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Bethlehem
Lutheran Church & Preschool

Bethlehem Mission Statement

*"Building the family of God through
relationship with Jesus Christ."*

PRESCHOOL NEWS

We have started our school year! I am also happy to report that we have a full PreK 4's class which meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays as well as a full Preschool 3's class which meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Thank you to everyone who "picked" an apple from our Preschool Giving Tree and brought back the item on the apple. We have been enjoying the items at the school so Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

The Preschool will be selling wreaths and poinsettias once again. Wreaths and Poinsettias go on sale This Sunday and will be sold during the month of October. October 26th will be the last day to turn in orders for this fundraiser. Wreaths and Poinsettias will be available for pick up on Tuesday, December 2nd from 12-7 pm.



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BETHLEHEM IS FAMILY



Dear Bethlehem,

We have good news out of the 13 pastors we asked to interview- 6 have said yes. In the past I think the most who have ever wanted to interview from our list was 3. On the not so good side- I'm told that in the northwest district- 25% of our LCMS churches are without a pastor. Zion in Hillsboro and Prince of Peace in Bethany are also without pastors. So we're not alone. President Von Behren is aware of one of the issues causing this- salary guidelines for the northwest are about 20% less than the Midwest while we have a higher cost of living. He will be raising those guidelines over the next three years to entice more pastors to come.

I'm thankful the elders have stepped up to find pastors for us for the next few months and starting this Sunday will be leading us from time to time. They're also reaching out to those who are shut in and hospitalized. If you don't know who your elder is- talk to Ivan Weichbrodt who is our head elder or Mary Heck in the office.

This Sunday we say goodbye to long time members- Jim and Chris Cullen as they move to Montana. They've done a lot for us from teaching kindergarten and confirmation, helping call pastors, directed the choir, raised Kerry and Kevin here, ran capital campaigns, even helped run the pre-school and pre-school board. Then on the 12th we will be remembering Deedee Heyne and over 50 years spend here as a faithful member.

These folks remind us that Bethlehem is family. We are united in Christ and around His gifts of God's word, His sacraments, and also some gifts that we bring like coffee, donuts, and flowers each Sunday. We are united in this space and in the community for such a time as this. That has not changed.

Though we are in a time of transition leadership wise as a church, perhaps more so than usual Christ is seen as our leader. He works through this congregation from the 2 year old who cries through announcements to those needing canes and wheelchairs to get through the doors to those stuck at home watching online. You matter to this place and you matter to Jesus.

2 Timothy assures us in times of uncertainty like those that face us now: Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his." Remain in Him!

Be blessed and be a blessing,

Eric Oswald DCE

Children's ministry:

Sunday school has started up for those in pre-3 through 12th grade. Towards the end of this month and/or the start of September we will have auditions for our Christmas musical which will be on Dec. 14th- it's called Roadside Christmas Miracle and written by Ella Hoffman! Look for more details to come!

Youth:

This week we head out on a retreat! We will return for youth night on Oct. 12th as we prepare for leading worship Oct. 19th. Also that day we will be doing some yard work at the Feldhauses. Later we will assist with the pre-schools fall festival on Oct. 25th we will meet at 12:45pm.

SERVICE TEAM NOTES



October Service Team Notes

Fall is here and service ministries are in full swing. Barb Bernard is planning food packing events at the Oregon Food Bank Tuesday October 7th 6-8pm and Wednesday October 8th 9-11pm Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Please consider joining a team and sign up now!

Northwest Children's Outreach visits are planned for October 20th 6:30-8pm and October 22nd 10am until noon. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex. Sign up early. These events fill up fast.

We are again joining with churches in our area to take part in "Operation Christmas Child" Last year Bethlehem members filled fifty-three boxes which went to Benin in

Africa and Guatemala in Central America. With several families making packing boxes a family event. We hope to fill even more this year and look forward to spreading God's word to more distant places. Boxes will remain available in the Narthex or Contact Greg Geist if you need more. Won't you help?

Details on what goes in boxes and how to pack them are provided in brochures available in Narthex and online at [How to Pack a Shoebox \(samaritanspurse.org\)](https://www.samaritanspurse.org). We

are also collecting shoebox items and cash. Note that it costs \$10 per box to cover shipping and overhead. We are planning to underwrite this year's program, but donations make the program sustainable and can be made to the office or offering plate identified for Operation Christmas Child. Bins for donation of items are in the Narthex.

This year's project will be completed the third week in November. Please return completed boxes to the church before then.

Advance planning is underway for this year's Christmas food box ministry We will begin collecting food Thanksgiving with a packing event scheduled for Sunday, December 21st.

As always, bring your questions or suggestions to Barb Bernard, Mary Loseke, Heather Cammack, or Greg Geist. suggestions are always welcome. Thanks once again.

Peace be with you,

Your Service Team



LWML UPDATE

Ladies Gathered for a luncheon/ meeting.

Business:

1) LWML Sunday October 12th

In between services we will have a reception in memory of Deedee Heyne.

2) Zone Rally– will be held at Living Savior Lutheran Church in Tualatin on Sat. Oct. 4.

