

For more information on any of the ministries at
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, please
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Worship: Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Wiggle 'n Worship: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. (Sept.-May)
Children's Sunday School: Sunday, 10:00 a.m. (Sept.-May)
KICS (Youth Group): Sunday, 10:00 a.m. (Sept.-May)
Confirmation Class: Sunday, 9:45 a.m. (Sept.-May)
Video/Discussion Class for Adults: Sunday, 9:45 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Terri Driver-Bishop
Music Director: Kristine Vick
Communications & Discipleship Coordinator: Marie Bakke

Discover the Ministries of



The Mission of Bethlehem Lutheran Church is to
Discover, Celebrate, and Share God's Love.

Come discover joyful people of all backgrounds,
Engaged in meaningful and
authentic relationships,
Encouraging others on their journey of faith.

Look for the sign  next to the ministries that
are great first-connect opportunities!

Discovering Intimacy with God

In Christian Study and Fellowship at BLC...

Sunday Video/Discussion Series for Adults

Videos range from Lecture Series, to Christian classics to contemporary issues; Video is followed by group discussion. Sunday mornings at 9:45am in the Parlor; No registration needed.

Sunday Morning Series

A new format of book or video for getting Christian perspectives—spiritual direction that is real for us. Generally discussion oriented. Sunday mornings at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall.

Weeknight Study Series

Book & Video Series vary and are announced regularly. Beth Moore series are frequently used. Open to everyone. Registration is encouraged so that books/workbooks may be obtained. Register by signing up at the Welcome Center for individual series.

Thursday Book Discussion Group

The group meets monthly on the 1st Thursday of the month, 12:30pm, in the Narthex, to discuss a book chosen by the group. Open to everyone, no registration required. Watch the BLC newsletter and bulletin inserts for upcoming titles.

Expedition DCS! Sunday School

Students learn through multi-media projects focusing on the same lessons learned during worship, enhancing family discussions. Class begins in the sanctuary at our Wiggle 'n' Worship service, at 9:30am. Students go with teachers to their classrooms at 10:00am. Open to all children, toddlers—6th grade. Registration forms available at BLC office, on the BLC website: www.blclife.org, or on Sunday morning from the Sunday School Director.

Confirmation Class, a two-year program of intensive studies and discussions in preparation for Confirmation. Experienced teachers combine fellowship and fun while exploring the Bible and what it means to be Lutheran. Grades 7-8.

Contact the pastor to register.

KICS – Kids in Christian Service, is a teen group that provides fellowship and an opportunity to discuss the Bible and its application to their daily lives. KICS also work together on service projects for BLC and our community, and have provided leadership and inspiration to our Sunday School students. Contact the BLC office for scheduled events.

Kid Power Choir – (Preschool - Grade 1)

Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 6:45 - 7:30pm, for fun and singing. Children learn simple songs and movements under the direction of Ms. Elizabeth McPhilomy. Kid Power sings at the 11:00am service periodically. Everyone Welcome any Wednesday!

Joyful Praise Choir - (Grades 2-6)

Rehearsal: Wed., 6:45 - 7:30pm, This group sings or plays chimes/instruments about once a month at the 11:00 service. No musical experience needed. We learn a little about music each week, practice songs, and build fellowship. We focus on praise through the joy of music! Directed by Laura Smith. Everyone Welcome any Wednesday!

Intergenerational Music Activities – Our music program encourages participation of all ages in activities such as Luthertones (Handchimes), Sacred Strings, solos and ensembles at services, and in our Intergenerational Musicals. Watch the bulletin insert and BLC newsletter for other group activities and outings.



Children's Christmas Presentation—Open to all children, even visitors! Share the Christmas story in song & readings.

Ministries for Children and Youth



Wiggle 'n Worship®

A special service designed especially for families with young children. 20-30 minutes long, with children's songs and prayers. "No Shushing Allowed!" Sundays, 9:30am. Everyone welcome.

Special Children's Message presented at the worship service each Sunday where children are invited to hear and participate in a message crafted especially for them.



Kids of the Kingdom – for ages 3 (and potty-trained) through the end of 2nd grade; Each Sunday, children attend service for 15 minutes, then are invited to attend a special class for the remainder of the church service. This is provided only as an option - children are always welcome at our worship services. No registration required.



Professionally Staffed Nursery is available for toddlers and infants at all services. Adult helpers needed, too!



