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Senior Recognition Sunday/4th Sunday after Pentecost



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As we prepare for worship this weekend, consider reading this week's lessons along with this reflection to ground yourself in the Word. This reflection comes from sundaysandseasons.com and is also printed on the back of the worship bulletin.

Who, Then, Is This? Our Only Help.

As the disciples set out together in the boat with the sleeping Jesus, a great windstorm arose so that the boat became swamped. As we set out in mission together in the ship of Christ's church, how many storms arise! The elements of chaos still seem to wreak havoc in our lives, communities, and in the church—and we become terrified. Though Christ is present the disciples and we ourselves begin to doubt his care and power: "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" His presence seems far too weak to help us, though it is exactly in this vulnerable weakness that Christ shows his almighty power. Jesus wakes at the disciples' cries and rebukes the wind and waves—they are no match for his command. The terrifying calm that follows demonstrates his divine power over all the chaos that continually threatens us. And we find ourselves awe-struck before the living God who has met us in our weakness and yet overcome it. The Christ who sleeps in the boat is the same Christ who hangs on the cross, seemingly helpless. Yet the helpless one is none other than the all-powerful Lord God. "Who then is this?" but the Lord of all! The God who in the beginning brought order to the chaotic face of the deep now in Christ brings peace as we face the storm. So why are we afraid? Have we still no faith in this helpless Lord who is our only help?

ARE YOU READY FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP?

Worship virtually at 8:30 am

1. [Facebook Live](#)
2. [Watch On YouTube](#) – Subscribe to our channel
3. [Livestream on the website](#)

Worship in-person at 10 am

Due to sanctuary capacity limits, reservations are required
([click here to save your seat\(s\)](#) or contact the office for assistance)

Worship the Living God

Lessons for Sunday, 6/20:

Job 38: 1-11 and Mark 4:26-34

Lessons for Sunday, 6/27:

Lamentations 3:22-33 and Mark 5:21-43

★ Senior Recognition Sunday (this week).

Livestream worship will include a celebration of our seniors and the announcement of Bethlehem scholarship recipients. Join us as we virtually wish

each of our seniors well on the journey ahead and offer them our blessing. ([Read more about our graduates here!](#))

★ **Worship on July 4:** We know that Sunday morning Livestream worship has become an important part of Sunday morning for many of you. We are grateful for a very small and committed group of volunteers who has made this possible since March 2020. Because there are no volunteers available, **there will be NO livestream service on Sunday, July 4.** We'll plan to do one in-person service of communion at 10 am that morning. If you would like to be part of the team that extends our worship beyond our church walls through our Livestream, please contact one of the pastors, or Andy Gates.

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

Grow in Faith and Discipleship

★ **Support our Graduating Seniors!** We will celebrate senior recognition Sunday in worship on 6/20. If you'd like to send a note of congratulations, support and/or encouragement directly to our graduating seniors please contact the church office or Marcy Adams (retiredmarcy@gmail.com) for their contact info.

★ **Devotional resources:** The July - September editions of Portals of Prayer and Christ in Our Home as well as some extra copies of The Lutheran magazine and Spark Family magazines are available at BLC. If you would like a copy of any of these resources mailed to your home in these days, contact the office and we'll send them to you (first come, first serve).

★ **Brainstorming & Listening Session to Plan for Fall!**

Who? Households with an infant, child or youth living in your household and anyone who has been an active volunteer in the faith formation program at BLC

What? A 90-minute session to share thoughts and ideas about what will anchor our time together on Sunday mornings this fall. How can we shape worship and faith formation on Sunday mornings in a way that engages people of all ages and cultivates the intergenerational community we are called to be? As we resume activities following the pandemic, we want to be intentional about rebuilding and re-engaging our community in ways that fulfill our vision as a congregation: to equip every child of God to follow Jesus.

When? July 11 at 10:45 am

Where? The Fellowship Hall at BLC (with masks and distancing in place). If you are not comfortable participating in this format, please contact Pastor Hoffman.

