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God's work. Our hands.

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.

Rollin' in the Dough—and Fishes

In recent years many books have been printed that focus on baking vast assortments of breads—from rye to pumpernickel, French to Italian. Today, however, we encounter a bread that points to both a deeper longing, physically and spiritually, and an even more fulfilling outcome than the tastiest assortment of baked bread. This abundance of bread satisfies hunger, transforms lives, and ushers in a new vision of the holy in community. Recognizing the power of action, John calls to mind the ways prophets fed and nourished the people, and then he multiplies this in the person and action of Jesus. Jesus uses earthly gifts to provide for the gathered community—the gospel's vision of Jesus' life and God's abundance in creation. Second Kings and John allow our congregations to wonder with the faithful servants and disciples how God will provide. We are invited into a conversation that might start by reflecting on a sentence written by the late United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld: "Each morning we must hold out the chalice of our being to receive, to carry, and give back." The scriptures today open a door for us to think about how individuals and communities are nourished and sustained by God, and also imagine how we become vessels of the holy who are now opened to the call of service. How might ordinary gifts (and ordinary people) become the ways God's love and mercy are multiplied in sustenance for neighbor, community, and world? Through our questions, our acts of giving, and our proclamation of the works of God in Christ Jesus, we are invited to experience what it means to be rooted in God's sustaining love and to proclaim this God who invites us into the unimaginable vision of abundance.

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, 7/25:

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

Lessons for Sunday, 8/1:

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

★ Thank you to Mike Koncilja, who will lead our worship music while Susan DePasquale is away

Summer Worship Schedule – Our worship time each week 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 Morning Launch Team...Tuesday, July 27 at 4 pm 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 first meeting is Tuesday, July 27 at 4pm. 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

100th Anniversary News

100 YEARS

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 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 accepted a call in 2020 to become the Pastor at Bethlehem/Plank Road. He will be the first of our returning clergy.



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 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: 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

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.

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.

★ **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



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!

- **Give us your tomatoes, cucumbers and zucchini yearning to be free!** BLC and Moll Farms, Williamson are partnering to provide fresh fruit and vegetables within the food deserts of Fairport. M&SC has paid for four Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) baskets each week and Moll Farms has contributed more to be given away at the Pines of Perinton mini food cupboard location EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 5:30-6:30pm. We put out the boxes and wait for the great conversations that arise over recipes and food memories! Bring excess from your garden during this time to contribute! (Definition: Food desert – An urban or suburban area where it is difficult to buy affordable or good-quality fresh food.) 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.

★ **“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.

Congregation Meeting - Sunday, July 25 (THIS week!) at 10:45 am– Your presence is important so we have a required quorum to conduct congregational business. 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 remain in the sanctuary 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

★ **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!

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/>

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). 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 pm. *Doors Open: 1:00 pm, Pre-Service Music Begins: 1:30 pm.* 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 with thanksgiving for:

- Grace Lindahl and Norm Isaacson, married on July 24, 2021

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Ray (friend of Dave Wideman) who is dealing with health issues
- Darrell Kilburn who is in hospice care at home
- Sandra Smith (sister of Jan Sharp) as she begins chemotherapy
- 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 rehabilitating following a fall and awaiting test results
- Jim Cook who has been hospitalized and awaiting 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

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

Calendar for July 25 – August 1

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

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)

Monday, July 26

Tuesday, July 27

2:00 pm Support Group for Caregivers

4:00 pm Sunday Morning Launch Team Meeting

[Join](#) or use ID 837 5730 1695)

Wednesday, July 28

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 29

Friday, July 30

Pastor's Sabbath

2:30 pm BLC Dulcimer Group

Saturday, July 31

Sunday, August 1

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

11:00 am - 4:00 pm
BLC On the Go! Erie Canal Kayaking/Canoeing at 11 or 2 hosted by the Gates & Joyce families

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

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. 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!

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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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