

Bethlehem Star

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Our Church Calendar Year is called the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) and is split up into 3 different years: Year A, B, and C. We're currently in Year B, and all of the scripture passages that we use will be the same across the nation for all of the churches that follow the RCL.

In Year B, we get 5 weeks in a row of "bread." We read some discourses from John where Jesus feeds the 5,000 and later says, "**I am the bread of life.**" It's a beautiful image of Jesus, feeding us physically and spiritually - but it's also a lot of bread right in a row.

There is a reason that Jesus chose bread as a metaphor for how God shows up in the world. Did you know that bread dates back 30,000 years? It's the oldest prepared food. Every culture has their own variation of bread - flatbreads in the Middle East and Africa, risen breads in Europe, pan breads from Asia (even variations of rice bread), fry breads North America, tortillas in South America.

Bread is cheap, easy to mass produce, filling, easy to carry, and widely available.

Jesus, the bread of life, is free, easy to share, spiritually filling, easy to carry with us (The Bible is the bread of life, after all), and readily available for everyone.

So break bread together, and be intentional about thanking God for your physical food and spiritual food. Know that when you gather together over a meal, Christ is with you. And find your own, creative and unique ways to share the spiritual bread of life with your neighbors. As we say in our communion liturgy, "At Christ's table, there is more than enough."

Peace in Christ.

Pastor Calvin Konop



Baking Bread for The Bread of Life

As you read in the Pastor's Column (to the right), the month of August is the month of bread in the Lectionary. We'll read about Jesus feeding the 5,000, manna coming down from heaven in Exodus, Elijah being fed cakes of bread from an angel, and of course Jesus telling the crowds that it isn't just about physical food - that Jesus is the Bread of Life from heaven.

Will you consider baking bread for Coffee An' or for communion this month?

We are hoping to share in different kinds of bread throughout this month as we read and wonder about what it means to us and to our world that Jesus is our Bread of Life. Anyone can bring bread to Coffee An' time to have with our coffee and treats. Communion bread will be on the following schedule (contact Pastor Calvin if you want to take an open week!):

August 4th: Pastor Calvin

August 11th: Karina Roth

August 18th: OPEN

August 25th: OPEN

If you want to bake bread for one of these services, contact Pastor Calvin. Thank you, and may the Bread of Life fill your spirit this month!

Welcome Sarah Rhodes, CYF Director



Welcoming Sarah during fellowship time following her installation on July 7th. Pictured from left to right: Alyssa Muus, Mindy Jacobsen, Bev Johnson, Sarah Rhodes, Drew Heinonen, Lisa Tracy, Eric Anderson, Ashley Konop, Barbara Johnson,



Naomi Tracy Hegg (center) just completed her 2nd year at Luther Summer Music Academy. See page 6



Sarah is getting settled in her office. Please stop by her office, say hello & get to know her.



First S'more Event of the Summer. Sarah hosted a night for middle & high schoolers to meet, play games and roast marshmallows for s'mores on July 10th. A perfect night to have some fun.



Devotions

By Pastor Calvin Konop

I've been thinking a lot about listening lately.

I was told something many years ago that transformed the way I listen - at least in times when I'm being intentional. I was told, "*Most people listen to respond. Instead, listen to understand.*" Someone probably said this while I was breathing in with my mouth hanging open, waiting to say whatever I was going to say after they finished talking.

When we listen to understand, it completely changes the conversation.

In scripture, God's people are prone to not listening, not seeing, and focusing on themselves instead. In Matthew 13:15, Jesus quotes the book of Isaiah, saying

*For this people's heart has grown dull,
and their ears are hard of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes,
so that they might not look with their eyes,
and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart and turn—
and I would heal them.'*

Notice the end, when we listen, when we really listen to understand, God heals us. There is a lot of division in our nation that has been caused, in part, by not listening to each other. But if we can listen to our neighbors to understand them, their perspectives, their needs, their hopes and fears - that's when God is able to heal.



