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God's Work. Our Hands. Week of Service



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As we prepare for worship this weekend, we offer this poem as a reflection to prepare for Sunday's theme: ***I've been meaning to ask . . . where does it hurt?***

I can tell that you're hurting.
It's the way your eyes cast down,
the way you shuffle through the house, distractedly bumping into things.
It's the restless sleep and
the quiet space between us which turns us into icebergs.
We float by, silent in the night,
most everything existing
under the surface.

I can tell that you're hurting.
It's the way your prayers were quick
at first, and then—none at all;
your silence challenging God,
daring God to say something to the void. I can tell that you're hurting,
but I don't know what that feels like.

Tell me—
where does it hurt?
I'm not offering to fix the pain, I'm not that powerful.
However, I am offering to see it. Show me your scars,
and I'll show you that
you're not alone.

Prayer by Rev. Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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

ARE YOU READY FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP?

Worship with Communion (in-person and online) will be at 8:55 am (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, 10/3
Mark 5:21-43

Lessons for Sunday, 10/10
Job 2:11-13

Worship: Our worship time each week is on Sunday at 8:55 am (both in-person and livestream). Visit [Share in Worship](#) for information on how to participate in the livestream. If you are joining us in-person, we ask people to wear masks while moving through our facility, in worship, and during Sunday morning faith formation activities. Look at the [Gathering Again](#) page on our website, for the latest updates. Our new Sunday morning format will give us a chance to intentionally engage one another, deepen relationships and ground us in faithful conversation as we start this next chapter as a community of faith.

100th Anniversary News

100 YEARS

This Sunday, before and after worship, we suggest your to-do list include the following:

*Head downstairs to have your photo taken for the 2022 Family Album. Only six Sundays remain for walk-ins - no appointment and no fuss! Photographer Bob Stock and his helpers will be waiting for you in the downstairs classroom facing the courtyard.

*Check out our History by the Numbers posted in the hallways. A sampling: Dan Juers reports more than 525 terminally ill people have called Advent House home over the 30 years since it opened. GerryAnn Westcott estimates that the quilt group has donated about 1000 to 1200 quilts since 2003.

Without numbers, it is often difficult to grasp just how many recipients have been blessed by BLC members truly living into being the hands and feet of Jesus through the years.

*Order your anniversary throw at the table in the narthex. Designed to reflect BLC's past, present, and future, this is a great keepsake of our anniversary year. Plus, it will feel really nice during our cold winter months! They are \$33 each. Cash and checks are accepted or order online from the anniversary section of our website (www.blcfairport.org).

*Hang an ornament on the 100th Anniversary Ornament Tree in the narthex. Either pick up an ornament found under the tree or make your own to represent an act of service. There is no limit to the number of ornaments you can display.

*Continue to follow our activities on the Anniversary Bulletin Board located in the narthex next to the sacristy. To view online go to our website at www.blcfairport.org and click on the 100th Anniversary link at the top right corner. From here, you will enjoy exploring all of the topics, ranging from History to video interviews with current and past members and staff to Events Media, featuring photos from recent anniversary events and much more.



Grow in Faith and Discipleship

★ **Faith Formation for All:** Join us each Sunday at 10:15 am!

- 6th-8th grade gathers in the Confirmation room
- 9th-12th grade gathers in the LYO Room
- Everyone else gathers in the Fellowship Hall! (children 5th grade and under will have special activities each week)

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. *We are currently doing an 8-week session which started on 9/8, studying the "I AM" statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Each week will look at a different statement so feel free 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

BLC Quilters: Like to sew? Like working with colors? Have time to send a hug/quilt to children (who may have nothing) in our community? or people in disasters worldwide through Lutheran World Relief? BLC Quilters are always glad to have new people help with this work. On the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 7 pm we will work together in the Adult Sunday School room to create/cut quilt tops for Linus Blankets and LWR. You are welcome to take kits home to sew, cut pieces together at BLC or just come help sort colors and encourage those cutting. No supplies needed. Conversation is welcome! Let GerryAnn (gerryannwestcott@gmail.com) know if you wish to sew at home but cannot attend on Thursdays.

