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**The BLC
Quarterly Congregational
Meeting scheduled for
October 24, 2021
had to be postponed
Please check the website
for a rescheduled date**

**Can you
fill this seat?**



We are currently looking for someone who can play the piano that would like to help fill in during Sunday morning worship services. Even one Sunday a month would be helpful—more would be great! Position pays \$75 per service. Please contact the church office at blcaskov@gmail.com or 838-3191 if interested.

Bakers and craft makers are wanted for the BLC Christmas Craft Fair on December 4th
Contact anyone on Circle of Faith to donate your items!

*Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Annual*

Christmas Craft Fair!

**Saturday, December 4th
9 am to 2 pm**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Askov

Craft & Bake Sale • Coffee & Lunch Served

Your wearing of face masks is greatly appreciated while attending!



November Worship Schedule



November 7 th Sunday Worship	Rick Martens	Worship 10 am
November 14 th Holy Communion at the rail (individual cups for those who prefer)	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 10 am
November 21 st Sunday Worship	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 10 am
November 24 th at Grace Lutheran Church, Sandstone	Thanksgiving Eve	Joint Service Worship 7 pm
November 28 th Holy communion at the rail (individual cups for those who prefer)	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 10 am

Click or use the text below to watch our on-line recorded Sunday Worship Services on the BLC YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/qXlcchWMIaCRqg>

**IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers**

Please include the following people in your daily prayers:

Jan Ecklund, Lois Sahlen, Shirley Lund, Don & Lorraine Petersen, Buzz & Sally Mortensen, Naevia Roth, Greg MacDonald, Meghan Carlson, Bobby Hansen, Kerri Gortmaker, and their families.

If you would like to add someone to the weekly list, please email the church office at blcaskov@gmail.com or let Clara know

2021 Church Council Members



Marilyn Krogh
President



Chuck Moon
Vice Pres.



Bill Jansen
Secretary



Denny Birkholm



Linda Jensen



Heidi Moon



Position Vacant



**October 14, 2021
Unapproved Minutes**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Clara Edin, Marilyn Krogh, Heidi Moon, Bill Jansen, Linda Jensen; absent Denny Birkholm and Chuck Moon.

CHECK-INS, DEVOTION AND OPENING PRAYER: Devotion provided by Clara.

ACCEPT MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2021 MEETING: Motion by Heidi, second by Marilyn, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Report was reviewed.

PASTOR'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2021: The pastor's report was received by Clara.

MINISTRY TEAMS:

- Property—Hoping to start the steeple project this month.
- Family Ministry—Confirmation class is meeting at Grace, Wednesdays 6:30 to 8 pm in coordination with the school schedule. Exploring possibility of Wednesday night activity in lieu of Sunday School. There is currently programming at Grace for younger children on Wednesday evenings; BLC families are welcome to bring their kids. Need to identify youth

for and plan for the National Youth Gathering. Leader Zoom meeting scheduled for October 18th. Bill J. is registered.

- Music and Worship—Hymns will be selected for November next week. All BLC members are invited to a joint Thanksgiving eve service at Grace in Sandstone on Wednesday, November 24th at 7 pm.
- Circle of Faith—Will meet on Saturday, October 16th.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2022 Proposed Budget—Reviewed proposed budget by Marilyn, Heidi, and Clara. Will present to congregation for a vote at the quarterly meeting.
- November worship Schedule—7th Rick Martens, the 14th, 21st, and 28th will be Clara.
- Confirmation update—Pastor Steve and Bill J. are team teaching. There are currently 6 confirmation students; 2 from Grace, 2 from Emmanuel, and 2 from BLC. Classes are currently held at Grace in Sandstone.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Re-keying church locks—Tabled until 2022.
- Heidi's cell phone—Please contact Heidi via the office phone or church email. Do not contact her for church business via her cell phone number. Please respect the office hours. You may leave a voice mail after hours.

