

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastors: Sonja Kjar, Josh Schunk, Tim Stoa  
February 28, 2010 – 2 Lent

**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/Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Lenten Potluck  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

**Sunday, March 7**

**Communion at Both Services**  
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:00&10:30 Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Contemp. Worship

**Wednesday, March 10**

6:30 a.m. Lenten Breakfast  
Noon Lenten Service/Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Lenten Potluck  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

**Sunday, March 14**

**Daylight Savings Time**

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
9:00&10:30 Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Comm. in Chapel  
10:30 a.m. 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 "Prelude on 'Song 13'" Steven Scott  
WELCOME/SHARING GOD'S PEACE  
CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS p. 94-96 ELW  
BAPTISM

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

GATHERING HYMN "Children of the Heavenly Father" #781 ELW  
APOSTOLIC GREETING  
KYRIE p. 147 ELW  
LENTE HYMN "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" v. 1&4 #324 ELW  
PRAYER OF THE DAY  
SPECIAL MUSIC Jack Raaen

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE HYMN "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" (sing twice) #512 ELW  
READING Gal 6:1-10  
PSALM 27 (read responsively) Bulletin — Page 2  
Gospel Acclamation (Lenten Response) p. 151 ELW  
P: The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 13  
C: **Glory to You, O Lord**  
GOSPEL Luke 13:31-35  
P: The Gospel of our Lord!  
C: **Praise to You, O Christ**  
SERMON Pastor Tim Stoa  
HYMN OF THE DAY "All Are Welcome" v. 1, 3, 4 #641 ELW

**RESPONSE**

APOSTLES' CREED p. 105 ELW  
OFFERING "Prayer" Mark Davis  
OFFERTORY "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" #184 ELW  
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH  
LORD'S PRAYER p. 154 ELW

**SENDING**

BENEDICTION AND "THREE-FOLD AMEN"  
HYMN "This Is My Father's World" #824 ELW  
DISMISSAL  
P. Go in peace and serve the Lord.  
C. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "The Rock of Salvation" Franklin Ritter

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

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (10:30 a.m.)

Gathering Music “Father, Make Us One” In His Name  
Welcome/Sharing God’s Peace

“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery” #334 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 Gal 6:1-10

“You Are My Hiding Place” #101

### Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, **they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. **Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.**

One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; **that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.**

For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, **hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.**

Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. **Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; **have mercy on me and answer me.**

My heart speaks your message — “Seek my face.” **Your face, O Lord, I will seek.**

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. **Cast me not away — you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.**

Though my father and my mother forsake me, **the Lord will take me in.**

Teach me your way, O Lord, **lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.**

Subject me not to the will of my foes, **for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

This I believe — that I will see the goodness of the Lord **in the land of the living!**

Wait for the Lord and be strong. **Take heart and wait for the Lord!**

“My All in All” #76

Gospel Luke 13:31-35  
Sermon Pastor Tim Stoa

“Weeping Over Jerusalem” #100

### 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 “You Are My King” In His Name

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

The Benediction

“We Are Called” #63

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, 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](http://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, 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, Kari Schatzke, Bill Schossow, Norvald Skonseng; Kristy Steinbach; Phyllis Thrall; Bette Wilson, Maria Winters; Dorothy Zink.

**Sympathy** to Gerald Maul and Terry Maul on the death of their sister, Karlene Discher.

**Bulletins** are given by Virgil Andersen in memory of Dorothy Andersen.

**Baptism** (9:00) Austyn David Offerdahl, son of Ryan and Allana Offerdahl. Sponsors: Cory Offerdahl, Brandi Pfaff, Joseph & Jessie Kilsdonk. Honorary Godfather: Eric Offerdahl.

