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Weekly STAR for June 12, 2022

Holy Trinity Sunday & Senior Recognition Sunday



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

### Drawn into Relationship, Guided into Truth

The doctrine of the Trinity invites us to consider how a God constituted by relationship—the Father with the Son, the Son with the Spirit, the Spirit with the Father—draws us into that relationship with God and one another. Gradually or suddenly, through the work of the Spirit, we come to know our belonging to the Father and to Christ's body.

In such loving relationships, truth is discovered. But people cannot bear the truth all at once, so discipleship and faith formation are gradual processes of listening for the Spirit's voice. Christian practices such as worship, learning, and service are occasions for people of all ages to be "guided into truth." Such practices are rooted in baptism, in which God draws us into a lifelong relationship in which we grow into truth and love over time—guided by the Spirit, accompanied by Jesus, and having peace with the Father.

In Romans, we hear the truth of how love originates and grows in us: Poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, God's love gives us a hope that will never disappoint. Christian community offers the delightful opportunity to experience one's own growth in hope, faith, and love, and to witness others' growth as they too are drawn more deeply into relationship with the triune God. Trinity Sunday offers the delightful opportunity to celebrate that growth.

#### 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, 6/12

Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

#### Lessons for Sunday, 6/19

Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

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

★ **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. *Please note: be sure to read the following entry for special details about changes to worship time and location worship on 6/19*

★ **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Closing Service and Celebration on Sunday, June 19:** Join us at Center Park for a full worship service with Holy communion at 10:00 am with picnic and fun following! *Please note the special start time and that there will be no in-person worship at Bethlehem, nor worship livestream on this day.* If the weather is questionable, a decision will be made by 7 am. You can call the church office at 223-0634 for a phone message regarding changes or check our Share in Worship page at <https://blcfairport.org/share-in-worship/>.



**Take *The Word* from Bethlehem Lutheran Church with you!** Listen to Sunday's gospel and sermon wherever you are during the week. Watch for ***Living the Word*** –additional weekly episodes beginning after Memorial Day, when we'll interview members and friends of Bethlehem about what *living the Word* looks like in their life. (If there's someone you'd like to hear from, please let us know!)

*The Word* from Bethlehem Lutheran Church is a great way to reflect on a sermon a second time (we hear people like to do that sometimes!), to ground yourself if you were away on Sunday morning, or this summer, to learn about others connected to the Bethlehem community! Visit <https://blcfairport.org/the-word/> to listen, or subscribe on Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon or Apple Podcasts. If you need help subscribing, please reach out to one of the pastors.

★ **Altar Flowers:** The flowers on the altar this week were given anonymously to the Glory of God and in honor of BLC's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Year! 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!*

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

# 100 YEARS

Today we welcome two Anniversary guests: Rev. Julie Bergdahl (Associate Pastor 1991-1994) as our presiding pastor, and Dr. Kathy Elwood (Director of Chancel Choir and Bell Choirs 1992-2003) via taped message. You will also have the opportunity to hear our special anniversary anthem and a hymn created by our own members in honor of our celebration. We are blessed!

Bethlehem was Pastor Bergdahl's first call after receiving her Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, PA. In addition to her ministry at Bethlehem, and parishes in Sturbridge MA and Sellersville, PA, Pastor's professional work included the Princeton Family Center for Education, NJ and the Southeastern PA Synod. You can read more about Pastor Bergdahl in the bulletin. An informal Meet & Greet with Pastor Bergdahl will be held in the sanctuary after worship,

providing an opportunity for further conversation.

In her taped message, Dr. Kathy Elwood will take us down memory lane as she reflects back on her time at Bethlehem. She expressed her anniversary wish that music at Bethlehem will continue to serve our Lord for the next 100 years as it has done in the past.

Do invite your family and friends next Sunday, June 19 at 10 am to our annual BLC Outdoor Worship & Picnic at Perinton's Center Park. **(Please note the change in start time.)** Following worship, there will fun and entertainment for all ages. The Anniversary committee has invited a magician and a balloon guy, and arranged for a children's bounce house to mark this final month of our 100th celebration. There will be no in-person worship at Bethlehem nor livestream worship on this day.

On June 26, our final anniversary event will be a BLC Scavenger Hunt held after worship. Inter-generational teams of 5-8 members (make your own team or join some friends) to track down clues in the church before returning to the narthex station. At the end of the Scavenger Hunt, prizes will be awarded.

It is time to order your own Anniversary DVD keepsake, free of charge. You need to place your order by the end of June as the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events officially come to a close. The DVDs will be available in September and we will only make the number requested. To access the order form, click on the link <https://blcfairport.org/100th-anniversary-dvd>. You can also order on the BLC website at [blcfairport.org](https://blcfairport.org). Click on 100th Anniversary in the top right corner of the page, then select the button labeled ORDER DVD. If you have any questions, contact Donna Berner at 585-314-5732.

