Here are my mother and my brothers!

MARK 3:35



June 6, 2021

AS WE GATHER

"Whoever does the will of God, He is My brother and sister and mother," said Jesus. What is the will of the God? That all people would come to the knowledge of the truth in Christ and be saved by His mercy. Faith is the will of God and family is the fruit of this faith—a people united in Christ's death and resurrection by Baptism. A house divided cannot stand. We know this to be true in an earthly sense, but it is an eternal truth. We belong to the Lord, not just in part but in whole. God was even willing to own our sins to restore us from Satan and his dominion. What keeps us from this wonderful identity and this future is only this: our refusal of God's mercy and our rejection of His work to save us. The goal of God in all that He is doing is faith, for by this faith we are made one with Him and are united together as His family, the Church.

REGARDING COMMUNION

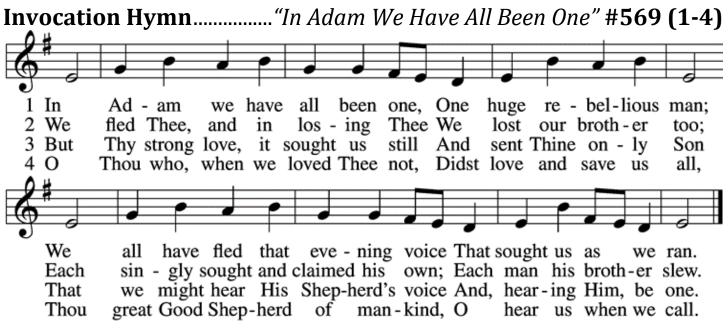
When we gather at the Lord's Table, the cup of blessing we receive is a sharing in the blood of Christ; the bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. We who are many are one bread and body in Christ (I Cor. 10:16-17). As a people baptized into the life of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to us in this holy meal to renew us individually and together in our life of faith and following him. Since Christian denominations have differing understandings of Holy Communion, if you are not a member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation and have not communed here before, we ask that you speak with the pastor or elder prior to communing with us the first time. Those not communing are invited to cross their arms over their chests and approach the pastor for a blessing during the distribution. Also, if certain factors prohibit you from partaking of regular wine, non-alcoholic wine is available in the center circle of the tray. If you would like to begin sharing this sacred meal with us on a regular basis, please ask the pastor for a time of faith instruction and formation.

Liturgical Color:

Green is the color of life and growth in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Welcome

Stand



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Divine Service, Setting One Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross **†** *may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

Confession and Absolution.....*page 151*

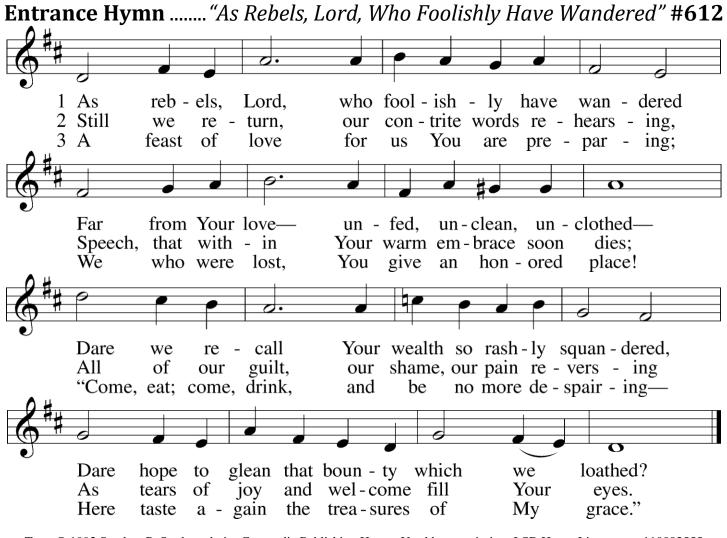
- **P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His

authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

С

Amen.

Service of the Word



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Kyrie......pages 152-153

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- С

Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia.

2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia.

- 3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
- 4 Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia.

5 For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Collect of the Day (spoken in unison)

Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *Sit*

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,

cursed are you above all livestock

and above all beasts of the field;

on your belly you shall go,

and dust you shall eat

all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,

and between your offspring and her offspring;

he shall bruise your head,

and you shall bruise his heel."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse	
	<i>puye</i> 150

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel...... Mark 3:20-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

"Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day "Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure" #654





Stand
Nicene Creedpage 158
I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P ... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Offering

Offering plates are not being passed during the service; worshipers may place their offerings into the plate located at the west entrance.

