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# Bethlehem Star

## *Bring God on Your Vacation*

Those are words that Father Tim, the interim priest at St John's, said to me while we were talking about the uniqueness of Grand Marais. He has always encouraged people to bring God on vacation with them, to find a church and to worship there when you're out of town.

At Bethlehem, we always hope that tourists come to worship with us. I hear talk about wishing that we would have even more tourists, even one-time guests, worship with us during the tourist season. I have experienced us to be a very welcoming congregation to tourists who join us, and I've even had folks seek me out after service to share with me how they appreciated the welcoming atmosphere, the worshipful music, and the connections they made with the congregation.

As your pastor, I want to encourage you to also bring God on your vacation. We have a desire for others to join us when they're on vacation, so we, too, can live out what we want to see by worshiping when we're on vacation. And when you go to a different church, be sure to tell the pastor and folks you meet that you're on vacation, and tell them about Bethlehem! Spread that word that we can all "Bring God on vacation" with us.

On the ELCA's website ([elca.org](http://elca.org)) at the top of the page there is a "Find A Congregation" link that helps you to find any ELCA church throughout the United States - use that tool when you're planning your next vacation!

*Peace in Christ. Pastor Calvin*

## *May Events:*

*May 9th*

- ◇ BLC HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS LUNCH WITH THE QUILTERS

*May 11th*

- ◇ MAKE RYE BREAD WITH SUE

*May 12th:*

- ◇ MOTHER'S DAY
- ◇ RYE BREAD FOR MOM'S

*May 15th*

- ◇ LAST NIGHT OF REGULAR WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES.
- ◇ CONFIRMATION PARTY!

*May 18th*

- ◇ MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DR. ROGER MAC DONALD.
- ◇ WORKDAY AT WCB

*May 19th*

- ◇ PENTECOST
- ◇ QUILT SUNDAY FOR SENIORS  
(New & final date)

# Welcome New Members:- April Baptisms



Bethlehem welcomed three new members through Holy Baptism in April. Pictured above & below: Malia Ariel Zimmer baptized on April 28th. Pictured above with mom Marly and Pastor Calvin; Below with sponsor, PC, brother Axel & dad Anders Zimmer. Above right: April 21<sup>st</sup> baptism, Tatum Rayce Enberg with Wolke-Enberg families. Parents: Raynee Wolke & Nicholas Enberg. Right: Bentley Palmer Bisson was also baptized on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Pictured with parents Adrianna & Eric Brisson and extended Gestel-Berglund & Brisson families.



## Children's Time

## During Easter Service



SAVE THE DATE:

**STRIKEPOINT**  
Handbell Concert

SUNDAY  
JUNE 30  
3:00 PM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
417 First Ave. W. • Grand Marais

Admission free • Suggested donation \$18

20% of the donation benefits the  
Bethlehem Lutheran music program

# Devotions

By Pastor Calvin Kenop



*In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.*

*Romans 8:26*

As I look around the world I am sometimes overwhelmed by the darkness. Wars in Israel and Palestine, Russia and Ukraine, Sudan, turmoil in Myanmar and Venezuela. People we know with serious medical issues. Division in our political system that makes neighbors enemies. The list goes on. I often wonder how to pray, or what to pray for.

In Romans, we read that even when we don't know how to pray, The Spirit intercedes for us through wordless groans. Another translation says "[The Spirit is] making prayer out of our wordless sighs." God knows what the world needs, and God is always at work within the world.

In times when darkness seems overwhelming, I now try to look for the light. For kindness between neighbors, reconciliation between those in conflict, love winning over hate, people setting aside differences to worship God together, and the list goes on. As the Bible reminds us, "light has come into the world and the darkness has not overcome it."

*Children, Youth and Family*

*(CYF) News*

Middle School/Confirmation only has a few weeks left. We'll meet on May 1st and 8th for our usual youth group, and on May 15th we'll have our end of the year party during our usual ministry time. Keep your eyes peeled for summer events that will be published and sent to families soon!