Wednesday morning Bible Study has gone hybrid! Join us weekly at 9:30 am in person in the Fellowship Hall at BLC or on Zoom - use the 'join now' button in the [Calendar of Events](#) to join via Zoom. For the summer, we will be studying the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. They are usually posted on the first page of the Star. That makes it easy for you to join us as you are able without missing related content (though we're also happy for you to join us **every** week!) If you have questions, or would like more information, contact Kathy Moragne - kathymoragne@gmail.com

Live Our Faith in Daily Life

★ **LYO in-person gatherings!!** LYO will meet three more times (in-person) at 7:30 pm on Sundays at BLC in the courtyard 6/20, 6/27 & 7/11 (no gathering on 7/4)! Please dress according to the weather, bring a lawn chair, a mask, and a personal snack to munch on! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bethany Trippi at Bethany.trippi@blcfairport.org

BLC On the Go: Currently scheduled dates include **6/17** Quilt tying for Lutheran World Relief with Susan DePasquale and **6/27** (note the date change from 6/20!) Wacky Kickball with Marcy Adams. Do you enjoy local hikes, playground meet-ups or other outdoor activities that you'd like to invite your BLC community to participate in? Visit <https://blcfairport.org/blc-on-the-go/> to submit your event and view upcoming opportunities!

★ **Thank you** to Cathy Gottermeier for her years of dedicated service as the Live Core Ministry Leader at BLC. Her upbeat attitude, willingness to be hands-on and connections with various groups within the ministry have been noticed and appreciated. If you see Cathy, please join us in thanking her for her faithful service!

Care for One Another

Summer opportunity! We still need help in the gardens to maintain the flowers we have planted: Watering and Weeding. Please email or call Kathy Forney: katwire@gmail.com (585-455-0229) *A special thanks* to the Clements who are maintaining the Courtyard; and to Lil Lassen-Ward and Sue Towsley who worked to prepare the beds prior to 6/5.

Thank you to all the volunteer gardeners who helped to put in annuals, including Pentecost Geraniums, at BLC, Saturday, June 5. Sue Towsley, John Schmeelk, Carolyn Ann Straub, Marge Yaeger, Karen Bigenwald, and Haley (our Scout from Troop 2019). Everyone worked hard and we were able to complete the project before 12:00 noon.

~ Thank you all, K. Forney



Serve Our Neighbor

As part of the Serve Ministry, Missions and Social Concerns reaches out to the world for the purpose of serving our neighbors near and far, especially those who are marginalized and easily forgotten. Our vision includes actively advocating for justice (Micah 6:8: What does the Lord require of us but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God"). Who are our neighbors? How might we recognize those who are marginalized and easily forgotten? What does actively advocating for justice mean?

We invite you to explore these questions and more! The Missions and Social Concerns Committee continues to meet virtually and invites you to join us for one meeting or many – we welcome you in whatever way you may contribute! Our next meeting is Wednesday, **July 14** at 6 pm – consider joining using the meeting link in the [Calendar of Events](#) on the BLC website. If you have questions or feedback, please contact Julie Owen at jowen@heritagechristianservices.org or 585-766-8728.

★ **Thank you** to all who contributed to the BLC Easter/Lenten World Hunger Appeal. We raised \$4534.22! Funds were sent to the Synod office to be included in the Synod World Hunger Appeal.

★ **From Pastor Ngara, Shurugwi Parish pastor:** *Many thanks to all the congregation at BLC for the contribution of \$500 to the Shurugwi Parish. This comes at just the right time as we have started on the foundation of our Chapel. It will go a very long way in helping us meet some of the major costs!*

A new BLC opportunity against hunger! BLC and Moll Farms, Williamson are partnering to provide fresh fruit and vegetables to those in need.

- **What:** Four, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Bounty Baskets will be delivered to BLC, biweekly beginning Wed, June 30
- **When:** Every other Wednesday beginning June 30 at 5:30pm (**note change of weekday**)
- **What you can do to help:** Just show up at the Pines mini food pantry as the community stops by to “shop” or sign up to help at [M&SC: Moll Farms/BLC Produce Give Away! \(signupgenius.com\)](#) Any food remaining is yours to use or share. We can’t leave it behind due to lack of refrigeration.
- **Why:** Food pantries do not often provide fresh food resulting in food deserts. CSAs support local and sustainable agriculture.
- M&SC will be sure to advertise when fresh food will be available and encourage Fairport and the Pines community member to come and partake.
- If you have excess from your garden, join us on those Wednesdays to share!

