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YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@bethlehemlutheranchurch7397/streams>

Worship

Schedule:

SUNDAYS 10:00 AM

WEDNESDAYS 6:00 PM



Special
Holiday
Treat

LET US BE

your home
FOR THE HOLIDAYS



WTIP will air the Borealis Choral and Orchestra Concert on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, at 8:00 pm and repeated again on Christmas at 10am & 6pm.

Listen live on the air at WTIP, 90.7 FM Grand Marais, 90.1 FM Grand Portage and 89.1 FM on the Gunflint Trail. Or stream at WTIP.org



**Christmas Eve
Worship Services:
3:00 and 5:00 pm**



Candlelight Service with Lessons & Carols

Livestream at 5 pm: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dujOi9NifUc>



Come and Sing Christmas Carols

with the Choir,

December 24, 2024.

4:45pm in the Narthex





Christmas Poinsettias

Thank you to these members & friends who sponsored Poinsettias this year.

Wayne & Philis, Kent & Lyndsay Anderson in memory of W. Gunnar Anderson.

Christy Buetow, Odin & Betsy Jorgenson, and Anna & Will Sandstrom, and families: In memory of loved ones.

Milly Gestel in memory of her husband Bernie.

J. Heiskari Family in memory of Dorothy & Roy Mattson, Sheila & Jerome Donek.

Sue Hennessy in memory of her parents, Bud & LaVern Hennessy

Ethel Johnson in memory of her husband, Paul.

Marlene Johnson & family in memory of her husband, Larry Johnson. "Forever in our hearts."

Kim Kerntz in memory of Elaine Rabold, Axel & Sylvia Haavisto and Russell Brickman.

Ashley & Pastor Calvin Konop in memory of Ashley's mom, Linda Cronen.

Chris & Kristin Lindholm in memory of their dear brother Rich Flesvig.

Leif, Sissy, Ezra & Elsa Lunde in memory of their son/brother Cale Lunde.

Jack & Joy Oberg in honor of Oberg & Johnson families.

Brian & Joanne Smith in memory of their parents & siblings: Muriel & Doug Smith; Joyce Kehoe; Dan Kehoe; Sharon Rosendaht; Sandy Kelly and John Kehoe.

Lynn & Craig Schulte in memory of their parents.

Cathi & David Williams in memory of Catherine & Philip Doll and Jack & Mary Williams.

Mike Youngquist in honor of Barb Youngquist.

Prayer



Requests

Mark LaKosky

Struggling with cancer

Vera Finn

Recovering from hip surgery after a fall

Leslie Donek

In GM hospital

Hillary Freeman

Recovering from accident

Darold Rosbacka

Living with liver & kidney failure

Dick Kayser

Recovering from successful knee replacement surgery

Kati Kristenson Stieler & family

Living with painful cancer

Barb Coe

Dealing with health issues

Gene Erickson

Dealing with health issues.

Cathy Hawkinson

Continues to recover from neck surgery

*How can we
pray for you?*



*Private and discrete pray requests may be
made directly to*

*Pastor Calvin at blcpastor@boreal.org or
763-226-5425;*

*or through the Prayer Chain chaired by
Laura Popkes, laura@birchlake.us or
218-370-0721.*



It is with much sadness that
we pass on the news that
Matt Gwash passed away
today.

Please keep his family in your prayers,
Pat & Bruce Strand (mom/stepdad),
Jenn Stewart & Casey Bronokowski
(sisters), Vera Finn (grandmother), Doug
Finn (uncle), and many family & friends.



SUNDAY DECEMBER 29TH

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Join us at 10:00am for Contemporary Worship Service
led by our ("Not so") Average Worship Band



NO Sunday School



Readings and Psalm for Sunday December 29th

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

The boy Samuel grew in favor with the LORD and the people

Psalm 148

The splendor of the LORD is over earth and heaven. (Ps. 148:13)

Colossians 3:12-17

Clothe yourselves in love; let the peace of Christ rule your hearts

Luke 2:41-52

The boy Jesus increased in wisdom, and in divine and human favor



Care for our neighbors experiencing homelessness and poverty by supporting Chum (Churches United in Ministry), our December Mission of the Month. Chum is "People of faith working together to provide basic necessities, foster stable lives, and organize for a just and compassionate community," serving people from the Duluth area and beyond with Stabilization Services (drop-in center, medical clinic, helping people in crisis transition), Food Distribution Services (operating Duluth's largest food shelf), Housing Services, and Congregational Outreach, Advocacy, and Organizing. In addition to financial contributions, we encourage you to consider supporting Chum's mission by volunteering, joining Chum's advocacy efforts, or donating warm winter hats and mittens to the tree in the narthex.