## DIRECTOR OF CYF MINISTRIES UPDATE

Our Interview Committee collected applications, went through the interview process, and offered the job to a qualified candidate. The candidate took time to pray and discern where God was calling them, and ultimately felt called in a different direction. We are now reposting the position and will start the process over again, and are hoping to be able to offer the position to a candidate this summer. Please continue to pray for Bethlehem and future candidates!



Our confirmation students have chosen **Arrowhead Animal Rescue** as the May Mission of the Month. This is a Cook County nonprofit dedicated to helping animals in need. In 2021 the previous shelter, which was in the rec park, was removed to make way for the marina improvements. Since then volunteers have been caring for animals in their homes, but many have had to be transported to other shelters. The need for food and vet care continues, but the AAR has just announced plans to purchase one of the portable classrooms that Great Expectations School will no longer need when their building project is complete. Funds will be needed to make it a suitable facility and get it moved to its new location in the Business Park. Thank you students for the compassion you are showing for homeless and needy animals in our community. Let's show that we care for God's creatures great and small.

### MAY'S MEMBER CHALLENGE

The Confirmation class will be hosting a "Bingo Night" in May as an additional fund raiser for **Arrowhead Animal Rescue**. Prizes will be baked goods that they have made. The plans are being made now and they hope to have this event towards the end of May on a Friday night. Keep watching for info.





## LET US MAKE BREAD TOGETHER FOR OUR MOMS!

Our High School Seniors are invited to have lunch with the Quilters on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>. They can choose a quilt to keep as a remembrance of their connection with Bethlehem Lutheran. The quilts will be presented to them on **Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>** during our morning worship. These students include: **Taylor Everson, Andrew Hallberg, Kamryn Johnson, Amery Oberg, Ryan Shannon, Weston Heeren and Martine Redshaw.**

The church council approved offering a **\$250.00** camp scholarship for students registering for a faith-based camp of their choice. We have 7 applications so far. We have no deadline for this opportunity, but camps do fill up quickly.

We thoroughly enjoyed a dual baptism Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>. Bentley Brisson and Tatum Enberg were all dressed up for their big day. They also received their own quilt from Bethlehem. On April 28<sup>th</sup> Malia Ariel Zimmer was also baptized.

Sunday School which is offered during morning worship will end April 28<sup>th</sup>. We had an average of 8 children each Sunday.

Confirmation will end May 15<sup>th</sup>. We had up to 70 people join us for the Wednesday meals and Contemporary two 2 special opportunities for service and fellowship in May. On May 11<sup>th</sup> Sue Hennessey will teach us how to make Raisin Rye Bread from a vintage recipe. On May 18<sup>th</sup> and crew of volunteers will head up to Wilderness Canoe Base for Spring clean up. Whether it is doing dishes or raking the lawn, conversation and friendship happens.

*thank you* A BIG thank you to the Membership committee for helping at the recent Coffee An' Baptism celebration! Our members are always "Joy-full" at celebrating our members. How about celebrating a special birthday of a - one, or a 'just because' celebration. Coffee An' is a great time! Just sign up for the date you are available.

In recent years I have honored my mom by baking raisin rye bread for the moms at church on Mother's Day. I would like to get back to that again this year and I have decided to use the church kitchen this year and bake as much as possible for all of our moms, food shelf, and whoever else may benefit from a loaf.

My mom said this recipe came from the East Bay back in the day. She used to make it quite often for church bake sales, Legion bake sales, after St. Pat's day for fabulous Rubens, for Denver sandwiches after Easter, or just to eat hot out of the oven with butter!

When my mom passed and Father Seamus came over to ask all us kids about mom, overwhelmingly we talked about her baking, her food and her hospitality.

My mom was a fantastic woman and great at many things (especially being a great Mom!) and it is my privilege to carry on her hospitality in any way I can.

Please come and join me in baking bread May 11 in the church kitchen and let's celebrate our Moms! I'll start at 8 am and make as many batches as I can through evening . We will have coffee and maybe play cards or dominoes while the bread rises and we have time between batches. Come for an hour, or come for the day, whatever works for you!