Hospitality Teams at Bethlehem

The BLCW met in mid-June to talk about the future of our hospitality ministry at Bethlehem. Throughout the decades, the BLCW and many volunteers have made luncheons at funerals happen (among many other meals and times of coffee and treats). This is an important ministry of coming alongside families who are in grief, and giving them time to eat and share memories with their family and friends.

We know that there are many in this congregation who have Spirit given gifts of hospitality - people of all sexes and gender expressions - and who want to be a part of this ministry.

This month we will be recruiting people to be a part of a hospitality team to help to make funeral luncheons possible for families. These teams will be large enough so that members of the team will be able to serve as they are able, and rely on their team if they need to miss.

This month we'll start calling through our directory and asking you to be a part of this ministry by being a part of a hospitality team. Please prayerfully consider if you are being called to serve BLC and our community in this way.

Pastor Calvin and the BLCW



*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in.*

- Matthew 25:35

Could you or someone you know use help filling your pantry? The Women's Circles of the BLCW have purchased **grocery gift cards** to provide to **anyone in need** of a helping hand. No one should have to worry about having enough and we hope the grocery gift cards give each recipient the ability to purchase groceries that fill their needs.

If you or someone you know could use a gift of groceries, stop in to see Pastor Calvin to request a Johnson's or IGA gift card, or call the office to make arrangements to receive one. A gift card may be requested once every three months.

God's richest blessings to all,

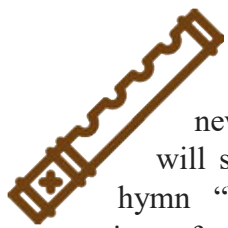
Joy Oberg and the Women of the BLCW



Spotlight: Special Music



- ◆ **August 4: Paul Jacobson, flutist, and the Bethlehem Choir**
- ◆ **August 18: Mike DeBevec's Jazz Service**
- ◆ **August 25: Bethlehem's Contemporary Service with our Average Worship Band**



On August 4th Paul Jacobson will join us playing his flute and introducing us to a new composition, "New Song," which we will sing together as the gathering song. The hymn "New Song" (by Paul Jacobson) was written for the **2024 Summit of the EcoFaith Network** presented at First Lutheran in Duluth by three synods, NE Minnesota, St. Paul, and NW Wisconsin. The summit was entitled "***Cross-Currents in the Flood: Building Arcs Together for a Livable Future.***"

This hymn could be described as occupying a new type of hymn - environmentally "edgy" hymns, but it uses many time-honored styles, including African call and response hymns. Based on a few verses from Psalm 96, which begins "*Sing to the LORD a new song,*" the hymn begins with a call and response refrain that opens instead with the question "Can we sing a new song," asking the congregation to explore that hard question in a distressed environmental time.

One of the amazing features of Psalm 96 is that it exhibits not humanity praising God's creation but rather all of creation singing those praises - the heavens, the earth, the sea, its creatures, etc. The hymn explores this story of nature praising God's creation, and it moves from questioning how earth can sing God's praises when God's creation is threatened by human action to a positive view, inviting humanity to enter the praise - "*Now let all the earth sing praises to the Holy One.*"

The hymn is a journey. The call and response of the refrain invites the congregation into this journey. Oh, and did I mention that, in the refrain, the term "new song" begins with the Latin "Canticum Novum" and cycles through eight languages (Latin, Hebrew, Arabic, Anishinaabe, Lakota, Spanish, Swahili, and finally English. Thank goodness it's "call and response"!

A little background:

Paul Jacobson, flutist and composer, is a founder of Minnesota's Lyra Baroque Orchestra and has had an active career playing 18th century flutes with many ensembles in Minnesota and throughout North America. He studied composition at St. Olaf and in New York City at Union Theological Seminary School of Music and at Columbia University. Paul also enjoys playing modern flute and Native American flutes, especially in the context of worship. His compositions include many hymns, cantatas, and various liturgical music.

Paul and his wife Diane work with Lutheran environmental organizations, including those in the NE Minnesota Synod and St. Paul Area Synod. And they enjoy hiking with their dog Zipporah ("Zippy"), gardening, and fishing.