Men's Breakfast...Wednesday, October 6: 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 Landmark Restaurant in East Rochester. For further information, contact Jim Berner at jamesberner1@yahoo.com

Ladies' Night Out: Join the women of BLC for a Ladies' Night Out on Tuesday, **October 12** at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall! The theme for the evening will be "Our Bethlehem Family- Rooted, Growing, Sharing" and include a nature printing craft and music from our very own dulcimer group, among other activities! LYLAS (Love You Like a Sister) partners will be revealed at Ladies Night Out. Please bring one gift of no more than \$15.00 to present to your LYLAS as you reveal your identity. At that time, we will have information forms to fill out for participation in LYLAS for 2021-22. Sign up to attend [HERE](#) or under the LIVE portion of the kiosk in the Narthex! Masks will be required.

It's not a race? No, just points! Yes, there will be a winning car. Know your way around Fairport? You can't get lost. **Saturday, October 16** meet at Center Park (Ayrault Road) at 1 pm for your first clue. Each car will have different routes to the same 10 stops! Each stop has its own challenge. (Fun for all ages!) **You must register in advance** so we have a route for you! **Deadline for registration: Friday, October 8.** After 4 pm we'll meet back at Center Park to tally points, compare experiences and declare a winner! **Cost per car: 10 items for the Fairport Food Pantry.** Questions: gerryannwestcott@gmail.com Register at: <https://blcfairport.org/blc-great-race/> or sign up on the kiosk.

Love You Like a Sister (LYLAS): The Love You Like a Sister (LYLAS) program is like a prayer secret santa- each participant will be given another participant to keep in their prayers throughout the year and in turn, will have someone praying for them. The partners are kept anonymous until a final reveal at the end of the year. You can also send cards or a small gift for major holidays, birthdays, or other important dates for your partner (though not required!) If you are interested in participating for the 2021-2022 year, please complete a LYLAS information form so your partner will be able to get to know you better! Forms should be submitted by **October 24** and can be found [HERE](#) or under the LIVE portion of the kiosk in the Narthex! Please contact Sarah Morrisette (401-338-6602 or sarahmorrisette4@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

BLC On the Go: Do you enjoy hikes, corn mazes, apple picking, 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!



Care for One Another

★ **Did you know...** that **October** is Pastor Appreciation Month? Reach out by phone, text, email or postal mail and let the pastors in your life know how much they mean to you!

★ **Homebound Member Birthdays in October:** Olaf Herkstroeter on 10/7 and Dale Raymond on 10/8. Remember that there are cards for your convenience in the Narthex. Please take what you require and thanks to those who contribute to that collection! We encourage you to reach out to these members who are not able to attend worship and related activities with us on a regular basis. Birthdays are a great time to remind them that they remain in our thoughts and prayers as members of our community of faith here at BLC. For further information, please contact Donna Berner at donnaberner@yahoo.com.

★ **Housing need** for family of 5 (3-4 bedrooms) in Perinton, for relative of Mahamud Muya (part of family sponsored by BLC in 2004). Please call him, 585-303-6471.

Thank you for your caring prayers, cards and calls which have surrounded me with love and support during my recent diagnosis and surgery. The good news is that I'm on the mend and fast forwarding on to good health. - Celia Topping



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.

WE NEED YOU (yes, YOU) Join us for one meeting or many as we explore how we might increase engagement and build relationship outside our walls. Our meetings are now hybrid – you have the option of joining us in person at BLC or virtually using the link on the [BLC Calendar of events](#). Our next meeting is October 13 at 6:30 pm. If you are unable to join us and have questions or feedback, please contact Julie Owen at jowen@heritagechristianservices.org or 585-766-8728.

★ **God's Work. Our Hands. (GWOH) WEEK of Service: September 26-October 3:** This week has provided an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace. We will celebrate all the ways that BLC participated through a slideshow in worship on 10/10 – please submit photos through the church office with the subject "2021 GWOH Photo submission".