- Church representatives—Bev Oderkirk expressed interest in helping in this way. Motion to approve by Bill, second by Heidi, motion carried. We can still use additional members who would be willing to help out as well.
- Funeral Home protocol—Written procedures for scheduling funerals were developed, reviewed, and will be distributed to area Funeral Home directors.
- SAM Contract—Preliminary discussions regarding a 2022 contract for Clara were conducted. The newest synod salary guidelines were discussed. Full contract to be agreed upon at the November council meeting. Contract has to be submitted to and signed off by Bishop Amy Odgren.
- Professional Service Agreement—Pine County has approved a grant application which will augment the community meal with additional supports and activities for the community. The grant is for \$4000. The contract is to be signed and returned to the county by October 19th. Motion by Heidi to have Shawn J. be the signatory for the contract, second by Bill, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6 pm.

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COUNCIL MEETING

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ACTION ITEMS:

- Bill to get cost estimate for new hymnals to Heidi for the quarterly meeting packet.
- Heidi to send out new funeral home protocols to local funeral home directors.

*Respectfully submitted,
- Bill Jansen
Council Secretary*

NOVEMBER
Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Cindy Jensen—6th
 Tim Loew—6th
 Hannah Quam—9th
 Emma Jansen—12th
 Cindy Mortensen—12th
 Bev Oderkirk—15th
 John Thinesen—15th
 Kayleigh Maloney—18th
 Andrew Jensen—23rd
 Joyce Larsen—26th
 Larry Jensen—28th
 Shari Bigay—30th

Happy Anniversary!

- John & Tracy Zinter—
November 3rd
- Don & Lorraine Petersen—
November 18th
- Chuck & Heidi Moon—
November 22nd
- Bill & Shawn Jansen—
November 29th

**Church Representatives
Are Needed**



If you would be willing to volunteer to be a representative at upcoming events such as weddings or funerals held here at Bethlehem—we are looking for volunteers to serve as **“Church Representatives”** during these events.

Duties would include unlocking and locking up the building before and after events (you must be present during the entire event), turning the sound system on and off, and lighting and extinguishing altar candles, etc.

One representative is needed per event, and **each event would pay \$150** (if you share the event with a friend or spouse, you would split the \$150)

If you would like to be added to our list of representatives, please let the office know:
blcaskov@gmail.com or 838-3191



You are invited to join us for a joint Thanksgiving Eve worship service hosted by Grace Lutheran Church in Sandstone, MN at 7 pm on Wednesday, November 24, 2021



Circle of Faith met on September 15, 2021 at church. The members in attendance were Tracy Zinter, Jo Foss, Cookie Nielsen, Marilyn Krogh, Shawn Jansen, Bev Oderkirk and Mary Johnson.

Jo called the meeting to order.

Devotions: Jo's devotion was about authentic success. Realizing our most important priorities and not stressing out about what we should do.

Reports: Secretary minutes from May's meeting were read by Mary. Motion was made to approve by Shawn, 2nd by Carolyn, approved.

Treasurer's report: Read by Mary, \$110.72 in checking and \$561.32 in savings.

Old business: National Night Out, Circle of Faith donated \$25 for water.

Jo and Mary will handle the registration at Grace Lutheran in Sandstone for the Kettle River Conference on September 25, 2021.

Monthly card mailings: Jo in September, Cookie in October, Marilyn in November, and Mary in December.

Community meal this month is chicken alfredo,

vegetables, salad and zucchini bread. Those volunteering to bake zucchini bread were Carolyn, Jo, Shawn, Mary, and Wendy Ecklund.

New business: Motion made for Circle to provide postage stamps for monthly card mailing from Circle members by Carolyn, 2nd by Jo, approved.

Motion made by Carolyn, 2nd by Bev, to have Mary speak to Heidi regarding obtaining \$500.00 for Circle's community outreach funds, approved. Lisa Waletzko has agreed to coordinate community meals.

Tentative date for the Christmas Bazaar is December 4th. Tracy will talk to Carol

Birkholm regarding what the quilters are planning.

Motion made to move Circle of Faith meetings to the 3rd Saturday of the month starting in October by Tracy, 2nd by Cookie, approved.

Tracy mentioned Circle should have a new photo of current members, Circle decided to do this at the Christmas party in December.

Motion to adjourn was made by Cookie, 2nd by Shawn, carried. The meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Our next meeting will be at church on Saturday, October 16, 2021.

*Respectfully submitted,
-Mary Johnson,
Secretary*



BLC's steeple roof has been getting a much-needed roof repair during the last week of October (and our cross is now straight!)