3) Bazaar– will be held on Sat. Nov. 22 and Sun. Nov. 23. Set up on Fri Nov. 21. More info to come

4) Concordia Seminary– we plan to sponsor a student– monetary donations will be sent.

5) LWML Convention– AJ gave a report on convention she attended in Omaha, NE. Oregon Banner for procession was made by Ellen. Prayer packets from convention were handed out.

NEXT MEETING: October 16th @ 11:30a

Bring a salad or a dessert and join us!



**Lutheran
Women
*in Mission***

LOVE INC NEWS

Night of Vision is an in-person benefit for Love INC of Greater Hillsboro.

This year's Night of Vision will be at New Life Baptist Church, 3440 E Main Street, in Hillsboro on November 7.

Check with your Love INC church liaison regarding tickets for an exciting night as we cast a vision for Love INC of Greater Hillsboro.

Celebrate with us!

There will be lots of exciting items available at the Night of Vision. Some will be available in a live auction, and some in a silent auction.

Here are some of the items that will be up for auction.

- A two night's stay for up to six people at a Cannon Beach condo
- Two Alaska Airlines coach tickets to anywhere that Alaska flies to in the United States, valued up to \$2,000



**Greater
Hillsboro**

- Two University of Oregon Autzen Club football tickets for the 2026 – 2027 season, including access to the Club area at Autzen with private concession stands, restrooms and Duck Store

- Themed baskets and quilts

There will be also be an opportunity to support Love INC by purchasing tickets for a 50/50 raffle.

MINISTRY FAIR

Visit the Ministry Fair to learn more about Love INC's ministries.

At the Ministry Fair, the Clearinghouse/Call Center, Restoring Hope Classes and each Gap Ministry – Harvest Home, New Life Essentials, Comforts of Home, Ready 4 Work, King's Closet, Love Bugs, Table Diaper Depot, Furnished with Hope – will be on display. Visit each, collect all 10 flowers on your card, then turn it in.

You'll not only find out more about Love INC's ministries, you'll be entered into a drawing to receive five free raffle tickets!



October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Bethlehem Lutheran Church & Preschool			1	2	3 Fall Youth Retreat 7:00pm AA Meeting (Sonrise)	4 Fall Youth Retreat
5 Fall Youth Retreat 8:30am Traditional Worship Service w/Communion 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Morning Song Worship Service 4:30pm Serene & Clean NA Group (Sonrise)	6 9:30am Quilting 3:00pm TOPS Meeting (Inn) 5:00pm AA Group (Sonrise) 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Inn)	7 7:00pm Elder's Mtg (Inn) 7:00pm Guide Dogs (CC) 7:00pm Men's AA (Sonrise)	8	9 10:00am Aloha Garden Club (CC)	10 6:30pm Folk Dancing (CC) 7:00pm AA Meeting (Sonrise)	11
12 "Mite Box" Sunday 8:30am Traditional Worship Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Morning Song Worship Service w/Communion 4:30pm Serene & Clean NA Group (Sonrise) 5:30pm Youth Night!	13 9:30am Quilting 3:00pm TOPS Meeting (Inn) 5:00pm AA Group (Sonrise) 6:30pm Young Adult Bible Study (Yth Rm) 7:00pm Women's Bible Study (CC)	14 7:00pm Admin Council (Inn) 7:00pm Guide Dogs (CC) 7:00pm Men's AA (Sonrise)	15	16 11:30am LWML Meeting (Sonrise)	17 7:00pm AA Meeting (Sonrise)	18 1:00pm Private Event (CC)
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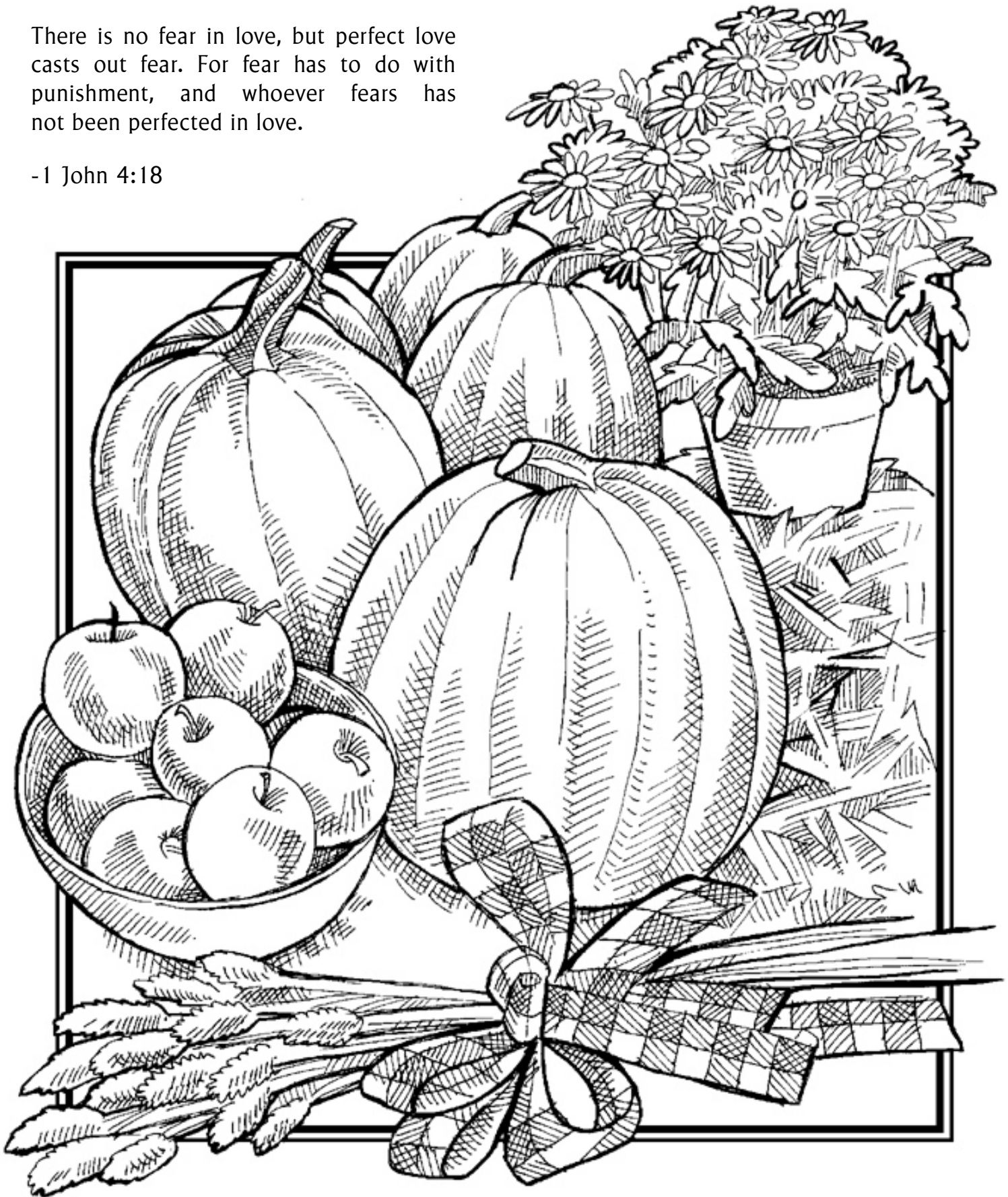
SERVICE ROSTER FOR OCTOBER 2025



