

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastors: Sonja Kjar, Josh Schunk, Tim Stoa  
February 7, 2010 — 5 Epiphany

## Sunday, February 7 Comm. at Both Services

### Food Drive

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

## Sunday, February 14 No Sunday School Food Drive

9:00 am Traditional Worship  
10:00 am Comm. in Chapel  
10:30 am Contemp. Worship  
3:00 pm Bell Choir Fundraiser

## Wednesday, February 17

6:30 am Lenten Breakfast  
6:00 pm Lenten Potluck  
7:00 pm Ash Wed. Service

## 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

## 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 "Blessed Quietness" arr. by Franklin Ritter  
WELCOME/SHARING GOD'S PEACE  
CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS p. 94-96 ELW

## CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" #527 ELW  
APOSTOLIC GREETING  
PRAYER OF THE DAY  
SPECIAL MUSIC "Ain't-a-That Good News" Senior Choir  
Traditional Spiritual

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" v. 4 #504 ELW  
READING I Cor 15:1-11  
PSALM 138 p. 339 ELW  
Gospel Acclamation p. 151 ELW

P: The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 5

C: **Glory to You, O Lord**

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

P: The Gospel of our Lord!

C: **Praise to You, O Christ**

SERMON

Pastor Tim Stoa

HYMN OF THE DAY "Spirit of God, Descent upon My Heart" v. 1&4 #800 ELW

## RESPONSE

APOSTLES' CREED p. 105 ELW

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

"The Soul That Thirsts for God"

Paul Taylor

OFFERTORY

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

#184 ELW

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

p. 154 ELW

HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

#805 ELW

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#807 ELW

"Amazing Grace"

#779 ELW

## SENDING

BENEDICTION AND "THREE-FOLD AMEN"

HYMN

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#885 ELW

DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Faith Eternal"

Edward Broughton

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

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

Gathering Music “For His Name Is Exalted” In His Name  
Welcome/Sharing God’s Peace

Gospel  
Sermon

Luke 5:1-11  
Pastor Tim Stoa

“Here I Am, Lord” #13

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” #817 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.

### 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.

### 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.

Offering “Great Are You, Lord” In His Name

Reading I Cor 15:1-11

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

“You Are My Hiding Place” #101

Holy Communion “Always Remember Me” #12

### Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Distribution “Bread of Life from Heaven” #474 ELW  
“I Am the Bread of Life” #485 ELW  
“Jesus, Remember Me” #616 ELW

“Communion Response” #98

The Benediction

“I Am the Resurrection and the Life” #81

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, Corey English, Jennifer Hyden, Sandy Johnson, Milt Myhre, Sonja Myhre, Judi Pogatshnik, Steve Revland, Eric Schepp, Michael Schossow

**Welcome to the Lord's Table** To our guests a warm welcome! God's presence is with us, and God blesses us as we worship together. "Take and Eat ... Take and Drink; do this to remember me." (Matthew 26). We believe Jesus is truly present in this meal forgiving us our sins and restoring us to a right relationship with him. We invite all who share our belief to participate, whether or not you belong to a Lutheran congregation. Please check box on attendance sheet if communing. Please extend an open hand (palm up) to receive the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Please come down the center aisle. **(9:00)** *As an opening appears at the altar rail, come forward and kneel if you are able. You may stay at the altar for prayer and meditation as long as you wish.* **(10:30)** *Proceed to the communion station on your side.* Children are welcome to come up for a Blessing. Please return to your pew by the outside aisle. Grape juice is available in the center ring of the tray.

You are welcome to use the water in our Baptismal Font allowing you to make the sign of the cross upon your forehead as you come to Holy Communion.

**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.bethlehemlutheranfargo.org](http://www.bethlehemlutheranfargo.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:** *Kathy Albrecht; Larry Anderson; Laurie Asmus, Theresa Coughlin; Cassandra Erickson; Amanda Gronvold; Betty Halverson; John Huhner; Kris Kovack; Lori Livingood; Sherry McCabe, Laura Nelson; Marvin Peterson; Rosie Rheault, Bill Schossow, Norvald Skonseng; Kristy Steinbach; Lisa Svaleson; Phyllis Thrall; Maria Winters; Dorothy Zink.*

**Hospitalized** Ray Johnson at Innovis.

**Sympathy** to Gerald Maul on the death of his sister, Doris Rigby.

**Bulletins** are given by Gordy and Joan Indvik.

**Today in Sunday School** A Ruler from Bethlehem. Scripture Reference: *Micah 5:2-5.* Lesson Focus: *God raises up peaceful leaders.*

