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WEEKLY STAR FOR OCTOBER 10, 2021

20th Sunday after Pentecost



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God's work. Our hands.

*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 . . . what do you need?*

Unlearning Hands

I used to always ask,
"How can I help?" but
maybe I can't help.

Maybe these hands are too small. Maybe the boat will sink anyway. Maybe your heart has been broken and grief has moved in, making itself at home in your life.

Maybe what you need from me is not a solution
or a plan
or a fix-it strategy,

but something else, something more.

I'm learning to unlearn my desire to fix.
I am learning to unlearn centering myself

in the story of your pain.

When I asked before, "How can I help?"
What I really meant to say was, "What do you need?"

What do *you* need?

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, 10/10

Job 2:11-13

Lessons for Sunday, 10/17

2 Timothy 4:9-18

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.

★ **Altar Flowers:** The flowers on the altar were given by Linda Montalbano, in honor of her son Alex's 30th birthday. Do you enjoy seeing flowers on the altar? Flowers may be donated to memorialize or celebrate a special event or person. *Contact the church office to place your order!*

★ **All Saints' Sunday... Sunday, November 7...** The church remembers those who have lived and died in the faith, having been entrusted to God for care and keeping. In the Apostles' Creed, we confess that we believe in the communion of saints, and this Holy Day is one of the ways that we remember the faithful departed who have joined the Church Triumphant. If you would like to acknowledge a family member or a friend who has died since last All Saints' Sunday (November 1, 2020) please call the church office (585) 223-0634 or send an email to office@blcfairport.org

100th Anniversary News

100 YEARS

Between now and June, each month of our Anniversary celebration brings something new! There will be returning clergy and musicians, welcome back receptions, and changing displays in the narthex. In addition, special events are scheduled such as opening our time capsules, planting our anniversary tree, a scavenger hunt, a joint event with our parent church, Bethlehem Lutheran/Plank Road, and our grandparent church, Immanuel Lutheran in Webster, and more.

If you haven't had your photo taken for the 2022 Friends and Family Album, there are four remaining Sundays in October for walk-ins, either before or after worship. Photographer Bob Stock and his helpers will be waiting for you in the downstairs classroom facing the courtyard. Beginning in November, photos will be taken by appointment only. We are hoping for 100% participation. Please help us reach our goal!

If you are interested in purchasing an anniversary throw for yourself or as a Christmas gift, it is best to order them now! They are \$33 each - cash and checks are accepted or order online from the anniversary section of our website (www.blcfairport.org). Orders must be in lots of 25 so some lead time is necessary before delivery.

Have you checked out the Print-on-Demand table in the narthex? Sign up to order free copies of a variety of offerings ranging from former BLC photo directories to the newly-composed anniversary anthem, hymn, and children's song. Your selections will be printed and available for pick-up a few weeks after placing your order. Or bring a flash drive and complete the order form if you would like copies from the list of electronic files including Lenten dramas and BLC member interviews.

Be sure to pick up your copy of both the BLC History Album and the Historical Timeline located on the small table under the anniversary bulletin board in the narthex. These will both provide much more detail about the history of our community of faith here in Fairport. They also feature some great photos! These are free of charge - one per family please.

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

★ **ELCA National Youth Gathering Info Meeting:** We will be having an informational meeting about the National Youth Gathering (which will take place in Minneapolis, MN from July 24-28 2022) on Sunday, **October 17** at 7:00 pm. Please come to see what it is all about! Youth who are in 8th to 12th grade THIS YEAR (fall 2021) are eligible to attend. Please let Bethany Trippi (bethany.trippi@blcfairport.org) know if you are planning on attending the meeting. Here is a short video explaining what the gathering is all about! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6Hrq793T1E&list=PLD2BE6D47D7169CB5&index=6>

★ **Ruth Circle** will meet at BLC on Monday, **October 11** at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing Chapter 6 (Prayer, Not Despair) from the book by Max Lucado, "Anxious for Nothing". All are welcome to join us for study and fellowship. Any questions, please call Ruth Kurtz at 388-2608.

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.



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.

