

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastors: Sonja Kjar, Josh Schunk, Tim Stoa
February 21, 2010 — 1 Lent

Sunday, February 21
Food Drive

9:00 am Traditional Worship
9:00&10:30 Sunday School
10:00 am Comm. in Chapel
10:30 am Contemp. Worship

Wednesday, February 24

6:30 am Lenten Breakfast
Noon Lenten Service in Chapel
6:00 pm Lenten Potluck
7:00 pm Lenten Service

Sunday, February 28
Food Drive

9:00 am Traditional Worship
9:00&10:30 Sunday School
10:00 am Comm. in Chapel
10:30 am Contemp. Worship

Wednesday, March 3

6:30 am Lenten Breakfast
Noon Lenten Service in Chapel
6:00 pm Lenten Potluck
7:00 pm Lenten Service

Sunday, March 7
Comm, at Both Services

9:00 am Traditional Worship
9:00&10:30 Sunday School
10:30 am Contemp. Worship

Welcome

We extend the hand of Christian fellowship to all who come to worship. May our prayers and the hearing of God's word make our burdens lighter, our hearts encouraged, and our souls refreshed. Visitor information packets are available at the ushers' table located in the back of the Sanctuary. We encourage all visitors to take one.

All are welcome for coffee and doughnuts in Fellowship Hall between services.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (9:00 a.m.)

PRELUDE "Foundation" *arr. by Bonnie Barrett*
WELCOME/SHARING GOD'S PEACE
CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS p. 94-96 ELW
HYMN "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" #520 ELW

CALL TO WORSHIP

APOSTOLIC GREETING
KYRIE p. 203-204 ELW
LENTEN HYMN "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days" v. 1&2 #319 ELW
PRAYER OF THE DAY
SPECIAL MUSIC "Soon and Very Soon" *Senior Choir*
arr. by Andraé Crouch

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE HYMN "Restore in Us, O God" #328 ELW
READING Deut 26:1-11
PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16 (Read Responsively) Bulletin — Page 2
Gospel Acclamation (Lenten Response) p. 205 ELW
P: The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 4
C: **Glory to You, O Lord**
GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13
P: The Gospel of our Lord!
C: **Praise to You, O Christ**
SERMON Pastor Sonja Kjar
HYMN OF THE DAY "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" #325 ELW

RESPONSE

APOSTLES' CREED p. 105 ELW
OFFERING "What Wondrous Love is This" *arr. by Jeanne Cotter*
OFFERTORY "Create in Me a Clean Heart" #186 ELW
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
LORD'S PRAYER p. 208 ELW

SENDING

BENEDICTION AND "THREE-FOLD AMEN"
HYMN "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" #551 ELW
DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" *arr. by Dennis Alexander*

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is a faith community that gathers to hear, teach and share the gospel.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (10:30 a.m.)

Gathering Music “Here I Am to Worship” In His Name
Welcome/Sharing God’s Peace

“You Are Mine” #581 ELW

Confession-Unison

Lord, we confess that we have not been listening. We have been deaf to Your call in many ways. We have heard the words and the songs, yet have gone our own way. Today Lord, we confess our sin and want to be made right with You, so that we can be made right with our brothers and sisters. Give us ears to hear You and open hearts to accept Your loving grace.

Absolution

Our God is persistent, continues to call us, even when we turn our back. God continues to love us even when we do not return love. Ultimate love for us was shown as God sent Jesus to the cross to die in our place for our sin. Today God calls each of us to lay down our weight of sin and come home.

Reading Deut 26:1-11

“You Are My Hiding Place” #101

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, **who abide in the shadow of the Almighty** —

you will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my stronghold, **my God in whom I put my trust.**”

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, **and the Most High your habitation,**
no evil will befall you, **nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

For God will give the angels charge over you, **to guard you in all your ways.**

Upon their hands they will bear you up, **lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; **you will trample down the lion and the serpent.**

I will deliver those who cling to me; **I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

They will call me, and I will answer them; **I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.**

With long life will I satisfy them, **and show them my salvation.**

“Bring Your Mercy” #82

Gospel Luke 4:1-13
Sermon Pastor Sonja Kjar

“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow” #327 ELW

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in a living God, creator of all humankind, who has created and recreates the entire universe by power and love.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, and my Savior and Lord. Because of His work, His death, His life, and His suffering, I know who I am, what I can become through Christ.

