



The Covenant Connections

Bethlehem / St. Martin



APRIL 2022

FROM THE PASTOR

I remember from years of youth ministry how busy families can be. As Josh and Abby get old enough to be involved in more organized activities, I know my family is entering into the stage of life where schedules can be maxed out. With warmer weather and the return of summer activities, and with Covid looking to be winding down, more activities are being planned. We're not yet in over our heads, but I see us getting deeper.

If we are going to try to avoid burnout this summer, now is the time to be making wise choices. For as tempting as it might be to say "yes" to everything, we rationally know that it is not wise to try to do so. We know that we can't do everything. Saying "yes" to one thing usually requires us to say "no" to other things.

Most of our biggest stewardship decisions are made at times when we are not thinking about stewardship. If we only think of how much we want to give in offering when we write a check on Sunday, then we're missing the important opportunities. Stewardship is a lifestyle, not a question to determine what number to write. If there is not enough left to share, whether time or money, then that lifestyle decision has already been made. Conversely, the time to choose what lifestyle we want to live and how much we want to share is when we're exploring significant spending or making plans. Our decisions today are determining our ability to serve or to share in the future. This is true of all that we steward. The food we eat today affects our health tomorrow.

If you're like me and are excited about this summer and all the opportunities we expect it to bring, then now is a good time to prepare ourselves beforehand. What are the values that we want our lifestyle to display? Are we balancing obligations with self care? How busy do we want to be? Will you have the flexibility to take advantage of new important opportunities?

I'll add here that both congregations are in need of willing servant leadership. Both Councils have vacancies. There are volunteer projects that could be done. There are new ways we can reach out to our community if someone was willing to do it. Christ's mission could always use more of the gifts we might offer.

May your summer planning be filled with wonderful opportunities for living fully into who God is calling you to be!

Pastor Korey



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

2022 Lenten Prayer Vigil



LENTEN PRAYER VIGIL 2022

THE COVENANT BETWEEN BLC AND SMLC CALLS US "TO PRAY FOR EACH OTHER AND OUR SHARED AND UNIQUE MINISTRIES." TO THAT END, WE ARE ASKING EVERYONE TO PRAY DURING LENT FOR THE FAMILIES OF BOTH CHURCHES. WE'LL START BY PRAYING FOR PASTOR KOREY AND HIS FAMILY ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MAR. 2, THEN PROCEED WITH EACH CHURCH.

BEGINNING MAR. 5, WE'LL ALL PRAY FOR THE ALLEN & HECKLE FAMILIES FROM BLC AND THE ALEXANDER & HUBBARD FAMILIES FROM SMLC, AND SO ON, ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE. PRAYERS DO NOT HAVE TO BE LONG OR OFFERED AT ANY PARTICULAR TIME

WHAT TO PRAY FOR? HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS FROM COLOS-SIANS 1:3-14:

- THANK GOD THAT THIS FAMILY BELONGS TO OUR CHURCHES.
- THANK GOD FOR THE TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURES THAT THEY HAVE BROUGHT US.
- PRAY THAT THEIR FAITH WILL BE STRENGTHENED DURING THE COMING YEAR.
- PRAY THAT THEY WILL BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL.
- PRAY THAT THEY ARE LIVING A LIFE WORTHY OF THE LORD AND PLEASING TO HIM.
- PRAY THAT THEIR GOOD WORKS ARE BEARING FRUIT.
- PRAY THAT GOD WILL STRENGTHEN THEM WITH ENDURANCE AND PATIENCE FOR ANY TRIALS THEY MIGHT HAVE.
- PRAY FOR THEIR GOOD HEALTH.
- PRAY FOR SUFFICIENT WEALTH.