All Moms: Please come and pick up a loaf after service on Mother Day, May 12. Everyone who had a mom is welcome to take one too! (One per family, please). If you can't make it to the church Sunday, please call me to have one delivered to you after church on Sunday. If I run out, I'll have a list to sign up for those who didn't get one and I'll make some to get to you.

(Sorry, no variation on the recipe. If you don't like the raisins just pick them out. That's what my mom would say!)

By Sue Hennessey  
(218) 370-0224





# SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Submitted by Janet Simonen

Bethlehem administers two scholarship programs that are open to active congregational members. Applications are accepted in the Spring and reviewed by the Mission Endowment Committee. The committee then forwards its recommendations to the Church Council for formal approval.

The **MISSION ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP** is a one-time, non-renewable award that is funded by investment income generated through Bethlehem's Mission Endowment Fund. Applicants must be students at an accredited post-secondary educational institution such as a two-or four-year college, a vocational school, or an on-line program. This year we are pleased to extend \$1,000 scholarships to each of the following: **Kamryn Johnson (Lake Superior College, Duluth, MN); Amery Oberg (University of Wisconsin-Superior); and Ryan Shannon (Bethel University, St. Paul, MN)**

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN'S CONCORDIA COLLEGE CONGREGATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP** is funded by a donation from an anonymous Concordia College alumni. Applicants must attend Concordia College in Moorhead, MN.

The \$1,000 scholarship is matched by the college up to \$500 per year and is renewable for a total of four years. This scholarship was awarded last year to **Rowan Lindholm**. This year we are pleased to renew it for a second year, as Rowan will be returning to Concordia as a sophomore in the Fall.

**Congratulations** to these four students, to the entire CCHS Class of 2024, and to all other Bethlehem members who are pursuing their education in some manner. *We are proud of you all!*

## A NOTE FROM LOIS J.

First and Second Thrift store will be starting new hours in May so we will need more volunteers! It's a good way to earn monies for Church programs.



# RECONCILING *in* CHRIST

By Karina Roth

## Greetings & Salutations!

The Reconciling in Christ Committee is back at it! We tabled our discussions when Pastor Mark retired and are ready to re-open this conversation. This is the Statement of Intent that we wrote a couple of years ago:

The Reconciling in Christ Committee at Bethlehem Lutheran Church intends to:

1. Explore and develop, along with the larger church body, a welcoming statement, that specifically includes and lists people who have experienced oppression from the Christian church. People who have experienced oppression due to racial and social inequities, gender and gender orientation, and other types of oppression, need to know where they are safe.
2. Invite all people, which includes all races, ethnicities, genders and orientations, to fully participate in leadership positions, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings and joys of our church community.
3. Encourage usage of spaces within the church building that support the needs of all people, and encourage discussion of physical changes to the church building to create a more welcoming space to all people.
4. Encourage annual meaningful contributions to local organizations and other synodical organizations, which support all people.

We are once again looking at bringing up speakers and hosting workshops to explore these topics through conversation. Stay tuned for future updates!

## BLC IS IN NEED!

Attention Sewers, Quilters, Knitters and Crocheters: We are down to our last **baptismal blanket** and **Prayer Shawls**. You don't have to follow any criteria. Contact Denise if you have talents! 218.387.2227.



# God's work. Our hands.



**Wilderness Canoe Base Work Day**  
**May 18, 2024**  
**8:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**We have room for lots of people.**  
**All ages are welcome.**  
**Adults must supervise your children.**



## A brief overview of the day: (This might change!)

Wilderness Canoe Base is located on Dominion and Fishhook Islands at the very end of the Gunflint Trail. There are no paved trails and there are some hills to climb. Outhouses and flush toilets. It takes a good hour to drive there. We will meet at church and be on our way by 8:00 am. You get to the islands by pontoon, across Seagull Lake. They have life jackets that fit children older than six. Bring your own for younger kids.

