



# THE BETHLEHEM STAR

T O K N O W C H R I S T . . . T O M A K E C H R I S T K N O W N



## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

**MEGAN FRYLING**

Pastor

[pastor@bethlehemplutheran.net](mailto:pastor@bethlehemplutheran.net)

People of Bethlehem,

As the weather has been warming up and the sunsets are later in the day (this is the one & only silver lining I can ever find to the spring time change), I'm finding myself more often out in my backyard. At our house this spring we've been planting beautiful potted flowers and we've started growing vegetables and milkweed plants from seed. Perhaps you, too, are planting new things this season, watering, and hoping and praying for growth.

This kind of work and patience often brings to my mind one of my favorite passages from 1 Corinthians, verses 5-9: "What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building."

On my mind is not so much the idea of church division (as this verse also addresses), but on the idea of who brings the growth about from our work. These days we have done much planting and watering in new and different ways and we have much planting and watering ahead of us as well. Some seeds may sprout and bring much fruit, while other ways of planting and watering may turn out not to be as fruitful as we expected. However, we are all God's servants, working together, finding new ways to love one another, new ways to share the Gospel message, new ways to worship, and new ways to care for creation. We trust and pray that as we plant and water, we stay focused on that common unity that we have in our Christian identity and we remember that it is God who has brought us growth and goodness in the past and as we work together, it is God who will work through us and bless others through our efforts.

In Christ,  
Pastor Megan

## SUNDAY WORSHIP:

### TEMPORARY COVID-19 SCHEDULE

11:00 AM – IN-PERSON WORSHIP

10:00 AM – ONLINE STREAMING

## STAFF:

### PASTOR:

REV. MEGAN HUNT FRYLING  
[pastor@bethlehemplutheran.net](mailto:pastor@bethlehemplutheran.net)

### DIRECTORS OF MUSIC MINISTRY:

VICENTE DITTO  
MARISA RAWLINS-BRADFIELD  
MATTHEW A. KESSELL  
[vicenteditto@bethlehemplutheran.net](mailto:vicenteditto@bethlehemplutheran.net)  
[marisabradfield@bethlehemplutheran.net](mailto:marisabradfield@bethlehemplutheran.net)  
[matthewkessell@bethlehemplutheran.net](mailto:matthewkessell@bethlehemplutheran.net)

### YOUTH DIRECTOR:

JENNIFER ADKISON  
[youthdirector@bethlehemplutheran.net](mailto:youthdirector@bethlehemplutheran.net)

### BOOKKEEPER:

KAREN MEIER  
[finance@bethlehemplutheran.net](mailto:finance@bethlehemplutheran.net)

### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

WANDA MORENO  
[admin@bethlehemplutheran.net](mailto:admin@bethlehemplutheran.net)

### FRONT OFFICE ASSISTANT:

EVELYN CULAJAY  
[office@bethlehemplutheran.net](mailto:office@bethlehemplutheran.net)

### PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR:

MARY ASHDJIAN-KANDILIAN  
[director@bethlehemplutheran.net](mailto:director@bethlehemplutheran.net)

### CONTACT BY PHONE:

CHURCH: 818-360-4777  
PRESCHOOL: 818-368-6947  
FAX: 818-360-5559

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A Special meeting of the congregation of Bethlehem Lutheran Church has been called by the Council President on: DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021

TIME: Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service at 12:00 p.m. via In-person and Zoom participation.

## MARCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

By Marilyn Fursman, Secretary

In reviewing the various unexpected ways that challenges have been met this past year, I cannot help but thank God for answered prayer and all the blessings Bethlehem has enjoyed. How this church has continued to provide worship options, outreach, service to community, education and fellowship—in spite of all that worked against those things—is nothing short of miraculous! As I hear the report each month of below budget offerings, a prayer of St. Augustine has been on my mind and I commend it to you: Pray as if everything depends on God; work as if everything depends on you.