Wed	3/2	Pastor Korey Finstad family
Thu	3/3	Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Fri	3/4	St. Martin Lutheran Church
Sat	3/5	Allen & Heckle families Alexander & Hubbard families
Sun	3/6	Ayers family Boerschlein family
Mon	3/7	Bardo & Radl families Bouchard family
Tue	3/8	Bauer family Bourque & Currier families
Wed	3/9	Barber family Cawley & Davis families
Thu	3/10	Boland & Tynan families Bartlett family
Fri	3/11	Borkhuis & Reilly families Dengler & Elder families
Sat	3/12	Brigden family Detwiler family
Sun	3/13	Brooks family, B Ewanow & S Ewanow families
Mon	3/14	Bundschuh family Apetz & Weurtzer families
Tue	3/15	Lochner & Myers families Hinkhouse family
Wed	3/16	Crandall & Grimshaw families Collins & Chittenden family
Thu	3/17	Howard & Donahue families Geier family
Fri	3/18	Gardner & Mitchell families Spry family
Sat	3/19	Hyde family Hess family
Sun	3/20	Francis family Gomez & Dolson families
Mon	3/21	Frick family Gulde family
Tue	3/22	Fridman family Haffen & Hilbert families
Wed	3/23	Gage & Winters families Knapp family
Thu	3/24	Lam family Potucek family
Fri	3/25	Germick, O'Grady & Steinmiller families



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Continued

Sat 3/26	Lester & Klimow families Kyle family
Sun 3/27	M Kildal & D Kildal families Nowak family
Mon 3/28	Steele & Johnson families Kreutter family
Tue 3/29	Jennejohn family Devers family
Wed 3/30	Kleisle family McGrath family
Thu 3/31	Leisten family Kunzer & Ciulla families
Fri 4/1	Laubscher family Oriell family
Sat 4/2	Lewis, Moore & Kulak families
Sun 4/3	Miles & Geiger families Lockwood family
Mon 4/4	J Mohrman family D Mohrman family
Tue 4/5	L Simmons & Priest families C Smith family
Wed 4/6	Neels family Marshall family
Thu 4/7	Salmon family Matteson family
Fri 4/8	Schneemann family Nesbitt family
Sat 4/9	Schlenger family Stewart family
Sun 4/10	Zajac family Taskett family
Mon 4/11	F Smith family D Smith family
Tue 4/12	Schmidt family J Simmons family
Wed 4/13	Van Dusen family Van De Wall family
Thu 4/14	Urich family Peters family
Fri 4/15	Wagner family Riekstins family
Sat 4/16	Weidman family Weingartner family

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP



THURSDAY, APRIL 14	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship @BLC
FRIDAY, APRIL 15	7:00pm	Good Friday Worship @SMLC
SUNDAY, APRIL 17	8:45am	Easter Worship @BLC
SUNDAY, APRIL 17	10:30am	Easter Worship @SMLC



EASTER FLOWERS FOR SMLC

Join us in decorating the church by purchasing flowers in memory of a loved one, our worship beautiful. Flowers available include lilies, tulips, Reiger Begonias.



church for Easter in honor of or in or just to make Flowers available include daffodils and

Order form is posted on the bulletin board.

Payment should be made before the order deadline, through the mail or in the offering plate; checks made out to St. Martin Lutheran Church, with Easter Flowers in the memo. If sent in the mail, please write Easter Flowers on the envelope as well.

Orders and payment deadline is **Wednesday, April 6.**



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

REMEMBER IN PRAYER



At Bethlehem...

Sarah Frick, Gary Steinmiller, June Borkhuis,
Ken Francis, Finnegan O'Grady, Gary Ayers, John
Heckle, Shirley Bauer, David VanDusen,
Emily Briggs, Nancy Gotte, Shirley Jennejohn, Lin
Maier, Kay Heckle, Jean Lund, Daniel Rose and
family, Nancy Smith, Bev Steele, Cecilia Anderson.
We also pray for those in the military and their fam-
ilies: Morgan Hauer, Sharon Verges, Brad Verges,
Javier Alagarin, Anthony Grimshaw and Mark
Baker.



At St. Martin...