I believe that God is present with us always and can be experienced in prayer, the Sacraments, the Word, the fellowship of believers and in all that we do. Amen.

Offering “Press On” In His Name

Prayers of the Church
The Lord’s Prayer Back of Songbook

The Benediction

“You’re My Light and My Salvation” #10

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: And all the people said

People: **Amen!**

“In His Name”

Wendy Clemens, Alvina Deyle, Jennifer Hyden, Sandy Johnson, Milt Myhre, Sonja Myhre, Judi Pogatshnik, Steve Revland, Eric Schepp, Michael Schossow

Friendship Pad Please just set the sheet on the pew by the aisle so the ushers can pick them up.

Winter Weather In case of inclement weather, an announcement will be made on KFGO radio and local television stations. For the most immediate and accurate announcement log on to our website: www.bethlehemplutheranfargo.org.

Bulletin Announcements *If you have information for the Sunday bulletin, please contact the office by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday.*

In An Effort to Conserve Paper *we ask that after the 9:00 a.m. service you take home only one bulletin per family. Extras can be returned to the ushers' table at the back of the church to be used for the 10:30 a.m. service. Thank you.*

Prayer Concerns: Breonia Adam, Kathy Albrecht; Larry Anderson; Laurie Asmus, Ruth Asmus, Wally Backlund, Theresa Coughlin; Cassandra Erickson; Amanda Gronvold; Betty Halverson; Peggy Hoy, John Huhner; Mike Hyden, Ray Johnson, Kris Kovack; Lori Livingood; Sherry McCabe, Laura Nelson; Marvin Peterson; Rosie Rheault, Bill Schosow, Norvald Skonseng; Kristy Steinbach; Lisa Svaleson; Phyllis Thrall; Maria Winters; Dorothy Zink.

Bulletins are given by Barb Johnson in memory of Al Johnson.

Flowers on the altar are given by Virgil Andersen from the funeral of his niece, Geraldine E. Mundy.

Today in Sunday School Angels Visit. Scripture Reference: *Luke 1:26-38*. Lesson Focus: *God sends messengers to bring good news.*

Mary Circle meets Thursday, February 25, 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Hostess: Irene Sayler. Chairwoman: Barb Johnson, 237-9878.

Lenten Service Reminder We offer two services during Lent. Please join us at either noon (in the Chapel) or 7:00 p.m. (in the Sanctuary) Potluck suppers begin at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Lenten breakfast will be held Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. at One Oak Place, 1709 25th Ave S, Fargo.

Cub Scout Pack 210, which is chartered by Bethlehem, will be selling candy bars in Fellowship Hall **today**. Help support our new troop!

Military Bible Stick The most important holiday in Christianity is rapidly approaching, which is Easter, April 4. Once again, we are offering the Bible on a memory stick for members of our military. We did this at Christmas and sent twenty Military Bible Sticks to our service men and women. These sticks are small digital audio players that come preloaded with a complete audio version of the New Testament. Military personnel don't have time to read, but they can hear the Word of God anytime they wish. If you would like to donate one of these Easter gifts, please bring a check to church made out to Bethlehem Lutheran Church for \$25 (put Bible in the memo line). There will be a basket for the checks and a sign-up sheet on the ushers' desk in the back of the Sanctuary to record your contribution. The Evangelism Committee thanks you and wishes each of you a blessed Easter.

New Life Center Prayer Breakfast and Dessert scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2010, has been cancelled.

A Big Thank You to everyone involved with the music fundraiser held on Valentine's Day. Thanks to Robert Dregseth and the Worship board and to all who brought desserts. Thank you to Nancy Wickoren for the great decorations and bowties and aprons for the servers. A special thanks to Alex and the Bell Choir, Lexy and the Youth Choir, Dale and the Senior Choir, In His Name, Nora, and Linda, Judy and Cathy (aka the Basement Church Ladies). It was a great success, and we raised over \$1,000 with 10% of the proceeds going to Lutheran Disaster Relief for Haiti. Thanks also to Sonja Myhre for coordinating this event.

