

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Pastors: Sonja Kjar, Josh Schunk, Tim Stoa  
January 31, 2010 — 4 Epiphany

## Sunday, January 31

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

## 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

### Ash Wednesday

6:30 am Lenten Breakfast  
6:00 pm Lenten Potluck  
7:00 pm Worship 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

## 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 "Little Prelude in G Minor" Bach  
WELCOME/SHARING GOD'S PEACE  
CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS p. 94-96 ELW

## CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" #786 ELW  
APOSTOLIC GREETING  
KYRIE p. 147 ELW  
CANTICLE OF PRAISE  
PRAYER OF THE DAY  
SPECIAL MUSIC "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Senior Choir  
Words by Cecil F. Alexander; Music by Benjamin Harlan

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE HYMN "Children of the Heavenly Father" #781 ELW  
READING Jer 1:4-10  
PSALM 71:1-6 p. 339 ELW  
Gospel Acclamation p. 151 ELW  
P: The Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 4  
C: Glory to You, O Lord  
GOSPEL Luke 4:21-30  
P: The Gospel of our Lord!  
C: Praise to You, O Christ  
SERMON Pastor Josh Schunk  
HYMN OF THE DAY "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" #802 ELW

## RESPONSE

APOSTLES' CREED p. 105 ELW  
OFFERING "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" arr. by David Paxton  
OFFERTORY "Create in Me a Clean Heart" #186 ELW  
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH  
LORD'S PRAYER p. 154 ELW

## SENDING

BENEDICTION AND "THREE-FOLD AMEN"  
HYMN "Praise the Lord! O Heavens" #823 ELW  
DISMISSAL  
P. Go in peace and serve the Lord.  
C. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Postlude" Francois Couperin

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

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

Gathering Music      *"I Will Celebrate"*      *In His Name*  
Welcome/Sharing God's Peace

*"Washed in the Promise"*      #53

Baptism  
*"Child of the Water"*      *In His Name*

### 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      Jer 1:4-10

*"Jesus, Name Above All Names"*      #4

### Psalm 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; **let me never be put to shame.**

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; **incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; **you are my crag and my stronghold.**

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, **from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

For you are my hope, O Lord God, **my confidence since I was young.**

I have been sustained by you every since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; **my praise shall be always of you.**

*"Sanctuary"*      #54

Gospel      Luke 4:21-30  
Sermon      Pastor Josh Schunk

*"This Little Light of Mine"*      #677 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      *"Complete"*      *In His Name*

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

The Benediction

*"To Be Alive"*      #36

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

**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 WDAY TV. 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; Laurie Asmus, Lorraine Buchmann; 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 Jack Raaen on the death of his mother, Gerri Raaen.

**Baptism** (10:30) Elise Christine Cooper, daughter of Michael and Chrystal Cooper. Sponsors: Matt Cooper and Brittani Myhre.

**Today in Sunday School** Daniel and the Lions. Scripture Reference: *Daniel 6:1-18.* Lesson Focus: *God is with us in every circumstance.*

**Blood Pressure Checks** will be given Sunday, February 7, from 8:30-10:30 in the Library.

**Delegates Needed** If you are interested in representing Bethlehem at the Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly to be held in Jamestown on April 17 and 18, 2010, please contact Pastor Tim.

**7th Grade Food Drive** There is a continuing need for donations to the Great Plains Food Bank. 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 donations 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. Dessert will be served following the program.

**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.

**Minutes** of the Voters' Assembly held Tuesday, January 19, are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you would like a copy of these minutes, please contact the office.

**Lenten Service Reminder** We are once again offering 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.

**A New Use For Old Christmas Cards** Nancy Wickoren is collecting old Christmas cards for the next Christmas season. A box for these cards is clearly marked and located on the counter in the Narthex.

**Website News** Thank you for all of the input you have given toward making [bethlehemlutheranfargo.org](http://bethlehemlutheranfargo.org) a success. I have heard that many of you enjoy being able to receive the monthly newsletter online. I have also heard about a couple of issues that people are having receiving and reading the online newsletter. If you cannot read the newsletter, you may need to install the newest version of the .pdf reader on your computer. To do this, go into the control panel on your computer, remove the current version, and then visit the software's website and download the newest version of the reader software. Another issue that has come to my attention is that people have not been able to see some of the updates that have been made to the website. If you are unable to see the updates, you may need to refresh the web browser on your computer. If you have any other issues, please let Pastor Josh know.

### Youth News

**Ash Wednesday** is February 17. This means Lenten potluck suppers are Wednesday nights from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets for all Lenten suppers are on the youth bulletin board. Any youth who work will earn part of the profit, which will be put in their youth account. Lenten supper themes for this year are: February 17-Scandinavian; February 24-American; March 3-Mexican; March 10-German; March 17-Italian; March 24-Oriental.

### 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.

**United Hearts for Haiti** will be holding a chicken dinner on Saturday, February 6, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., 730 27th St N, Fargo. A free-will offering will be taken. As you may know, Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere. All proceeds will go toward scholarships, school supplies, and school building for the less fortunate. RSVP to Paul Aladin on or before February 1 — (701) 540-1383 or [paladin41@q.com](mailto:paladin41@q.com).

**A Message from Pastor Sonja Kjar** Wherever persons live and experience the challenges of daily life, their beliefs and values are important in their coping. Whether it is dealing with a health crisis or a chronic health condition; long-winter blues; or the stresses that are a natural part of raising children or caring for your aging parents. Life is full of all kinds of wonderful and stressful events.

One important component of coping is the search for meaning in our lives. People cope with illness and other challenges they face in many varied ways. One important means is coping by nurturing that which is most meaningful to you about your faith. How do you nurture your faith? Through attending worship, prayer/meditation, reflection, music, reading, writing, serving, positively connecting with loved ones? Each of us has different ways of nurturing our faith. This can change throughout life, and may depend on the circumstances we are experiencing in life.

During these winter months, may you find ways to intentionally cultivate and care for your faith. Faith is a gift from God, but we are called to tend it.

**BLC Library — New Books** *(reviewed by Lucille Konen)*  
**“A Case for God”** by Karen Armstrong

**“Through the Narrow Gate”** by Karen Armstrong  
 This is her biography. She is a former nun.

**“A Quilter’s Holiday”** by Jennifer Chiaverini  
 The day after Thanksgiving marks the start of quilting for the Elm Creek Quilters to gather at Elm Creek Manor.

Master Quilter Sylvia Bergstrom Compson Cooper is eager to revive a cherished family tradition. At the recent remodeling of the manor’s kitchen a cornucopia was found that once served as a centerpiece of the Bergstrom family’s holiday table. Each Bergstrom would place an object that symbolized something he or she was especially thankful for that year.

On this quilter’s holiday Sylvia has invited her friends to continue the tradition by sewing quilt blocks that represent their thankfulness and gratitude.

Another interesting story by the author. The Elm Creek Quilters books are classic!

**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  
 6:30 p.m. Education Board  
 7:00 p.m. Bible Study  
 7:00 p.m. Al Anon

**WEDNESDAY**

9:00 a.m. Quilting  
 5:30 p.m. W.N.A.  
 6:30 p.m. Confirmation  
 6:45 p.m. Youth Choir  
 7:00 p.m. Senior/Bell Choirs  
 8:00 p.m. T.I.T.A.N.S.

**THURSDAY**

Noon Bible Study

**FRIDAY**

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

**SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m. **Communion at Both Services**  
 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship  
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 9:00-11:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
 Oak Grove in the Narthex

**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