	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19	Oct 26
Eternal Candle	Sponsored by Larry & Erline Binkerd			
Altar Flowers	Jim & Chris Cullen	Rick & JoAnna Refsland	Kerry & Ruth White	
Elder on Duty 8:30 11:00	Jon Loseke Keith Harn	Joel Prusi Bob Baker	Terry Beale Dennis Fredrick	Jon Loseke Ivan Weichbrodt
Acolytes 8:30 11:00	Henry Davis Jillian Davis Sullivan Hoffman Erik Agard	Adelynn Williams Miriam Plopper Anna Hoffman Violet Stiteler	Miriam Plopper Clara Plopper Anna Hoffman Sullivan Hoffman	Adelynn Williams Margaret Williams Erik Agard Violet Stiteler
Lay Reader 8:30 11:00	Eli Plopper Jeff Hoffman	Joel Prusi Mark Leinhos	Martha Browning Eric Oswald	Heather Cammack Joe Bernard
Ushers 8:30 11:00	Dave Dubberke Hank Modro Charles Finster Lil Harn	Lee Kauth Hank Modro Lorna Zimbrick	Dave Dubberke Nan Dubberke Lil Harn Greg Hjelmeland	Dave Dubberke Lee Kauth Ken Feldhaus Greg Hjelmeland
Communion Servers 8:30 11:00	Greg Starts	Mark Leinhos	Jon Loseke	Joel Prusi Matt Boelter
Altar Guild Set Up Clean Up	Nan Dubberke Lisa Siewert	Megan Davis Pat Winkler	Heather Cammack Lee Kauth	Martha B/ Kathryn Lorna Zimbrick
Organist @ 8:30	Phyllis Murken	Dwight Siewert	Phyllis Murken	Dwight Siewert
	17th Sunday After Pentecost	18th Sunday After Pentecost	19th Sunday After Pentecost	Reformation Sunday

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

-1 John 4:18



ANNIVERSARIES



Oct 20 Kerry and Ruth White (52)

BIRTHDAYS

10/2 Roger Lindquist	10/23 Eric Agard
10/7 Hank Modro	10/23 Craig Rowley
10/11 Shelly Allen	10/24 Jillian Davis
10/11 Lil Harn	10/24 Emma Healy
10/13 Dan Werries	10/25 Shane Jenkins
10/15 Jaymin Bernhardt	10/26 Joanna Stiteler
10/19 Valorie Laws	10/27 Abby Loseke
10/19 Violet Stiteler	10/28 Daniel Loseke
10/21 Dennis Fredrick	10/29 Greg Starts



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Sundays 8:30am & 11:00am
www.BLCfamily.org/bethlehem-online

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“O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?”

-1 Corinthians 15:55-
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