Dan Bartlett, Milford Apetz, Jeannette Lockwood,
Jim Matteson, Nate Baker (Godson of Jim & Mary Lou Alex-
ander), Verda Johnson (Kris Weingartner's Aunt), & Aidan
Weingartner (Kris Weingartner's
grandnephew), Pastor Ron Willman and his wife, Barbara, Jo-
anne (friend of Cindy Bouchard), Joyce Fellows (Kim Cawley's
mother), Harry Hilbert Jr. (son of Harry and Becky Hilbert),
Caurie (daughter-in-law of Becky Hilbert), Karin Ewanow,
James Simmons,
and people serving in the military,
especially Bryan.
Also, all Law Enforcement Officers, especially Scott, Eric, Josh,
Eric and Eric.

**Please contact your respective church office for any
removals and/or additions. Thank you!**



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FELLOWSHIP



SPRING CHICKEN BBQ - DRIVE THRU SATURDAY, APRIL 30

St Martin Lutheran Church's Drive Thru Chicken BBQ will be held Saturday, **April 30 from 4:30p till gone** at St Martin (813 Bay Road, Webster).

Volunteer Sign up sheets are posted on the Chicken Board currently found in the Fellowship Hall.

Dinners of ½ chicken, salt potatoes, coleslaw, roll, and butter are available for **\$12.00**.

The event again this year will be Drive-Thru *only*. Cars will enter our parking lot, following signs, and purchase tickets using exact payment. Cars will then proceed to the front entrance to pick up boxed dinners. Dinners will be assembled according to CDC recommendations. Due to current health restrictions, pie slices and other desserts will not be available.

No Reserve Tickets, First Come First Served

Proceeds support our Christmas Stocking Project reaching over 500 local youth in Monroe and Wayne Counties.

Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



We are excited to
are bringing Va-
School back this

announce that we
cation Bible
summer!

VBS is scheduled for the week of **July 25-28**, from **9am to 12pm**. We are three churches strong - Transfiguration, St. Martin and Bethlehem. Three times the fun!

More information will be forthcoming as to the curriculum, as well and exciting ideas for a fun filled week.

Please contact Sharon Haffen with any questions.



Free Piano

St. Martin has a piano that is looking for a new home. It is currently located near the coat rack area. We are not able to help with moving the piano. For more information, see Paul Haffen or Mary Lou Alexander.

SMLC EASTER BREAKFAST

SMLC is going to have our Easter Breakfast on **Sunday, April 17th from 9:00am to 10:30am**. Prices are : Adults \$5.00 - Children Ages 5-12 - \$3.00 and Children 4 and under are Free. Please see Carol Geier for tickets.



April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 8:45am BLC Worship 10:30am SMLC Worship/Sunday School 11:15am Spring Chimes Choir	4	5  1-6:00pm American Red Cross Cross Blood Drive @SMLC	6 6-7pm Bible Study w/Pastor Korey @ SMLC 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer Service @ SMLC Easter Flower Pay-	7 8am Men's Group @ Atlantic Restaurant 9:30am BLC Quilt Group 6:30pm SMLC Council Meeting	8 9:00am Sew & Sew @ SMLC 9-12pm Mad Hatters @ SMLC	9
10 PALM SUN- DAY 8:45am BLC Worship 10:30am SMLC Worship/Sunday School 6:30pm Confirma- tion @ SMLC	11	12	13	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY 8am Men's Group @ Atlantic Restaurant 7:00pm Joint Worship @BLC	15 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00pm Joint Worship @SMLC	16
17 EASTER 8:30am BLC Worship 9-10:30am Easter Breakfast @ SMLC 10:30am SMLC Worship	18	19	20 6-7:00pm Bible Study @ Finstads 6:30pm BLC Coun- cil Meeting	21 8am Men's Group @ Atlantic Restaurant 9:30am BLC Quilt Group	22	23
24 8:45am BLC Worship 10:30am SMLC Worship/Sunday School 6:30pm Confirma- tion @ SMLC	25	26	27 6-7:00pm Bible Study @ Finstads	28 8am Men's Group @ Atlantic Restaurant	29	30  4:30pm—gone Chicken BBQ @ SMLC



Note: The BLC Quilt Group will meet every other Thursday beginning March 10.

