

# EMILY'S EDITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend in both services, we will take a look at Luke 14:25-33, a strange and difficult passage where Jesus tells us we need to hate our families and give away all of our possessions. It's true, but maybe Jesus is speaking these words to get our attention. Read the lesson ahead of time and listen closely to what Jesus might be saying. We will also celebrate Communion in both services. I hope you'll make plans to join us!

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar this weekend are given by Karen Anderson in memory of Marianne Vanover, (Mother of Jane Koch), in memory of Walt Koch's birthday, and in honor of Jane Koch's birthday.

## Prayer List

Pastor Doug Turner (recovering from hospital stay)  
Alex Oglesby (recovering from a broken arm)  
Marvin Sunderman (recovering from a fall, Deaconess Midtown)  
Minneapolis community and families at Annunciation Catholic School  
Sherry and Bob Bell (progressing with Parkinson's disease; cousin of Debbie Kuebler)  
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

# Serve

[Worship Acolyte - click here](#)

[Worship Liturgist - click here](#)



## Listen to Last Weekend's Worship Message



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# 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](#)



## Washington D.C. Update

Natalie and I are at the airport awaiting our flight home, but we wanted to share a few pictures with you from our day at the Capitol yesterday. We met staffers from Senator Banks and Representative Mesmer's offices and asked them to do what they can to address climate issues including supporting federal subsidies to help those in our community who are struggling to pay high utility bills. We actually got to meet and address these issues with Senator Young himself (along with staff). We have had a great trip, learned a lot about how our government works, and are excited to return home now to the rest of our family. Thank you for your prayers and support on this exciting adventure!









## 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](mailto:emily@bethlehemucc.org)).

## 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](mailto:ckcarwile@gmail.com).

### **Available dates in the coming months:**

November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

December 7, 14

**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 Hornet's Nest. If you would like to join the group for lunch, please RSVP to Barry Jones at [Twinpapa02@yahoo.com](mailto:Twinpapa02@yahoo.com) by Monday morning. New faces are always welcome!



**THANK  
YOU!**

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



## Coming Up

### **Thursday, September 4**

7 – 8pm

Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

### **Friday, September 5**

3 – 4pm

Civitan Meeting

Conference 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 Hal

**Monday, September 8**

8:30 – 10am  
Conference Room Rsvd. - Worthington

1:30 – 2:30pm  
Library Rsvd. - Worthington

6:30 – 7:30pm  
Green Team Mtg.  
Library

**Tuesday, September 9**

October STAR Article Deadline to [publishing@bethlehemucc.org](mailto:publishing@bethlehemucc.org)

10:30am – 12pm  
Bible Study on Tuesday Mornings  
Conference Room

**Wednesday, September 10**

5:30 – 7pm  
Finance Ministry Team  
Confirmation Classroom

6:30 – 7:30pm  
Cub Scout Meeting

**Thursday, September 11**

9am – 1pm  
Welcoming Area Rsvd. - Worthington

9 – 10:30am

Civil Rights Study Group  
Fellowship Hall

6:30 – 9pm

Welcoming Area Rsvd (Wiseman)

6:30 – 7:30pm

Bells Rehearsal

Music Room

7:30 – 8:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

Music Room

**Saturday, September 13**

5:30 – 6:30pm

Worship

Welcoming Area

**Sunday, September 14**

9 – 10am

Sunday School - All Ages

10:15 – 11:15am

Worship

Sanctuary

6 – 8pm

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