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Third Sunday of Easter



BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

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This Easter season we continue to name the ways we see Jesus in the world around us. Sometimes we "see" Jesus through music.

MY SMALL BOAT

"Sweet Lord you have looked into my eyes;
Kindly smiling you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat.
I will seek other seas."
In my small boat
I am isolated.
Paddling my way from others,
From communion,
The horizon is too far from me.
In my small boat
I am limited.
I am in a cloud of seeking,
It is dark.
In my small boat
It is cold and lonely.
In my small boat
I am vulnerable to all scourges.
In my small boat
I am afraid.
In my small boat
I linger alone.
In my small boat
I venture the tides,
Try to fly over the foam of confusion.
In my small boat

I travel alone,
And long for a new sea.
A new place for me.
In my small boat
I look for the horizon,
but I cannot see it.
There is a fog in the distance.
In my small boat
I am trying to survive.
I cry for the souls who are lost,
and all the creatures who are dying.
I cry for the dead for they have gone,
And I cannot save them.
Oh Lord,
In my small boat
I hunger for others.
Dear Lord,
In my small boat
I hunger for You.
"Sweet Lord you have looked into my eyes;
Kindly smiling you've called out my name.
On the sand I've abandoned my small boat.
I will seek other seas."

Kathleen A. Forney, 3.2021

This column will occasionally feature reflections or devotions from members of the congregation (as it does this week!) as one way that we practice discipleship and share ministry together. If you would like to contribute in the future, please contact one of the pastors.

**WORSHIP TIME: SUNDAYS 8:30 AM WORSHIP
(FACEBOOK LIVE)**

Are you Ready for Worship? There are now three ways to participate in our Livestream of Sunday worship.

1. [Facebook Live](#) - We encourage you to start your own watch party!
2. [Watch On YouTube](#) - Subscribe to our channel
3. [Livestream on the website](#)



Worship the Living God

Lessons for Sunday, 4/18: 1 John 3:1-7;
Luke 24:36b-48

Lessons for Sunday, 4/25: 1 John 3:16-24;
John 10:11-18

★ Don't forget to look for this **star Icon (★)** to easily identify the newest information each week

Grow in Faith and Discipleship

★ **Share in BLC's Midweek Bible Study!** Did you know that BLC has a Midweek Bible Study that continues to meet on Wednesdays at 9:30 am via Zoom? You are welcome to join weekly, for a specific series, or on occasion. We continue our journey through Holy Week using the study *One Week* which will focus on many scripture verses, background material and a series of questions. We'd love to have you join the conversation.

Looking for a short-term Bible Study? Join us beginning April 28 for a six-week study called “*Blowing in the Wind*”, a study about the Holy Spirit. Especially timely as we look forward to Pentecost. Use the 'join now' button in the [Calendar of Events](#) to sign on. If you have questions, or would like more information, contact Kathy Moragne - kathymoragne@gmail.com

Live Our Faith in Daily Life

Men's Lunch (virtual) In lieu of the men's breakfast and lunch gatherings during this time, please join the virtual men's lunch at 1 pm via Zoom at on the first and third Wednesday of the month. The next one is on Wednesday, **April 21**. See the [calendar of events](#) on BLC's website for the info to join each time as well as the ID number for the meeting! For further information, contact Marshall Kurfiss at mnkurfiss@yahoo.com

Care for One Another

Care for one another in April: In these days, our list of BLC friends and family that are currently not able to physically attend worship has grown (right now, it includes us all)! We encourage you to reach out to one another by phone or email (in lieu of postal mail at this time). It seems that with Spring around the corner, Hope abounds! It will take time, but togetherness is coming! There is one birthday in April, Grace Lindahl on the 16th. Grace is not homebound but so enjoys hearing from her Bethlehem family! Easter also sings of hope! An Easter greeting to our homebound reminds them they are thought of and loved by us and Our Risen Savior! Take care, enjoy the change of seasons! Blessings! For further information on our list of homebound members, please contact Donna Berner at donnaberner@yahoo.com.

Serve Our Neighbor

★ **M&SC** stands for the Mission and Social Concerns Committee. As part of the Serve Ministry, we reach out to the world for the purpose of serving our neighbors near and far, especially those who are marginalized and easily forgotten. We continue to meet virtually and invite you to join us for one meeting or many – we welcome you in whatever way you may contribute! Meetings are typically held the 2nd Wednesday of every month beginning at 6 pm. The next meeting is on **May 12** at 6pm. This is an opportunity to put your mouth where your money is. Whether it is attending the meeting or offering your voice to our M&SC budget/spending plan, we want to know that our mission partners represent the heart and focus of BLC. Please check the BLC calendar of events and join via the Zoom link. If you have any questions about this group, please contact Julie Owen at jowen@heritagechristianservices.org or 585-766-8728.