Moll Farms (<https://mollfarms.com>) is a family owned and operated farm in Wayne County. Weekly and biweekly subscriptions are available if BLC members are interested in ordering for themselves. Weekly or bi-weekly baskets are delivered to your doorstep. If you have questions, please contact Beth Walker, rbowsend@rochester.rr.com

Growing Together!

Throughout the summer, we will be collecting school supplies to contribute to Learning Links. Collection boxes are located in the narthex along with a list of the requested supplies to take with you. BLC has a rich tradition of supporting this mission. Thank you in advance for your contribution!

1. Ticonderoga, pre-sharpened pencils
2. Big glue sticks – no drug store brands please
3. Plastic Pencil boxes for K-2 students
4. Pencil pouches for 3-5th grade
5. Pouches for 3 ring binders
6. Kindergarten & 1st grade Backpacks with cartoons or animals. Smallest size and colorful please – some popular choices are Black Panther, Spider-Man, Frozen, Olaf, princesses, etc.

You may also consider donating financially through Tithe.ly. Choose Other Designated Giving and note Learning Links in the comments line. More about Learning Links: [Fairport Foundation – Fairport Perinton Partnership \(fairportpartnership.org\)](#)

The majority of Learning Links of Fairport students live in The Pines of Perinton and come from families of diverse cultures and religious backgrounds from around the world, thus giving it the nickname, “*The Little United Nations of Perinton*.” Many kids in our program are the fastest adapting English speakers in their families and act as translators for their parents. Learning Links is approved as a tutoring program by the Fairport Central School District.

Stay Tuned for these ways you can use your AAA (Advocacy, Allyship & Activism) membership:

- Continuing the conversation: Book study – “Jesus and the Disinherited” by Howard Thurman. Details on dates and times of virtual meetings coming later this summer!
 - *“In this classic theological treatise, the acclaimed theologian and religious leader Howard Thurman (1900-1981) demonstrates how the gospel may be read as a manual of resistance for the poor and disenfranchised. Jesus is a partner in the pain of the oppressed and the example of His life offers a solution to ending the descent into moral nihilism. Hatred does not empower—it decays. Only through self-love and love of one another can God’s justice prevail.”*



Council News

★ **BLC 100th Anniversary Page!** The entire 100th Anniversary Planning committee (Bob Anderson, Jim Berner, Donna Berner, Matt Beutel, Vicki Beutel, Sherry Cook, Jane Morale, Bob Stock-chairperson, Phyllis Stock, Celia Topping, Doug Topping & Sue Towsley) has been working diligently to ensure that you have access to all of the information around the 100th Anniversary celebrations that will be held throughout the upcoming year. You should have received an email earlier this week to introduce the new section on our BLC website (blcfairport.org). In the top right corner of the BLC landing page of the website is a link titled “100th Anniversary.” When you click it, you will be redirected to the 100th Anniversary landing page that you see below. Anytime you are on the BLC website you can click on the Anniversary logo and you will be redirected to the Anniversary landing page. This is the easiest way to return to the Anniversary page. If you do not have a computer at home, you can visit the church and use one of the computer stations that are being setup for the duration of the anniversary celebration. We suggest that you call the church office (585-223-0634) to make arrangements to use one of the computer workstations.

★ **Music Director and Organist Search Update:** With guidance from BLC officers and council we have formed an interview team and finalized and posted a position description for a new Music Director and Organist. We encourage you to share this with your networks as we work to find a musician and organist to lead Bethlehem's music ministry in the coming years!

Do you know a talented musician who is grounded in liturgical music and tradition, encouraging and innovative in collaborating with musicians of all skills and abilities, and eager to lead the music ministry at an established, music-loving congregation? Bethlehem Lutheran Church (ELCA), Fairport, NY, is searching for a part-time Music Director and Organist!

