



THE BETHLEHEM STAR

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

MEGAN FRYLING

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People of Bethlehem,

The church is more than just what happens within the walls of the building. It's more than just the membership of Bethlehem. We are called to go

beyond and give beyond our own needs and our own community. Instead of turning inward, we are called to look out and to see how we can care for the wider world.

So how are we doing that in what we do here as a church community? We recently had Vacation Bible School, where many of the kids and families attending aren't members of Bethlehem. The school is an outreach to quite a bit of the community through the families of the kids attending and the fun open events throughout the year. We sponsor missionaries in Tanzania who help teach students there (look further in the newsletter for information on how to meet the missionaries this month!). We reach out through donations of items, money, and time to Lutheran Social Services. Over the years we've done things like cook meals for families in a shelter, collect Angel Tree gifts for kids for Christmas, packed food for those in need, raised money for Hope Gardens to help women & children living there, hosted the Downs Syndrome Associate Dance, and so much more. We are called to constantly be thinking about ways we could do even more than we already have.

On September 8th from 2-4 pm, we'll be taking part in God's Work Our Hands Sunday. This is a Sunday each year when ELCA congregations are especially intentional about going out and serving others. This year we're doing this in coordination with several other congregations in our area (we're all a part of the Twin Valleys Conference). We'll be going to St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Woodland Hills and helping clean up in the neighborhood and/or tie blankets for those in need that will be distributed at St. Matthew's in North Hollywood and Central in Van Nuys. Put this event on your calendar because it's one more way that we can reach out and go beyond the walls of our building, following God's call to love and care for everyone!

Blessings, *Pastor Megan*

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

9:00 AM – CONTEMPORARY STYLE

10:10 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL
(SEPT-MAY)

11:00 AM – TRADITIONAL STYLE

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SUMMARY OF BETHLEHEM COUNCIL MINUTES – JULY 10, 2019

Present at the meeting were Pastors Megan Fryling, Pastor Ioan Ittu, Sarah Karzel, Sue Akin, Brian Grefsrud, Janet Puchlik, Beverly Compton, Lisa Nakata, and Mary Fisher.

Devotions and prayer were shared by Brian. The June minutes were not reviewed.

TOPICS:

Custodial Contract Adjustments

Meny is a contractor to the church and school. He requested an increase in pay to \$1600 per month from his current total compensation of \$1,344. Increase was approved.

2019/2020 Budget/Cash on Hand

Brian presented the budget for further review leading up to the congregational review. Council approved the budget for presentation to the congregation at the annual budget meeting scheduled for August 18. In addition, Brian told the group that over the past few years, the church has accumulated \$300,000 in cash. Options for spending cash on hand were discussed. Upcoming expenses were discussed, including repairs to the parking lot. Ultimately, council decided to recommend to the congregation that we pay off the mortgage. The current balance is \$163,000, the interest rate is 5.5%, and the monthly payment is \$26,000.

Eagle Scout Project

Pastor Ioan reported on proposed Eagle Scout project to add a "tiny library" near the parking lot entry on Jolette and near the preschool entry. This is a community library that encourages people to both borrow and contribute books.

Changes to Constitution and Bylaws

Sarah presented an addition to the bylaws. The purpose is to add language to govern the way the new Faithful Stewards Endowment is managed and used to support ministry. The addition was approved for submission to the congregation at the August 18th meeting.

Counters Council discussed the shortage of members willing to count offerings. Only a very few are willing, and it is resulting in burn out for those who are. We have at least one couple who is willing to count but only if they can do so together. We have a policy against family members counting together, consistent with ELCA best practices. In light of the shortage, council thought it appropriate to suspend the policy temporarily while we search for other solutions.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer.

The next meeting will be on August 21st. Lisa Nakata was asked to prepare the devotion for that meeting.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, August 10 is a WELCA meeting which all women are invited. It is a breakfast at Marie Callendar's, 19310 Business Center Drive, Northridge. Reservations are needed. Please call Dianne Tillman (818) 363-5951 or email Dianne.tillman08@gmail.com. Marilyn Fursman will be doing the Bible Study on The Book of Esther.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

BY MARILYN FURSMAN

Part of discipleship is studying God's word, not only because it can bring you closer to God, but so you can learn how to pass it on to future generations or share your faith with a friend. In his recent lecture series, Bishop Guy Erwin said, "Education is to help us determine where we are to help others, then equip us to do it."

