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WEEKLY STAR FOR OCTOBER 17, 2021

21st Sunday after Pentecost



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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 . . . what do you need?***

Here if You Need Me

I got the call and almost
rushed right over.
I wanted to hold your hand and
tell you it would be okay.
I wanted to start a meal train.
I wanted to bring casseroles and flowers and hope of better days.
I wanted to take my heart
out of my chest
and put it in yours
so that the ache might fade.
I wanted to speak, and fight,
with the person in charge.
I wanted to get justice,
I wanted to make it fair.
I wanted to start a campaign.
I wanted to rewind time,
to easy, better days.

There is so much that I want to do, but it's not about me.
It's about you.
So tell me—

what do *you* need? I am here.
I am listening.

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, 10/17
2 Timothy 4:9-18

Lessons for Sunday, 10/24
Ruth 1:1-22

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: 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

Only three Sundays are left to have your photo taken for the 2022 Friends and Family Album. Head downstairs before or after worship where photographer Bob Stock and his helpers will be waiting for you. Help us reach our goal of 100% participation! After November 1, photos will be taken by appointment only. As in the past, Doug Topping will be calling to set up mutually convenient times for him to visit the homebound to take their photos for our album.

Looking ahead to November, please mark some important dates on your calendar. On November 14, we will welcome Rev. Gregory Brown (Associate Pastor from 2013–2016) back to the pulpit. Pastor Greg will be coming with his family to preach and preside. Also returning that Sunday will be organist Dr. Catherine Rodland (Director of Choirs and Organist from 1990–1992) who will play the prelude and postlude. This will be your first opportunity to hear our anniversary anthem, hymn, and children's song, which were specially written for our 100th Anniversary. There will also be a Welcome Back reception following service, although COVID restrictions may curtail refreshments. How wonderful to reconnect with Pastor Greg, Leah, and their children!

The following Sunday, November 21, we will welcome Rev. David Nevergall to the pulpit. Many of us remember Pastor Nevergall when he and his young family were fellow members here at BLC before he changed careers and entered the ministry. The congregation helped him financially through his four years of study and we were touched when he returned to Bethlehem for his ordination in 1994 upon accepting his first call in Ohio. His wife, Karen, who served as our Financial Secretary in 1990, will be returning with him. You will have the opportunity to meet and greet Pastor Nevergall and Karen at the Welcome Back reception following the service.

Wearing a name tag will be helpful to our visitors throughout our anniversary celebration. We encourage everyone to wear theirs starting this week so we'll be in practice. If you do not have a name tag, leave your name at the table or contact the church office to get one ordered!

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>

★ **Men's Lunch Wednesday, October 20:** 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 Jim Berner at jamesberner1@yahoo.com

★ **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 (the next one is **October 21!**) 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.

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

★ **Thank you from Beth Schoenfeld:** I wanted to offer sincere thanks for all of your support and outreach following my father's recent death. This has been an incredibly difficult time for my family and I. Your generous outpouring of love, thoughts, prayers, cards, and flowers have been a comfort. Also, a special thanks to the individuals who assist in ongoing ways throughout the year and stepped in without hesitation to help ensure that things were prepared and published on time these past two weeks!

★ Dear BLC, Thank you so much for the box. I really appreciate the rainy day cards. They were so cute and meaningful. I'm having an amazing time at college, but I'm missing my BLC family. Thanks, Paige Harman



Serve Our Neighbor

★ **GWOH - Thank you BLC!** Sincere gratitude for the success of God's Work Our Hands! GWOH provides "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." Whether you volunteered your time to help a neighbor, wrote notes of encouragement, assembled college care packages, supported one of our mission partners, tied quilts that will be shared with those in need, hosted/contributed to a food drive, your contribution had an impact, and we are grateful. Please [click on this link](#) to see the video shared in worship on October 10.

★ **With gratitude from our mission partners**

- From Advent House: "thank you for your caring and compassionate commitment to our Home. Your generosity blesses us and touches the hearts of many."
- From Saving Grace Ministries: "thank you for your recent extremely generous offering....today because of your help, hundreds upon hundreds of lives have been positively impacted. This results in individuals finding their rightful place in society."