Sunday School - Expedition DCS! Our program at BLC is a fun, exciting Expedition to Discover, Celebrate, and Share. *Expedition DCS!* is designed around our weekly worship lessons and concepts, and is presented through kid-friendly, multimedia lessons. All children are welcome, any or every Sunday. Preschool through 6th grade. Registration forms available at the BLC office or at www.blclife.org. Drop by and visit one Sunday!



Pat The Bible™ Sunday mornings for toddlers (18 months - two years old) where our youngest students learn through special toys and songs designed especially for them. Register through Sunday School—forms available on the website, from the BLC office or from the Sunday School director any Sunday morning.



Vacation Bible School (VBS) Annual week-long event that enriches the lives of both the students attending and those serving as teachers, assistants, and leaders. Theme-based activities transform the church into an exciting and fun week of Bible lessons. Ages 3-10, with older children invited as helpers. Spring registration.

Confirmation Class

7th and 8th grade students engage in intensive study and discussion of the Bible in preparation for Confirmation. Older students who have not yet been confirmed may attend class or make individual arrangements. Contact the pastor to register.

KICS (Kids in Christian Service) Youth Group

Our youth group meets monthly for service projects, worship support, and social events. Open to all high schoolers. Contact the BLC office for upcoming activities.



Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Annual week-long event in August that enriches the lives of both the students attending and those serving as teachers, assistants, and leaders. Open to all children ages 3 through 10. Children ages 10 and up may join the fun as assistants. Spring registration, forms available at the BLC Welcome Center and the BLC website.

BLC Library Corner

Our library corner, located in the Narthex, is open to everyone. A selection of books & videos for adults and children is available. Materials may be signed out on a clipboard in the corner. Please stop by and enjoy!



Lenten Soup Supper/Study Series

Wednesday evenings during Lent, everyone is invited to join us any/all Wednesdays for Soup and Discussion based on videos and/or books. Watch for the announcement of the Series before Lent. The evening concludes with a brief Vesper service in the sanctuary. Open to all. No registration required.



VBS 2008
PowerLab
"Jesus Gives
Us the
Power"



Discovering Your Role In God's Family

In Community Service at BLC...



BLCW Circles

The BLC Women have 2 circle groups, meeting on different schedules; these groups share in fellowship, Bible study, and special projects. Meetings are open to everyone. The meeting schedule is posted in our BLC new sletter, or you may contact the BLC office.

BLCW Retreat

The BLC Women offer a spring & fall retreat; speakers and topics vary from year to year. Open to all BLC Women. Watch the newsletter and BLC Welcome Center for Registration information.

Men of Bethlehem

The MOB offer periodic retreats with varying speakers and topics. The group also meets every other month for fellowship and dinner at local restaurants. Open to all BLC men. Contact the BLC office for more information.



FACETS (Fairfax Area Christian Emergency & Transitional Svcs)

BLC serves the community through FACETS by preparing and delivering hot meals to homeless families, with tutoring, and with supplies for babies, children, and students. We also support the hypothermia shelter for homeless adults each winter. No experience is needed, just a desire to help. A great way to meet others at BLC as no one works alone. For more info, contact the BLC office.

NOVACO (Northern Va. Coalition)

Through Novaco, BLC co-sponsors a family recovering from domestic abuse. Opportunities to serve range from apartment repairs to hand-on assistance to the family. Please contact the BLC office for more details.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



BLC supports Habitat for Humanity through the gifts and talents of our members. Habitat for Humanity not only builds Homes, it builds Hope. No long term commitment required. Skills needed range from building to making sandwiches. For more information about how you can get involved, contact BLC Program Coordinator, Jay Sharp, at: jay.sharp.va@verizon.net

FISH (For Immediate Sympathetic Help)

BLC supports FISH, providing transportation and other support to elderly and low-income residents. Donations of food are helping to keep the food pantry stocked. Non-perishable donations may be left in the BLC Narthex. If you would like to get involved with the transportation program, please contact the BLC office.

INOVA

BLC participates in blood drives and other community health programs through INOVA.



*Joyful Praise and
Kid Power Choirs*

“for it is in the giving that we receive”

– St. Francis of Assisi

Discovering Your Role In God's Family

In Worship and Community Life at BLC...

