



Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. Ephesians 4.15-16

The church in Ephesus must have had some deep disagreements to inspire such words. They must have been like a lot of communities today (including church communities) that find themselves divided, scattered, and disconnected.

In March and April, BLC Council and CMT leaders spent time together thinking about where Bethlehem Lutheran was one year (and now 16 months) into a global pandemic. We recognized the scattering and disconnecting that had emerged at Bethlehem (as well as in many other communities) and realized that as we begin to re-knit this community of faith, engagement and intergenerational connection were essential to who we are and who we are called to be.

In May, Council and CMT affirmed two congregational goals.

- The BLC community is engaged in the ministry of the congregation with a goal to increase participation by 10% in 2022 and 2023.
- The BLC community will build intergenerational relationships and connections by creating and increasing opportunities for interactions and connections between demographic groups within the congregation.

These are congregational goals and not simply Council or CMT goals, which means that over the coming year, all ministries, groups and individual who live out their Christian faith in partnership with Bethlehem will be asked to consider how they invite greater engagement and work to build intergenerational relationships and connections.

As we plan to launch the program year in September, these goals will be front and center as our Sunday Launch Team* plans for September and beyond. We embrace these goals and work to implement them in order to be more fully the body of Christ in this place, trusting that the words written to the church in Ephesus nearly 2000 years ago are also words intended for us today.

Joined together as Christ's body in this place, we pray for Christ's Spirit to guide us in *"working properly, promot[ing] the body's growth in building itself up in love."*

~ Pastor Amy

***Sunday Morning Launch Team...Thursday, August 5 at 10 am via Zoom.** Don't know about the Sunday Morning Launch Team? That's because it's new! There are a lot of plans to be made and logistics to consider as we look ahead to September and beyond. The Pastors are leading this Team to share in the planning and want your help! Our next meeting is Thursday, August 5 at 10 am. Use the Join Now button on listing in the [Calendar of Events](#)! Can't be there but want to participate? Contact one of the Pastors to be included in future planning!

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

★ **Two Week STAR:** Please note, this publication is intentionally a 2-week STAR.

The content you see on 8/1 and 8/8 will be inclusive of details through August 15 and will be the same information.

ARE YOU READY FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP?

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

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



Worship the Living God

Lessons for Sunday, 8/1:

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; John 6:24-35

Lessons for Sunday, 8/8:

1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; John 6:35, 41-51

Lessons for Sunday, 8/15:

Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 1:46-55

Summer Worship Schedule for August –

- Our worship time each week (except for 8/8 – see below!) is on Sunday at 9:30 am (both in-person and livestream). Reservations are not required and beginning 7/25 we will not require people to sign-in. Look at the [Gathering Again](#) page on our website, for the latest updates.
- Sunday, August 8 will be our 100th Anniversary celebration with a joint Outdoor Worship at 10 am and Reception at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1767 Plank Road. There will be not worship service or livestream in Fairport on this day!

100th Anniversary News

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Please plan to join us on Sunday, August 8 at 10 am, as we launch our 100th Anniversary celebration with a joint Outdoor Worship and Reception at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1767 Plank Road, Penfield. Rev. Korey Finstad will be leading our Homecoming service together with our co-pastors, Rev. Amy Walter-Peterson and Rev. Abigail Hoffman. Commemorating Bethlehem's first worship service on August 7, 1921 at the Fairport Town Hall, we will return to our parent Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Plank Road for this joint celebration.

NOTE: This event will be held rain or shine! Please bring your lawn chair. There will be no worship service or livestream in Fairport on August 8.

[Click here for directions](#) or select the 100th Anniversary link in the top right corner of our [blcfairport.org](#) website and click on the Homecoming button.

Pastor Korey, who served as our Associate Pastor from 2005 to 2012 accepted a call in 2020 to become the Pastor at Bethlehem/Plank Road. He will be the first of our returning clergy.