**Blood Pressure Checks** will be given today from 8:30-10:30 in the Library.

**Lois Circle** meets Tuesday, February 9, 9:30 a.m. at the home of Joan Indvik, 3431 28th St SW, Fargo.

**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.

### **BLC Loan Balances (as of 1/31/10)**

Balance Mortgage I	301,895.71
Balance Mortgage II	46,353.91
Borrowed from Savings	15,000.00
Operating Loan Balance	107,225.73
Total	470,475.35

**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.

**Mark Your Calendars** for a great afternoon of music and fun. We are holding a fundraiser for handbells and additional organ pipes. Join Master of Ceremonies Dale Lammi on Sunday, February 14, at 3:00 p.m. for an afternoon of music featuring the Bell, Youth, and Senior Choirs; In His Name; and various soloists and ensembles. A free-will offering will be taken, with 10% of the proceeds going to Lutheran Disaster Relief for Haiti. Enjoy dessert following the program.

**Congratulations** to Andy Landburg on receiving his Eagle Scout Award on January 30.

**New Life Center Prayer Breakfast and Dessert** will be held Thursday, April 22, 2010. Breakfast is at 9:30 a.m. and dessert is at 7:30 p.m. This event is at the Holiday Inn. The featured speaker will be author and Bible study leader Ellie Lofaro. Contact Barb Johnson at 237-9878 by February 21 if you would like tickets.

**Lenten Service Reminder** We will offer two services during Lent. Beginning Wednesday, February 24, please join us at either noon (in the Chapel) or 7:00 p.m. (in the Sanctuary) There will be one service only on Ash Wednesday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. Potluck suppers begin February 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Lenten breakfast begins February 17 at 6:30 a.m. at One Oak Place, 1709 25th Ave S, Fargo.

**Thanks** to everyone for all the Christmas cards. The children of Bethlehem will be making decorations for 2010. — *Nancy Wickoren, Worship Board*

**Would you like to learn how to quilt?** Depending on interest, classes could be offered on Saturday mornings or on a weekday morning or evening in Fellowship Hall. Class size is limited to 5 or 6 individuals. Classes may be offered by skill level – beginner, intermediate, etc. Contact Darlene Halvorson at 282-3008. Leave your name, telephone number and a time that would work for you. Darlene will contact interested persons with dates of classes, supplies needed and the fee.

## 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. 17-Scandinavian; Feb. 24-American; Mar. 3-Mexican; Mar. 10-German; Mar. 17-Italian; Mar. 24-Oriental.

**W.N.A. Party!** Saturday, February 20, from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at the YMCA. This **free event** is open to all 5th-7th graders. You are allowed to bring one friend. Bring your swimsuit and comfortable clothes. We will also have pizza and soda. **Hand in a health form to Jelsa, Sam or Pastor Josh no later than Sunday, February 14.** If a health form is not received by this date, you cannot attend. If you are bringing a friend, they also need to complete a health form. Parents must drop their child off and pick them up at the downtown YMCA.

**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

**Double Your Charitable Dollars — One Day Only!** Participate in the 3rd Annual Giving Hearts Day, February 11, 2010. Dakota Medical Foundation will double donations of \$10 or more made that day (up to \$4,000). Go to [www.impactgiveback.org](http://www.impactgiveback.org) and click on the "Learn More/Donate" button and select your favorite non-profit from the list. Incentive grants will be awarded to the top 7 participating organizations that receive the most dollars raised on February 11.

**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.  
9:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
9:00-11:30

### MONDAY

5:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY

9:00 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m.  
5:30 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
6:45 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY

Noon  
6:30 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY

### SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
3:00 p.m.

### Communion at Both Services

#### 7th Grade Food Drive

Traditional Worship  
Sunday School  
Contemporary Worship  
Oak Grove in Narthex

Pastor Tim's Day Off  
BeFrienders  
Contemporary Worship Practice  
SA

Staff Meeting  
Lois Circle  
Ministry Board  
Bible Study  
Al Anon

Quilting  
W.N.A.  
Confirmation  
Youth Choir  
Senior/Bell Choirs  
T.I.T.A.N.S.

Bible Study  
Board Meetings  
Parish Planning

Pastor Josh's Day Off

#### 7th Grade Food Drive

#### No Sunday School

Traditional Worship  
Communion in the Chapel  
Contemporary Worship  
Music Fundraiser

### 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  
Bell Choir Director, Alex Chubaty  
Senior Choir Accompanist, Nora Hyde  
Junior Choir Accompanist, Alvina Deyle  
Missionaries, Phil and June Nelson

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