### COUNCIL ACTIONS:

1. Voted to recommend to the congregation that Rey-Crest be hired for the roof repair and Mount Air for HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) repair and, further, that money be taken from the Faithful Stewards Endowment Fund for a total not to exceed \$100,000 for the roof and \$40,000 for the HVAC.
2. Scheduled a special meeting of the congregation for **Sunday, April 11** after the second service to vote on the Council's recommendation to repair the roof and HVAC system.
3. Voted to donate a \$55 credit from last year's (cancelled) Synod Assembly to the Synod to assist underfunded congregations.

### MANAGEMENT:

1. Reviewed three bids for roof and HVAC repair projects and method of payment.
2. The Worship and Music team will move the in-person 9 a.m. worship service indoors beginning April 11 and change the time to 11 a.m.
3. Budget variances were approved and covered by a \$6,000 credit card cash back reward.
4. The second Paycheck Protection Program loan (\$219,000) was approved and is already in use; still awaiting approval of forgiveness for the first PPP loan (\$197,000).
5. Thrivent Choice donations were received.
6. February offerings were below budget.

### MINISTRY:

1. The youth raised \$406 from the See's candy fundraiser for their trip to the National Youth Gathering.
2. There was a great collection for Easter at Hope Gardens; Girls Scouts are assembling them.
3. Pr. Megan and staff put together Easter egg gifts to be delivered to members.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JANET PUCHLIK

[president@bethlehemlutheran.net](mailto:president@bethlehemlutheran.net)

Hello Members and Friends of Bethlehem Lutheran,

This is an exciting time, as we plan for the reopening of indoor services on Sunday, April 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Bethlehem. For many of us, this will be a welcomed change to outdoor services, which we have had over the last months. As we move indoors for worship, we will be at a limited capacity, due to the Los Angeles County restriction and Social Distancing requirements of 6 feet. Our capacity will be approximate 18 persons or households, due to the 6 ft. restrictions. Our live streaming will remain at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, as well. The choice about worshipping in person or through the live stream is up to each individual person and family. We thank the reopening committee for their leadership through the last year. As we move toward April 11, we will need those members that feel comfortable being in the Sanctuary to also assist with Greeting, Ushering and Cleaning and Sanitizing the Church for use.

This has also been an eventful two months since I assumed the position of President. The two major priorities the Council has been working on are the repair of the roofs over Chandler Hall and the Pre-school Buildings, which have been leaking and unsuccessfully repaired over the last few years, and the replacement of the HVAC unit in the Sanctuary, which was damaged in the fire on February 14.

We have obtained three bids for the costs of the roof repairs and they have been reviewed by the Church Council and a Roof Contractor has been approved for recommendation to the Congregation. We have also received a bid for the replacement of the HVAC Unit over the Sanctuary and the Council has reviewed and approved the bid and for recommendation to the Congregation.

Both of the Roof Repair and HVAC unit replacement exceed the amount budgeted for the Maintenance and Repair line item approved in the 2020/2021 Budget. The Council has reviewed the Church's financial condition and fortunately due the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loans, of which, we were blessed to receive two, one for \$197,000.00 and a second for \$218,000.00, we did not have to use our Faithful Stewards' Endowment Allocation for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. At the most recent Faithful Stewards' Committee meeting, the committee members have graciously authorized use of the Endowment Funds for the Roof and HVAC unit repair and replacement.

The Bylaws of the Faithful Stewards' Endowment Fund requires approval of the Church's Congregation to spend any funds over \$15,000.00 on any one item and the Church Constitution requires Congregational approval on any items \$10,000.00 over the amount budgeted.

Since the roof and HVAC repairs need to be done, as soon as possible, I will be calling a Special Congregation Meeting on Sunday, April 11, 2021, at 12:00 p.m., following the 11:00 a.m. indoor worship service. This will make our first Sunday back in the Sanctuary a very busy one, but we are hoping to start the repair at the end of April or beginning of May. The meeting will be held both in person and on Zoom for the convenience of all members. The notification of the meeting was sent out by mail and email to all members of the Church on March 29, and the Agenda was available starting Sunday, March 28 and will be available on Sunday, April 4 and on April 11.

