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2-WEEK STAR FOR JUNE 27 & JULY 4, 2021

5th & 6th Sundays 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.

Jesus' Power Is Enough

Today's story of two healings in a single reading appears to present a horrific choice: should Jesus hurry to the dying daughter of a rich man, or pause to heal an outcast woman? The urgency of both requests before him presents a real dilemma, one we might be tempted to resolve in a variety of either/or ways. Either he keeps his commitment to Jairus, or he pauses to help the woman before him who is so obviously suffering. He either helps an important person who can help him further his ministry, or gives help to someone who has no other resource at all.

We see these apparent zero-sum equations in our ministry all the time. The church council meets over the budget and feels the pull between benevolence outside the congregation and the increasing costs of health care for the church's employees. The building's windows need repair, but we know another congregation across town that can barely pay its pastor. The needs "inside" and the needs "outside" always seem in competition.

Individuals feel these tensions as well: people are sandwiched between the needs of aging parents and the needs of small children; parents feel stretched to meet their vocational obligations and spend time with their families; students want to serve others but feel pressed to just get their own work done.

Of course, in the face of Jesus' power, none of these really are either/or propositions, even though they seem like dead ends. In Mark's gospel, Jesus' power is enough to provide new life for both the rich man's daughter and the poor woman. How often do we assume that God's power is not enough to bring life out of the seemingly impossible choices we make? We are challenged to open up the interruptions and hard choices of our lives to Jesus' power to bring life out of death.

WORSHIP UPDATES

Sunday, June 27:

8:30 am Worship *virtually* (find the livestream on our website, Facebook, or YouTube)

10:00 am Worship *in-person* (click here to save your seat)

Sunday, July 4:

NO virtual worship!

10:00 am Worship *in-person* (click here to save your seat) with communion

Sunday, July 11 and beyond: NEW worship time!

Both virtual and in-person worship will be at 9:30am (no reservations required!)



Worship the Living God

Lessons for Sunday, 6/27:

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

Lessons for Sunday, 7/4:

2 Corinthians 12:1-10 and Mark 6:1-13

Lessons for Sunday, 7/11:

Psalm 85:8-13; Mark 6:14-29

★ **Two Week STAR:** Please note, this publication is intentionally a 2-week STAR. The content you see on 6/27 and 7/4 will be inclusive of details through July 11 and will be the same information.

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

★ **Worship on July 4: Please note, there will only be ONE in-person service (reservations required) on Sunday, July 4 at 10 am.** 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.

★ **Future Worship Schedule** – Beginning on **Sunday, July 11**, our worship time each week will be on Sunday at 9:30 am (both in-person and livestream). Reservations will no longer be required. As we live into this new schedule, we may need to make additional changes. We will communicate changes that we make in the weekly STAR and the other email communication. Look at the [Gathering Again](#) page on our website, for the latest updates.

Grow in Faith and Discipleship

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 served).

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 Workcamp needs some assistance in transporting kids, bags and tools to and from Erie, PA** (less than three hours away) on Sunday, July 18 and Saturday, July 24. Do you have a minivan, pick-up or other vehicle that's good for hauling gear that you would be willing to drive to and from Erie, PA on July 18 or July 24? On July 18, you'd join the group at church on Sunday morning and caravan with the group as they make their way to Erie. Once they have emptied their gear, you could return home. On July 24, we'd need you to meet the group in Erie, early in the day to load their gear and tools and caravan back to church with the group. If you can assist on **ONE or both of these dates**, please contact Bethany Trippi at Bethany.Trippi@blcfairport.org.

LYO in-person gatherings!! LYO will meet three more times (in-person) at 7:30 pm on Sundays at BLC in the courtyard 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

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 as she moves on from this role!

BLC On the Go: Currently scheduled dates include **6/27** (note the date change from 6/20!) Wacky Kickball with Marcy Adams and **7/1** Quilt tying for Lutheran World Relief with GerryAnn Westcott. Do you enjoy local hikes, playground meet-

ups or other outdoor activities that you'd like to invite your BLC community to participate in? Please submit the details using the [online form](#) and we will help you spread the word and invite others to participate with you. Visit <https://blcfairport.org/blc-on-the-go/> for to submit your event and view upcoming opportunities!

Care for One Another

★ **Many thanks** to those who have reached out to share your well wishes, prayers, and encouragement through cards, notes, email messages and otherwise since my recent surgery. I'm making strong and steady progress and I look forward to being more fully with you again in July and beyond! I'm so grateful to be a part of this Bethlehem community that offers love and support in so many ways! ~ Pr. Amy

★ **Men's Breakfast (no longer virtual!)** Gather with the men of BLC to share good food and informal Christian fellowship. The group will meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 8 am (the next one will be Wednesday, July 7 - note the new time!) at the Landmark Restaurant in East Rochester. For further information, contact Marshall Kurfiss at mnkurfiss@yahoo.com or Jim Berner at jamesberner1@yahoo.com

A Support Group for caregivers: If you are caregiving for a loved one, an elderly parent, spouse, relative or other loved one, feel free to join us! We are going to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 2 pm in person in the courtyard at BLC (weather permitting, with a backup of the Fellowship Hall). The next gathering will be July 13. The participants will learn from each other; this is not a lecture or class! Please notify Lisa if you are coming so she has the number of attendees to ensure we are following the COVID guidelines. If you have ANY questions, or you are unable to join because you are not able to meet in person, please contact Lisa Rosenbauer (585) 698-6189.