"Through him (Jesus) then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:15-16)

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Service of the Sacrament

Communion Liturgypages 160-162	
P The Lord be with you.	
C And also with you.	
P Lift up your hearts.	
G We lift them to the Lord.	
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
G It is right to give Him thanks and praise.	
It is truly good, right, and salutary evermore praising You and singing:	
Sanctuspage 161	
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.	
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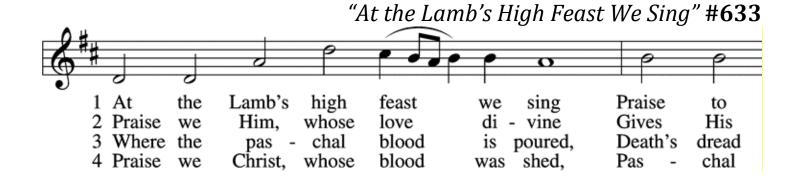
 Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth . . .
 To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

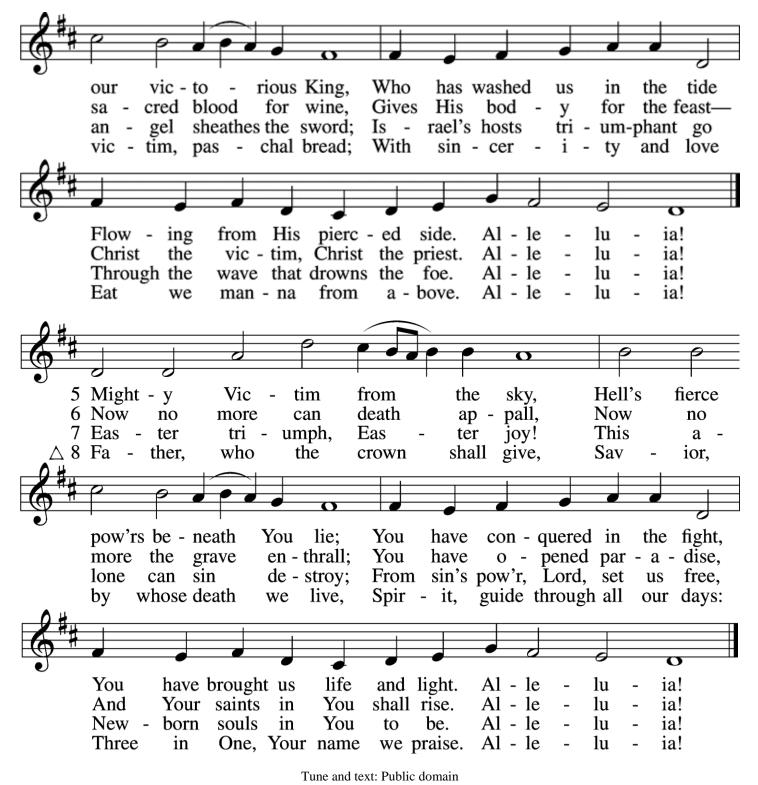
С	Amen.
Lor	d's Prayerpage 162
P	Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
С	Our Father who art in heaven,
	hallowed be Thy name,
	Thy kingdom come,
	Thy will be done on earth
	as it is in heaven;
	give us this day our daily bread;
	and forgive us our trespasses
	as we forgive those
	who trespass against us;
	and lead us not into temptation,
	but deliver us from evil.
	For Thine is the kingdom
	and the power and the glory
	forever and ever. Amen.
The	Words of Our Lordpage 162
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Agn	us Deipage 163
Laml	o of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit (until motioned to rise and proceed forward if going for Communion or a blessing). Distribution is happening at the altar rail, with both chalice and individual cups available.

Communion Hymns Instrumental





Stand

Post Communion Canticle....." "Thank the Lord" page 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post Communion Collect..... page 166

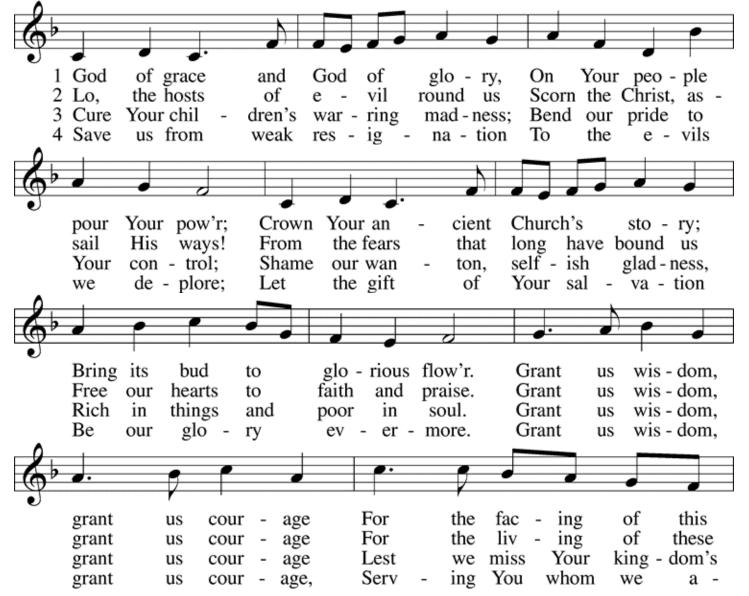
P Let us pray.