Sunday Forum—All are welcome to join the group that meets Sundays after the second worship service. In the coming weeks, it will feature guest speakers and thoughtful, pastor-led discussions of Sunday's scriptures. Consider bringing your beverage and snack to classroom #1 at 12:15 p.m. to welcome our guests, meet new members, and expand your horizons!

- Aug. 4—Deacon Shannon Savage Howie will speak on connecting through our stories.
- Aug. 11—Sermon discussion: The rewards of faith.
- Aug. 18—No Class (attend Annual Budget Meeting)
- Aug. 25—Missionaries to Tanzania will share their experiences and answer your questions.
- Sep. 1—Sermon discussion: Where does hope lie?
- Sept. 8—No class (cool off with ice cream sundaes)
- Sep. 15—Carla Cross recaps her Mental Health workshop.
- Sep. 22 & 29—Sarah Karzel, Pr. Megan and Pr. Ioan share gems from Mediation Training.

Wednesday Co-ed Bible Study— This congenial group, led by Pr. Megan Fryling, meets in Chandler Hall at 10:15 a.m. The ELCA's Book of Faith material is being used to study the Book of Acts in August. If Tevye (from Fiddler On the Roof) were around, he'd swoon to be part of this group of deep thinkers who are willing to examine the scriptures in detail and graciously consider every point of view.

Do you have ideas for Adult Education? The team is looking for more members to help us find new ways to appeal to those who are not currently engaged.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adult Ed Study Group will not meet on Wednesday, August 14 due to Annual Building Cleaning.

ADULT EDUCATION TEAM MEETING

The next Adult Education team meeting is August 20 at 1:00 p.m.

MEET VICENTE DITTO, SENIOR MUSIC DIRECTOR

BY MARILYN FURSMAN



Vicente James Ditto-Copeland was named after his two grandfathers. His maternal ancestors were English/Scotch/Irish pilgrims who came to this country on the Mayflower, and two who participated in the War for Independence.

"The names Vicente and Ditto come from my father's family, which emigrated to Ecuador from southern Italy in the first half of the 20th century," he explains. "The branch of the family that stayed in Ecuador maintained the Italian last name of Ditto, but started using Spanish first names for those born in South America."

Vicente is a Santa Monica-born Californian who was baptized in sixth grade and attended Catholic school. His mother forced piano lessons on him as a youngster, but eventually he came to appreciate being able to play. Interest in the performing arts began in high school, where he also sang in the chorus. For a while he imagined he would be a conductor, but in the process of earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from the University of Rochester in New York, he let go of that idea.

One Christmas Eve, Vicente was called in to substitute for the pianist at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. As a result, he landed the job of accompanist here. Since 2007, he served as Co-Director of Music. Following the merger with St. Stephen's in the Fall of 2018, he was made Senior Music Director. He also holds staff accompanist positions at the Oakwood Secondary School and American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA).

Vicente enjoys games with friends, Mexican food and, though he's a wine enthusiast, he doesn't profess to be an expert. Bethlehem has been treated to his fine skills as a thespian, most recently during Lent in the role of the wickedly humorous prosecuting attorney in "*The Trial of Jess Goodnuff*".

He believes what attracts people to a church, perhaps more than music, is a communal feeling. He has identified three things that people at Bethlehem like: message, music and socializing.

"Visitors would find Bethlehem to be a welcoming congregation," says Vicente, "with entertaining events, a nice preschool, people with fun personalities, and a commitment to helping support Lutheran Social Services."

Recently, he had an opportunity to visit other churches to do research on their styles. One impressed him with its strong commitment to social justice, which permeated the service. He notes that going out into the community is one area that could be strengthened at Bethlehem and he hopes this will be a church that stays open to survive another generation.

