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Two Week STAR for May 15 & May 22, 2022

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Sundays of Easter



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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](http://sundaysandseasons.com) and is also printed on the back of the worship bulletin.

### God's Beautifully Messy Community

From abandonment to homecoming and from a narrow scope to a broader vision of God's realm, these are the promises proclaimed. The early church and our faith communities are called to engage this reality. A community of Jewish Jesus-followers overcomes fear and expands to include the much larger Gentile world. In the hymnody of the psalm the whole creation and her people are ushered into praise and the trumpeting of a new community. An exiled follower of Jesus sees in the midst of his situation a vision of the Holy One who proclaims a new heaven and earth, stripped of tears and death. Finally, Jesus shares that he will no longer be physically present with his disciples, and points them to a new way of being a community of love for one another. Through the depth of the texts for this day, people are invited to explore the beauty and the messiness of community. The church, like any other human organization, is filled with the challenges of what it means to live together (for example, who is welcome? What rules do people need to follow? How do we care for one another?). Unlike other human institutions, however, we are called to be centered and re-centered in the unapologetic love for others. In our imperfection we are welcomed and called to invite others. We offer, in a spirit of humility, signs of welcome and love to others, just as God in Christ has been revealed to us.

#### ARE YOU READY FOR WORSHIP?

Sunday at 8:55 am Worship with Communion

1. [Facebook Live](#)
2. [Watch On YouTube](#) – Subscribe to our channel
3. [Livestream on the website](#)



### Worship the Living God

#### Lessons for Sunday, 5/15

Acts 11:1-18; John 13:31-35

#### Lessons for Sunday, 5/22

Acts 16:9-15; John 14:23-29

#### Lessons for Sunday, 5/29

Acts 16:16-34; John 17:20-26

**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.

**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!*

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

★ **Let Your Voice & Music Be Heard! Special Musical Offerings in Summer Months:** BLC would like to invite singers and instrumentalists of all levels to share their musical gifts with the congregation during worship in June, July, and August. Ensembles of any size or solos are all welcome. When it is about giving praise to God, no piece of music is too small to share! Visit <https://blcfairport.org/summer-music/> to sign up. For any help or answers for your questions, please contact the music director, [Raelynn Clare](#).

★ **Two Week STAR:** Please note, this publication is intentionally a 2-week STAR. The content you see on 5/15 and 5/22 will be inclusive of details through May 29 and will be the same information. Look for your Quarterly Mailer after May 20.

★ **Quarterly Mailer...** Watch your mailbox for your BLC quarterly mailer (to be mailed on 5/20) – with news and upcoming events. Staying connected is important to us! We're always striving to make information accessible in a variety of ways. In our world of information overload, it's sometimes helpful to have a traditional paper version to pin on the fridge or leave on the coffee table. Those who do not attend worship regularly, including ill or homebound members, and those who do not have electronic access appreciate knowing what is happening in the life of the congregation. If you do not receive the mailer, need one with larger print, or just have a suggestion or comment, please contact the church office.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary News

# 100 YEARS

Thank you to our special guests, Rev. Jane Nicholson and Chancel Choir Director Karie Templeton, who were a welcomed presence at our last Anniversary service. In both the Children's Moment and her sermon, Pastor Jane focused on following the Good Shepherd. Karie Templeton led the choir in a beautiful a cappella anthem. We are grateful to both for helping us mark our first 100 years.

Please plan to be present for our Anniversary Congregational Photo on Sunday, May 15 immediately following worship. A camera-equipped drone will take the photo on the front steps. In case of inclement weather, we will remain in the sanctuary for a traditional photo. This photo shoot will not take long, allowing you time to attend the special congregational meeting to vote on the IMF Bylaws. We are hoping for a good turnout for both events.

It is a much pleasure that we welcome Rev. Wayne Shipman, a former member of our congregation, on Sunday, May 22. Responding to a call to ministry that began in college, he received a Master of Divinity from United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia, PA in 2020. Upon his ordination later that year, he accepted a dual call to serve at both Emanuel Lutheran Church in Blackfoot, ID and Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Pocatello, ID. Please join us after worship in the sanctuary for an informal Meet & Greet with Pastor Wayne for further conversation.