Please stay safe and healthy and I look forward to seeing you all soon. Blessings.



## MUSIC NOTES

**VICENTE DITTO**

Senior Music Minister

[vicenteditto@bethlehemlutheran.net](mailto:vicenteditto@bethlehemlutheran.net)

Happy Easter everyone. I hope you enjoyed the string quartet on Easter. They always bring an elegant touch to our celebration of the resurrection. A big "thank you" to Marisa's contact, Petros Boyadzhyan, for assembling his colleagues to perform for us. I am very grateful that they were willing to play for both our final outdoor in person service as well as the live streamed service.

I wish I had more to say, but the future is so unpredictable at the moment. It is wonderful that the in person service is moving indoors and eventually singing will start happening again. I am also looking forward to our new screens and all the wonderful things that we will be able to do with them. Between live streaming, screens, and the sound system, we have really made a commitment to Bethlehem's future and staying up to date with how other churches in the area are enhancing worship. Fascinating how things change. I can only imagine what worship will be like in twenty-five years...



## SCHOOL NEWS

**MARY KANDILIAN**

Preschool Director

[Director@bethlehemlutheran.net](mailto:Director@bethlehemlutheran.net)

Dear Bethlehem Community,

Thank you to all those who supported our Butter Braids Fundraiser! We had a great turnout and all proceeds are going towards updating the small playground! Huge thank you to our BLESS committee for organizing it! If you placed an order, it will be at Bethlehem on April 1st around noontime. Packages will arrive in frozen packs which will hold for about 2 - 3 hours after delivery, so please try to arrive in this timeframe to pickup!

Please keep an eye out for some of our teachers who have been preparing Children's Chat videos for Sunday Church service. Were excited to be working towards more involvement and participation in Church events and activities.

We're also currently planning a fun-filled Summer program for our kids and are almost at full capacity! If our Bethlehem community has any ideas on ways to participate, we would love to work on a project with you! If you would like to do virtual Bible story reading with us, some sort of virtual arts and crafts, or a cooking project - or anything you can think of, please connect with me at any time!

## “BETHLEHEM’S AMAZING RACE” (EASTER HUNT EDITION)

Join us for our 1<sup>st</sup> and probably last... Super Safe Amazing Easter Egg Hunt (by car)! It is not exactly what we are all used to but in effort to keep us all safe and socially distanced we are excited to offer an alternative.

Our resident artist Jill has made beautiful signs that will be posted at different church members' homes in the Granada Hills area.

Date: Saturday, April 3

Time: 10:00 -11:30 a.m.

Supplies: Map and special sticker chart.

Step 1: Come to church between 10:00-10:30 a.m. to pick up your sticker chart and map.

Step 2: Drive to the addresses on the map. When you arrive at the home and locate the sign, you will see an Easter bucket next to the sign filled with stickers. Take a sticker and put it on your chart. Then drive to the next home.

Step 3: Bring your completed sticker chart or as many as you were able to complete back to the church parking lot by 11:30 a.m. and receive your Easter prize.

That is it! You have won!

Questions? Contact Nicole Hernandez-Liva  
(Youth & Education)  
(818) 294-2386



## VIRTUAL SPRING BOUTIQUE SPONSORED BY WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Here's your link to fun shopping: <https://bethlehemwomenoftheelca.square.site>

It's not too late to snag a beautiful Easter basket at this year's virtual spring boutique. Young children (over age 3) will enjoy playing with an Easter coloring book or paddle and ball, plus bubble blow, sidewalk chalk and cloth bunny.

Treats include jelly beans, mini chocolate eggs, yellow marshmallow peeps and chocolate candy bar. Also, check out the bunny bags, popcorn and candy bars, sitting bunnies and spring floral wreaths, plus other new items. All proceeds go to help those in need. Questions? [welca@bethlehemlutheran.net](mailto:welca@bethlehemlutheran.net)





## YOUTH NEWS

**JENNIFER ADKISON**

Director of Youth Ministry

[youthdirector@bethlehemplutheran.net](mailto:youthdirector@bethlehemplutheran.net)

Happy Easter and Happy Spring!