## The work:

We will be working with staff for a couple of hours in the morning and also some time in the afternoon. Projects have not completely been determined but might involve such things as carrying firewood, fixing things, and getting the camp ready for the change of seasons. Some projects will be indoors and others will be outdoors.

## Food:

Lunch is provided as we are doing "God's work. Our hands." Projects. Please fill in dietary needs as staff will work to meet dietary needs, as possible.

## Care for Creation:

We will end our time together in the outdoor chapel.  
A tour of the camp may be available, time dependent.

## What to do:

Sign-up! – one name per box.

- We need a good estimate by May 5<sup>th</sup> of how many people are coming, and a solid count by May 12<sup>th</sup> so the staff can plan for our lunch
- Please complete your phone and email so that we can reach you with updates.
- Check the box if you are willing to drive, and fill in how many passengers you could take.
- Here is a list of what to bring: day pack, hat, mittens/warm gloves, bug spray, sunscreen, rain jacket, water bottle, long pants, sturdy shoes/boots, work gloves, and a life jacket if your child is under 6-years old.

**Questions?** Call Sue Anderson at 218-387-3374

## Possible Projects Include:

1. Restock first aid kits
2. Pack meals for canoe trips
3. Tag and display store items
4. Assemble staff manuals and Bible Study booklets
5. "Fire-wising" near trails and buildings
6. Sanding paddles
7. Hauling lumber and supplies
8. Sanding and finishing benches
9. Fishing brigade organization

Volunteers need to bring bug repellent, sunscreen, rain jacket, water bottle, wear long pants & hat, mittens, bring work gloves, sturdy shoes/boots; etc.  
**"You know the drill!"**

## Additional Projects:

Wilderness Canoe Base welcomes volunteers to do **fire-wising** outside of an official work day.

Secondly, they are seeking a volunteer with a truck or trailer who would be willing to **haul some old appliances** to Grand Marais for disposal. The camp would of course pay the fee.

If anyone is interested in those tasks they can contact her at:

[SarahG@campwapo.org](mailto:SarahG@campwapo.org)  
to make arrangements.



# QUILTER'S NEWS

Submitted by Gwen Lenz

Bethlehem's Quilters have a busy month of May, with lots of FUN activities. Our own graduates will come for lunch, pick out the special quilts we have made with them in mind. The quilts will be presented to our Graduates and their families on **May 19<sup>th</sup>**. (***This is a date change to accommodate the Senior's Prom Night.***) It's always been a special celebration, with cake, of course!

♪ On another note, the Quilters have **LOTS** of fabric available for **FREE!** We'd like it if you could cut some squares out, OR would you be willing to sew the squares together? We meet Every Thursday 9:00-12:00, with Coffee at 10:00am ....with treats, and maybe a little friendly chatting. *You are always welcome.*



## ANOTHER UPDATE FROM YOUR "Library Grandma"

An organizing job often looks in disarray before the job is completed. So it is with the library!

I see the many books yet to enter, but I find it so encouraging when I view the shelved books that now have a new spine label.

Progress is being made, thanks to Virginia Hahn whom I have mentioned before, and now Janet Simonen. Janet has kindly offered to help while Virginia is gone, attaching the new Dewey numbers and shelving the books.

Please take a look at our library online catalog. Either click on the link given here:

<https://www.librarycat.org/lib/LibraryOma>

or go to our church web page:

<https://www.sharingchrist.org/>

Thanks for all your *encouraging words!*



- Shelby Anderson

# FREE TREE SEEDLINGS



Again this year Carolyn Dry, "The Tree Lady" and associate member, has purchased 5100 trees and seedlings to spread around Cook County. Carolyn has made it her personal "Do Gooder" project to aid in reforestation. For the last few years she has distributed native trees and shrubs to Cook County. She has provided thousands of apple trees to over 90 state prisons for orchards.

Last year she was unable to be here for the distribution and Bethlehem stepped in to help. To the rescue, Lyle and Laurie Spry jumped in and coordinated the give away. Again this year the Spry's and Dry will coordinate the distribution but they could use some help.