Vicente has no reservations about the merger and feels it is going well. He likes having the section leaders in the choir since they help the members do more advanced, complex music. A new digital sound system will be installed soon. It includes speakers in several locations, screens for the contemporary service, microphones and head sets. One more thing Vicente would welcome is if people would share their opinions with him about music matters.

Serious by nature, Vicente is intrigued by the mystery of Christianity—the idea of the Trinity. You'll have to find out from Vicente himself why his favorite Bible story is of the courageous woman Jael, recorded in Judges, ch. 4. The unusual (but gruesome) story is not one you're likely to hear in the Sunday readings, but it teaches some powerful lessons worth remembering:

1. Act on the opportunities God puts in front of you.
2. Use the tools you've been given.
3. Some things are more important than following rules.

Our highest motive should be honoring God.

MUSIC NOTES

VICENTE DITTO

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Our Summer concert in June was a wonderful success and raised over \$1000.00 in donations for Hope Gardens. We are very grateful for the congregation's generosity and support of an organization that strives to improve the lives of less fortunate women in our community. We are also grateful for the volunteers who helped with the concert and reception: Leslie Petit, Marilyn Fursman, Ron Kraus, and Betsy Kalusa. Thank you!

We are in the process of purchasing a new sound system for the sanctuary. Our old system is out of date, unreliable, and not fulfilling the needs of the staff or community during worship. The purchase will include new microphones for pastoral staff, assisting ministers, and musicians as well as sets of speakers that will run along the length of the sanctuary. Currently, we are finalizing the list of equipment to buy and are aiming to have it all installed in the fall.

WELCOME TO WANDA: OUR NEW BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Wanda Moreno is a Los Angeles native who spent most of her working years in Aerospace and Public Relations. Wanda brings over 25 years of administrative experience and bookkeeping she is dedicated, approachable, reliable, and motivated. She finds enjoyment in helping people and organizations become successful.

Wanda has been a resident of Sherman Oaks since she moved from Moreno Valley, CA in 1998. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and children, but most of all her seven grandchildren who are the light of her world.

SCHOOL NEWS

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And just like that, with a blink of an eye Summer is over!

We had a tremendous amount of fun and learning this summer and it's thanks to our amazing staff, parents, and community! Thank you to every single one of you who volunteered their time or craft, donated, participated or simply checked in to see how things were going! This relationship is crucial to our children and school's development and we're looking forward to ample more this year! I'd like to share a few upcoming events which may peak your interests and we truly hope to see you all at each one!

Family Play Day is slated for August 3rd! We have a Video Game Bus, Pizza, the Kona Ice Truck, Water Play and a Bubble Party!! All for only \$10!! Bring your family and friends for a fun day to end the summer!

August 14 – Meet and Greet 2pm

August 19 - First Day of School!

August 25 - Teacher Installation at the 9am church service.

September 2 - School will be closed in Observance of Labor Day.

September 11 – Back to School Night -- Taco Tuesday (2 tacos for \$3).

Please make an effort to be there to bring your thoughts, questions, look around, meet other parents and enjoy!

That's all for now, much more to come soon - we have an incredible year ahead!

Looking forward to collaborating with all of you as well!

YOUTH DIRECTOR INTERVIEWS

We have begun the search for a new youth director. We hope to have some candidates soon to start the interview process. We are looking for one adult and one youth to complete our interview committee. Interviews will likely take place in the late afternoon/early evening. If you would like to be part of our interview committee, please talk to Lisa Nakata or Pastor Megan.

ONE SERVICE & CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

On August 18 at we will have one service at 10 a.m. followed by our congregational budget meeting at 11 a.m. All members are encouraged to attend.



W/ELCA CRAFT GROUP

The women's craft group will take a break for the month of August. They will resume Friday, September 6 at 9:00 a.m.

TABLE CLOTH POLICY & A BIG THANK YOU!

Much appreciation is extended to Peggy Kossart over the years for laundering the Bethlehem tablecloths! Thank you for always keeping them looking great. Until we have another volunteer to launder the tablecloths, Bethlehem will continue the policy that has been used the past few months: Anyone who has an event at Bethlehem will take care of laundering the tablecloths used for the event. Thank you for your cooperation.