The youth group raised \$400 during their See's Candy fundraiser for the 2022 Youth Gathering! Thank you to all who supported our youth group!

Youth Group will begin meeting in person in the church courtyard on Sunday, April 25th! COVID precautions will still be in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. There will be a youth group parents meeting on Friday, April 9 to discuss going back to in-person youth group. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me via email or call/text at 425-281-1413.

Blessings,

Jennifer Adkison

## EVANGELISM

**PAM SHEA**

**EVANGELISM CHAIR**

[evangelism@bethlehemplutheran.net](mailto:evangelism@bethlehemplutheran.net)

With lessening restrictions and things "opening up", I look forward to getting our Evangelism projects off and running. Items for our Adopt-A-Hospital Project can be dropped off at church in a box in the narthex and there are poster boards there to leave messages for our Healthcare Heroes. You are welcome to leave cards of your own as well. We will be holding a drive-through on April 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for collection of items. Things such as bottled water, granola bars, chips, individually wrapped small candies, and small trinkets are a way we can show our appreciation to our local hospital healthcare workers. Other projects include the installation of a prayer wall inside the church and I hope to organize neighborhood clean-up days soon.

I am in the process of re-scheduling the times of The Scripture-Centered Breathing and Movement Sessions and the Prayer Sessions as we adjust to the new church schedule of activities. If you have any ideas for outreach or would like to join the Evangelism team, let me know at [evangelism@bethlehemplutheran.net](mailto:evangelism@bethlehemplutheran.net).

## NEWS FROM OUR SPONSORED MISSIONARIES

To read their article please visit their blog at <https://mcintz.wordpress.com/>

### Your support makes a world of difference!

To help your congregation fulfill its covenant sponsorship, give directly through your church. You can include your missionary support donation in your weekly offering just indicate on your offering envelope how much is being contributed to the missionaries.



## HOW TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING BETHLEHEM

### Ways to Financially Support Bethlehem

- Mail in your check
- Through your bank's Bill Pay Donate
- On-Line through our church website ([www.bethlehemplutheran.net](http://www.bethlehemplutheran.net)) Enter through the Church site and locate the orange DONATE NOW button at the top right. You can set up an auto pay or one-time donation.
- Download the GivePlus+ app on your smartphone. Find Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Granada Hills, CA and donate.

### Ways to Care

- Pray for our world, our leaders, our doctors and nurses.
- Follow the guidelines of the CDC.
- Check on family, friends, and those most vulnerable in our community during this time.
- Be generous in your giving of financial & material resources. Many people are in need and we want to be a blessing to them.

## ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY:

### So More People May Know the Way of Jesus

By Marilyn Fursman

On Wednesday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom, there will be a one-time session to discuss what steps Bethlehem Lutheran Church might take to help implement the ELCA's new structural design, called Future Church. The purpose of Future Church is to find a way to activate each of us to invite more people into the Way of Jesus and find community, justice and love. With so many people longing for these very things, there's never been a better time to introduce new people to God's love.

The new design stresses three goals:

1. A welcoming church that engages new, young and diverse people.
2. A thriving church rooted in tradition but radically relevant.
3. A connected, sustainable church that shares a common purpose and direction.

To prepare for this discussion, read the article in Living Lutheran, March issue, page 20, and download the study guide (also includes the article) found on-line at:

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2021/02/study-guide-so-more-people-may-know-the-way-of-jesus/>

Some of the questions to ponder:

1. How has your congregation fared in the last 20 years?
2. How would you describe the purpose of your church?
3. What does the "Way of Jesus" mean to you?
4. How does your church express community, justice and love?
5. To what degree is prayer and scripture reading a part of your personal life?

Look for the Zoom link in Bethlehem's weekly emails.

## NON PERISHABLES FOR OUR CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Our church pantry is in need of non perishables foods with easy tops (tops that don't require a can opener). We would appreciate anything you can donate. Donations can be dropped off in the church office and please specify if it's for the church pantry. Thank you!



## ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY:

### Combat Complacency to Create a Better World

by Marilyn Fursman

Come join the Wednesday evening discussion group as we explore "The Time Is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage", a fascinating book by the beloved Benedictine nun and social activist, Sister Joan Chittister. It offers a soul-stirring and inspiring guide that speaks to all who feel disillusioned and dissatisfied with the power-hungry institutions and systems of this world.

This rabble-rousing force of nature for social justice, and fervent proponent of personal faith and spiritual fulfillment, draws on the wisdom of prophets--both ancient and modern--to help us confront the societal forces that oppress and silence the sacred voices among us.

Pairing scriptural insights with stirring narratives of the truth-tellers that came before us, Sister Joan offers a compelling vision for readers to combat complacency and to propel ourselves toward creating a world of justice, freedom, peace, and empowerment.

For the weary, the cranky, and the fearful, Sister Joan's energizing message invites us to participate in a vision for a world greater than the one we find ourselves in today. This is spirituality in action, this is practical and powerful activism for our times.

To reserve a book, please contact the church office or Pr. Megan Fryling.

Here is the Zoom meeting ID & password beginning Wednesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting ID: 863 9864 6370

Passcode: 651572

## WELCA BIBLE STUDY

"JOURNEY WITH ANGELS: FEASTING, FUNNY, ALLELUIA ANGELS"

How much we enjoy eating and laughing together with family and friends! Perhaps you were celebrating some good news: an engagement announcement, the upcoming birth of a baby, a new job, or moving into a new home.

Maybe you were thankful for being led in a new direction in life. Whatever the case, the event was filled with good food, lively, lighthearted conversation, and joy! Imagine having angels present at these events.

Angels are a part of so many Biblical stories. In the GATHER magazine's final "Journey with Angels" study, we learn of angels who feed us, grab us, make us laugh, announce the best news ever, and give us a glimpse of the heavenly angels joyfully singing alleluias amidst laughter and joy.

Feast with Abraham and Sarah, watch as an angel turns Lot in a new direction, laugh with Gideon's angel, feel the touch of Elijah's heavenly messenger, hear the joyful news of the Easter angel, and rejoice in the celebration of alleluia angels.

All are welcome to zoom into this "Journey with Angels" study on Tuesday, April 20 at 4:00 P.M. Just click on the zoom link that Pastor Megan gives in Monday's announcements prior to the 20th.

Join the journey of Biblical feasts, laughter, the best announcement, and alleluias!

Log into Zoom using the following ID and passcode if you don't have the link.  
Meeting ID: 839 8551 3717; Passcode: 940736





## NEWS FROM LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

Lutheran Social Services of Southern California is one of the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank's Agency Partners in a network of about 700 organizations. Area director for LSSSC/San Fernando Valley, Jan Maseda, opens up about her 20-year experience in a virtual interview with the Food Bank on Zoom.

Jan discusses the people she's been able to help, including those experiencing homelessness locally, children of families enrolled in Early Start Programs, and more recently, those who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19 and college students sleeping in their cars and going hungry.

### In Helping Others, You Help Yourself

Jan, who officially retired in 2014 a total of 3 times, stepped in as the Director, as LSSSC needed one. It could be a myriad of reasons Jan finds herself back on the frontline: her guiding principles in how she approaches being of service to others include kindness, compassion, trying to walk in the shoes of others, empowering others, embracing people and trying to help.



"It is a very humbling experience to help people, and that's been my life's work: helping people. In different avenues, but this avenue seems like God put me here."

The mission of LSSSC is to serve low income, no income and those experiencing homelessness in the North Hollywood and San Fernando Valley areas of LA County. She feels that LA Regional Food Bank and programs are all acts of service for God.

### The Guiding Light: Helping

Jan is back in her Director role because, in her 20 years, there doesn't seem to be a time where we could go out of business as a food bank – ever, she says. She says she hasn't seen a decrease in the number of homeless people or those who are food insecure with COVID-19 making it worse, especially in Los Angeles County, where every 1 in 4 people may not know where their next meal is coming from.