At the time of this writing we are hoping that the delivery will be made for distribution on **Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 am**. Helpers should be at Bethlehem by 8:30 am. Seedlings, mostly native, will be distributed in the alley. Seedling types available are: Tamarack, Wild Plum, Butternut Hickory, Red Oak, Black Cherry, Elderberry and Maple.

**Listen to WTIP Radio Station** (90.7 FM in Grand Marais; 89.7 FM on the Gunflint Trail) **for confirmation of the distribution date**. Delivery of trees is weather dependent. Please bring your own buckets to transfer your seedlings.



## UPCOMING

## MEMORIAL SERVICES:

**Dr. Roger MacDonald:** May 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am

**Jim Daugherty:** June 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am

Help is needed serving a light meal following each of these memorial services. If you can help with the set up, serving, dishes and/or clean up please contact Martha, 218.387.2594 (May 18) or Gwen, 218.387.9760 (June 8). Thank you!



needs and how to meet them and perhaps even a call to a new area in which God wants you to use your gifts. Go with it. Rejoice in God's gifts. Listen for God's direction.

## *Pentecost Prayer*

*Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

*Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love.*

*Alleluia!*



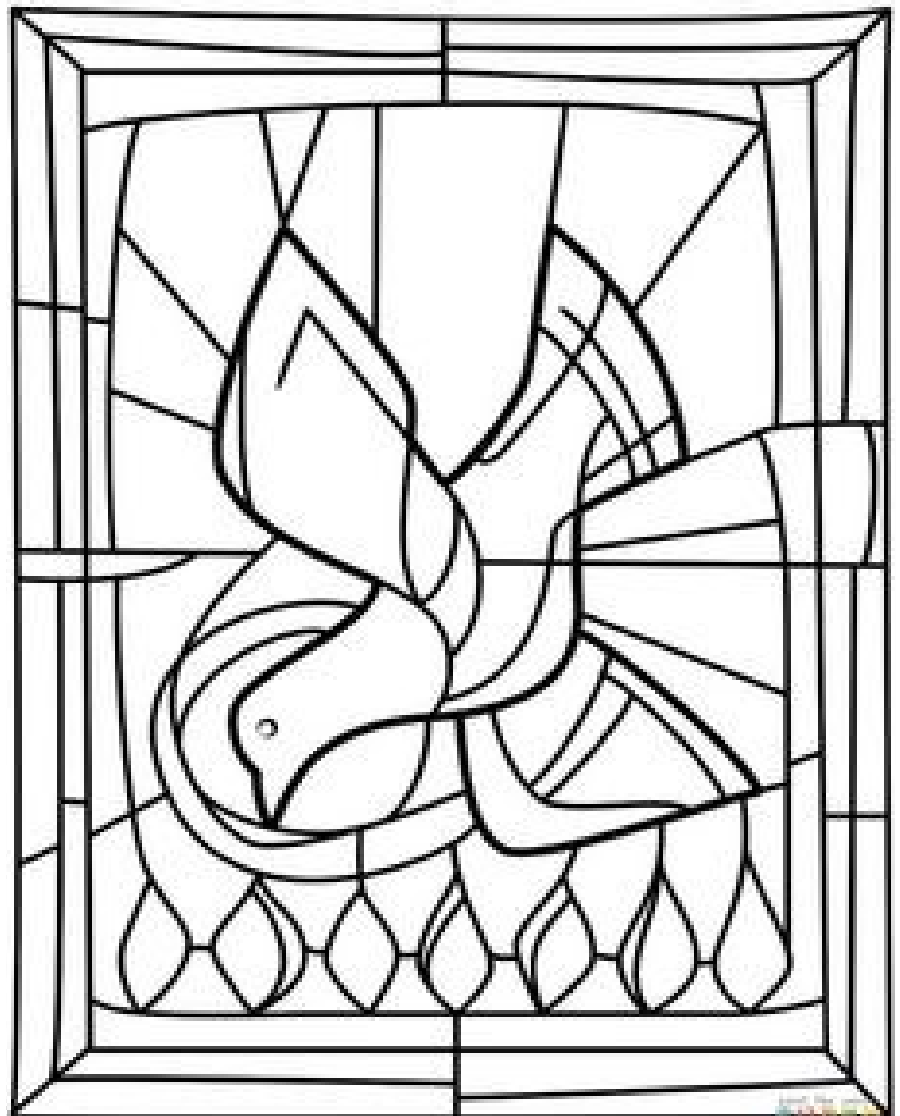
The spirit of wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence, wonder and awe in God's presence.