Chum Is Made Up Of 4 Big Parts



Stabilization Services
Helping those in Crisis transition



Food Distribution Services
Making sure everyone stays fed



Congregational Outreach, Advocacy, and Organizing

The backbone of our organization



Housing Services
Responding to the housing shortage in the area

DECEMBER

MEMBER

CHALLENGE:



Warm Winter

The season of snow and cold is upon us! Please help our neighbors stay warm this winter by filling up the tree in the narthex with hats, mittens, scarfs and warm socks. Collected donations will be shared with CHUM and Damiano Center in Duluth. The tree will be up until Epiphany, January 5, 2025.





Home For The Holidays Free Concert by Steven Curtis Chapman

“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!”
2 Corinthians 9:15

In the hustle and bustle of the season, we pray that you will be renewed in faith, encouraged by hope, and filled with the love of God.

To celebrate together, we invite you to join us for a special virtual Christmas concert – **Home for the Holidays** featuring Steven Curtis Chapman. Take time with family and friends to enjoy the sounds of this joyous season.

On-demand Dec 10-24, 2024

<https://www.thrivent.com/member-network/events/steven-curtis-chapman>

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

If you have any questions, please contact
goodsteward@thrivent.com

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I know many of you live out of city limits, but it's important that we all observe these parking rules. Think of those that have to live here and may have to hike over the mounds of snow drifts left on our street because parking rules aren't considered when in town.—Thanks so much, Denise.

WINTER PARKING ORDINANCE CHANGES

WINTER IS HERE, AND SO ARE THE NEW PARKING RULES TO KEEP OUR STREETS CLEAR AND SAFE! HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO AVOID GETTING SNOWED IN OR TOWED:

NEW HOURS FOR OVERNIGHT PARKING:

Remember, parking on Highway 61 is now prohibited from 2 AM to 7 AM. Give those plows room to work their magic!

CALENDAR PARKING IN EFFECT:

Starting November 15 at 12:01 a.m. through April 15 at midnight, follow this rule daily:

- **Odd days:** Park on the side with odd-numbered addresses
- **Even days:** Park on the side with even-numbered addresses

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS:

Some areas will be off-limits for parking all winter long.



**Thank you
for your help keeping our
roads cleared and safe!**



MidWeek Services, Meals, and Confirmation Resume January 8, 2025

Did you fill out and return your commitment card?

Please fill out the form and drop it off.

All responses help with our budgeting process.



BECAUSE OF GOD'S GREAT MERCY



In support of the ministry of Bethlehem Lutheran Church:

I/We will give \$_____ per week/month/year for the coming year. (circle one)

- This represents an increase of at least ½ of 1% or more of our household income. (check box if this is true)
- I/We would like offering envelopes. ___ Weekly ___ Monthly ___ Holiday (check your choice)
- I/We do not need envelopes. I will send or place my offering in the plate at church.
- I/We would like to set up automated giving. (Complete the Authorization Form.)
- Please update my/our automated giving to reflect the above amount. I already have an authorization form on file.

Name/s _____ Signature/s _____

Mailing Address _____

This commitment can be changed at any time by contacting the church office.



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AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTIONS AUTHORIZATION FORM

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Email Address		
DATE OF FIRST DONATION: ____ / ____ / ____	FREQUENCY: <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 th <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly – Mondays	FUNDS: <input type="checkbox"/> General/Operating <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
		AMOUNTS: \$ _____ \$ _____ Total \$ _____
CHECKING / SAVINGS	Please debit my donation from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check or account verification letter below)	Routing Number: Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3 Account Number:
	I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization. Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____	
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	ENVELOPE/DONOR #	DATE
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If using a checking account, please attach a voided check or account verification letter to the bottom of this page.



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