Please also plan to gather with us (at BLC in Fairport) on Sunday, August 15 at 9:30 am as we welcome Bishop John Macholz, Bishop of the Upstate New York Synod. He will lead us in our first designated anniversary worship at BLC. This service will be accessible both in-person and via live-streaming from the Share in Worship page on our website ([blcfairport.org](#)). Bishop Macholz will be stepping down as Bishop at the end of August so we are delighted that he will be our guest while serving in his current role!

Plan to join us at a reception following worship when you will have the opportunity to “meet and greet” Bishop Macholz.

100 YEARS



Grow in Faith and Discipleship

Wednesday morning Bible Study is 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 thanks!

- We give thanks for all those who responded to our appeal for additional financial support for this year's LYO workcamp trip to Erie, PA! Your generosity makes a difference. Thank you!
- We would like to thank John Salvador, John Schmeelk, Bob Stolze, Mike Higgins, and Brian Edwards. We literally wouldn't have been able to get to workcamp without them!

BLC On the Go: 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. Scheduled dates are listed below. You can visit <https://blcfairport.org/blc-on-the-go/> anytime to submit your event and view upcoming opportunities!

- **August 1: Canal Kayaking** sponsored by the Gates and Joyce families: Spend a couple of hours paddling the serene waters of the Erie Canal, around the Ox Bow and under the renovated Lift Bridge. Two groups will launch, one at 11 am and the other at 2 pm. Look for an RSVP next week! A limited number of kayaks and one canoe and gear are available to borrow (FCFS). Additional boats should be available for rent in the village at Erie Canal Boat Rental...or bring your own! Meet in the Gates backyard: 132 Roselawn Avenue, a few blocks from BLC.
- **August 5 & August 19: Quilt tying for Lutheran World Relief** with GerryAnn Westcott. First & Third Thursdays from 7-9 pm in July and August. Several quilters have assembled entire tops for Lutheran World Relief. LWR prefers to have the quilts tied. We will meet in our Fellowship Hall from 7-9 pm. Non-quilters are welcome, too. We'll wear masks. You're qualified if you can tie a square knot ... or believe you can learn!



Care for One Another

8/8 Volunteers Needed: Our worship service on August 8 will be at BLC PENFIELD. They have a lovely pavilion so it will be outside and totally covered. Help is needed at 8:30 am to set up tables, etc for the reception following worship. Please notify Dave Hahn if you are able to help that morning. davehahn@rochester.rr.com

★ **Men's Breakfast...Wednesday, August 4:** 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 at the 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... Tuesday, August 10:** If you are caregiving for a loved one, an elderly parent, spouse, relative or other loved one, feel free to join us! We 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 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 (M&SC) reaches out to the world for the purpose of serving our neighbors near and far, especially those who are marginalized and easily forgotten. We encourage you to join us for one meeting or many as we explore how we might increase engagement and build relationship outside our walls. Look for the meeting link on the [BLC Calendar of events](#) (the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6 pm). We are also working to resume in person meetings. If you have questions or feedback, please contact Julie Owen at jowen@heritagechristianservices.org or 585-766-8728.

BLC Opportunities against hunger!

- **BLC and Moll Farms, Williamson** are partnering to provide fresh fruit and vegetables to those in need. Access the link below to sign up! Moll Farms is a family owned and operated farm in Wayne County. Weekly and biweekly subscriptions are also available for BLC members who are interested in ordering for themselves. <https://mollfarms.com>. If you have questions, please contact Beth Walker, rbowsend@rochester.rr.com

- **The Perinton Food Shelf** is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to combat and curb poverty and help people in need. You can bring donations ([View their most needed items here](#)) to BLC and put them on the shelves down by the LYO room. We have dedicated volunteers who will make sure the food gets transferred! Monetary donations are accepted through a check can be mailed to Perinton Food Shelf, P.O. Box 381, Fairport, NY 14450. Learn more at <https://perintonfoodshelf.org/>

Growing Together! Support Learning Links of Fairport! 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. You can visit <https://blcfairport.org/school-supplies-for-learning-links-of-fairport/> to learn more and offer your support this year! Thank you in advance for your contribution!