Diane and Paul have had a long and wonderful relationship with Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Although we are members of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in St. Paul, Pastor Mark Ditmanson dubbed them "demi-members" of Bethlehem. Moreover, Pastor Mark was among Diane's first group of advisees when she began teaching at Luther Seminary, and his father Harold Ditmanson was a teacher and mentor to Paul at St. Olaf College. We are so thrilled to continue our deep relationship with Bethlehem and all of our friends here with Pastor Calvin leading the congregation.



Jazz Service: Our History

This year is the 12th Annual Jazz Service (August 18th), a liturgical idea first suggested by Pastor Mark Ditmanson to Mike DeBevec. Mike was a jazz musician and long-time member of our congregation who occasionally played his original jazz compositions at Sunday services. Pastor Mark had found some published music listed as a jazz service and showed it to Mike. Mike examined it carefully and replied: "This

doesn't look like jazz to me. I'll write one for you."

Mike's idea was a choral work accompanied by local jazz instrumentalists, with community-wide ecumenical participation. He also envisioned a work that would evolve and vary from year to year, with a core **Jazz Liturgy** of eight songs, based on the order of the Lutheran service, that would gradually become familiar to the congregation. Four hymns, either composed or arranged by Mike, would supplement this music, with refrains that would invite the congregation to also sing. Mike initially recruited a choir of 30-35 Cook County singers each year. The Jazz Service was recorded live at BLC in 2015 on CD, and distributed to the congregation, choir, & community at large. Subsequently, it became necessary to perform the service with a smaller choral ensemble of 8-9 talented people, an easier task with changing music and limited rehearsal time.

Our own Church Music Director Karina Roth has been indispensable in the development of the Jazz Service as a choral director, soloist, advisor, and leader of the congregation. Two other community churches have requested the Jazz Service for the past four years, so now "we're on the road"!

A little background:

Mike DeBevec was introduced to jazz by listening to his older brother's Dave Brubeck records at age 13. Although he had standard piano lessons culminating in recitals in classical music by that time, he quit formal instruction and was subsequently self-taught in rock and popular music, beginning public

performance at age 16. He has regularly performed in most public venues in Cook County since 1975.

*He began private study of jazz mentored by Ryan Frane, the director of Jazz Studies at UMD, in 2004 and enrolled in formal courses at UMD from 2006-2008, and began jazz composition. He formed **Sky Blue Jazz Ensemble** in 2009, still together today. The idea of a Jazz Service at BLC enticed him into choral composition in 2011. He has 60 songs registered with the Association of Songwriters, Composers, and Publishers (ASCAP), most of them recorded.*

Contemporary Worship



With the Average Worship Band

Bethlehem Lutheran Church enjoys contemporary worship with praise songs on the fourth Sunday every month and during the school-year on Wednesday night services.

Led by Stacey Johnson on piano, Mark Abrahamson, vocals & musicians: Eric Anderson, Myron Bursheim, Nathan Kristenson and Kristin Lindholm on guitars; and singers Chris & Kristin Lindholm, Cindy Muus, Kelly Swearingen, and occasionally Cathi Williams. They have an open invitation to any musicians to join their group any time.



How and where do you listen to Christian music?

I love to listen to Christian music on the radio in my car or on Pandora while I am at home. When I catch myself humming along to a new song that touches my heart, it makes me want to share it. That is mainly how I learn new songs that I share with the Average Worship Band.

Below are just a few songs that I hope we will be able to sing together in a worship service sometime in the future. Check them out online or wherever you get your music!

- ◆ **Oceans** (Hillsong United) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OP-00EwLdiU>
- ◆ **I Believe** (Phil Wickham) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oOx_gUY4bQY
- ◆ **Cornerstone** (Hillsong Worship) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izrK-erhDdk>
- ◆ **King of Kings** (Hillsong Worship) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQ14izxPeNU>

Let me know if you have a favorite song or hymn that you want to share with us!