AUGUST NEWS FROM LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

Hard to believe it's August already! LSS San Fernando Valley is making plans for the rest of the year, and here are a few dates for you:
October/November: We will be collecting Thanksgiving Food for our Thanksgiving give-a-way. Thanksgiving is November 28th, we will collect the food through Sunday, November 24th, with our give-a-way on Monday and Tuesday, November 25th and 26th. Suggested food items are canned veggies, boxed potatoes, bagged rice, boxed dressing, pasta, canned mixed fruit, cake mix, coffee, pumpkin filling, sugar, hot cocoa, chicken broth. In addition, if you know of a family that needs a Thanksgiving basket, be sure to let us know.

November/December: We will be collecting toys for our annual Toy Give-a-Way for low income/no income families ages infant to 12 years of age, boys and girls. The Toy Give-a-Way will be Saturday, December 14th. We will need all toys by Monday, December 9th. If you and/or your kids are interested in helping being "Santa's elves" that day, please let us know.

This month we served over 550 families and individuals with food, clothes, hygiene items, household items and resources, thanks to all of you. We also started a new Older Adult Food Program for seniors 60 and older. In addition to the regular food they would receive from the Food Pantry, they also now receive another box of food with non-perishable items such as peanut butter, canned tuna, canned chicken, low sodium veggies, fruit in juice, oatmeal, raisins, soft granola bars, shelf stable milk, whole grain cereal, pasta and sauce, low sodium beans and more.....thanks to a grant from the LA Regional Food Bank. If you know of a senior who could use this box, please let us know.

THANK YOU!!

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MERGER MATTERS: SUBSIDIZING TRANSITION COSTS; SECURING THE FUTURE WITH AN ENDOWMENT FUND

BY MARILYN FURSMAN

The merger of two congregations is not as simple as just making room for a few more people in the pews. In the case of Bethlehem and St. Stephen's, there was additional staff, equipment, files, supplies and space needs, new money, new ministries and new dreams to accommodate.

To assist in this transition, \$400,000 from the sale of the St. Stephen's property was set aside for the extra costs involved and to fulfill some items on Bethlehem's "wish list." The Synod recommended ear-marking another \$400,000 for a charitable tithe (and 29 applications for grants were received for many worthy projects). These funds were placed in a safe, low-interest, easy-to-access Mission Investment Fund.

The remainder from the sale, \$3.3 million, was placed in a new endowment fund, which will generate about \$150,000 each year for our new dreams and vision. The fund was named the "Faithful Stewards Endowment Fund" based on I Peter 4:10 (NIV) "...use whatever gift you have received to serve others..." Neither the principal nor the income produced is intended to be used for salaries or operating expenses. For those things, regular giving must step up to the new challenges and opportunities before us, and the sooner the better.

At this moment -- with two gifted pastors, five talented music staff, four choir section leaders, an office assistant, new bookkeeper, new administrator, over 120 regular Sunday worshipers, a fine preschool and additional liquid assets -- Bethlehem Lutheran Church is strategically positioned to take the next step to an increased level of mission and ministry! Think of the possibilities for growing spiritually, serving the community and getting new people acquainted with God's love and light!

In addition to Bethlehem's vice president and pastors, who are automatically members of any endowment team, six former St. Stephen's members were appointed to manage the Faithful Stewards Endowment Fund through 2019 and keep the congregation informed about how it is being used. The former president of St. Stephen's, Greg Imlay, was elected chairperson and the former council secretary, Marilyn Fursman, was elected recorder of the new endowment fund team. Other members included former St. Stephen's treasurer Dianne Tillman, former St. Stephen's council member Lee Underwood, former head usher Ken Cave and North Valley YMCA Director Jane Stanton.

This year, \$171,000 was authorized for the following: a new grand piano (\$51,000), three storage sheds and a multipurpose/office bungalow (\$45,000), church air conditioning (\$40,000), Audio Video system (\$35,000). In actuality, some of these things cost more than anticipated and the bungalow was removed from the list.