★ **A message from our friends in Puerto Rico:** With generous support from BLC members, nine people participated in a transformational service trip to Puerto Rico to assist in ongoing recovery efforts. Our hosts from Eduardo Roig Lutheran Camp recently shared an update. "With your support, we were able to impact 2,614 families around Puerto Rico, making a difference in a time of great necessity. It was not only through rebuilding homes, but the love and commitment shown to each of the survivors...the volunteers were angels that not only made a difference in many people's lives..."

For a copy of the full letter, please [click here](#).

★ **From our companion Synod in Zimbabwe:** The Rev. Philip Knutson's September newsletter is a story of connection between the ELCA – ELCZ and development work. We enthusiastically share it to raise awareness of the good work we do together with our companions in Zimbabwe. View it here: [Newsletter September 2021](#)

★ **Weekly fresh fruit and vegetable giveaway continues at Pines of Perinton.** Please consider sharing items from your own garden or just join us for an hour on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 to see how the generosity of BLC is making a difference. We are working on details for our Thanksgiving appeal which will continue the relationships we've developed with Moll Farms and our neighbors at Pines of Perinton. Stay tuned for details on how you might contribute toward a "bounty basket" for those in need.

★ **Open Invitation:** Each one of us can make a difference. Together, we make a change! Please consider joining the M&SC committee – for more information, contact Julie Owen (jowen@heritagechristianservices.org)



Council News

★ **National Estate Planning Awareness Week:** The week of **October 18-24** is recognized as National Estate Planning Awareness Week. If you have not yet organized your estate plans, put a reminder on your calendar to spend some time thinking about it later this month. A good estate plan saves grieving families and friends from having to make hard decisions at an already stressful time. It can also make certain your assets go to family, friends, or beloved organizations rather than the state and/or federal government. If you need help getting started or are interested in including Bethlehem Lutheran in your estate plans, the ELCA Foundation has many resources to assist. For more information, BLC Council member Andy Gates can point you in the right direction. Contact him at acgates@frontiernet.net.

★ **NEW DATE: Due to Technical Difficulties on 10/11, we have added an extra session for the "BLC Investment in Ministries Fund – Learn More and Ask Questions"** This *virtual Question and Answer session* for the BLC Investment in Ministries Fund (IMF) is scheduled for *Monday, October 18 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

★ **Willow Walk** Last year, there were 8,000 calls to Willow's 24/7 Hotline – an 18% increase over the previous year. **On October 24, take steps to end domestic violence.** 100% of funds raised go directly to support Willow's lifesaving programs and services. This year's Walk With Willow will be held downtown! This 1.3-mile fun walk is geared for the whole family – pets welcome, too! The walk starts and ends, at the *Stories of Strength* mural, located on the side of the Times Square Building at 45 Exchange St. On-street and lot parking is available for FREE on Sundays. Register as an individual, start or join a team. You'll be set up with your own fundraising page where you can accept donations right away online, by mobile device, or by connecting to Facebook! Customize and share it to spread the word. Visit <https://willowcenterny.org/events-news/walk-with-willow-the-virtual-movement/> to learn more or register.

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/mnqjKmsNf22DEfQD9>. 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. 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 lift up prayers of thanksgiving for:

- Taylor & Laura Kulik, who were married 10/9. (They are living in Raleigh, NC while Taylor finishes his Pediatric Residency at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)
- Kailee Kulik who is working as an Occupational Therapist in Jacksonville, NC

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:

- Jerry Thompson who has been diagnosed with acute Leukemia and will begin in-patient treatment at RGH
- Sue Cardinal who is recovering from an emergency appendectomy
- 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
- 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 17 – October 24

(Last updated on 10/13/21 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

Sunday, 10/17

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

Monday, 10/18

Tuesday, 10/19

6:30 pm BSA Troop 2019
Meeting

Wednesday, 10/20

9:30 am Bible Study –
Hybrid (In-person or
[Join](#) via Zoom –
ID 943 3691 2942)
1:00 pm Men's Lunch at
Penfield Wegmans
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, 10/21

6:30 pm Council ([Join](#) via Zoom
– ID 881 6978)
7:00 pm BLC Quilters

Friday, 10/22

Pastor's Sabbath
2:30 pm Dulcimer Group
Rehearsal

Saturday, 10/23

Sunday, 10/24

8:55 am Worship with
Communion (in-person
and livestream)
10:00 am Fellowship
10:15 am Faith
Formation for All
11:00 am Annual Meeting
Forum (in-person or
[Join](#) via Zoom – ID 819
4278 7801)

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