Stacey Johnson, 218-370-9441



Do you enjoy being challenged by the variety of music and worship opportunities at our church? Have you found renewal in your faith walk when encountering new songs or attending new services? Have you

been moved by the depth of faith expressed in the old traditional hymns? If so, **our Worship Committee needs YOU.**

Working with Pastor Calvin and Music Director Karina Roth, we meet monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm, to plan the next month's services.

Specifically, the responsibilities of the members are the following:

"...plan meaningful and inspiring regular and special worship services that open the doors wide in welcoming, that are respectful of the traditions and reach into relevant new forms, and always faithful to the Gospel."

When we do the same things Sunday after Sunday, it can become monotonous and uninspiring. By adding variety to our worship, we can break up the routine and keep things fresh and exciting.

Being on the committee has heightened my awareness of the importance of inclusivity in our worship. It has broadened my understanding of the importance of incorporating other cultures. Personally, I have been jarred out of my occasional spiritual ruts with the introduction of a new liturgy or song!

Please consider joining our Worship Committee as your ministry within our church! We always need new ideas and inspiration!

Any questions, just talk to Pastor Calvin, or Karina Roth or Eric Anderson or myself!

Shelby Anderson,
218-387-2698



Naomi Tracy-Hegg, utilizing Bethlehem's Camper Scholarship, is participating in her 2nd year at Lutheran Summer Music Academy at Valparaiso University in Indiana. **Lutheran Summer Music Camp** is a faith-based residential music academy for high school students who come together from all over the country to immerse themselves in joyful music-making and build a supportive and welcoming community, living together on a Lutheran college campus.

"Dear Bethlehem Congregation,

I have been having the most incredible whirlwind of a time here at Lutheran Summer Music. I'm continuing to take organ lessons from Chad Fothergill (a former star student of Pastor Bill's)— he is an incredible teacher and, in my opinion, one of the top people of all time. We're working on Bach's little prelude and fugue in C-major, which I'll be performing for the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians on Thursday (wish me luck!),

and I just performed Jean Langlais's "Priere" (Prayer) on Sunday. Priere is the first French piece that I've ever learned, which was great fun because French articulation is completely different from the baroque style— I had to learn how to play legato, which involves playing scales with just your thumb (try it— you feel like a snail).

I also got to have a masterclass with Dr. Catherine Rodland, the organ professor at St. Olaf— I actually had a lesson with her a while back when I visited there, and we worked on the same piece here at LSM! She said I did an excellent job incorporating everything we talked about in our first lesson (brag).


Coincidentally, my piano teacher this month is also a St. Olaf professor, Dr. April Kim. She is an outstanding pianist and lots of fun to work with. We've been working on a piece called "Island Lullaby— " it's a Korean lullaby arranged as a piano solo, and it uses chromatic scales to represent waves. It's a lot of fun to play.

I'm also in two electives this year, conducting and composition. Our conducting class got a session with Dr. Jennaya Robison, the director of the National Lutheran Choir. She gave me some excellent pointers on communicating musical decisions through gesture.

Composition class has been so much fun, too—



my teacher is a professor at Luther, so maybe Martine will get to work with her! We watched videos of some insane pieces (look up anything by Henry Cowell to get an idea). We just had our *Fresh Ink!* recital where all of the composition students' pieces were performed, including mine: "Big Water," inspired by Lake Superior. It's written for piano, cello, and percussion— you can find it on LSM's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nRt80iRhDRc> (my piece starts ~38 minutes in). I got my roommate to play the piano part (she is SO talented— I knew she could interpret it better than I wrote it), but I ended up on stage anyways playing the suspended cymbal, because the percussion part is impossible to play with only two hands. I seem to recall Bill playing percussion on one of his own pieces for Borealis— I guess getting roped into playing your own piece and then missing all your cues is something we have in common!

 During this final week, LSM is concurrent with the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) annual conference— and they're holding it right here on campus with us, which is super cool (but also means the food lines are infinite). I've been cornering unsuspecting church musicians and bombarding them with my holistic three-question interview: 1) What's your favorite hymn, 2) How many times have you fallen off an organ bench, and 3) How do you handle nerves? I feel a little bad for my poor interviewees that just wanted to eat dinner in peace, but that's what you get with Naomi.