★ View news from our companions in Zimbabwe in the [Newsletter September 2021](#) from Pastor Philip Knutson, Southern Africa

★ **2nd Sunday Dinner Ministry on October 10!** *"I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in."* -Matthew 25:35. As disciples of Jesus we are called to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and welcome the stranger. On the second Sunday of every month the dedicated volunteers of the Second Sunday Dinner Ministry prepare and deliver a hot meal to individuals in the Perinton community. At the present time we are looking for an individual or team to pick up a bushel of apples at Schutt's Apple Mill (1063 Plank Rd, Webster) on the Saturday before *each* Second Sunday and deliver them to the Fellowship Hall. If you would like more information or would like to get involved, please contact Paulette Costanza at 585-223-9255 or p.stanza@hotmail.com. A HUGE "Thank You" to all those who have given their time, treasures, and talents to serve our neighbors in Christ. You are such a blessing!



Council News

★ **Welcome New Members... This Sunday!...** [Click here to learn more about those who are being welcomed](#) today as official members of BLC. Join us in worship at 8:55 am on Sunday, October 3 to welcome them and introduce yourself in person. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member at BLC in the future, please contact one of the pastors.

★ **Love your neighbor reminder about building expectations for masks, food and drink:** On Sunday mornings, we wear masks in the building at all times. We limit food and drink to outdoors. During the week, we wear masks when entering and moving through the building. (Small groups may decide to remove masks during meetings following group discussion.)

★ **BLC Annual Meeting Forum on Sunday, October 24**

Join us after Faith Formation for All (at 11:15 am) for our Forum before the Congregational Meeting on October 31. This is a chance to ask questions about the ways Bethlehem is living our vision of equipping all people of God to follow Jesus. We will also learn about the proposed spending plan for the coming year and discuss the new Investment in Ministries Fund. All BLC members and friends are encouraged to attend. We will be offering two ways to participate in the meeting:

1. In person at BLC, return to the sanctuary after Faith Formation for All
2. Zoom conference call: Use the Join Now Button on the [BLC Calendar of Events](#), or use Meeting ID 819 4278 7801

★ **BLC Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 31**

Join us following Worship (at 10:15 am) for our Annual Congregational Meeting. The purpose of the annual meeting is to:

- Celebrate the previous year of ministry at BLC
- Ratify updates to the BLC constitution
- Elections for BLC Council and Synod Assembly
- Review and adopt spending plan for fiscal year 2021-2022
- Approve the resolution to establish the Investment in Ministries Fund

We will also offer a hybrid format for this meeting; in person at BLC in the sanctuary and via a Zoom conference call (check back here or watch for the event listing on the [BLC Calendar of Events](#) for the meeting link!)

★ **Property Committee** meets on the second Saturday of the month at 9:15 am to tackle jobs in and around BLC. Responsible for the building and everything in it, to enable the wonderful worship, ministries, and activities that take place. 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 list, contact Bob Stolze at bob.stolze@rochester.rr.com.

BLC Investment in Ministries Fund – Learn More and Ask Questions. Hopefully, you recently received a letter from the Investment in Ministries Committee more fully describing our intent to create the *BLC Investment in Ministries Fund (IMF)*, and its purpose. We also included an initial list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). As a reminder, the IMF will enable BLC to grow participation in ministry, both through personal involvement and financial assistance. We seek to establish the IMF at this time as part of BLC's 100th anniversary celebration.

While we attempted, through the FAQs, to pose and answer the key questions which the congregation would have, we know you may have others. So, we have scheduled two virtual Question and Answer sessions – the next one will take place on **Monday, October 11 at 7:00 pm** – for the Committee to make a very brief presentation and for you to ask us questions.

The links to the virtual meetings will appear on the BLC web site on the Events Calendar. Until then, if you have questions, please contact any member of the committee – Paulette Costanza, Mark Gaul, Roger Kolker, Julie Owen, John Panko, Neil Vokes.

Community News

Seeds of Hope presents “All Our Relations: Renewing our Relationship to our Fellow Creatures”
1:30 PM EDT Sunday, October 3, 2021 - A free Zoom event that is open to all

Author Charles Eisenstein and others speak of our society's “separation sickness.” It's the persistent loneliness, emptiness, and loss of meaning that drives much of our addiction to substances, work, and electronic devices. Its cause is our culture's deep estrangement from the natural world. In our quest to conquer nature, we are destroying both nature and our felt connection to the sacred living Earth.