## *Pentecost*

The story of Pentecost is the story of God giving the disciples the power to be witnesses. God gave them what they needed to carry out their mission.

**You too are equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit.** In the light of Pentecost, you are asked to commit to praying for those who need empowerment in the areas of health, violence and working through systems that limit empowerment.

As you engage in prayer you may experience growth in your prayer life, new awareness of







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 8:40am Choir Practice 10:00am Christian Contemporary Worship Service with the "Average Worship Band" 10:00am Sunday School during Worship	<b>29</b> 3:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> 8:00am Church In Society meeting 12:30pm Text Study 5:30pm Taco dinner before worship 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Contemporary Worship Service	<b>2</b> 8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Quilting	<b>3</b> Clarity Hearing Appts.	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Cinco de Mayo 8:40am Choir Practice 10:00am Worship with Live stream & Choir sings	<b>6</b> 8am-noon AP Testing 3:30pm Girl Scouts	<b>7</b> 8am-noon AP Testing	<b>8</b> 12:30pm Text Study 5:30pm Hotdish meal before worship 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Contemporary Worship Service	<b>9</b> 8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Quilting 9:30am Esther Circle 11:00am Senior lunch with Quilters	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:00am Bake Rye Bread with Sue Hennessy 
<b>12</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 8:40am Choir Practice 10:00am Worship Service - Live streamed	<b>13</b> 8am-noon AP Testing 6:30pm Executive Committee Mtg	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Confirmation: End of Year Party 12:30pm Text Study 5:30pm Sub sandwich meal 6:00pm Contemporary Worship Service	<b>16</b> Monthly Council Reports due to Office 8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Quilting Denise vacation day	<b>17</b> Clarity Hearing Appts. 8am-noon AP Testing Monthly Reports to Council for review	<b>18</b> 8:00am WCB workday 11:00am Roger MacDonald's Memorial Service
<b>19</b> <b>PENTECOST</b> <b>Quilt Sunday</b> Choir sings during worship 8:40am Choir Practice 10:00am Worship - Live streamed with Choir 2:00pm Care Center Worship Service	<b>20</b> 8:00am Monthly Council Reports: Additions & Corrections Due 3:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	<b>21</b> 6:30pm Worship Planning Committee	<b>22</b> Newsletter articles due for next edition 12:30pm Text Study 6:30 pm ISD166 Awards Program	<b>23</b> 8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Quilting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 10:00am Christian Contemporary Worship Service with the "Average Worship Band"	<b>27</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> 9:30am Maple Hill Memorial Day Service, Rev. Bill Beckstrand, Presiding 11:00am Court House Ceremony	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 12:30pm Text Study	<b>30</b> 8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Quilting	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>

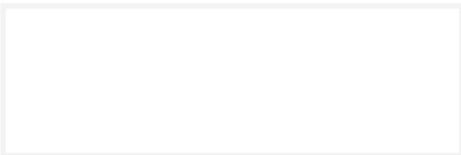


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*Belonging to Christ,  
Sharing Christ on the  
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*Congratulations to our 2024  
High School Graduates!*

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*Blessings to you from your Church  
Membership as you embark on  
New Horizons and  
Abounding  
Opportunities.*



## Senior Quilts

Bethlehem's High School Seniors are Invited to lunch with the Quilters on May 9<sup>th</sup> & pick out a quilt. Quilts will be given out during worship on May 19<sup>th</sup>. (Call the office with questions, 218.387.2227) Senior Martine Redshaw picked out her quilt and is pictured here with Quilter Kathy Bolstad. Quilt top was a gift made by Teresa Shannon.