Looking for your own Anniversary keepsake? We have just the thing – our Anniversary DVD, free of charge! Although the DVDs will not be available until September, now is the time to order. NOTE: We will make only the number requested. There are two options for ordering: 1) click on the link <https://blcfairport.org/100th-anniversary-dvd> to access the order form; 2) go to the Anniversary website at [blcfairport.org](http://blcfairport.org), click on 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the top right corner of the page, then select the button labeled ORDER DVD. The order form will pop up for you to complete. Among the things included are Pastor Garner's April 3 sermon, selected musical performances, and additional multimedia events. If you have any questions, contact Donna Berner at 585-314-5732.

If you are interested in hearing the Prism Concert, email Bob Stock at [robertphyllis33@gmail.com](mailto:robertphyllis33@gmail.com) or call him at 585-329-2550. Also, the photo and video collections from all of our anniversary events are posted on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary web page. Go to the church website at [blcfairport.org](http://blcfairport.org) and select the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the top right corner. Click on the Event Media button for photos, and the Worship & Receptions button for videos. A special thanks to all of our event photographers for their help in capturing these anniversary milestones.



## Grow in Faith and Discipleship

**Faith Formation in May:** Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be in the Sunday School wing on **May 15 & 22** at 10:15 am!

★ **Thank you to the confirmation students** for your participation this year, we'll be recognizing the confirmands in worship on Sunday, May 29 and will see the rest of you in the fall when Confirmation classes resume. Have a great summer!

**Midweek Bible Study:** Curious about David as King of Israel? Join midweek Bible Study starting on as we continue to read 2 Samuel. No prior experience necessary! Join us on Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall or on Zoom using the 'join now' button in the [Calendar of Events](#) to join.

## Live Our Faith in Daily Life

★ **Senior Recognition Sunday June 12th:** Join us in celebrating the accomplishments and future endeavors of our BLC seniors! Keep an eye out for a slide show at the beginning of worship Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> as we highlight the class of 2022. Seniors and parents please send your senior bio information as well as a picture to feature in our slide show to Sherry Cook by June 5<sup>th</sup>.

★ **BLC LYO Camping Trip July 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>:** Do you love camping, opportunities to serve others, and in are 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade? We have the perfect summer event for you! BLC LYO is getting together for a camping trip the weekend of July 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a hybrid event for confirmation and LYO students. **Confirmation students are invited to join the LYO Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> for a full day of outdoors fun, services, and an evening campfire.** Adult volunteers are needed and welcome! Please email Bethany Trippi at [Bethany.trippi@blcfairport.org](mailto:Bethany.trippi@blcfairport.org) for registration details and questions.

## Care for One Another

★ **Sunday Fellowship beginning June 26:** For the summer, what should it be?: Fellowship Coffee? Lemonade Time? Coffee and tea? Iced tea? Donuts, cookies, or surprise goodie? Ice cream? What would you like it to be? Please note your thoughts on the kiosk or email [gerryannwestcott@gmail.com](mailto:gerryannwestcott@gmail.com).

★ **Lawn Mowers Needed:** A stewardship opportunity that's not to be missed! We need two people per week, for about 1-2 hours, to cut the grass at BLC. We have all the equipment and supplies; all that's needed from you is to commit to a week or two between May and November. If you can help, contact Bob Stolze, Property Committee Chair, at 223-5577 or [bob.stolze@rochester.rr.com](mailto:bob.stolze@rochester.rr.com).

★ **Funeral/Memorial Assistance Needed:** We would like to extend our thanks to Pat Egbert & Carol Schrader, who have agreed to be the new coordinators for BLC funeral receptions. If you are willing to supply food and help serve for funeral receptions, we'd like to be sure you're on the call list when needs arise. If you would like to volunteer or know more about serving the friends and family of Bethlehem in any capacity around memorial services (opportunities include ushering, communion assistants, providing food, serving, scheduling, clean-up and more) please contact the church office.

**Thank you!** Dear BLC - Your kindness is appreciated so much. Thank you. I will remember you always. Natalia (a Pines resident assisted after the recent fire).

**A Support Group for caregivers:** If you are caregiving for a loved one (elderly parent, spouse, relative or anyone dear to you), feel free to join us! We meet on alternating Tuesdays at 2 pm in person in the Fellowship Hall (with masks). The next upcoming date is **May 24**. The participants share with and learn from each other; this is not a lecture or class! If you have ANY questions, or you would like to join but are unable to meet in person, please contact Pastor Hoffman.

