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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.

At Rest among Strangers

The world can be a dangerous place, and we all long for someone, some leader, who will watch over us and protect us from all harm. The prophet Jeremiah issues strong cautions to those who abuse the trust placed in them to care for God's people, and the psalmist sings the praises of the Lord who guards and guides us through life's trials.

But the letter to the Ephesians suggests that lasting safety comes through the healing and reconciling work of Christ, which allows us to share a meal with those we are inclined to regard as enemies, because Christ has "broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us." So, in Christ, aliens become citizens and strangers become members of the household of God.

Living into this reality requires all of us to be diligent in our practices with and policies toward all kinds of "strangers and aliens" in our world and in our lives. It means making peace with those whose politics make them strange to us, and creating genuine welcome for the newcomer in our classrooms, workplaces and congregations. It means considering the needs of immigrants and refugees through the lens of Christian faith as well as national identity, and not assuming the two are the same.

The reassuring news this day is that God, unlike so many who hold power in this world, is already reconciling the world to God's own self and us to one another. We enact this new reality each time we pass the peace or come to the Lord's supper, not because we have finally achieved the peace we seek, but because in Christ God's future reign of peace has already broken into our present.

ARE YOU READY FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP?

NEW worship time!

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, 7/18:

Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Lessons for Sunday, 7/25:

Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

★ **Baptism: We welcome Samuel Joseph Kruse into God's family** through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Samuel Joseph Kruse (son of David & Jessica Kruse and little brother to Noah Kruse) who will be baptized on 7/18.

His sponsors are Laura Lewis, Scott Kruse, and the People of God at BLC."

NEW Summer Worship Schedule – Our worship time each week is on Sunday at 9:30 am (both in-person and livestream). Reservations are not required. Look at the [Gathering Again](#) page on our website, for the latest updates.

Communion Update: Beginning in July and continuing in August, we will celebrate communion on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. In order for this to happen we need volunteers who can assist with altar guild or bread guild. If you're interested in learning more about one of these ministries, please contact the office and we'll connect you to a coordinator to learn more. Our next opportunity to share the Lord's Supper will be Sunday, July 18.

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

100th Anniversary News

100 YEARS

On Sunday, August 8 at 10 am, we will 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 worship together with our co-pastors, Rev. Amy Walter-Peterson and Rev. Abigail Hoffman. Please plan to join us as we celebrate our homecoming with our parent church!

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

For directions, 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 and accepted a call in 2020 to become the Pastor at Bethlehem/Plank Road, will be the first of our returning clergy. In these upcoming months of anniversary celebrations, we look forward to welcoming back 12 returning pastors and seven musicians.



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 - Each year our workcamp participants incur costs that are not included in the registration fees that they pay. This year one of those costs is a rental vehicle. If you've taken a vacation recently, you know that car rental costs have increased significantly. Our LYO is faced with about \$650 in additional rental car costs this year. If you'd like to make a donation to help cover this unexpected expense you can do so by sending a check or making a donation through [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly) and designate the gift for "LYO Fundraising." Any donations over the amount needed for the rental vehicle will be added to the LYO Fundraising total for future events.

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!

- **July 29: 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 (approved for 12 people) 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!
- **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.



Care for One Another

Lemonade time outside! Help needed making/serving lemonade. When? Summer Sundays following worship. If you can take a Sunday, please email gerryannwestcott@gmail.com or call 481-7556. It's really easy! Come a half hour early; stay a half hour after.

★ **Men's Lunch...Wednesday, July 21** Gather with the men of BLC to share good food and informal Christian fellowship. The group will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1 pm at the Penfield Wegmans. For further information, contact Marshall Kurfiss at mnkurfiss@yahoo.com or Jim Berner at jamesberner1@yahoo.com

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A Support Group for caregivers... Tuesday, July 27: 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 6pm). 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.”
- There will be opportunity for in person (Sundays) and virtual (Wednesdays) discussion beginning in September. Purchase your book in advance and join us for thoughtful conversation.