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 Wednesday, June 30
- **When:** Every other Wednesday beginning June 30 at 5:30 pm (**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

★ **Second Sunday Dinner Ministry re-starting (delivery only) on July 11:** On the 2nd Sunday of every month, BLC serves meals to elderly and needy individuals and families in our Fairport community. Other local churches provide meals on the remaining Sundays. It takes a dedicated team of 20-30 volunteers each month to prepare, package, deliver meals, and clean up. Opportunities to serve include:

- Meal Prep
- Meal Packaging
- Meal Delivery
- Clean-up

Contact Toni Thompson at (585) 223-2666 to explore how you can assist with deliveries. If you would like to donate, help prepare food or explore other ways you might help as we re-start this important ministry, please contact Paulette Costanza (p.stanza@hotmail.com) or (585) 223-9255).

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 Tithely. 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

★ **Re-opening update** from Pastor Amy, Pastor Hoffman & Council President, Rick Walker: A communication about changes to Sunday morning worship was shared on 6/22. [View & print the letter here](#). Visit our [Gathering Again Page](#) anytime for the most recent updates.

★ **Save the Date: Sunday, July 25 at 10:45 am**– We will hold a special congregational meeting called by Council President Rick Walker as part of our regularly scheduled Quarterly Dialogue. We will approve amendments to the BLC Constitution, ratification will take place at our Annual Meeting in October 2021. (We are following the constitutionally required process for making these changes.) It is important that you participate so that we have a legal quorum of 10% of our voting members to affirm these changes. [A full copy of the new Constitution can be found here](#). [A summary of the changes can be found here](#).

The changes to the Constitution are as follows:

1. Make changes so that our BLC constitution remains in compliance with the ELCA model constitution for congregations
2. Change the Treasurer to an officer position

We will be offering two ways to participate in this congregational meeting:

1. Following worship, we will move to the fellowship hall for the congregational meeting at 10:45 am. No seat reservations are required. This location will allow us to join together with those participating through Zoom conference call.
2. A zoom conference call. You can use the 'join now' button on the [BLC Calendar of Events](#) listing ([Join](#) or use ID 823 1525 6119)

★ **BLC Property Committee** meets regularly on the 2nd Saturday of the month to tackle jobs in and around BLC. We're responsible for the building and everything in it, to enable the wonderful worship, ministries, and activities that take place here. Help is needed, both occasional and ongoing. All are welcome and no special skills are required. Plus, it's a lot of fun and always interesting! If you'd like to come regularly or just be on our distribution, contact the church office or Bob Stolze. Or see what it's about at our next meeting on Saturday, **July 10** at 9:15 am. Thanks!

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, Pastor Amy and/or Pastor Hoffman.

Pastoral Care – *Pr. Amy is taking scheduled vacation time away June 23 – July 6. While she is away Pastor Hoffman is coordinating 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.*

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:

- 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
- 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!

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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Calendar for June 27 – July 4

(Last updated on 6/23/21 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

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

Monday, June 28

**Fairport District Music
Lessons begin***

Tuesday, June 29

Wednesday, June 30

9:30 am Bible Study - Hybrid
(In-person or [Join](#) via Zoom –
ID 943 3691 2942)

Thursday, July 1

7:00 pm BLC on the Go! Quilts
for Lutheran World Relief

Friday, July 2

Saturday, July 3

Sunday, July 4

No Livestream today!

10:00 am In-person Worship with
Communion (*no separate
communion time outside of
worship today*)
([Reservation required](#))
No LYO today!

Calendar for July 4 – July 11

Sunday, July 4

No Livestream today!
10:00 am In-person Worship with
Communion (*no separate
communion time outside of
worship today*)
([Reservation required](#))
No LYO today

Monday, July 5

**BLC Office Closed –
HOLIDAY!**

7:00 pm 100th Anniversary
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 6

Wednesday, July 7

8:00 am Men's Breakfast at the
Landmark Family Restaurant
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, July 8

10:00 am Virtual CMT
([Join](#) or use ID 825 5536 5823)

Friday, July 9

Pastor's Sabbath

Saturday, July 10

9:15 am Property Committee

Sunday, July 11

**Confirmation Camp at LCLC
begins!**

9:30 am In-person Worship
*Note the new worship time for
both in-person and livestreamed
worship*

10:45 am Brainstorming for Fall
7:30 pm LYO in the Courtyard
(*last one of the summer!*)

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**Fairport District Music Lessons will be held weekly Monday through Thursday from June 28 – July 29.*

Pastor Amy and Campers at Confirmation Camp from July 11 – July 16

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.

Worshiping In-Person: To accommodate our sanctuary capacity limits, we are requiring reservations for worship through July 4. 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!