"There's just never enough food banks, never enough organizations willing to step up and help people. Never enough volunteers or enough food. We closed three times in March and April for lack of food because the pandemic broke the supply chain. If there's no food at Ralph's because people are [panic] buying, there's no food that trickles down to agencies such as ours also. So that was a big surprise – I don't think we've witnessed something like that like no toilet paper, no hand sanitizers and no canned goods in our stores in my lifetime. **It was a surprise for food banks that this could happen in America.**"

In Jan's innate helpful nature, the LSSSC can rely on her as their Director. Many families have never been to a food bank before, and there's a little bit of a stigma attached to it, she says. "We try to make them feel as comfortable as possible and show them that there is no stigma here and all we want to do is give you food."

Their operations have shifted to adhere to Public Health Guidelines to ensure everyone's safety is how LSSSC now distributes their food pantry offerings. Before, people were welcome to come inside and to browse through the items according to their preferences.

"We found that was empowering for people – to be able to just shop like a normal person in our food pantry. We have a huge selection, and we don't like packing for them because we may not know their cultural background or dietary restrictions or preferences. We like to be able to offer that to them (the choice) – as one of our guiding principles of helping them and empowering them to get what they want and eat what they want

and not just feel like they were taking a hand out. And we're hoping that changes soon where we can live without COVID."

The pandemic has further changed other aspects of the agency: offering more than food, LSSSC also offers a closet full of clothes and shoes for children, women and men, and blankets for the homeless that now functions outside, they've had to let almost all of their volunteers, developmentally delayed adults that normally come in and sort the food, go and have since been able to have them back.

They have also seen an increase in the number of people that seek assistance in their food pantry by about 25-30% – making it very tough for the organization to maintain operations with higher demand and increased resources.

"It's become much more challenging but we have noticed that the community has really stepped up to the plate also through donations of everything — from food and clothes and they would give their time and energy if they could too. I'm hoping other organizations have experienced the same thing we have.

### **Apart but Together**

Lutheran Social Services of Southern California also shares whatever resources they have through the San Fernando Valley. With the region being so big, there are several food pantries in the area and they serve whatever the demographics are, Jan explains. They used to serve the population in Van Nuys where the organization was located and where there happened to be a lot more homeless people there and they served that area for 15 years, she says. Now the organization is doing more family work as there is a magnet school across from them and a Head Start program on their property so they provide help for a lot of kids and their families.

Through her years and experience, she has developed and cultivated strong relationships throughout the community of agencies like hers.

"If we have an abundance of blankets, or socks or whatever the item may be, we'll reach out to an organization that may be serving a homeless population and we'll share with them. It's nice to have a coalition here – from churches, temples, and everybody trying to serve people who really need the help. It's nice to have that coalition and to share each other's bounty."

### **A Life Spent Fighting Food Insecurity**

In her experience, Jan says that it is still surprising to see the need around food insecurity never go away in her 20 years and it's only gotten worse, especially with the pandemic and its economic downturn impacting all walks of life. She says that the things most people don't realize about food insecurity are food-insecure children who are suffering amidst school closures and parents coping with job loss and cut hours and a whole population of college students are food insecure.

"A lot of us live a life, not necessarily in a bubble, but a certain type of life where we don't experience food insecurity and **it's tough to understand how people in America can be going hungry.**"

"I really want to express my gratitude to the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. We wouldn't be here without you. I'm sure other agencies say that and we are blessed that we have the support of so many other organizations, churches, our councilmembers and LA City council."

It is with your help and support, the Food Bank is able to provide critical goods – food and grocery products – to agency partners like Lutheran Social Services of Southern California and the food-insecure children, seniors, families and individuals that rely on them. [Join](#) the fight against hunger today. (see pictures on the back page of the newsletter)

## MEN'S BREAKFAST RETURNS

After our second COVID hiatus, the Men's Breakfast is returning on Wednesday, April 7, at 8 a.m. to Coco's on Sepulveda (10841 Sepulveda Blvd, Mission Hills, CA). The restaurant is open for indoor dining (with appropriate COVID precautions), so it should be fun to get back to a long standing Bethlehem tradition.