Continuing the conversation: Book study – “Jesus and the Disinherited” by Howard Thurman.

- *“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.”*
- Watch for information about in person and virtual discussions soon. Purchase your book in advance and join us for thoughtful conversation.



Council News

★ **Recap from Congregational Meeting & Quarterly Dialogue on Sunday, July 25:** Last week we members of the BLC congregation gathered for a Special Congregational Meeting to approve changes to the BLC Constitution. The changes included wording updates in compliance with the ELCA model constitution and making the Treasurer a Council Officer position. The motion was approved by majority vote. Full ratification of the changes will take place at the Annual Meeting in October.

Glenda Lockard reviewed our current financial standing. After three quarters of our fiscal year, there have been significantly less expenses than the approved spending plan, and slightly lower contributions than expected. Given the likelihood of surplus funds at the end of the fiscal year, Council has created an ad-hoc committee to evaluate alternatives to utilize the surplus and make recommendations to Council.

Rick Walker shared new congregational goals that Council and CMT jointly developed. The long-term goals focus on increasing engagement and intergenerational relationships within the BLC community. Group leaders will be thinking about these goals as they plan for the program year ahead.

Community News

The LIFE of Walter Welker LIVE Stage Show in Bloomfield, NY on August 20, 21 & 22. Proceeds to benefit: Alzheimer’s Association. Tickets \$15 available at <https://thelifeofwalterwelker.yapsody.com/> or at the door for the same price. General Seating. Indoor Venue – “*You Will Laugh, You Will Cheer, You Might Cry...*” Directed by Erick Jansen, Written by BLC’s own Jeffrey & Shelby L. Cook with a return performance by Neil Vokes who is back in the saddle as Walter. “*A man in his twilight years struggles to keep his house, his family & his sense of humor...*” Call 585-794-0710 for more information!

Rummage Sale at Trinity: August 12, 13 & 14 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church (North of Rte. 104, (driveway on left off North Avenue), 3450 Ridge Road West, Greece). Lots of new and gently used items: clothing, house wares, books, jewelry, games, toys, furniture, holiday decorations, picture frames, artwork, sporting goods, tools and more. Come and enjoy the hunt for your own new treasure! Everything will be 50% off on Saturday. The facilities are handicapped accessible. Call (585)-225-7848 for more information!

Invitation to Members of the Upstate New York Synod: Service of Holy Communion with the Installation of The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II as Bishop of the Upstate New York Synod. Held at Bethany Baptist Church, 149 Beattie St, Syracuse, NY 13224 on Saturday September 18, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. *Doors Open: 1:00 p.m., Pre-Service Music Begins: 1:30 p.m.* Reception follows at the church. Rostered ministers are invited to vest (*color of the day is Red*) and participate in the Entrance Procession. New York State and CDC gathering guidelines in effect on September 18 will be observed. So that we may reserve sufficient seating for rostered participants, **your attendance RSVP is kindly requested** via email at synodoffice@upstatenysynod.org

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:

- Darrell Kilburn who died on 7/26
- Helen Scott (sister of Pr. Richard Hembrock) who died on 7/24
- Kenneth Scott (brother-in-law of Pr. Richard Hembrock) who died on 7/23

We pray with thanksgiving for:

- Grace Lindahl and Norm Isaacson, married on 7/24

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Willard Ekegren (father of Kay Slattery) who has been diagnosed with cancer and entered hospice care
- Carrie Falzone who is recovering from surgery following a cancer diagnosis
- Joan Lambert (first wife of Bob Osgood) who is recovering from a fall
- Erin Schneeman (daughter of Kathy & Joe) as she recovers from spinal surgery on 7/29
- Anne Strasser as she recovers from a bike accident
- Daniel DePasquale (son of Susan & Dick) as he recovers from brain surgery
- Ray (friend of Dave) who is experiencing health issues
- Sandra Smith (sister of Jan Sharp) as she begins chemotherapy
- Bill Stolze (brother of Bob Stolze) who is rehabilitating following a fall and awaiting test results
- Jim Cook who is in rehabilitation care
- 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