I'm in choir with the incomparable Dr. Gravelle again— we're doing a wide range of pieces, including one with body percussion that I'm currently working on memorizing (wish me a little more luck!). I think I mentioned in my letter last year that I loved choir so much that I partnered with Dr. Gravelle to do a survey on why choir brings people joy. I'll be presenting the results of that survey to the ALCM tomorrow (if you have any drops of luck left, please wish them to me!).

I could go on and on—I know I already have, but I didn't even get to ranting about the chapel and the organ

and my crazy organ friends). However, I just got back from a four-hour recital (people were doing the Macarena to Vivaldi in the balcony), so I should probably go to sleep. But I want to thank you for sending me to this place— there's nowhere else quite like it. I'm surrounded by incredible people making incredible music, who are applying their skills to create incredible worship. I like to think I'm lucky to be here, but it's not luck— it's the support of all you wonderful people who care about me and my musical journey.

So thank you! Sincerely, Naomi Tracy Hegg” (Check out this video also: <https://www.lsmacademy.org/lsmvideo>)



In God's Care

By Kris Hedstrom,
Congregational President

We welcomed our Director of Children, Youth and Family (CYF), Sarah Rhodes on July first. She met with our Middle School and High School students on July 7th. She organized a hike event on July 20th for the same age bracket. She is planning a half day mini-VBS for grade school kids August 5th.

The Strikepoint Handbell concert on July 7th was outstanding. Our choir served the group lunch before the concert. I was amazed at the size of the base clef bells. This group is finishing their local tour and is headed to Japan for an international conference.

The 125th Anniversary Committee has met weekly. We have established the menu and confirmed DD catering to provide the meal. We are requesting digital pictures from your archives to share in a power point presentation (modern version of a slide show) during the meal.

With sincere regrets we accepted the resignation of our custodian Kristen Carlsgaard. Her last day with us is August 9th. Please share the opportunity of applying for her position with friends and family. (Otherwise, we will **all** be assigned bathroom duty!).

We are so honored to celebrate the life and ministry of Dode Stoskopf on Sunday August 4th. We have been gifted with a stained-glass window that was created in her memory. The former members of Son's Rays will be singing during the worship service. It will be wonderful and bittersweet.



Sarah Rhodes
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High School:



- I am planning a **Wednesday, August 14th** Duluth trip for high school students! We will need a minimum of three students in order to go, and at least one driver/volunteer. It will be from about 9am to 5pm and we will go to a coffee shop, vote on where to eat lunch, and find a park/space to discuss faith topics. I will write a devotion as well. Can't wait!
- The cost is \$20 each, which covers gas and lunch. Registration is due on Sunday, August 11th.

Thank you for such a warm welcome! I've enjoyed laughing together over coffee, sitting around the fire with kids and parents, and generally getting to know the community.—Sarah Rhodes, CYF Director

Sunday School:

- We are in the process of choosing a curriculum and recruiting volunteers (on a rotational basis) for Sunday School. In future newsletters, there will be a separate column for Sunday School as opposed to other youth opportunities, although we know there is sometimes overlap.
- Sunday School will continue on Sunday mornings during the school year for ages 3-2nd grade. Kids will come up for the Children's Time, and then go to Sunday School with the leaders. They will be back between communion and the end of the service.
- We'll be asking families to fill out a registration form for their Sunday School age kids so that we have all of the information that we need.
- Look for more information about Sunday School and registration in the near future.

Mission of the Month Cook County Schools

The Mission of the Month for August will be **Cook County Public Schools**. We intend to give funds raised to the schools to be used for students who need help with needs such as warm winter clothing, backpacks, school supplies, nutritious snacks, and other possible needs. We also plan to collect school supplies. Look for a display and lists of classroom supplies that you can donate to ease the burden on parents and teachers who often purchase supplies for their classrooms out of their own funds.