## Grow in Faith and Discipleship

**Midweek Bible Study:** As Christians, as Lutherans, we are lifelong learners. We continue our study of King David as found in the Books of Samuel. This summer, we plan to look at the Book of Proverbs. Feel free to attend as your schedule allows (in the Fellowship Hall or virtually on Zoom using the 'join now' button in the [Calendar of Events](#)). Contact Kathy Moragne at [kathymoragne@gmail.com](mailto:kathymoragne@gmail.com) for more information.

## Live Our Faith in Daily Life

★ **June 11 Planting Day at BLC: Planting Day on June 11 and seasonal Lawn & Garden maintenance at BLC:** We could use your assistance from 9 - 11 am on Saturday, June 11 as we plant the bulbs and geraniums and transplant some perennials at BLC. Join Sue Towsley & the property committee this Saturday – many hands make light work! We also have ongoing needs for watering, weeding, and mowing for the season that can be done on your own timeline! If you'd be willing to volunteer for any of the tasks above, or you are interested in coordinating the gardening tasks (or be a part of a team who works collaboratively to do so) throughout the year, [please let us know!](#)

**Senior Recognition is Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>:** Join us in celebrating the accomplishments and future endeavors of our BLC seniors! Read more about BLC's graduates in the bulletin insert on Sunday!

## Care for One Another

★ **Thank you!** Dear Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Many thanks and blessings for allowing me to share in worship and celebration for the Anniversary Year. I completely enjoyed my time back in Fairport & BLC. May God continue to find your ministry as a place for all! ~ Wayne Shipman

**Thank you!** Dear members of Bethlehem, What a wonderful surprise to receive the anniversary blanket and prayer square. They are good reminders of the wonderful people at Bethlehem. Thank you for the opportunity to return & share in the anniversary celebration. God's peace and love to you in the years ahead! ~ Pastor Jane Nicholson

## 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.*** We will meet virtually on Wednesday, **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.

**Second Sunday Dinner Ministry:** BLC delivers (we have not returned to onsite meals) around 50 hot meals on the second Sunday to those in need in our community. The next BLC date is **this Sunday, June 12**. Other local churches provide meals on the other Sundays. For more information about this ministry and how to get involved, please contact David Gerhardt ([dgerha4616@aol.com](mailto:dgerha4616@aol.com)) who coordinates the kitchen efforts or Toni Thompson ([thompsonjandt@yahoo.com](mailto:thompsonjandt@yahoo.com)) who schedules the drivers & deliveries.

**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](#)



## Council News

**Godspeed and Farewell to Beth Schoenfeld**, who has served as our Office Manager and Ministry Support Coordinator since 2014. We are so grateful for her service! While we are sad to see her move on from this role, we wish her all the best on her new adventure in a full-time position at RIT. Her last day in the office is June 17. Stop by or drop a note to wish her well and mark your calendar to join us in **thanking Beth during worship on June 26!**

### We Ask Your Prayers:

*We pray for those whose thanks or needs are known to us.*

*We lift up prayers of thanksgiving for:*

- Our graduating seniors, including: Grace Cardinal, Julia Finkbeiner, Jillian Groff, Peter Higgins, Anna Jefferis, Andrew Saylor & Luke Strasser

*We pray for those who are grieving, especially the family and friends of:*

- Olive L. Jameson (mother of Jackie Stivers) who died on 6/7
- Dick Coon (dear friend of Ron Meier) who died on 5/29

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

- 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 [June long-term prayer listing](#) – or pick up a hard copy in the Narthex.  
You may also 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](http://www.blcfairport.org) and to sign up for reminders and special announcements (including the STAR!)



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## Calendar for June 12 – June 19

(Last updated on 6/8/22 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

### Sunday, 6/12

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday**  
**Senior Recognition Sunday**

8:55 am Worship with  
Communion with guest:  
Rev. Julie Bergdahl  
(in- person and  
livestream)  
10:15 am 100<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Q&A and  
conversation with guest  
(in-person  
and livestream)  
11:45 am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
Dinner Ministry  
(delivery only)  
Student recitals

### Monday, 6/13

5:30 pm Communication  
Strategy Meeting

### Tuesday, 6/14

### Wednesday, 6/15

9:30 am Bible Study –  
(in-person or  
[Join](#) via Zoom –  
ID 943 3691 2942)  
6:15 pm M&SC Meeting  
([Join](#) via Zoom –  
ID 812 1431 6292)

### Thursday, 6/16

6:30 pm Church Council  
(in-person or [Join](#) via  
Zoom –  
ID 818 7910 2136)

### Friday, 6/17

**Pastor's Sabbath**

### Saturday, 6/18

Student Recital

### Sunday, 6/19

***Note change of time &  
location for worship!***  
***In-person only,  
no livestream this week***

10:00 am Outdoor  
Worship at  
Center Park  
11:00 am Picnic and  
entertainment to  
follow Worship

**Church Office Hours:** We continue to hold remote office hours M - 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:** Submit details at <https://blcfairport.org/blc-facility-request/> for each planned meeting, event and activity at BLC. This allows us to check for availability, reserve the space, and plan accordingly. Please contact the church office to confirm or with any questions following your submission.

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