Craft & Chat

This group meets periodically on a Saturday morning. Bring along a project you're working on, or just join us for some coffee and fellowship. No registration or regular commitment required. Watch the BLC newsletter and BLC bulletin inserts for scheduled meetings.



Samaritans

Primarily comprised of retired persons, this group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 1:00pm, for lunch & fellowship at Old Country Buffet. No registration required, open to all. For more info, please contact the BLC office.



Garden/Landscaping Group

This ministry designs and maintains gardens on the church grounds. No experience or regular commitment needed. Contact the BLC office to see how you can help.

BLC Green Team

Help protect our earth by assisting the BLC Green Team in finding ways to make BLC more Green! Contact the BLC office for more details.

Dining Out Group

Enjoy fellowship and fun with others from BLC at local restaurants. No regular commitment needed. Usually meets 1st Saturday of each month at 7:00pm or as arranged. Contact the Group Coordinator at hcrum@cox.net for the schedule of events.

BLC Golf Outings

A great fellowship opportunity to play golf locally with others from BLC. No skill requirements. Watch the new sletter & bulletin inserts for sign-up information.



Chancel Choir

Leads the congregation at weekly worship services. Our focus is on worship through music, utilizing a variety of hymns ranging from time-honored favorites to contemporary, with a variety of musical styles. The choir practices weekly on Wednesday evenings, 7:30pm. No audition or prior experience required. Contact music director, Kris Vick at the BLC office.

Praise Ensemble Choir

Blends voices and instruments in musical praise. Sings/plays periodically at worship services. This group does not meet regularly, but assembles to prepare for a specific Sunday. Contact music director, Kris Vick at the BLC office.



Joyful Praise Choir

Children in grades 2-6 meet weekly to share in singing, musical instruments, and fellowship. No music experience needed. Join us at anytime. Meets Wednesday, 6:45pm-7:30pm, and sings monthly at worship services. Contact director Laura Smith or music director, Kris Vick, at the BLC Office.



Kid Power Choir

Children preschool age – 1st grade meet weekly. Lots of singing and lots of fun! No music experience needed. Join us at anytime. Meets Wednesdays, 6:45pm-7:30pm, and sings periodically at worship services. Contact director Elizabeth McPhilomy or music director, Kris Vick, at the BLC Office.

Luthertones Handchime Group

Meets weekly and performs monthly at worship services. Players may be part of the regular group or participate on an intermittent basis. Practices Thursdays, 7:30pm. Contact music director, Kris Vick, at the BLC Office.

Sacred Strings

Intergenerational ensemble for anyone who plays a stringed instrument. Does not meet weekly, but prepares and plays at periodic worship services. No audition required. Contact music director, Kris Vick, at the BLC office.

Solo & Ensemble Musicians

Vocal & instrumental solos and ensembles enrich the music program throughout the year. This is an excellent way to share your musical gift when schedules do not permit you to participate in a weekly group! Everyone welcome. You may suggest music or ask for suggestions. Please contact music director, Kris Vick, at BLC.

Blue Grass Musicians

Enriches the music program of BLC occasionally during the year. Please contact music director, Kris Vick, at BLC.



Worship Coordination Team

It takes many hands joined together to create a worship service; Opportunities to serve include:

Altar Guild

Flowers

Communion Bread Baker

Lay Assistants

Ushers & Greeters

Audio/Visual Support

Acolyte/Crucifer

Holy Communion Outreach

Nursery Assistance

Training will be provided. Contact the worship coordinator at worship@blclife.org or the BLC office.

Bread Delivery

This ministry delivers bread to Bethlehem's new visitors to welcome and invite them back again. If you have a little time to deliver bread on your own schedule, please contact the Outreach coordinator at evangelism@blclife.org or the BLC office. Bread bakers are also vital to this ministry!

Prayer Ring

Share your heart and your prayers with those in need. Open to everyone by simply providing your email and/or phone number to the prayer ring coordinator. You will be emailed or called with new prayer requests. Please contact the BLC office to be added to the Prayer Ring, or if you have prayer requests that you would like put on the Prayer Ring.

Vestry

The elected vestry coordinators manage the many different aspects of BLC life and represent the members of BLC. A nominating committee meets annually to present a slate of candidates to the congregation. If you feel called to serve on the vestry, please contact the nominating committee coordinator, Marie Bakke, at mbakke@blclife.org, or at the BLC office.