

EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Who doesn't love a three day weekend? I hope you are finding something relaxing and recharging to do with an extra day off. Let us also be mindful on Labor Day of all those who have and do labor to make our country work. . .our lives work. May we honor them by continuing to advocate for the safety and dignity of every worker.

This weekend in worship, we'll be looking at Luke 14.1-14 in both services. On Sunday morning, we'll also read a short passage from Proverbs 25.6-7. Whether you're tuning in from on the road or you are here in person, we look forward to worshipping with you!



I'll be out of the office next week as I travel with my daughter Natalie (winner of the 2025 Climate Hope Art Contest) to Washington DC. We will meet up with folks from the United Church of Christ Climate Hope Campaign as well as the Domestic Policy Advocate from the Washington DC office of the UCC. We will have the opportunity to meet with our lawmakers to talk about the importance of caring for creation. We covet your prayers as we travel and seek to advocate for change to protect God's good

creation!

Serve

[Worship Acolyte - click here](#)

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Listen to Last Weekend's Worship Message



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Prayer List

Minneapolis community and families at Annunciation Catholic School
Natalie Slade as she travels to Washington DC to meet with lawmakers about the need for protecting creation
Sherry and Bob Bell (progressing with Parkinson's disease; cousin of Debbie Kuebler)
College students moving in and their families
Cathy McConnell (hospitalized, daughter of Bob and Diane McDaniel)
Larry Knott (congestive heart failure and leg infection, uncle of Chris Jones)
Dana Dacy (recovering from an auto accident, cousin of Carleen Grossman)
Rev. Phil Hoy (under hospice care)
Linda Gilbert (undergoing chemotherapy)
Jo Ann Bagby (recovering from broken hip and arm)
C. Bob Cravens (undergoing chemotherapy)
Jennifer Gander (being treated for cancer, Andrea and Wayne's daughter-in-law)
Bill Shafer (treatment for pancreatic cancer; brother of Judy Kattman, Jane Jackson, and Lee Ann Shafer)
Those affected by weather-related disasters
Middle East Russia/Ukraine Conflict
Victims of violence
All those battling addiction and facing the daily struggle to stay clean.
Our military
Students and Teachers

Online Giving

If you haven't yet, give it a try!

Whether giving to the church's general fund or a special offering, doing so online (24/7) is a quick and easy alternative to check-writing or having cash on hand. Simply click the button below.

[Give Here](#)



The flowers on the altar are given by Jim Hitch. "Happy Birthday to Mag Lindsey from husband Jim Hitch."



Deadline August 31

The Memorial and Special Gifts Committee is currently seeking applications for the Michael P. Schmitt and Lorena K. Schmitt Music Scholarship! This scholarship is used to support budding middle and high school musicians at Bethlehem, to help with costs associated with anything from private lessons to Honors Band or Orchestra trip fees. It is open to vocal and instrumental musicians, who generally share their gifts with the congregation at some point throughout the year in the form of special music in a worship service.

Application forms are available outside the office, and for full consideration they should be submitted by August 31. If you have any questions, you can reach out to the Memorial and Special Gifts Committee. (Susie Kuhlenschmidt, chair; members: Jean Hunt, Barry Jones, Karen Mayol, Mike Slade, Lino Wiseman)



Church Council Chat

This Sunday following worship, a Church Council member will be available in the Welcoming Area to address any questions or concerns for the Council. Everyone is welcome to stop by!

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

On October 12, we will have a New Member Sunday at Bethlehem. Currently, we have one new member wishing to join, and we'd love to welcome others! If you're interested in learning more about what it means to join Bethlehem, please reach out to Pastor Emily (emily@bethlehemucc.org).

Have a spare television?

Do you have an extra television taking up space in your attic? We know someone in need who could use it! Please contact the office if you have one to share at church@bethlehemucc.org (812) 867-2497.

SIGN UP FOR ALTAR FLOWERS

There are numerous opportunities in 2025 to donate Sunday's altar flowers. Click the button below to sign up for a weekend. If you prefer a paper form, they are available in the vestibule (office entrance open 24/7), church office hallway, Welcoming Area, children and youth entrance, and narthex. Please contact Cindy Carwile with any questions at ckcarwile@gmail.com.

Available dates in the coming months:

September 7

October 5, 12

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Altar Flower Sign Up

R.O.M.E.O. CLUB

What is the Bethlehem R.O.M.E.O. Club? It is Retired Old Men Eating Out (just men gathering) every Tuesday for food, fellowship, and faith. ROMEO Club is open to anyone no matter your age! The Club will meet again at 11:30 am for lunch this Tuesday at Hilltop Inn. If you would like to join the group for lunch, please RSVP to Barry Jones at Twinpapa02@yahoo.com by Monday morning. New faces are always welcome!



Thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve as ushers. The Church Council is scheduled for September.



Coming Up

Thursday, August 28

7 – 8pm

Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

Friday, August 29

10:30 – 11:30am

Welcoming Area Rsvd. - CAJE

Saturday; August 30

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

Sunday, August 31

9 – 10am

Sunday School - All Ages

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship
Sanctuary

11:30am – 12pm
Council Chat
Welcoming Area

Monday, September 1

All day
Labor Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2

10:30am – 12pm
Bible Study on Tuesday Mornings
Confirmation Classroom

6 – 7pm
U-10 Study Group
Welcoming Area

Thursday, September 4

7 – 8pm
Choir Rehearsal
Music Room

Saturday, September 6

5:30 – 6:30pm
Worship - Communion
Welcoming Area

Sunday, September 7

9 – 10am
Sunday School - All Ages

10:15 – 11:15am
Worship - Communion
Sanctuary

11:30am – 1pm
WEB Luncheon

Fellowship Hall



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