★ **“Dismantling Oppressive Systems: Building Just Communities”:** The University of Pittsburgh is offering a free (virtual) forum on July 26-29, 2021. The aim of the forum is to “engage and equip participants with the knowledge, skills and resources to identify sources of systemic oppression, consider strategies for dismantling that oppression, and actions critical in fostering more equitable and just communities in which we live, work and learn. There is no cost to participate, and all are welcome.”

Here's the link to learn more/register: <https://www.diversity.pitt.edu/events/diversity-forum-2021>



Council News

Interested in using BLC facilities for your upcoming activity or event? 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.

Congregation Meeting - Sunday, July 25 (next week!) 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)

Community News

★ **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

★ **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!

Community Memorial Service: The Greater Rochester Community of Churches – Faith In Action Network will host “*WE REMEMBER*,” a community memorial service honoring Monroe County residents who have died from COVID or from other causes during these pandemic days. The ceremony will take place at the MLK Memorial Park in the City of Rochester on Sunday, August 1, 2021, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM. Family and friends who have lost loved ones during this time are invited to send the names of the deceased to Rev. Deborah Grohman, GRCC Administrative Coordinator, at 585-254-2570 (please spell names) or email to contact@rocchurches.org by **Monday, July 26**. The names will be placed on a memorial scroll and read aloud during the service. Sign Language Interpreters will be provided.

When: Sunday, August 1, 2021 from 2:00-3:30 PM

Where: MLK Memorial Park, 353 Court St, 14607

Those attending the service are asked to bring a picture or a memento of their loved one as well as a chair or blanket for seating. We ask that you please wear a mask if you are not vaccinated. Free parking will be available on-street and at nearby city garages. Learn more at <https://rocchurches.org/2021/06/25/grcc-hosts-we-remember-memorial-service/>

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

We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for:

- Samuel Joseph Kruse (son of David & Jessica Kruse and little brother to Noah Kruse) who will be baptized on 7/18

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Sandra Smith (sister of Jan Sharp) who is recovering from breast cancer surgery
- Kenneth Scott who is in hospice care and his wife Helen (sister and brother-in-law of Rev. Richard Hembrock who was the first ordained member of BLC)
- Bill Stolze (brother of Bob Stolze) who is hospitalized and undergoing testing following a recent fall
- Dave Moczarski who is recovering from gallbladder surgery on 7/13
- Jim Cook who is hospitalized
- 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

For those who serve or work away from home, especially:

- We pray for those BLC youth and adults participating in Work Camp in Erie, PA July 18 - 24. (Preston Fuerbacher, Julia Finkbeiner, Olivia Finkbeiner, Sam Higgins, Peter Higgins, Grace Cardinal, Nate Salvador, John Salvador, and Bethany Trippi)

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

Calendar for July 18 – July 25

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

Sunday, July 18

Work camp begins!

Baptism in worship

9:30 am Worship with
Communion (both in-person
and livestream)

*Note the new worship time for
in-person and livestreamed
worship*

11:00 – 11:30 am - the
sanctuary will be open
for Livestream worshipers to
receive communion

Monday, July 19

Tuesday, July 20

Wednesday, July 21

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)
1:00 pm Men's Lunch at Penfield
Wegmans

Thursday, July 22

6:30 pm Church Council
([Join](#) or use ID 865 5035 0877)

Friday, July 23

Pastors' Sabbath

2:30 pm BLC Dulcimer Group

Saturday, July 24

Sunday, July 25

Congregational meeting & quarterly dialogue

9:30 am Worship (both in-person
and livestream)

10:45 am Congregational Meeting
& Quarterly Dialogue (in-person
or via Zoom,
([Join](#) or use ID 823 1525 6119)

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

Work Camp in Erie, PA is July 18 - 24. (BLC Participants include: Preston Fuerbacher, Julia Finkbeiner, Olivia Finkbeiner, Sam Higgins, Peter Higgins, Grace Cardinal, Nate Salvador, John Salvador, and Bethany Trippi)

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.

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!

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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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