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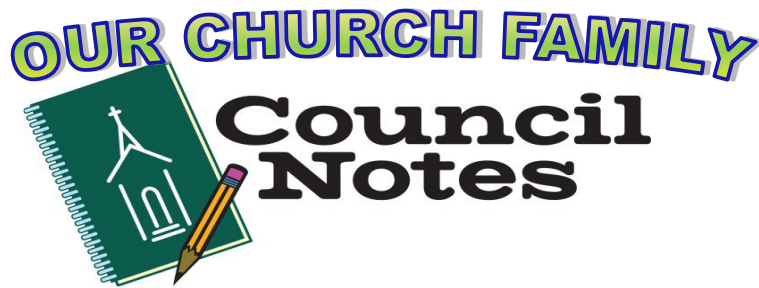
APRIL 2022 WORSHIP LEADERS

	SUNDAY APRIL 3	SUNDAY APRIL 10	SUNDAY APRIL 17	SUNDAY APRIL 24
LECTOR	Sharon Haffen	Karen Kunzer	Paul Haffen	Anne Mitchell
ASSISTING MINISTER	Karen Kunzer	Anne Mitchell	Mary Lou Alexander	Sharon Haffen
ALTAR GUILD	Sharon Haffen	Nancy Elder	Sharon Haffen	Sharon Haffen
SUNDAY SCHOOL	TBD	Deborah	TBD	TBD
ORGANIST	Mary Ann Peters	Mary Ann Peters	Mary Ann Peters	Mary Ann Peters
COUNTERS	Maurice Kildal & Tom Potucek	Cindy Gomez & Melinda Spry	George Oriel & TBD	Ed Currier & TBD
COFFEE HOUR	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD



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Council Notes



SMLC COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor Report

- With Covid restrictions lighting up looking forward to trying to resume a new “normal” life
- Unified bulletin seems to be working and saving time
- Time to start the Strategic Visioning Plan and get some dates planned for the first activity
- Need to look at planning Pastor’s (past due) installation, maybe do it at Immanuel Lutheran
- Vacation June 9 thru 15

Treasurer’s Report

- Income is down, will put a reminder in messenger that we need pledges
- May need to encourage more people to use Vanco to make payments easier and more timely for some members
- Plowing and utilities costs are high this time of year
- Looking to make insurance payments spread out during the year
- Need to communicate to congregation about our yearly commitment to Synod each year. We will keep our pledge to them the same for 2023 as 2022

Old Business

- 4 Council positions will be open in June, will convey this to congregation the periodically at service

New Business

- Need representatives for Annual Synod meeting, it’s June 5 & 6
- Google calendar has been started, it will be maintained by our church secretary, Council president and Pastor, still need to let church secretary know if you need a date at church reserved, but it will be accessible on line to view
- Back door has been flooding and needs some attention
- Psalms have been ordered
- We will have Easter Breakfast this year, Carol G. will plan
- Would like to do more for the people of Ukraine and looking into putting together some personal care kits
- Most members would prefer a separate messenger than in the Sunday bulletin
- Will try and sell the Bethel posters we have

Next meeting will be April 7th at 6:30pm

BLC COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor Report

- Was given at the joint council meeting and there is an attachment with these minutes filed.

Treasurer Report

- There were some questions answered and then Laurie Brook’s motioned to accept the report and seconded by Laurie Brigden and approved.

Worship

- The children will be bringing in the flowers for Easter Sunday at the beginning of the service. Evelyn Lam has invited her friend to join us Easter Sunday and he will play the trumpet.