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

★ **BLC Investment in Ministries Fund – Learn More and Ask Questions** The second *virtual Question and Answer session* for the BLC Investment in Ministries Fund (IMF) is scheduled for *Monday, October 11 at 7:00 pm*. Please join us for a brief presentation and have your questions answered. The link to this virtual meeting appears on the BLC web site under [BLC Calendar of Events](#). As a reminder, please see the September 10 letter to the congregation from the Investment in Ministries Committee more fully describing our intent to create the BLC Investment in Ministries Fund, and its purpose. We also included an initial list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). The IMF will enable BLC to grow participation in ministry, both through personal involvement and financial assistance. We seek to establish the IMF as part of BLC's 100th anniversary celebration. If you have questions, please contact any member of the committee – Paulette Costanza, Mark Gaul, Roger Kolker, John Panko, Neil Vokes.

★ **The Re-Opening Team** met on September 30 to review Bethlehem's current status with Covid-related safety protocols and practices. Out of an abundance of caution for the most vulnerable in our community, we continue with these existing protocols:

- On Sunday mornings, we wear masks indoors at all times and we limit food and drink to outdoors
- At other times, we wear masks when entering and moving through the building. Small groups may determine if they will continue to wear masks after conversation
- Protocols limiting food indoors will remain in place indefinitely. We will revisit them when Monroe County's Transmission Rate falls below the "high" range.

The team also spent time outlining protocols and practices that would allow for our LYO to hold a lock-in. Finally we reviewed tools and methods that we can adopt that would help us to improve air ventilation in gathering spaces, which reduces the possibility of transmission. In partnership with members of our facility team, we will continue to pursue these changes. Members of the Re-Opening Team include: Matt Beutel, Brian Edwards, Margie Gaul, Kristina Henry, Julie Owen, Bob Stolze, Rick Walker, Pastor Amy

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!)

Community News

★ **Announcing the LOM Run4Camp 5K:** Calling All Runners! And by “runners” we mean anyone who jogs, walks, hikes, pushes a stroller, wheelchairs, or even rollerblades.

- What: A remote fundraiser for LCLC and other participating Lutheran camps across the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (LOM) network. LCLC is a member of LOM.
- Who Can Participate: Anyone old enough and capable enough to run, walk, hike, etc. a distance of 5K (3.1 miles).
- When: October 24, 2021 (or whatever day and time between 10/17 and 10/24 works best for you). You can participate synchronously or asynchronously.
- Where: In your own neighborhood, on your own treadmill, in a mall, or in your favorite park.

How to Register: Runners register via the LOM website. Click the following link that will take you to the registration form: <https://forms.gle/mnqiKmsNf22DEfQD9>. LOM will not share your information with any organization other than LCLC. After registering, make your \$25 or more donation to LCLC and start recruiting your sponsors. Orientation and Information Session: Participants are invited to an optional ZOOM orientation on October 3rd, 4:00PM or October 5th, 8:30PM. It will include inspiration of why this is an important event, ideas and motivation for finding lots of donors, and Q&A on how the whole process works. For More Information: Call LCLC at 716-386-4125 or email: lee@lclcenter.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:

- Doug Hemingway (father of Beth Schoenfeld) who died on 10/1
- Ed Hahne (uncle of Ruth Hedin) who died on 9/25

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

- Chick Forney recovering at home after a recent hospitalization
- Kitty Oathout (friend of Linda Keefer) who broke her leg while visiting family in the Rochester area
- Eva (granddaughter of Kathy Forney)
- Donna Knights as she recuperates from knee replacement 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
- 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

[Click here to view and print the October 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 October 10 – October 17

(Last updated on 10/6/21 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

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)

Monday, 10/11

1:00 pm Ruth Circle
7:00 pm Q&A Session for
BLC Investment in
Ministries Fund ([Join](#)
via Zoom –
ID 826 6539 9842)

Tuesday, 10/12

6:30 pm BSA Troop 2019
Court of Honor
(Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Ladies' Night
Out (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, 10/13

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
6:30 pm M&SC
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, 10/14

6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop

Friday, 10/15

Pastor's Sabbath

2:30 pm Dulcimer Group
Rehearsal

Saturday, 10/16

1:00 pm BLC Amazing
Race

Sunday, 10/17

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

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.