**Today in Sunday School** Mary Visits Elizabeth. Scripture Reference: *Luke 1:39-58*. Lesson Focus: *God works through us to do awesome things.*

**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.

Bell Fund Update	Goal	\$5,700.00
	Currently Have	<u>5,187.40</u>
	Needed	\$ 512.60

**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.

**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 Tuesday, 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.

**Elizabeth Circle** is one of four circles for women at Bethlehem. The circle meets monthly for Bible study and fellowship. This circle is responsible for preparing communion for each Sunday and other special services. The membership of the group has decreased in recent years. Preparing communion has become a more frequent task for each of the remaining members. Therefore, the circle is seeking new members. If any woman is interested in becoming a member or helping with communion preparation, please feel free to come to our next meeting or call Marvis Landburg at 235-7183. Elizabeth Circle meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Watch the bulletin for meeting locations.

**The New Bethlehem Directory** will be available after Easter.

**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. This week's theme is Mexican. Lenten breakfast will be held Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. at One Oak Place, 1709 25th Ave S, Fargo.

**A Special Thanks** to Northern Improvement — Jeff Rindahl, Jim O'Meara and Joel Peterson — for removal of the snow mountain in our parking lot.

#### Holy Week Schedule:

March 28	Palm Sunday	Services at 9:00 and 10:30
April 1	Maundy Thursday	Service with Holy Communion and 1st Communion at 7:00 p.m.
April 2	Good Friday	Service of Darkness at 12:15 and 7:00 p.m.
April 3	Prayer Vigil	10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. in the Chapel
April 4	Easter	Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. Festival Worship at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. ( <i>Communion at All Services</i> )

Easter Breakfast will be served from 7:30—10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Free-will offering.

**Blood Pressure Checks** will be held next Sunday, March 7, from 8:30-10:30 in the Library.

**March Service Group** The service group consists of names who will be called to provide food for funerals and other special occasions. Names may be on the list for more than one month. That is because there has not been a need to use the group during the month. You will not be called for a donation more than one time while your name is on the list. The alphabetical listing for the month is: **Craft — Erickson**. Chairperson: Loretta Olafson, 293-4881.

### 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: Mar. 3-Mexican; Mar. 10-German; Mar. 17-Italian; Mar. 24-Oriental.

**Easter Breakfast** will be served from 7:30-10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Add dollars to your youth account and sign up to help out. Sign up sheets are located on the youth bulletin board.

### 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.

**Church Women United** in Fargo will meet Friday, March 5, 2010, 9:30 fellowship and 10:00 a.m. service, at Faith United Methodist Church, 909 19th Ave N, Fargo. World Day of Prayer will be observed. The theme will be "Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God." The special program was written by the women of Cameroon.

**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.

**Trip of a Lifetime** Join Concordia College's former Alumni Director, Rev. Ernie Mancini and his wife, Diane, on a 12-day European tour. This tour will take you to the Oberammergau Passion Play, which is held only once every 10 years. Additional highlights of the tour include visiting the landmarks and countryside that influenced Martin Luther. When: June 10-21, 2010. Where: Germany, Austria, Switzerland. Cost: \$2,995 per person, airfare extra. For more information, visit the Office of Alumni Relations Web page. If you are interested in receiving more information via mail, email the Office of Alumni Relations.

## 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  
12:00 p.m. Lenten Service in the Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Lenten Potluck—Mexican  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Service  
7:45 p.m. Senior Choir

### THURSDAY

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

### FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. Pastor Josh's Day Off  
M.E.A.T.T.

### SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Quilting Class  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study

### SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. **Communion at Both Services**  
9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
Contemporary Worship

### **Bethlehem Staff**

Office Manager, Elaine Scheer  
Assistant Secretary, Sonja Lougheed  
Organist, Judy Coughlin  
Custodians, Deb and Jim Belcourt  
Youth Director, Jelsa Flatland  
Asst. Youth Director, Sam Livingston  
Music Coordinator, Sonja Myhre  
Senior Choir Director, Dale Lammi  
Youth Choir Director, Lexy Steinle  
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