G We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this beneficial gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction...... page 166

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- **C** Amen.

Sending Hymn...... "God of Grace and God of Glory" #850



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 hour, days, goal, dore, 	For the fac - ing of this hour. For the liv - ing of these days. Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal. Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.
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Dismissal	(Bethlehem's Mission)
P Grow in ChrC Live in Love	st, and Share the Faith!
Postlude	Lorraine Miller, Gary Moege

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Next week's readings: OT: Ezekiel 17:22-24; EP: 2 Corinthians 5:1-17; Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Attendance Last Saturday: 17	Attendance Last Sunday: 53
Total Offering: \$4,912.00	Missions: \$0.00
Home Use: \$912.00	Benevolences: \$4,000.00

Serving us today:

Elders	Caleb Thomas, Jack Easterwood
Musicians	Lorraine Miller, Gary Moege
Altar Committee	Sheree Moody (Chair), SueAnn Carter,
	Erika Freeman, Peggy Hoyer
Flower Committee	Lana Vanderburgh (Chair), Karen Haase

This Week's Schedule

Monday-7	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:00 a.m.	Moms and Tots at the Park
Tuesday-8	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday-9	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study—1 Peter
	7:00 p.m.	Midweek Devotional Communion Service
Thursday-10	1:00 p.m.	Card Group
	7:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study—"Psalms-Poetry on Fire"
Friday-11	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class

Saturday-12		Elders' Meeting Children's Message Outdoor Worship
Sunday-13	8:00 a.m.	The Lutheran Hour broadcast on 96.9 Radio Broadcast 98.5 (can also be heard at www.blchurch.com, under the Sermons tab) Bible Study and Jr. and Sr. Youth Sunday School
	10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Holy Communion Vacation Bible School Starts!

Prayers

For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization, rehabilitation, and chemotherapy: Don Apprill (Cindy Schnell's dad), Janice Bertels, Paula Brewer, Ray & Mary Carstensen, Denise (Penny Humphrey's sister), Marion & Leona Droege, Wilma Gertz, Ralph Hein, Mary Johnson, Creed Kueker (Pr. Jesse Kueker's son—Trinity, Clinton), Marty Lehn, Marvin Logan (Nicole Clemons' father), Lynn Lowe, Kathy Marshall, Vivian Meyer (young daughter of Kaye Fair's close friend), Johnny Nichol, Jim Rudy and Bryan Tebbenkamp.

For Pregnant Mothers, especially Bridgette & Jonathan Sharp, Corinne & Jeremy Allison, Bekah & Chris Kelley, and Kara & JeVon Savage. May the Lord grant good health and joyful expectation!

For Military Members—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families: Andy Burden, Ty Carter, Ethan Hillsman, Chance Hillsman and Logan LeBaige.

Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Pr. Joel or email the church office. Also, if you're feeling the strain and needing to talk and be encouraged in the living of life from day to day, don't hesitate to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty, and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other!

Worship Services

Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m. You can also watch them live on Facebook or YouTube, or go to it directly from the webpage at <u>blchurch.com</u>.

Saturdays begin at 5:00 p.m. with a Children's Message, and services start at 5:30 out back under the cottonwood tree (through September 4th). In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved indoors. All of the Saturday services are a non-Communion devotional service, but Wednesday Communion services are being provided.

Wednesdays Communion Services are being held at 7:00 p.m. on the Wednesday following the 1st, 3rd or 5th Communion Sunday—the next will be June 9th. These devotional services are focused on a different one of the nine fruits of the Spirit each time. Consider making this part of your spiritual growth this summer!

Faith Discussion and Bible Study

"Reading Romans" Study on Sunday Mornings! We're working through the remaining chapters of this important biblical letter, and you're more than welcome to join us in the conference room **from 9:15-10:10 a.m.** as we cover a lot of good ground yet together!

Sunday Youth Bible Study—Jeremy VanWey is currently leading a study that is exploring C.S. Lewis's classic on the wily ways of evil, *The Screwtape Letters*. Make sure to make it, and spread the word to others so that a good group can work through it together!