Additionally, \$214,000 was ear-marked for certain budgeted items for 2019, including Pr. Ioan Ittu's salary (at 3/4-time for the first year), the worship program, an administrator, evangelism, youth and young adults, educational training, council discretionary fund, and pastors' discretionary funds.

Because pledges were not enough to cover the 2020 Proposed Budget, the council has request \$150,500 for staffing and ministry support. On the positive side, \$7,000 in matching funds was approved for the youth to attend the 2021 National Youth Gathering and \$2,000 was approved to tune the bells for Grace Notes Bell Choir.

Proposed Bylaws governing the new endowment fund will be voted on by the congregation.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

LESLIE PETIT

It has been interesting serving on the Stewardship Team. I've learned that people want to know where their money is going. The old attitude of we give our money to the church and trust it goes to good use is no longer part of a younger generation's thinking. This thought has me pondering on all the immense and amazing things our offering does for us at Bethlehem and in spreading the Gospel to our community and beyond.

I begin by looking at our fantastic staff. Pastor Megan and Pastor Ioan are there for us no matter what. They are willing to interrupt schedules and their family lives to be there for us in joy, sorrow, prayer, and love. The music staff is outstanding. Think about the hours and effort they put forth to provide us with an inspiring worship experience and more. Evelyn in the office is kind and helpful. Now we have a new administrator to get to know and love.

The next thought is the great programs we have. Of course, one of my favorites is Evangelism. The ability to reach out into the community with our love through marketing and gifts such as the Easter plants is wonderful. Reaching out through VBS was awesome. Supporting missionaries gives us insight into a world beyond our own. The new possibilities such as a Conference Parish are thrilling.

It is only through serving on the Stewardship Team have I stopped to think about how important it is to realize all the good things that our offerings provide. Take a minute to remember what a blessing your offering can mean.

EVANGELISM

LESLIE PETIT

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Marketing. The word seems so secular and difficult to apply to "church" and somehow wrong to

market God. It is however a huge part of evangelism. How would our neighbors know about Bethlehem opportunities without banners? How would this generation of internet, Facebook, and Twitter find out about Bethlehem without a web site? The times have changed. Evangelism is all about marketing! We need "market" Bethlehem to invite others into our community of love. If they don't experience us, they can't experience God's love through us.

You can help market Bethlehem. Be sure to like our posts on Facebook and share them with your friends. Check out our web site at <http://www.bethlehemplutheran.net>. If your group or team has something exciting coming up, let's market it. We want to have it announced on our web site as well as the bulletin and newsletter. Let us show our love and to make Christ known.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR HOPE GARDEN FAMILIES

LESLIE PETIT

Bethlehem will soon have "Blessing of the Backpacks." As a part of this kick-off of the academic year for our Bethlehem family, we are offering you an opportunity to help the families of our partner ministry, Hope Gardens. Hope Gardens offers assistance to women and children as they transition from homelessness to housing and employment. We will be providing them with backpacks and school supplies. These will be given out to families throughout the year as women and children join Hope Gardens. We are asking for donations of any of the following:

- backpack
- 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"
- 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- pencil sharpener
- pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 ½" eraser

Please deposit items into the box provided at the back of the church.



NEWS FROM OUR SPONSORED MISSIONARIES

Rev. Mark Rich & Rev. Cynthia Holder Rich will be visiting Bethlehem this month! It's an exciting opportunity for you to ask questions and find out more about how they were called to work in Tanzania, what they're doing there, and how we can best support them.

You'll have multiple opportunities to meet them— August 24th for a pasta dinner and then on the 24th they will be preaching at both 9 am and 11 am. They'll lead our Sunday Forum at 12:15 as well. Please take advantage of all of these wonderful options.

Tickets are now on sale for the August 24th Pasta Dinner.

Tickets are \$10 per person and all proceeds go toward the cost of their travel.

Other donations are also happily accepted to help offset the costs of the dinner and to help with our continuing financial support of them in their work in Tanzania. Thank you to the Kossart's for covering the cost of their transportation while they're visiting!