## Serve Our Neighbor

**The M&SC Committee** explores social and justice issues and has conversations within the committee to understand our individual and world view. Our collective goal is a congregation actively engaged in our local and world communities by being allies, advocates and activists (AAA) with our mission partners. ***New members or visitors to the M&SC committee, ideas about new ministries, and different views and paradigms for engaging in mission are welcome and encouraged.*** Join us for one or all of our upcoming meetings. We will meet virtually on Tuesday, **June 15** at 6:15 pm. You can join through on BLC's [calendar of events](#). Please reach out to Julie Owen at [jowen@heritagechristianservices.org](mailto:jowen@heritagechristianservices.org) with interests or questions.

★ **Perinton Food Shelf:** Bill Antell challenges you to dust off your unexpired canned, boxed and bagged goods in cabinets or pantry and donate extra items to the Perinton Food shelf! Feeding the hungry has always been a focus of the Lutheran church. BLC has shelves outside the youth room on the lower level to collect food for delivery to the Distribution Center. You can see items that are most needed at <https://perintonfoodshelf.org/>.

★ **Get your veggies on!** Moll Farms and BLC will again team up to provide fresh fruit and veggies for residents of the Pines on Wednesday evenings beginning late June. How can you be part of this exciting ministry?

- Plant some extra vegetable in your garden and share the wealth as they grow and produce
- Stop by to help unload the van at the Pines on Wednesday evenings and chat with residents who come to pick up produce (beginning end of June usually around 5:30pm)
- Purchase a Bounty Basket for yourself and share with a neighbor or bring some of it to the Pines on a Wed evening! Moll Farms delivers every other week to Fairport [Bounty Basket Subscription Sign Up: 2022 Summer/Fall Season – Mollfarms](#)

### **The Mission Focus for the season of Easter is World Hunger! Hungering for more information?**

- Visit <https://blcfairport.org/world-hunger-appeal/> to view and print monthly calendars with links to recipes. There are also copies available in the Narthex, or you can contact the church office to have one mailed!
- Be a Hunger Activist! Sign up now at [M&SC: BLC Hunger Activists \(signupgenius.com\)](#) to claim your week! Be sure to scroll to the bottom of the page to submit. Hunger Activists provide and deliver 20 of one item to the Pines of Perinton Mini Food Cupboard sometime during the week. Due to active BLC involvement last year, there are three slots for each week. The Mini Food Cupboard is on the road that circles around the apartments and is located by the maintenance shed. Enter from either Route 250 or Whitney Rd.

Questions? Contact Beth Walker at [rbowsend@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rbowsend@rochester.rr.com)



## **Council News**

**Special Congregational Meeting** - Bethlehem will hold a **Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 15 at 10:15 am** (following worship) for the purpose of approving changes to the Bylaws allowing for the creation of an Investment in Ministry Fund (IMF). This meeting will be held in person and only those present may vote. According to Bethlehem's Constitution, changes to the Bylaws require a two-thirds vote of those voting members present and voting. Copies of the proposed Bylaws are available by contacting the church office. For more information, visit <https://blcfairport.org/imf-info/> or contact any member of the IMF Team: Paulette Costanza, Roger Kolker, Neil Vokes, Mark Gaul, John Panko, or John Costanza.

### **You Are Invited - Legacy Presentation on Sunday, June 5**

**What plans do you have for your legacy?** What do you want to leave to your family? What do you want to give to your church? What is the best way to give to ministries you love? Our church has a resource available for you as you explore these questions. Ryan Ebner, Gift Planner from the ELCA Foundation serves our congregation and our Synod. Ryan wants to help families explore their passions to create a charitable estate plan that leaves a legacy including an inheritance for family as well as supporting the ministries and charities that mean the most to you. **Ryan will be in attendance for our worship services on Sunday, June 5.** He will give a brief Temple Talk prior to worship and be giving a brief informative workshop after service. Come prepared with your questions and to schedule a no obligation, confidential appointment. You may begin discussion with Ryan at any time. Contact Ryan at 814-823-3285 or e-mail at [ryan.ebner@elca.org](mailto:ryan.ebner@elca.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:*

- Valerie Nixon (cousin of Julie Stolze) who died on 5/2
- Tom Rielly (father of Lisa Meetze) who died on 4/29

*We pray for those in need of healing, especially:*

- Erich Helbig who is hospitalized following a fall
- Rob Moore (former pastor of Andy Gates) who is recovering from surgery on 5/10
- Jim Cook who is recovering at home following a recent hospitalization after a TIA
- Those who are caregivers for loved ones
- Those who are ill from Coronavirus and all who care for them

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

## **Community News**

### **LCLC has urgent staff needs:**

With summer camp just a month away, the following positions still need to be filled:

- 1 Full-time Cook
- 1 Part-time Cook's Aid
- 2 Dishwashers (Residential staff also involved in the summer program)
- We also need 2 more Volunteer Nurses

For more information, please contact Lee Lindeman at 716-386-4125 or [lee@lclcenter.org](mailto:lee@lclcenter.org). If you or someone you know is interested, please let us know ASAP. Thanks!