New Zoom Bible Study—"Psalms: Poetry on Fire" by Brian Simmons. We will discuss poetry of praises, prayers, and laments. In each lesson, we will discuss: discover the heart of God, explore the heart of God, experience the heart of God, and share the heart of God. **This Zoom Bible study will be on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.** If you are interested in this passionate Bible Study of the Psalms please contact Rebecca or Cindy.

Wednesday & Saturday Bible Studies—Wednesday's 10:30 a.m.—12 noon study on 1 Peter has resumed; all are invited to join in this gathering in our conference room. It looks like Saturday Bible studies will resume in September, after Labor Day.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (Outdoors)—Mark your calendars for June 13-17 for VBS— Rainforest Explorers: Jesus Leads the Way! We will be serving a sack meal each night starting at 5:00 p.m. The lessons and activities will run from 5:30-8:15 p.m.

VBS Mission—VBS students will be collecting items for Orphan Grain Train Christmas Gift Boxes. If you would like to donate items, please see the lists of needed items at the collection points near the church entrances. The packing list for

OGT boxes is specific and variations are not allowed. OGT is a Lutheran-based relief agency, headquartered in Norfolk, NE, that connects people (often children) with needed resources for the flourishing of life. To learn more about them, visit <u>www.ogt.org</u>.

Calling all helpers—VBS needs you! Helpers are needed for the registration table, storytelling (this is a good role if you would like to help for just a night or two), team leaders (who will guide students from one station to the next and help them stay engaged), game helpers, packing sack meals, and decorating (this is a great option if you would like to help for just one day before VBS begins). **Please contact Ellen Pederson (Inpederson@gmail.com) if you would like to help.**

Opportunities to Serve

Bethlehem's Vegetable Garden was converted to raised beds this year; some has been planted but there's still more to be done. *Would you like to be in the group of regular garden helpers? Talk to Shawn Lindley or Pr. Joel to get in the garden group and find out what needs to be done and when. Many thanks!*

Fellowship

Exercise Class is being held at **9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** in the Fellowship Hall. This class is low impact exercise open to anyone. For more information, contact Judy Smith.

The Card Group meets on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome to join in for some games, coffee and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Melvin Theroff.

The Merry Widows will be meeting on June 17. Time and place will be announced later. Any ladies are welcome to join them for lunch and fellowship. Please call SueAnn Carter or Roberta Kohler if you would like to come.

Offerings

You can mail your offerings to Bethlehem and have pastor put it in the offering plate on the altar with a prayer of trust for you, or you can give through the online offering called *"Simply Giving"*.

Miscellaneous

Job Openings—St. Paul's Lutheran School has an opening for a full-time Pre-Kindergarten teacher. Must possess a teaching degree. Lutheran Teaching Diploma or colloquy are preferred but not required. Pay is based on experience per the salary guidelines of the Missouri District. This is a year-to-year contract. St. Paul's is also taking applications for a part-time classroom aide and Extended Care worker. Please email resumes to jebonar@stpaulsconcordia.org.

Bake Sale—Immanuel Lutheran Church (110 Main), Sweet Springs, MO on **Saturday, June 12, from 8:00 am until sold out**. The sale will be held in front of the Church on Main Street. Sponsored by the Ladies of the Congregation. All proceeds to support their projects, such as a new refrigerator. Thank you for participating!

St. Paul Lutheran High Benefit Hog Roast/Brat Dinner—June 27, 11 a.m.—1 p.m. St. Paul Lutheran High: Krueger Dining Hall. "Free Will Offering". Live auction starts at 12:30 p.m. Online silent auction: sign in and bid from June 15-26 at <u>https://event.gives/splhs</u>.

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CALLING ALL HELPERS: VBS NEEDS YOU

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one of the positions below. Whether you can join us for one night or the whole week, we would love to have you! If you can help with any of the following, please contact Ellen Pederson.

-Registration table: Welcome students and parents, distribute name tags, and help parents fill out registration forms for new students. You would only need to help in the earlier part of each evening and would not have to stay the full evening.

-Storytellers: You will read the evening's Bible story to each of three teams of students. We would welcome someone who wants to help all week, but this is also a good role for someone who would like to help for just a night or two.

-Team Leaders: You will guide students from one station to the next and will help them stay engaged in the events of each evening.

-Games helpers: This is a great job for a few teens and tweens!

-Packing sack meals: This will be done earlier in the day and is another great opportunity to help for the whole week or just a day or two.

-Decorating: Put your creative skills to use helping us transform our outdoor spaces into a rainforest before VBS begins.

Contact Information

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 607 N. Maguire, Warrensburg, MO 64093

Our Mission

· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

Our Vision

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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Please note that Bethlehem Lutheran Church has a closed-circuit video system. This allows for the viewing of the service on screens in the building and helps to enhance our security. Please see a trustee or an elder if you have any questions.