Please see Mary Fisher for tickets or to inquire how you can help! You can also text or call her at 818.426.7739.



MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST

We invite men of all ages to join us for fellowship the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 a.m. at Coco's Restaurant in Mission Hills. See you August 7th!

PASTORAL CARE

If you would like a pastoral care visit from one of our pastors, please contact the church office and let us know. (818) 360-4777.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet on August 7 & 21. On the 7th they will meet from 6-8 p.m. to finish discussing Crazy Rich Asians and then watch the movie. Childcare is provided.



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Check out audio of sermons and music performances on our Facebook page. If you would like to stay in touch and get updates of events happening at Bethlehem, please visit www.facebook.com/BethlehemGranadaHills and like us!

Also, check out our preschool Facebook page at www.facebook.com/bethlehemplutheranschool

WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

If you see an empty spot on the worship leader schedule and you're able to fill in, please call the church office. You can serve one time or be put on a monthly rotation. Thank you.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Ruth Anne Sitko
- 4 Dee Natwick
- 5 Karl Puchlik
- 6 Marilyn Fursman
- 6 Rocco Rainey
- 7 Marsha Grefsrud
- 10 Danny Compton
- 10 Timmy Compton
- 13 Donna Ophus
- 14 Charlotte Cross
- 17 Kelli Yribe
- 18 Carol Heyd
- 20 Brett Irwin
- 22 Helen Hightower
- 22 Jeannette Anderson
- 24 Laura Rubinstein
- 28 Jan Maseda
- 28 Randy Miller
- 31 Dorothy Stilling



Happy Anniversary

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Mike & Laureen Gleason (2008)
- 12 Benito Galindo & Suzanne Recer (1990)
- 14 John & Shirley Cooper (1966)
- 15 Steve & Emily Carlson (1998)
- 19 Thomas & Shelly Shubert (1989)
- 23 Kyle & Megan Fryling (2008)
- 25 Richard & Meredith Taylor (1956)



JULY STATISTICS

July Offering: \$30,709 ; Budget: \$22,917
June Offering: \$27,470 Budget: \$22,917
Fiscal YTD: \$244,765; Budget: \$252,087

Attendance:

June average at 9 a.m.: 47
June average at 11 a.m.: 61
June 9 -one service 10 a.m.: 101

July average at 9 a.m.: 43
July average at 11 a.m.: 57
July 21- one service 10 a.m.: 100

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 <u>9:00AM</u> Worship <u>11:00AM</u> Worship <u>12:15PM</u> Sunday Forum	29 <u>5PM</u> Bell Choir	30	31 <u>10:15AM</u> Adult Study	1 <u>6:15PM</u> Ensemble <u>7PM</u> Faith Choir	2	3 <u>11AM</u> Family Fun Day
4 <u>9:00AM</u> Worship <u>11:00AM</u> Worship <u>12:15PM</u> Sunday Forum	5 <u>5PM</u> Bell Choir	6	7 <u>7:30AM</u> Men's Breakfast @ Coco's <u>10:15AM</u> Adult Study <u>4:30PM</u> Fellowship Team <u>6PM</u> Book Club	8 <u>6:15PM</u> Ensemble <u>7PM</u> Faith Choir	9	10 <u>9AM</u> WELCA Breakfast @ Marie Callendar's
11 <u>9:00AM</u> Worship <u>11:00AM</u> Worship <u>12:15PM</u> Sunday Forum	12 <u>5PM</u> Bell Choir School Closed	13	14 <u>2-4PM</u> School Meet & Greet	15 <u>6:15PM</u> Ensemble <u>7PM</u> Faith Choir	16	17
18 <u>10:00AM</u> One Service <u>11:00AM</u> Congregational Budget Mtg	19 First day of School <u>5PM</u> Bell Choir	20 <u>1PM</u> Adult Ed Team Mtg	21 <u>10:15AM</u> Adult Study <u>6PM</u> Book Club <u>7PM</u> Council Meeting	22 <u>6:15PM</u> Ensemble <u>7PM</u> Faith Choir	23	24 Missionary Dinner
25 <u>9:00AM</u> Worship/Teacher Installation <u>11:00AM</u> Worship <u>12:15PM</u> Sunday Forum <u>2PM</u> Youth Pool Party	26 <u>5PM</u> Bell Choir	27	28 <u>10:15AM</u> Adult Study	29 <u>6:15PM</u> Ensemble <u>7PM</u> Faith Choir	30	31 Book Club Library Trip