October is the month of Indigenous People's Day. While our culture sees the natural world as a source of resources and a place for our waste, indigenous cultures see, greet, and give thanks to “all our relations.” While our culture sees the land as belonging to us, indigenous peoples see themselves as belonging to the land. They know in their bones that they are an integral part of an interconnected web that has given them life, sustains them with each breath and bite, and will receive them when they die.

Our October Seeds of Hope is being designed to re-awaken us to our connection with “all our relations.” If you attend, you will see how our very language and thought patterns estrange us from the natural world. You will watch a beautiful documentary about Anna Breytenbach, an interspecies communicator who opens our minds and hearts to the energetic link between us and other species. And you will even experience what it's like to be another creature--one you're attracted to and one you're averse to. We expect that you will leave the event with a renewed appreciation for “all our relations,” healing some of that separation sickness, giving you a felt sense of being part of the web of life, and inspiring a life that is more mindful of our fellow creatures.

To register, click [HERE](#). You will receive a confirmation and the Zoom link from Zoom. You will also receive the link the day before the event. Feel free to invite others by sharing this invitation rather than your Zoom link, as each party needs to register separately. *Seeds of Hope* is a project of *Pachamama Alliance of the Rochester Area* (<https://www.pachapeople.org/>), which is part of the global *Pachamama Alliance* (<https://www.pachamama.org/>)

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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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:

- Ed Hahne (uncle of Ruth Hedin) who died on 9/25

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Eva (granddaughter of Kathy Forney)
- Donna Knights as she prepares for knee surgery on 10/5
- Larry (friend of Roger Kolker) who suffered a stroke
- Lisa Rosenbauer who is recovering from a fall
- Adele Garvey (sister of Jan Sharp) who is recovering from knee replacement surgery on 9/29
- Jim Blum (brother of Phyllis Stock) who has been diagnosed with cancer
- Joanne Swanson who fell in her home, broke her shoulder and is recovering from surgery on 9/30
- Tim Montalbano (husband of Linda Montalbano) who is recovering from surgery on 9/27
- Don Raw (brother of Kim Kulik) who is undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer
- Meredith Hedin (daughter-in-law of Jeff & Ruth Hedin) who is experiencing a difficult pregnancy
- Dave Moczarski who is recovering from surgery on 9/17
- Rose Costanza (grandmother of Andrea Purvis)
- Jim Peterson (father of Hans Walter-Peterson) who has been diagnosed with leukemia and has transitioned to hospice care
- Erin Schneemann (daughter of Kathy & Joe) as she continues her recovery from spinal surgery and emergency abdominal surgery
- 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 October long-term prayer listing](#) – or contact the church office for a copy!

Calendar for October 3 – October 10

(Last updated on 9/29/21 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

Sunday, 10/3

Welcome New Members

8:55 am Worship with
Communion (in-person
and livestream)
10:00 am Fellowship
10:15 am Faith
Formation for All

Monday, 10/4

Tuesday, 10/5

6:30 pm BSA Troop 2019

Wednesday, 10/6

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)
5:30 pm Pines of Perinton
Produce Give Away
6:00 pm Chancel Bells
6:15 pm Folk Group
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, 10/7

6:30 pm BLC Officers
7:00 pm BLC Quilters

Friday, 10/8

Pastor's Sabbath

2:30 pm Dulcimer Group
Rehearsal

Saturday, 10/9

9:15 am Property
Committee

Sunday, 10/10

8:55 am Worship with
Communion (in-person
and livestream)
10:00 am Fellowship
10:15 am Faith
Formation for All
12:30 pm 2nd Sunday
Dinner Ministry
(delivery only)

100th Anniversary Photo Sessions: Starting in September, the Anniversary Committee will have slots available for you and your family to update your BLC Photo Directory Photos before and after worship. Please contact GerryAnn Westcott if you'd like to volunteer or Bob Stock to sign up!

Church Office Hours: We continue to hold remote office hours M, W, Th & F from 9 am to 12 noon. 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.