★ **We Pray for Each Other** – Each Sunday in worship we give thanks and offer prayers for those in our community whose celebrations or needs are known to us. Requests for prayers are shared in our monthly prayer listing as well, with updates available the first Sunday of each month. If you have a prayer request or an update of an existing prayer need for yourself, a family member, or friend, you can easily submit them digitally via the “pew card” at <https://blcfairport.org/share-in-worship/>. Alternately they can be shared by contacting the church office or a pastor.

[Click here to view and print the August 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 August 1 – August 8

(Last updated on 7/28/21 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

Sunday, August 1

9:30 am Worship with
Communion (in-person
and livestream)
11:00 am & 2:00 pm departures
BLC On the Go! Erie Canal
Kayaking/Canoeing hosted by
the Gates & Joyce families

Monday, August 2

7:00 pm 100th Anniversary
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 3

Wednesday, August 4

8:00 am Men's Breakfast at the
Landmark Restaurant
9:30 am Bible Study - Hybrid
(In-person or [Join](#) via Zoom –
ID 943 3691 2942)

Thursday, August 5

10:00 am Sunday Morning
Launch Team
([Join](#) or use ID 898 4036 8632)
6:30 pm BLC Officers Meeting
7:00 pm BLC On the Go! Quilting
for Lutheran World Relief

Friday, August 6

Pastor's Sabbath
2:30 pm BLC Dulcimer Group

Saturday, August 7

Sunday, August 8

**100th Anniversary
Homecoming Worship
with Communion at
BLC Plank Road**
10:00 am Worship (note
location, start time, and in-
person only) with guest Pastor
Korey Finstad. There will be a
reception following worship!
*Note: This month's 2nd Sunday
dinner ministry has been
switched to 8/22 to allow for
participation in the Homecoming
service on 8/8!*

Calendar for August 9 – August 15

Sunday, August 8

**100th Anniversary
Homecoming Worship
with Communion at
BLC Plank Road**
10:00 am Worship (note
location, start time, and in-
person only) with guest Pastor
Korey Finstad. There will be a
reception following worship!
*Note: This month's 2nd Sunday
dinner ministry has been
switched to 8/22 to allow for
participation in the Homecoming
service on 8/8!*

Monday, August 9

Tuesday, August 10

11:00 am Liturgy Planning
Meeting
2:00 pm Support Group for
Caregivers
6:30 pm Re-Opening Team
([Join](#) or use ID 824 6235 3239)

Wednesday, August 11

9:30 am Bible Study - Hybrid
(In-person or [Join](#) via Zoom –
ID 943 3691 2942)
6:00 pm Mission & Social
Concerns Meeting (Hybrid)
(In-person or [Join](#) via Zoom –
ID 812 1431 6292)

Thursday, August 12

Friday, August 13

Pastor's Sabbath
2:30 pm BLC Dulcimer Group

Saturday, August 14

9:15 am Property Committee

Sunday, August 15

9:30 am Worship with
Communion with guest Bishop
John Macholz (in-person
and livestream) There will be a
reception following worship!

**Beth Schoenfeld will be out of the office for planned time away from August 2 – August 6*

Church Office Hours: We continue to hold remote office hours M-F from 9 am to 12 noon. For further assistance or urgent pastoral care needs while Beth is away, or outside of office hours, please call the office and leave a message on the pastoral care line. Our co-Pastor's schedules vary from week to week. Both are available for scheduled appointments.

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!

In-Person Meetings at BLC: To help us schedule and plan for our increased facility use requests, we now require scheduling with this simple form (found at <https://blcfairport.org/blc-facility-request/>) for each planned meeting, event and activity at BLC. Please complete the form so that we can check for availability, reserve the space, and plan accordingly. If you have any questions, or do not hear back within 3 business days of submitting a form, please call the church office to check on the status of your request.