Bell Fund	Raised on 2/14
\$3,778.40	\$1,010.00
<u>909.00</u>	909.00
	101.00 (10% - Luth. Disaster Relief)
\$4,687.40	

7th Grade Food Drive The February 3 edition of The Forum reported that nearly 40% of people utilizing food banks in North Dakota had to choose between buying food and paying for utilities; one-third had to choose between food and paying the rent; 31% had to choose between food and medicine/medical care; 26% had to choose between food and transportation. Also, the percentage of college-educated food shelf users was about the same as the percentage of users who didn't finish high school, which illustrates the changing face of hunger in our state. Bethlehem's 10:30 7th Grade Sunday school class will be collecting donations throughout February. There will be a table in the narthex for donations. Students will be available to collect the items between services throughout the month. The food bank distributes food not just in Fargo-Moorhead, but to a wide area around our community. The need is great. Thank you for any donations you are able to make.

New Member Class will be held Sundays, March 14 and 21 at 10:10 in the chapel. If you are interested in becoming a member of Bethlehem, please call the church office, 235-6522. New members will be welcomed March 28 at the 10:30 a.m. service.

From the Office If you have received offering envelopes without your name or envelope number printed on them, please write your name, envelope number (or both) on the envelopes. This will ensure that you receive credit for any offering given.

Internet Safety Class As a congregation, we have made a lot of changes to our web site and are encouraging you to spend more time online to look at the features we have added. But, surfing the web or browsing the internet comes with some risks that need our attention. On March 16 at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Josh will be offering an opportunity for us to explore the Bethlehem Lutheran Church website more closely, to discuss Goodsearch, and to discuss some of the risks that exist when we are online. This class will discuss topics such as phishing (yes, that is spelled correctly), fraud, and some of the many scams that can do major damage to your credit and your finances. Whether you are a novice or experienced internet user, you may pick up some new ideas to protect yourself.

Youth News

Lenten Suppers Sign-up sheets for all Lenten suppers are on the youth bulletin board. Any youth who work earn part of the profit, which will be put in their youth account. Lenten supper themes are: Feb. 24-American; Mar. 3-Mexican; Mar. 10-German; Mar. 17-Italian; Mar. 24-Oriental.

T.I.T.A.N.S. & God Squad Ski Trip Saturday, February 27, at Buena Vista Ski Area in Bemidji. Check out the youth bulletin board for rental costs. If you are a member of the youth program, the Youth Board will pay \$20 of the cost (which is the price of a lift ticket). Any money you have in your youth account may be used to pay for this trip. We need a minimum of 5 Bethlehem youth to take this trip or the trip will be cancelled.

Community Announcements

Oak Grove Lutheran School presents The Sound of Music, March 4-6, 12-13 at 7:30 p.m. and March 14 at 2:00 p.m., Scheels Center for the Performing Arts, 124 North Terrace, Fargo. Tickets are available in advance by calling 701-373-7100 or at the door.

The ARC Attic Treasures is in need of gently used furniture, clothing, household items and books. Donations are tax deductible. You may drop off at one of their two locations: 255 N University or 3201 43rd St S or call for free pick up at 701-232-6641.

Give Your Family Some Peace of Mind by making some decisions so they don't have to. It's difficult to talk about death and dying, but the reality is, death is a part of life for people of all ages. By making some of your final wishes known, even if only in writing, you will help your family manage the reality of death/loss by honoring your decisions. If you are interested in coming to a 3-week class, facilitated by Pastor Sonja Kjar, about **funeral planning**, please return this interest form. I am currently looking at a three-week period after Easter and/or possibly in the fall. This is open to people of any age.

_____ Yes, I am interested in attending a class on funeral planning/end of life wishes.

Time of day that would work best:

_____ Wednesdays 12:00-1:00 **April 7, 14, 21**

_____ Sunday mornings 10:15-11:15 **April 11, 18, 25**

_____ Evenings _____ day/time that would work for you.

_____ I am not interested at this time, but I might be in the future. (When _____)

Name (please print) _____

Phone _____

Thank you for your feedback. Please place this in the offering plate or drop off in the office.

This Week at Bethlehem

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Communion in the Chapel
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

MONDAY

6:00 p.m. Pastor Tim's Day Off
7:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Practice
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TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Al Anon

WEDNESDAY

6:30 a.m. Lenten Breakfast at
One Oak Place, 1709 25th Ave S, Fargo
9:00 a.m. Quilting
Noon Lenten Service in the Chapel
6:00 p.m. Lenten Potluck—American Night
6:30 p.m. Youth/Bell Choirs
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
7:45 p.m. Senior Choir

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Mary Circle

FRIDAY

Pastor Josh's Day Off
Banquet Set Up

SATURDAY

8:30-11:30 Quilting Class
Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet

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9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
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Bethlehem Staff

Office Manager, Elaine Scheer
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