**Open Door Mission's 22nd Annual Golf Classic:** This event is being held on Monday, May 23, 2022 at Midvale Country Club to help support vital programs and services that ultimately restore hope and transform lives in our community. 9 am registration, 10 am grazing breakfast, 12 pm Shot Gun Start (scramble format) Register at <https://birdease.com/ODM2020GolfClassic2022>

**Learn more about the work of the ELCA** beyond our walls by reading our [Bishop's Spring Report to the Upstate New York Synod](#). In addition, like the Synod's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/upstatensynod>) to view 9@9 devotions and reflections Monday through Thursday.

**Day of Caring - May 19, 2022!** Day of Caring matches thousands of volunteers - all on one day - with local nonprofit agencies who have identified needs such as painting, raking, cleaning up parks, planting community gardens, etc. For the first time in its 36-year history, Day of Caring will take place across Monroe, Livingston, Genesee, Wyoming, Wayne, and Ontario County on the same day. More than 300 projects have already been registered by over 150 nonprofits! Day of Caring is powered by the United Way of Greater Rochester and the Finger Lakes. Learn more: <https://unitedwayroclx.org/news-events/day-of-caring/>

**Announcements for the STAR** should be submitted through the office by Wednesday morning at 9 am. Visit [www.blcfairport.org](http://www.blcfairport.org) and to sign up for reminders and special announcements (including the STAR!)



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<https://www.facebook.com/BLCfairport/>

## Calendar for May 15 – May 22

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### Sunday, 5/15

8:55 am Worship with  
Communion with 100<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
congregational photo  
10:15 am Special  
Congregational Meeting  
(in-person)  
10:15 am Faith  
Formation for pre-K  
through 5<sup>th</sup> grade only  
11:15 am Children's  
Choir

### Monday, 5/16

### Tuesday, 5/17

6:30 pm Re-Opening Team  
([Join](#) via Zoom –  
ID 850 3341 3495)  
6:30 pm BSA Troop 2019  
Meeting

### Wednesday, 5/18

9:30 am Bible Study –  
(in-person or  
[Join](#) via Zoom –  
ID 943 3691 2942)  
6:20 pm Chancel Bells  
6:15 pm Folk Group  
6:30 pm Troop 208  
Planning Meeting

### Thursday, 5/19

4:00 pm Share Our  
Blessings Team  
([Join](#) via Zoom –  
ID 885 1314 2393)  
6:30 pm Church Council  
(in-person or [Join](#) via  
Zoom –  
ID 818 7910 2136)  
7:00 pm BLC Quilters

### Friday, 5/20

*Pastor's Sabbath*  
2:30 pm Dulcimer  
Group Rehearsal  
4:30 pm Children's Choir

### Saturday, 5/21

### Sunday, 5/22

*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday*  
8:55 am Worship with  
Communion with guest:  
Rev. Wayne Shipman  
(in- person and  
livestream)  
10:15 am 100<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Q&A and  
conversation with guest  
(in-person  
and livestream)  
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Communion with guest:  
Rev. Wayne Shipman  
(in- person and  
livestream)

10:15 am 100<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Q&A and  
conversation with guest  
(in-person  
and livestream)

10:15 am Faith  
Formation for pre-K  
through 5<sup>th</sup> grade only

### Monday, 5/23

### Tuesday, 5/24

9:30 am Liturgy Planning  
2:00 pm Support Group for  
Caregivers  
6:30 pm BSA Troop 2019  
Meeting

### Wednesday, 5/25

9:30 am Bible Study –  
(in-person or  
[Join](#) via Zoom –  
ID 943 3691 2942)

### Thursday, 5/26

6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop  
Meeting

### Friday, 5/27

#### *Pastor's Sabbath*

2:30 pm Dulcimer  
Group Rehearsal

### Saturday, 5/28

6:00 pm Senior  
Vocal Recital

### Sunday, 5/29

#### *Confirmation Sunday*

8:55 am Worship with  
Communion (in- person  
and livestream)

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