★ **Thank you from Heritage Christian Services:** “Support like yours helps us advance a welcoming and inclusive community for all. Your contribution allows us to provide life enriching experiences that wouldn't otherwise be possible...we are grateful for your meaningful support of our mission.”

Looking to take advantage of the benefits your AAA membership has to offer? (AAA = **Advocacy, Allyship and Activism**)

★ **Opportunity!** Are you interested in being part of the Perinton Churches Housing Board? BLC has a rich history with PCH; having supported their mission since their beginning 50 years ago. PCH is looking for a member of BLC to support and inform their goal of addressing low and moderate income senior housing needs in the Fairport community. The Board is currently meeting virtually every other month. This is a great opportunity to be actively engaged with one of our mission partners and gain a deeper understanding of Fairport community needs. Please contact Julie Owen or Pastor Amy if you are interested.

The following opportunity is being offered through the ELCA ([Advocacy - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](https://www.elca.org)) **Ecumenical Advocacy Days** (EAD), happening **April 18-21**, is especially accessible (and affordable!) in 2021 because the [National Gathering and Lobby Day](#) is virtual. EAD has been meaningful for many Lutherans who take the advocacy opportunity and bring back the skills to multiple contexts. **#EAD2021, with the theme:** “God’s Earth and People Restored,” is a time of process and issue learning, worship, as well as Capitol Hill virtual visits with policymakers on climate impacts due to historic racial and colonial inequities. In addition to being a sponsor, leaders from ELCA advocacy staff will present workshops at this event.

- Register and find additional info at advocacydays.org.
- **Scholarships for young adults** (age 18-35) affiliated with ELCA congregations and ministries are available! Contact karen.krueger@elca.org for **promo code**.
- Early-bird rate available until April 8 (extended).
- Networking opportunity for Lutheran participants planned.

Lutheran World Hunger: Throughout the Easter season, M&SC will offer ways to learn more about and act on World Hunger. BLC's member contribution to World Hunger will be dedicated at the Synod Assembly in June.

DID YOU KNOW? Since the pandemic, 50,000,000 people are food insecure and 17,000,000 are children. Your contribution makes a difference!

Please visit <https://blcfairport.org/world-hunger-appeal/>

Donate through Tithe.ly or by check to BLC.

View monthly calendars with recipes, prayers, activities, and reminders!

Yay for Hunger Activists! Families, groups, or individuals have signed up for one week each. Hunger never ends. Thanks for helping! Due to overwhelming interest, a second sign up has been created to allow a second family or individual to also provide 20 items a week. Double the impact! **Sign up at the link to be the SECOND Hunger Activist for a week.** [M&SC: Hunger Activists 2 \(signupgenius.com\)](#). Be sure to scroll all the way to the bottom of the sign-up page to complete your reservation. There are still opportunities available for you through May.

Each Hunger Activist will collect 20 or more of the designated weekly items. You can purchase, ask for donations, or use other legal, creative methods for obtaining the items. Deliver the items anytime during your week to the mini-food pantry. To find the cupboard: Enter by either Pines of Perinton entrance (Rt 250 or Whitney Rd) and stay on the road that loops around the apartments. Look for the outside BLUE wood and chicken wire mini cupboard by the maintenance shed. It is open 24/7. Take a picture of yourself by the cupboard and post it on the [BLC family and friends Facebook page](#) if you like! Or check out photos posted by your BLC family.

You can contribute by doing a contactless delivery of items to the homes of those who have signed up (you may want to email or call first). Think of it as a reverse scavenger hunt! Contact Beth Walker (315) 945-5539 or rbowsend@rochester.rr.com with questions or help. HUNGER NEVER ENDS – if you see a * next to a date, WE NEED YOU

- April 18 – soup – #1 Paulette Costanza, #2 Bob and Phyllis Stock
- April 25 – soup – #1 Ruth and Jeff Hedin, #2 Cathy Gottermeier
- May 2* – toilet paper – #1 Marcy Adams
- May 9 – toilet paper – #1 Lil Lassen Ward, #2 Mark Gaul
- May 16* – Anything! – #1 GerryAnn Westcott



Council News

We're Listening! After so much time physically distanced, we will be holding a number of in person, outdoor listening sessions in April to connect to with one another and hear from each other. Help us plan for a return to in-person congregational life at Bethlehem. Your presence and voice at these listening sessions matters! Remaining available dates include 4/18, 4/20, 4/21 (via Zoom) & 4/25. Sign up early for the greatest option of dates and times! Register at <https://blcfairport.org/listening-sessions/>

★ **New BLC Building Access System:** The installation of our new building access system is complete. The experience will seem very similar for existing card holders. Requesting a new access card is simple. You will need to complete a new card request form (contact the church office or [click here to fill out a new form!](#)) After you've submitted a form, we will make arrangements for you to receive your card. We have tried to provide answers to some anticipated questions you may have in this [FAQ form](#). Please contact the church office for more information.