*Ron Kraus*

## LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

If you would like to stay in touch and get updates of events happening at Bethlehem, please visit [www.facebook.com/BethlehemGranadaHills](http://www.facebook.com/BethlehemGranadaHills) and like us!

Also, check out our preschool Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/bethlehemplutheranschool](http://www.facebook.com/bethlehemplutheranschool). Bethlehem's teachers and staff have been sharing videos of readings on the school Facebook page. If you have children in your lives or you would like to share with friends and family who have children, please do so!

## BOOK CLUB

Book Club is going to finish reading Katharina and Martin Luther for this coming month. You're welcome to join us!

Meeting ID: 873 3578 8029

Passcode: 106328

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Brian Fisher
- 4 Marisa Boyd
- 5 Kathy Santiago
- 7 Peggy Kossart
- 17 Liva Liva
- 21 Gaynelle Barkley
- 22 Hawks Liva
- 25 Betty Rainey

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Ben & Carla Cross (1994)
- 12 Barry & Sunni Sears (1977)
- 14 Brian & Brooke Coffin (2018)
- 23 Todd & Sue Akin (1988)

## MARCH STATISTICS

General Offerings \$18,621.13  
Plus parking lot rentals for March of \$3750.00  
Total income March \$22,371.13  
Budget \$20,833

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> <u>9AM In-Person Worship</u> <u>10AM Online Worship</u> <u>11AM Zoom Fellowship</u>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <u>6:30PM Wednesday</u> <u>Night Lenten Zoom</u> <u>Discussions</u>	<b>1</b>  <u>7PM Zoom Worship</u> <u>Service</u>	<b>2</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <u>5PM In person</u> <u>service</u> <u>6PM Online</u> <u>service</u>	<b>3</b> <u>10-11:30AM</u> <u>Drive- By Easter</u> <u>Egg Hunt</u>
<b>4</b> <u>10AM Online Worship</u> <u>11AM In-Person Worship</u> 	<b>5</b> <b>Church</b> <b>office</b> <b>closed</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <u>8:00AM Men's</u> <u>Breakfast @ Coco's</u>  <u>No Wednesday</u> <u>Night Study</u>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <u>Youth Parent</u> <u>Meeting</u>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <u>10AM Online Worship</u> <u>11AM In-Person Worship</u> <u>11:30A Virtual Sunday School</u>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <u>6:30PM Wednesday</u> <u>Night Bible Study</u>	<b>15</b> <u>6:00PM Book Club</u>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <u>10AM Online Worship</u> <u>11AM In-Person Worship</u> <u>2PM Confirmation Class</u>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <u>4PM WELCA</u> <u>Bible Study</u> <u>via Zoom</u>	<b>21</b> <u>6:30PM Wednesday</u> <u>Night Bible Study</u>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <u>11AM-1 PM</u> <u>Adopt a</u> <u>Hospital</u> <u>Project</u>
<b>25</b> <u>10AM Online Worship</u> <u>11AM In-Person Worship</u> <u>11:30A Virtual Sunday School</u> <u>12:30PM Youth Group</u>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <u>6:30PM Wednesday</u> <u>Night Bible Study</u>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>May 1</b>

**11 a.m. In-person service readers**

Date	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25	May 2
Reader	Randy Miller	Jan Maseda	Vicente Ditto	Chriselle Almeida	Randy Miller
Ushers/greeters	Jan Maseda	Janet Puchlik	Ron Kraus		
		Jan Maseda	Pat St. Michel		

**10:00 a.m. Online service readers**

Date	April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25	May 2
Reader	Laureen Gleason	Mary Fisher	Sarah Karzel	Jill Goddard	Ron Kraus



*Please note that most of these pictures were taken before the pandemic.*



**Bethlehem**  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH & SCHOOL

12227 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, CA 91344