Elementary School:



- Join us for an **Olympics Themed Vacation Bible School** on **Monday, August 5th** from 9am to 1pm! Kids going into grades K-5 will learn and have fun together with the help of adult volunteers as well as middle school volunteers. You should have received the registration form if your child will be a K-5 student this fall. Registration is due on Sunday, August 4th. If you would like to volunteer, please send me an email or text (my contact information is below).



Middle School:

- Our Confirmation Open House is an event for both parents and students. It will be on **Wednesday, September 11th** from 5:30 to 7, with dinner for the first half hour. Be sure to complete the registration form (yes, even if you did that last year). You can either turn in a paper form or email me a digital one any time between now and then.

Member Challenge

This month, when you are downtown, out-of-town, or shopping online, please purchase some of your favorite school supplies, for students and for the classrooms, and add them to our collection. Many stores have displays with school supply lists for various schools, so don't feel bad if you don't have a Cook County list with you as you shop. They all list items that kids and teachers could use. When in doubt, grab a backpack, pencils, notebooks, facial tissue, disinfecting wipes, or nutritious snacks. Help make our collection HUGE this year.





Bethlehem's 125th Anniversary Celebration

For years visiting and itinerant Lutheran pastors traveled the long and arduous journey to Grand Marais to preach the Word of God to Scandinavian pioneers. Then on September 18, 1889, a group of faithful servants of Christ met at the home of Mathias Johnson and formed First Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Grand Marais. Less than 3 months later, on the first Sunday in Advent, the fledgling congregation that would someday be named Bethlehem Lutheran held its first worship service. That was December 3, 1889.

"I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds." - Psalm 77: 11-12

It is a time to celebrate those first fruits. It is time to remember God's presence in the creation and growth of Bethlehem and our mission. It is time to recall the highlights of Bethlehem's ministry as we have belonged to Christ and have shared Christ on the North Shore and beyond for these 125 years.



Calendar of Events:

Bethlehem Reflections Series:

Dates: August 4, August 11, August 18, August 25, September 1, September 8, and September 15.

This will be a collection of short talks on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary after the announcements and before the beginning of worship. Members of Bethlehem will share some history, memories, and stories of Bethlehem through the years.

Anniversary Sunday:



September 22

This will begin with a special anniversary worship at 10:00 am. Immediately following worship (approximately 11:15 am) we will gather in the fellowship hall to share a meal, slideshow, and program. Bethlehem members as well as past pastors, past staff, and Cook County churches are invited.

Scandinavian Menu:

- ◇ Swedish Meatballs,
- ◇ Home Style Mashed Potatoes,
- ◇ Roasted Carrots
- ◇ Lingonberries
- ◇ House Salad
- ◇ Cranberry Cake
- ◇ Coffee, Milk and an assortment of drinks.
- ◇ We have an alternative menu for children that will include macaroni and cheese.



How Can You Help?

Get Your Meal Tickets:

We will be having the meal for this celebration prepared by Double D's Catering. We have a \$20 suggested donation for adults and \$1/year suggested donation for children 12 and under. Although tickets will be available on Anniversary Sunday, please get your tickets ahead of time to help us in our planning. Ticket sales will begin in August.

Send in Your Photos:



We are putting together a simple slideshow that can run continuously during our meal. Bethlehem got its first digital camera in 2006 and so most of the photos we have that can easily be put into our slideshow are from 2006 on. Earlier photos at Bethlehem would need to be either scanned or retaken. If you have photos of life at Bethlehem you would like to add to the slideshow, please take a .jpg picture of them on your smartphone and send them to the office.

Volunteer for a Bethlehem Reflection:



If you are interested in doing a Bethlehem Reflection after announcements on a Sunday morning in August or September or as part of our Anniversary Sunday program, please let our staff know.

Volunteer for Setting Up Before or Cleaning Up After Anniversary Sunday:



The Men of Bethlehem (MOB) will be setting up on Saturday, September 21, at 9:00 am. Please contact Mike Chmelik (218-387-1790) if you would like to help. If you can stick around after the program, we can always use extra hands to help clean up.

