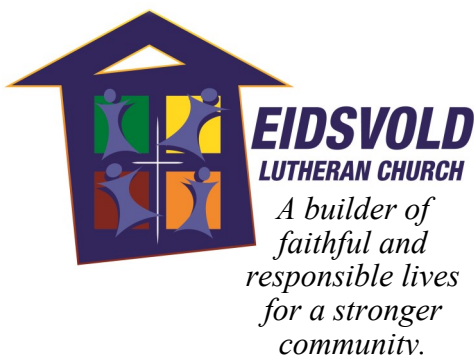




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#### **Eidsvold's Church Council**

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## **A moment with Steve**

This June, at our Montana Synod assembly in Great Falls, the theme was "Equipping for Generosity." The Rev. Tim Brown, Director of Congregational Stewardship in the ELCA, was our keynote speaker. The topic he spoke on was "A Generous Life." He shared stories of generosity based on his life as a pastor, father, writer, and as an occasional beer brewer. In his presentation, he asked "What is generosity?"

Pastor Tim shared a quote from Christian Smith, Science of Generosity, University of Notre Dame, which goes as follows:

"Generosity is the virtue of giving good things to others freely and abundantly. It is a **learned character trait** that involves attitude and action, entailing both the inclination and actual practice of giving liberally. It is not a haphazard behavior but a basic orientation to life. What generosity gives can vary: money, possessions, time, attention, aid, encouragement, and more, but it always intends to enhance the true well-being of the receiver. Like all virtues, generosity is in people's genuine enlightened self-interest to learn and practice."

Pastor Tim and a couple of others spoke to the assembly about who taught them to be generous. The he asked us to share stories at our table about how we learned to be generous. Was it a parent or grandparent? Did you talk about it as a family? For many people, we learned from family, friends, and strangers about generosity. As we talked. Not only did we share stories of how other taught us, but we also talked about how we were shaped by God's story in Jesus and in creation.

Pastor Tim also asked us how we, both as individuals and congregations, live into God's generosity. He shared that one the greatest challenges for ministry today, as many congregations struggle and worry about their future, is our need to encourage a spirit of hope, gratitude, and generosity.

As Eidsvold moves forward in the call process for a shared pastoral leader with Bethlehem Lutheran Church, I pray that your committees and congregations consider how this person can help to inspire and lead all of you forward. Forward in your congregation's next phase of life, into a future that focuses on God's abundance and generosity.

Finally, over the next couple of months, I encourage you to ponder your own stories and your own practices related to generosity. And I challenge you to look for opportunities to share God's grace and generosity in your homes, in your church, and in your community.

God's Peace,

Steve



**Thrivent Action Team Cards Welcome**

Are you wanting to donate

**Thrivent Action Team** cards?

There are great two ways to do so:

FLBC is replacing benches at the outdoor chapel. - **TAT** cards are most welcome for this project!

Healing Hearts Grief Retreat at FLBC is scheduled for October 20, 21, and 22.

**TAT** cards would be put to good use for the purchase of books, welcome bags, and snacks and other I incidentals. If you feel one or both of these projects **calling** to you, please, **call** me!

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**General Fund Treasurers Report**

	May 2023	Year to date
General Fund Income	\$10,956.63	\$43,270.74
General Fund Expenses		
World Mission	\$ 0.00	\$0.00
Pastoral Ministry	\$68.45	\$134.18
Worship	\$2,631.17	\$8,648.03
Church Property	\$1,249.15	\$14,678.20
Staffing Fund Expenses	\$2,052.74	\$8,566.93
Total Expenses	\$6001.51	\$32,027.34

At the June 2023 council meeting, it was agreed to that we are in a sufficient financial position to resume making budgeted benevolence payments to World Mission.

**Call Committee Members**

We give thanks to God for Jim Heim, Jennifer Rogge, Pat Morgan, and Bill Schottelkorb for stepping forward to be on the joint call committee for a new shared pastoral leader. They will soon be meeting with the synod to proceed forward. The first duty of the call committee will be to complete a joint Ministry Site Profile (MSP) that will be submitted to the Synod. The MSP is used to search for candidates. The committee may be engaging you for constructive input during the development of the MSP. Other duties of the call committee include meeting with the synod to review prospective candidates, developing interview questions, and conducting interviews. After the interview process, the committee votes to choose a candidate to present for approval by both congregations.

We will do our best to keep the congregations informed of progress of the call committee.



*Call  
Committee*

## Vacation Bible School Day Camp

Dates & Time:  
7/24-7/28  
from 9:00am to  
12:00pm

Location:  
Bethlehem  
Lutheran Church  
603 S. Main St.

**Questions?**

Contact:  
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Hosts: Northridge Lutheran  
& Bethlehem Lutheran



**Cost: \$50 refundable deposit, \$25 refundable deposit for each sibling**



# JULY

Sun

Mon

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Fri

Sat

2 11:00 Worship with Steve Seilhymer LPA	3 7pm AA	4 	5	6	7	8
9 11:00 Worship with Jeff Bolstad LPA	10 7pm AA	11	12 Church Council 7pm	13	14	15
16 11:00 Worship with Steve Seilhymer LPA	17 7pm AA	18	19	20	21	22
23 11:00 Worship with Pastor Scott Thompson	24 7pm AA	25 Worship Committee 10:30	26	27	28	29
30 11:00 Worship with Pastor Al Jensen	31					

## JULY SERVANTS

<b>Date:</b>	July 2nd	July 9th	July 16th	July 23rd	July 30th
<b>Minister /Preacher</b>	Steve Seilhymmer	Jeff Bolstad	Steve Seilhymmer	Pastor Scott Thompson	Pastor Al Jensen
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Anna Cleghorn	Pat Morgan	Rosella Thompson	Jan Vachal	Karen Richardson
<b>Accompanists</b>	Marlene Anderson	Suzi Watteyne	Susan Pierson	Phillip Brous	Suzi Watteyne
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Rosella Thompson	Sharon Bristow	Jim Heim	Anna Cleghorn	Anna Cleghorn
<b>On-line</b>	Gage Thompson	Gage Thompson	Gage Thompson	Gage Thompson	Gage Thompson
<b>Ushers</b>	Rosella Thompson	Sharon Bristow	Jim & Linda Heim	Anna Cleghorn	Anna Cleghorn

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