Property Report

- Al Neel’s (property head) was not in attendance but we discussed that tentatively we should collect the rent from the parsonage for a full year to have money for taxes, repairs, etc. incurred by the parsonage and then we could see in the future what money could be spent at the church for other projects.

Outreach

- Sandy asked where we thought our Lenten offerings should be donated. We agreed it would be sent to the Slavic Pentecostal Church in Spencerport which they will send to Ukraine to entrusted hands of churches there. Also we will have a freewill loose offering the 4th Sunday in March which we will also donate to the same church for Ukraine.
- BLC gathered 20 items and \$20 during the Souper-bowl drive. The items will be divided between the Penfield food pantry and the Ontario food pantry.

FAITH FORMATION:

- Laurie Brooks reported the Sunday School children will have a tea party during Sunday School the 1st Sunday in May.

YOUTH REPORT:

- Laura Simmons emailed her report and will be filed with these minutes.

COMMUNITY LIFE:

- Sandy reported there will be an Easter brunch after Easter .

Next meeting will be April 20th at 6:30pm



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APRIL BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH



Bethlehem April Birthdays

Shirley Jennejohn	4/2
Isabelle Donahue	4/12
Tina Glidden	4/19
Becky Hyde	4/23
Faith Weidman	4/16
Carl Bundschuh	4/26
David Hyde	4/28
Gary Steinmiller	4/29

SMLC April Birthdays

Lydia Wuertzer	4/12
Christian Kukak	4/14
Melinda Spry	4/19
Julie Taylor	4/19
Reece Moore	4/19
Sadie Tesoriero	4/22
Justin Wagner	4/28



Bethlehem April Anniversaries

None to Report

SMLC April Anniversaries

Laverne & Joan Van De Wall 4/7



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

SMLC Directory

Pastor.....Korey Finstad
 Director of Music Mary Ann Peters

Church Council

President.....Paul Haffen
 Secretary.....Debbie Lester
 Treasurer / Finance..... Jim Alexander
 Outreach.....Carol Geier
 Activities.....Kris Weingartner
 Christian Education.....Cindi Bouchard
 Member-at-Large..... Mary Lou Alexander

 Evangelism.....Ed Currier
 Worship and Music.....Anne Mitchell

BLC Directory

Pastor.....Korey Finstad
 Director of MusicEvelyn Lam

Church Council

President.....Sandy Borkhuis
 Vice President.....Dick Howard
 Secretary.....Laurie Brooks
 Property.....Al Neels
 Faith Formation.....Vacant
 Congregational Life.....Nancy Smith
 Finance.....Sarah Frick
 Treasurer.....Mindy Zajac

 Worship Ministries.....Vacant
 Outreach Ministry.....Laurie Brigden
 Youth Ministry.....Laura Simmons



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You are encouraged to respond to God's gift to us by giving back
 to the mission and ministry instituted by Jesus. Financial offerings
 are needed to support our congregation's work!

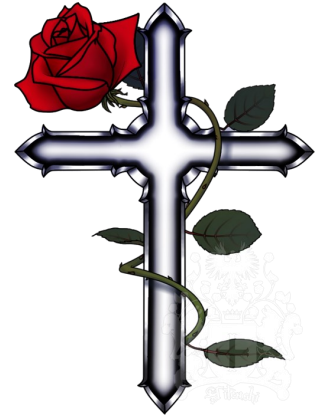


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Lay Readers	Nancy Currier
Altar Guild	Sharon Haffen
Ushers	Doug Gomez
Coffee Hr.	Jeff & Mary Ann Peters
Greeters	Nancy Currier
Assisting Ministers	Sharon Haffen



ARTICLES FOR THE MAY
COVENANT CONNECTIONS ARE KINDLY
ACCEPTED BY **APRIL 15TH** TO OUR
SECRETARY, NANCY NESBITT AT
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THANK YOU!

Laurie Brooks

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Worship: 8:45^{am}
(Note: 8:30am on Easter Sunday)