View the full position description, submit resume, or make inquiries at www.blcfairport.org/music-director-vacancy/ to learn more. Resumes accepted through July 2, 2021.

The interview committee includes: Melissa Allen, Sue Cardinal, Dr. Jim Jefferis, Phyllis Stock and Pastor Amy or Pastor Hoffman (depending on availability).

Pastoral Care – *Pr. Amy continues to recuperate from her recent knee replacement surgery and is working a reduced schedule. She begins scheduled vacation time away June 23 – July 6. While she is away Pastor Hoffman will coordinate pastoral care. In the event of a pastoral care emergency (i.e. death, family or individual crisis), please contact the church office and leave a message on the Pastoral Care line.*

Community News

Troop 208 Eagle Scout Project (6/19): My name is Jack Janish, and I am doing my Eagle Project at the Lutheran church. My Eagle project is collecting bikes from people, who no longer want them, around the community. I will then be repairing them with the help of R Community Bikes, a local nonprofit bike repair shop, so that we can donate them to the less fortunate in the community. *We’ve had several inquiries about bike donations! While Jack has indicated that he is not collecting them anymore, R Community is happy to accept them. Learn more at: <https://rcommunitybikes.org/>*

House of Mercy Charity Golf Outing – Saturday, **July 10**. Reserved tee times beginning at 1 pm. \$75 per golfer. Deerfield Country Club in Brockport, golf cart and sleeve of House of Mercy golf balls. Please visit <https://givebutter.com/HOMGolf> to purchase tickets by June 30.

Perinton Concert Band to perform Outdoor Concert on July 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm, the Perinton Concert Band will perform a free outdoor concert in Perinton Park, 99 O'Connor Rd, Fairport. This concert is free and sponsored by the Town of Perinton Recreation and Parks. This concert is contingent on New York State regulations. For more information, contact 585-490-4751, or find us online at <http://www.perintonconcertband.org/> or on Facebook at: [Perinton Concert Band](https://www.facebook.com/PerintonConcertBand).

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

We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for:

- Bethlehem seniors graduating from high school this year: Emmett DeVoesick, Preston Fuerbacher, Paige Harman, Alex Moczarski, Paul O'Malley, Nate Salvador, and all other graduating seniors

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

- Doris Kupchella (mother of Al Kupchella) who died on 6/1 at age 97

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Iona Jones as she continues to transition to her new home at Wesley Gardens
- Charles Levene (father of Terri Pries) who is recovering from surgery
- Cheryl Newton as she deals with ongoing health concerns
- Waverly, who continues to face multiple health challenges
- 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 June long-term prayer listing](#) – or contact the church office for a copy!

Calendar for June 20 – June 27

(Last updated on 6/16/21 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

Sunday, June 20

Senior Recognition Sunday

8:30 am Facebook
Livestream Worship
10:00 am In-person Worship
([Reservation required](#))
7:30 pm LYO

Monday, June 21

Tuesday, June 22

2:00 pm Support Group for
Caregivers

Wednesday, June 23

9:30 am Bible Study - Hybrid
(In-person or [Join](#) via Zoom –
ID 943 3691 2942)
9:30 am Education Planning
Meeting
([Join](#) or use ID 871 8823 9638)

Thursday, June 24

Friday, June 25

Pastor's Sabbath

Saturday, June 26

Sunday, June 27

8:30 am Facebook
Livestream Worship
10:00 am In-person Worship
([Reservation required](#))
11:30 am BLC On the Go! Wacky
Kickball at Center Park with
Marcy Adams
7:30 pm LYO

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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.

Worshipping In-Person: To accommodate our sanctuary capacity limits, we are currently requiring reservations for worship. You may [reserve space here](#) (the link is also available on BLC's [Share in Worship page](#)). If you need assistance making a reservation or don't have internet access, please contact the church office.

Zoom Meetings at BLC: The easiest way to join is to use the direct link available in the [Calendar of Events](#) on our website. If you don't see your meeting in the Calendar of Events or have questions, please contact your group leader or the church office for assistance or additional details!

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



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