★ **The Re-Opening Team** met on April 13 and expressed support for a plan to begin in-person worship at Bethlehem! Watch your email on Friday, April 16 for a communication outlining the plans that are being developed. The Re-Opening team meets next on Tuesday, **April 27** at 6:30 pm. Members include: Matt Beutel, Brian Edwards, Margie Gaul, Kristina Henry, Julie Owen, Bob Stolze, Rick Walker, and Pastor Amy Walter-Peterson

We Ask Your Prayers: *We pray for those whose thanks or needs are known to us.*

We pray for those who are grieving, especially the family and friends of:

- Gary Almeter (who was the husband of Marilyn Almeter, a coworker of Mike Koncilja) who died on 4/8

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Skip Patton, friend of the Purvis families, who suffered a stroke last week
- Waverly, friend of Phyllis Stock as she seeks a kidney donor
- Those impacted by fires, hurricanes and other disasters
- Those who are involved with the ongoing work of caregiving for loved ones
- Those who are infected with or recovering from Coronavirus, and their caregivers

[Click here to view and print the April long-term prayer listing](#) – or contact the church office for a copy!

Announcements for the STAR should be submitted through the office by Wednesday morning at 9am. Visit www.blcfairport.org and to sign up for reminders and special announcements (including the STAR!)



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<https://www.facebook.com/BLCfairport/>

Calendar for week of April 18 – April 25

(Last updated on 4/14/21 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

Sunday, April 18

8:30 am Facebook
Livestream Worship
10:00 am Listening Session at
Egypt Park (registration
required)**
7:30 pm Zoom* LYO
([Join](#) or use ID 818 2417 6546)

Monday, April 19

6:00 pm Virtual Youth Choir
([Join](#) or use ID 816 9461 2911)
6:30 pm BSA Troop 208
7:00 pm Zoom* GFL
Confirmation
([Join](#) or use ID 859 4816 8778)

Tuesday, April 20

6:00 pm Listening Session at
Egypt Park (registration
required)**
6:30 pm BSA Troop 2019

Wednesday, April 21

9:30 am Zoom* Bible Study
([Join](#) or use ID 943 3691 2942)
1:00 pm Zoom* Men's Lunch
([Join](#) or use ID 874 8853 3240)
3:00 pm Listening Session via
Zoom
([Join](#) or use ID 861 4925 1844)
6:30 pm Chancel Bells
7:30 pm Zoom* Chancel Choir
Rehearsal
([Join](#) or use ID 869 2314 9200)

Thursday, April 22

6:30 pm Church Council
([Join](#) or use ID 856 5035 0877)

Friday, April 23

Pastor's Sabbath

10:00 am Folk Group Rehearsal
3:00 pm Dulcimer Group
Rehearsal

Saturday, April 24

Sunday, April 25

8:30 am Facebook
Livestream Worship
10:00 am Listening Session at
Egypt Park (registration
required)**
4:00 pm Confirmation/LYO
Listening Session at Egypt Park
(registration required)**
No LYO today

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For additional details about any of the meetings, events and activities listed above contact the church office!

Church Office Hours: We continue to hold remote office hours M-F from 9 am to 12 noon. During these times, please call (585) 223-0634 to reach us directly, otherwise you may continue to email us at office@blcfairport.org and we'll respond as we're able. For further assistance or urgent pastoral care needs outside of office hours, please call the office and leave a message on the pastoral care line. Pastor Amy remains available by phone and email at other times.

***To join any of our BLC Zoom meetings, use the ID provided or contact the church office and/or group organizer.**

***Zoom Options:** For recurring meetings, the info will remain the same each time. Participants can join with the link provided (above where applicable, or via email), or by using the Meeting ID and manually enter the password (the 10-digit BLC phone number with area code, no spaces or hyphens). **Please contact the group leader or the church office for assistance or additional details! If you have trouble accessing a Zoom meeting in real-time, you can call or text (585) 364-2129 for assistance.**
