

This Lent, we are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us. Each step of Peter's journey is combined with a phrase of the familiar hymn "Come Thou Fount" (ELW 807). As we follow Peter's story, we will sing our way through Lent, binding our wandering hearts to God.

Ash Wednesday, February 14 – "Tune my heart" Matthew 22:34-40 | Psalm 51:1-17

Noon (in-person only) and 7 pm - (in-person and livestream) – Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

Sunday Worship, in-person and livestreamed at 8:55 am

February 18 – "Jesus sought me" Luke 5:1-11 | Psalm 25:1-10

February 25 - "Rescue me from danger" Matthew 14:22-33 | Psalm 22:23-31

March 3 - "Praise the mount" Matthew 15:13-20 | Psalm 19

March 10 – "I'm fixed upon it" Matthew 16:21-23 | Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

March 17 – "Teach me" Matthew 18:15-22 | Psalm 119 9-16

Wondering Wandering Hearts, in-person, Sundays at 10:15am (February 18-March 17)

Faith is a constant journey of steadfast pursuit, one that ebbs and flows, seeks and wanders. Wandering is exploration, not necessarily distance from God. As we follow the story of Peter, we see he keeps going: he drops his nets, he walks on water, he runs to the empty tomb, he swims to the shore to meet the risen Christ. He keeps searching and yearning and loving, even after missteps or mistakes. Ultimately, in Peter's story, we are reminded that God loves imperfect people—in fact, time and again, that's precisely who God claims and calls.

Each week we'll spend time wondering together about the life of Peter and how his wandering heart connects to our own. Grab a cup a coffee, bring your wonderings, and share in conversation with the pastors!

Wednesdays in Lent - beginning February 21

6 - 6:45 pm – Simple Supper

Each Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall we will host a simple supper of one-pot dishes. We have added new options and supporting elements to make it easier to participate in and enjoy this fellowship opportunity. Please sign-up using the <u>Sign-Up Genius</u> on the BLC website or the kiosk in the Narthex to bring your one-pot wonder or other accompaniments...or just show up to enjoy the meal and fellowship. Check the Star for details or ask Mark Finke.

7 pm – Holden Evening Prayer, in person and livestream

Share in a beloved liturgy as we worship, pray, and reflect on a small portion of the previous Sunday's text in community.

Ready for Worship? Each Wednesday and Saturday during Lent, we share information like the bulletin and livestream link for our upcoming worship. If you are not currently receiving our Ready for Worship emails, please sign-up at https://blcfairport.org/ or contact office@blcfairport.org.

Daily Lenten Devotional

Extend your Lenten practice with a daily devotion delivered to your inbox. We will combine reflections written by the Bethlehem community with poems, prayers, hymns and reflections created by A Sanctified Art, the creative team behind our Lenten theme. Sign up to receive it in your daily email throughout Lent at https://blcfairport.org/lenten-devotions/ or pick up a printed copy in the Narthex beginning Sunday, February 11th.

Between Sundays is now an email and a podcast

A chance to reflect on life and faith *between Sundays* with Amy and Abby. Each Monday, we send an email with a brief reflection, a resource for pondering, and a link to our weekly podcast where we talk together about the crossroads of faith and daily life. Visit Between Sundays on the BLC website where you can sign up to receive emails or to listen to the latest episode (https://blcfairport.org/between-sundays/). Subscribe to Between Sundays wherever you listen to podcasts (iTunes, Google, Spotify).

Easter Flowers & Alternate Giving Opportunity

Donate Easter flowers to adorn our sanctuary on Easter morning or donate to support ELCA World Hunger and additional shares from Moll Farms for Pines of Perinton Food Distribution— or both! To donate or order Easter flowers, visit https://blcfairport.org/easter-flower-alternate-giving/ or find hard copy forms in the Narthex. Flower orders are **due by March 10**.

Holy Week/Easter Sunday Worship Schedule

Check out the weekly Star and Ready for Worship emails for more information about Holy Week worship.

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24 at 8:55 am - "Songs of loudest praise" John 12:12-16

Maundy Thursday, March 28 — "Streams of mercy" John 13:1-20
Noon (in person and livestream) — Individual Absolution and Holy Communion in the Sanctuary
6 pm — *New format!* — Remembering Jesus' last supper with his disciples, we will begin worship with a shared meal around tables in the Fellowship Hall and end in silence in the sanctuary after the altar is stripped

Good Friday, March 29 at 7 pm — "Prone to leave the God I love" John 13:31-28 | John 18:1-11 | John 18:12-18 | John 18:19-27 | John 19:1-30

Easter Sunday, March 31 at 8:55 am (in person and livestream) and 11 am (in person only) – "And I hope" Luke 24:1-12

Easter Breakfast served 9:45 - 10:45 am

2nd Sunday of Easter, April 7 at 8:55 am – "Here's my heart" John 21:1-19

Virtual worship is available in real time through livestream on the BLC Facebook page, YouTube channel, and can also be found on the BLC website shortly after each service ends.