Bethlehem's Anniversary Committee has been planning and preparing for this celebration. Please thank Kris Hedstrom, Ethel Johnson, Martha Rosbacka, Philis Anderson, Ruth Tice, Kathy Johnson, and Pastor Calvin for their work.

- Your brother in Christ, Mike Chmelik (he/him/his)



Thank you for the Blessings

Open heart surgery is not something you wish for and then it is. After having lived with a bum valve all my life, and having it slowly fail, then fail spectacularly one evening will set your priorities in another direction. I am blessed in my family, my church and the many friends who have helped us in prayer and in taking the time to reach out. Lyle and I are so grateful for the many God Moments throughout this journey, and then as the slow recovery is happening we reflect on the many instances of God's Grace throughout our lives.

A couple of weeks ago, Lyle stopped to see his eldest brother Jim. They were talking and standing outside when Jim collapsed. He was breathing, but labored and then stopped. Lyle did chest compressions and brought him back. Lyle took classes, without my knowledge, several years ago in order to be able to take care of me if I should fail. He had no intention of stopping to see Jimmy, but was there when needed. Not a coincidence ~ God's Grace and answered prayers are always around us!

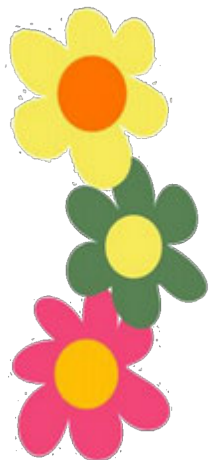
With Love and Appreciation of all our church family,

~ Laurie and Lyle Spry



Thank you for your thoughtfulness and expressions of sympathy following my mom's passing.

Pam Prenevost and Paul Magnuson





AUGUST



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4 Dedication Stained-glass for Dode Stoskopf Special Music: Paul Jacobson, flute 8:40am Choir Practice 10:00am Worship with Live stream & Choir sings	5 Denise's Vacation 9:00 am Vacation Bible School for kids going into K-5 	6 Denise's Vacation Pastor Calvin's Vacation	7 Denise's Vacation Pastor Calvin's Vacation 8:00am Church In Society meeting 12:30pm Mid-Day Mid-Week Bible Study 7:00pm Bible & Brews	8 Denise's Vacation Pastor Calvin's Vacation 8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Quilting	9 Denise's Vacation Pastor Calvin's Vacation	10 Pastor Calvin's Vacation
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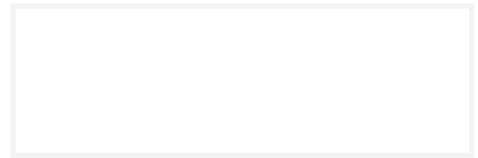
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Son's Rays Dedicate Stained-Glass in Honor of Dode Stoskopf



Sunday, August 4th will be a special service, not only that it is Fisherman's Picnic and we have so many wonderful visitors, but there will be a special blessing at Bethlehem! In 1971, Dode Stoskopf formed an ecumenical choir for girls, ages 13 – 18, grades 7 –12. Between 1971 and 1988, over 70 young ladies met weekly to rehearse and praise the Lord with their voices. They traveled to other churches, other states, even to other countries, to pass on the message of love and hope in the name of God and of the son, Jesus. Several albums were produced and sold to raise money to support our efforts and you can even still find some songs on YouTube today! We were, and forever will be, Son's Rays!

This stained-glass was designed and produced by Cindy (Malner) Pfefferle, a member from 1972 – 1978. It is donated from funds raised by Dode's Rays at her passing in August 2022. "Dode contributed to our lives as a mentor, mother, friend, cheerleader, and prayer warrior for all her girls. Dode's presence can still be felt in our lives and in our values. We dedicate this piece to honor her legacy of kindness, compassion and love," from one of the Rays, Kelly Swearingen.

A recent FaceBook post quoted Dode, "Bloom where you are planted. It will be beautiful." Dode's family shared, "It brings comfort to our family to know that her spirit will continue to inspire positive change." **Please join our celebration on August 4th. We will sing a few of Dode's favorite songs during the service.**