournament will be used to provide camp scholarships and financial support to campers of all ages. In 2019, FLBC provided more than \$75,000 in financial assistance thanks to the incredible generosity of our FLBC family. One of our core values is a commitment to never turning anyone away due to inability to pay. It is a joy and a privilege to be able to serve our community in this way!

We know that next summer there will be an even greater need for camperships and financial support due to the economic hardships experienced this year as a result of Covid-19, as well as an even greater need for the community and connection that camp provides. Would you prayerfully consider joining us in our commitment to financial accessibility? We ask that you help FLBC in two ways:

1. Will you find 2 (or more!) sponsors for our tournament? Your congregation, church members who are entrepreneurs, local businesses, etc., - their \$250 sponsorship will provide life-changing experiences at camp! 5 sponsorship forms are included in this envelope.
2. Can your church put together one or more teams of golfers? By sending a 4-person team at a registration cost of \$500, you will help us ensure that campers will experience God's love at camp! Golfers can also register individually (\$125/player). Overnight housing is available if needed! 2 registration forms are included in this envelope (or register online at flbc.net/golf).

If your congregation has 2 delegates, as the FLBC bylaws allow, we encourage you to work together! In addition to the golf tournament, the weekend of October 9th - 10th is also our Delegate Retreat, Partner's Luncheon, and Annual Meeting. You will be receiving more information about these events soon!

Thanks for your help! We look forward to seeing you in October. God bless!

Carlee Wood, FLBC Development Coordinator



FLBC Golf Classic

Can your business,
congregation or
organization **sponsor a
hole?** Visit
www.flbc.net/golf for
info!

Friday, October 9th, 2020
@ Northern Pines Golf Club, Kalispell
4-Person Scramble // \$125 per golfer

Fee includes 18 holes, golf cart, tournament memorabilia, snacks, drinks, and dinner)

Schedule:

11 AM: Check-in

12 PM: Shotgun Start

5:30 PM: Dinner & Awards Ceremony @ FLBC
(non-golfers are welcome to attend dinner for \$25)

Thank you for golfing for camperships!

Player 1 (Primary Contact): _____ Handicap: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Player 2: _____ Handicap: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Player 3: _____ Handicap: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Player 4: _____ Handicap: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____ Shirt Size: _____

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

of additional dinner guests: _____

Payment: ☐ Check ☐ Cash ☐ Call with card info

Want to participate but having trouble finding a team of 4? Call/email Carlee
(406-260-6011 || carlee@flbc.net) and we'll see what we can do!



September Calendar 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> Locations: CM-Commons FH -Fellowship Hall FR-Fireside Room HB-Hjortland Bld. KB- Kalispell Brewing </div>		1 <u>6:30pm</u> Committee Directors, FR <u>7:00pm</u> Committees, FH <u>8:00</u> Executive Committee	2 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>9:00</u> Coffee with Pastor Scott via Zoom <u>10:00am</u> Staff	3 <u>9:00am</u> Prayer Shawl, FR <u>9:00am</u> Quilting ,FH <u>1:00pm</u> Acts Bible Study-Zoom and Facebook Live	4	5
	6 <u>9:00am</u> Worship A-M <u>9:00am</u> KOFI Broadcast	7 <u>5:30pm</u> Handbell Quartet Practice	8 <u>10:00am</u> Dorcas Circle, FH <u>4:30pm</u> Hymn Histories with Marshall via Zoom <u>5:30pm</u> Council, FH	9 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>9:00</u> Coffee with Pastor Scott via Zoom <u>10:00am</u> Staff	10 <u>9:00am</u> Prayer Shawl, FR <u>9:00am</u> Quilting ,FH <u>1:00pm</u> Acts Bible Study-Zoom and Facebook Live <u>4:00pm</u> Handbell Quartet Practice	11
	13 <u>9:00am</u> Worship N-Z <u>9:00am</u> KOFI Broadcast <u>2:00pm</u> Confirmation Class at FLBC	14 <u>5:30pm</u> Handbell Quartet Practice	15 <u>4:30pm</u> Hymn Histories with Marshall via Zoom	16 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>9:00</u> Coffee with Pastor Scott via Zoom <u>10:00am</u> Staff	17 <u>9:00am</u> Prayer Shawl, FR <u>9:00am</u> Quilting ,FH <u>1:00pm</u> Acts Bible Study-Zoom and Facebook Live <u>4:00pm</u> Handbell Quartet Practice	18
20 <u>9:00am</u> Worship A-M <u>9:00am</u> KOFI Broadcast	21 <u>5:30pm</u> Handbell Quartet Practice <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	22 <u>1:15pm</u> Blood Drive <u>4:30pm</u> Hymn Histories with Marshall via Zoom	23 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>9:00</u> Coffee with Pastor Scott via Zoom <u>10:00am</u> Staff	24 <u>9:00am</u> Prayer Shawl, FR <u>9:00am</u> Quilting ,FH <u>1:00pm</u> Acts Bible Study-Zoom and Facebook Live <u>4:00pm</u> Handbell Quartet Practice	25	26
27 <u>9:00am</u> Worship N-Z <u>9:00am</u> KOFI Broadcast <u>3:00pm</u> Blessing of the Animals and Hymn Sing	28 <u>5:30pm</u> Handbell Quartet Practice	29 <u>4:30pm</u> Hymn Histories with Marshall via Zoom	30 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>9:00</u> Coffee with Pastor Scott via Zoom <u>10:00am</u> Staff	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Abbreviations Jr. & Sr. High– Youth groups FTF– Feed the Flathead </div>		



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**The deadline for the October
newsletter is September 21st.
Thank you!**