AUGUST WORSHIP LEADER SCHEDULE

WORSHIP LEADERS - 9:00 SERVICE		<i>One Service 10 a.m.</i>			
Date	8-4-19	8-11-19	8-18-19	8-25-19	9-1-19
Assisting Minister	Nicole Liva-Hernandez	Ryan Nakata	Scott Fisher	Christine Foster	Laureen Gleason
Reader	Beverly Compton	Sue Akin	X	Emily Carlson	Connie Troe
Acolyte	Katie Nakata	Natalie Nakata	Alison Rubinstein	Hannah Carlson	Paige Gleason
Ushers	Laureen Gleason	Brooke Coffin	Brian Grefsrud	Alison Rubinstein	Katie Nakata
	Mary Fisher	Scott Fisher	X	Brian Grefsrud	Carla Cross
Refresh + Juice	Kathy Fisher				
Altar Guild					

WORSHIP LEADERS - 11:00 SERVICE					
Date	8-4-19	8-11-19	8-18-19	8-25-19	9-1-19
Assisting Minister	Jill Goddard	John Cooper	X	Bud Gundersen	Sandy Lazaros
Reader	Dylan Yribe	Marilyn Galins	Kevin Rubinstein	Chriselle Almeida	Ken Cave
Communion Asst.	Kevin Rubinstein	Kiera Nusbaum	Hannah Carlson	Dylan Yribe	
Ushers	Ryan Yribe	Ron Kraus	Jan Maseda	Ken Cave	Judy Cave
	Jerry Sitko	Janet Puchlik	X	Ryan Yribe	Kevin Rubinstein
Greeter	Janet Puchlik	Marilyn Fursman	Susan Van Deest	Gale Gundersen	Greg Imlay
Refreshments	Yribe family				
	X		X		
Offering Counters	Dwayne Schmidt	Mary Fisher	Brian Grefsrud	Janet Puchlik	Mary Fisher
	Susan Van Deest	Carla Cross	Carla Cross	Barbara Bond	Betty Pust

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We have a new and easy way to give online for both one-time and recurring donations.

Here's how it works:

1. Go to Bethlehem's website: www.bethlehemplutheran.net
2. Click on Church (the left side of the page)
3. Click on Donate Now at the top right of the page.
4. Fill out the online donation form for either one-time or recurring donations.

The screenshot shows the 'Online Donation' page for Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School. The header includes the church's logo, name, address (12227 Balboa Boulevard, Granada Hills, CA 91344), and phone number (818) 360-4777. The main content area is titled 'Online Donation' and features a 'Donations' section with a table for inputting amounts for various categories: General Offerings, Flowers, ELCA Missionaries, Youth Gathering Minneapolis 2021, and Other. A 'Total' field shows \$0.00. Below this is a 'Donation Frequency' dropdown menu set to 'Choose One' and a link to 'About recurring donations'. A section titled 'What is a recurring donation?' explains that it is a donation set up to occur automatically on a regularly scheduled basis. Another section, 'What are the benefits of setting up a recurring donation?', lists several advantages: reducing check writing for frequent donors, allowing donations to continue uninterrupted during absences, spreading donations over time, reducing administrative costs, and consuming fewer resources than paper check processing. At the bottom, there is a 'Donation Start Date' field set to 07/31/19. On the right side of the page, there is a 'Log In' section with fields for Email Address and Password, a 'Log In' button, and a link for 'Forgot your Email Address or Password?'. Below the login section is a 'Create Your Online Profile' section with a 'Create Profile' button. At the top right of the main content area, there are links for 'View Mobile Site' and 'Return to our Home Page'.

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