



**Celebration Weekend
September 24 – 25, 2022**

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✝ A Message From Our Pastor ✝

Dear Friends,

We are so glad that you are here to celebrate 100 years with us! Both this celebration and this church would not be the same without you! As we've been reflecting on the stories, events, and ministries of Bethlehem Covenant over the past 100 years, it's abundantly clear that the church is more than a building, a location, or a group of leaders. But the church is the people throughout the generations who have continued to say "yes!" to following Jesus and living out His purpose in our context. This weekend is a celebration of the continued ministry that has flowed from this communal "yes!" of our church family.

As we've anticipated this celebration and have reflected on our mission of loving God and loving neighbor, the opening words of 2 Corinthians 5:14 have continued to resonate in my heart. Paul writes, "For Christ's love compels us..." These words reflect the motivation as well as the hopes behind our continued ministry at Bethlehem Covenant Church. As we move into this next chapter, we pray Christ's love compels us towards nurturing faith and mobilizing generations in our neighborhood for many more years to come!

With gratitude-
Pastor Colleen

A Message From The 100-year Celebration Committee

We are so glad to have you join us to celebrate the 100 years of Bethlehem Covenant Church. We honor the many people who brought this church into being and those that have continued to sustain it. We honor Peter Edquist who offered Bible lessons on his porch to neighborhood children in 1913, which led to the formation of the Minnehaha Academy Sunday School. We honor G.A. Swanson who served as the superintendent of that Sunday School for many years and was one of the 26 charter members who voted to form a new church in December 1922. We honor the women, including Adele Oberg, who met to form Ladies Aid even before the first official business meeting of the new church. We honor Bethlehem's longest serving pastor, A. Milton Freedholm, who, during his record 40-year tenure, shaped the church and its culture. We honor Priscilla Thoreen who served as our organist for nearly 50 years, sustaining the musical tradition in our church. We honor Dave and Ann Swanson who grew up in this church and served it their entire lives, including leading many mission trips around the world. We honor all of our pastors and youth directors and choir directors and organists and Sunday School teachers and council presidents and council members, and all of those who have continued to further the message of the Good News of God's love, through their words, their hands, and their feet as we live out our faith by Loving God and Loving Neighbor.

Dan & Judy Cummings - Blake & Sara Christiansen - Kelly Piatt



A Brief History of Bethlehem Covenant Church

Bethlehem Covenant Church was born out of the Minnehaha Academy Sunday School. In 1913, Peter Edquist lived on the edge of the Minnehaha Academy property and worked as a custodian. As Minnehaha Academy was preparing to open its doors for the first time



Edquist home at 3201 47th Ave. S.

as a school, Peter Edquist wanted to teach Bible stories to the neighborhood children. A small group first met on Mr. Edquist's porch in the summer of 1913.

The group eventually started meeting at Minnehaha Academy as they numbers grew. Peter Edquist was named as the superintendent of this newly



Peter J. Edquist

formed Sunday School by the Board of Directors of Minnehaha Academy. Mr. Edquist was getting on in years and had moved further away from the school so in 1914 Mr. G.A. Swanson took over as superintendent.



Boys Sunday School class



The Sunday school grew over the years reaching 140 students in 1921 taught by 14 teachers. The board requested that Sunday services be added for adults in 1921. These began and were led by various speakers.

In October 1922 Henning Martin was asked to be the pastor for adult worship services and he began leading worship in late October 1922. A small group of men met to discuss the idea of forming a church. After an open meeting



Henning Martin

to interested people on December 14, 1922, a group of 26 met on December 28, 1922 and a new church was officially formed. When they had their first business meeting, the newly formed congregation chose the name Bethlehem for this new church, in part because of the time of year when the church was born. Henning Martin was called as Bethlehem's first pastor.



1922 Chapel, gym, dining hall

Minnehaha Academy after the 1922 building was completed



Christmas Program 1929

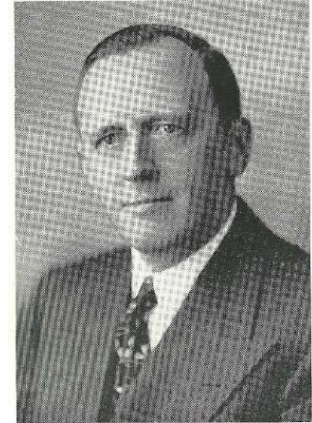
Bethlehem children in the 1925 Christmas Program in the Minnehaha Academy auditorium



As Bethlehem's members, and the rest of the country, climbed out of the Great Depression, efforts were put forth to raise money for erecting a church building.

In September of 1941 the church engaged the Bard and Vanderbilt architectural firm and preliminary plans were presented to the congregation on October 30. Knowing that winter would soon arrive, Earnest Hultquist, chairman of the Building and Finance Committee, proposed a no profit contract for Hultquist and Son to build the facility for \$24,750.

Bethlehem Church continued to meet at Minnehaha Academy. In 1922, Minnehaha Academy completed their 2nd building which including a chapel. This is where Bethlehem met to worship. In 1924 Henning Martin resigned his position as pastor, and Bethlehem called A. Milton Freedholm to be its new pastor. Several years later, the congregation purchased the lot upon which Bethlehem Covenant Church currently stands. Not long after purchasing the land, the stock market crashed and the country plunged into the Great Depression. As a result, the building of the church would have to wait. At one point, the church tried to sell the lot as it was difficult to continue to pay its property taxes. Fortunately for us they had no buyers and they kept the land.



A. Milton Freedholm



1941 Bethlehem Vacation Bible School students coming from Minnehaha Academy to the Gospel tent at the future site of Bethlehem's church building

The congregation approved the plans and the contract and groundbreaking took place less than 2 weeks later on November 9.

On December 7, 1941, soon after construction began, Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and the U.S. entered World War II. Building supplies, particularly steel beams, went to defense projects but Hultquist with his contacts in the industry was able to get the three steel beams he required to maintain progress on the job.

On December 28, the 19th anniversary of the church's founding, construction had progressed so that the cornerstone could be laid.



Breaking ground for the church building, November 9, 1941. Pastor Freedholm, Chairman Ezra Oberg, and Contractor Earnest Hultquist officiated.



Construction of Bethlehem Covenant Church began in November 1941 and was completed by April of the following year



Laying the cornerstone on December 28, 1941.

Hultquist was an exceptional construction manager because in only five months he had the building so far along that it was possible on April 12, 1942 to hold the first worship service in the new facility, and a week later on April 19th to hold the dedication service. From that day forward Bethlehem Church was in its own facility and lost its dependence on Minnehaha Academy except for very unusual events.



April 12, 1942, Dedication Sunday for the new Bethlehem Covenant Church building



Panorama picture taken on Dedication Sunday.



There were three persons present that felt the day so important that they should be included twice, those people being the church's plumber, Ture Nordstrom, and two high school students who both had just turned sixteen the previous day, Dick Engstrom and Dave Swanson. Can you spot them?

As the United States entered World War II, many of Bethlehem's young men and women took up the call to serve. 52 sons and 4 daughters of Bethlehem joined the armed services. It was during this time that Bethlehem's Young People's Society began a monthly church newsletter, aptly name The Bethlehem Star, to send to these young men and women abroad and on U.S. military bases to keep them up to date on what was happening in their church at home. The first edition was published in March 1943.



Winston Oberg



Dorothy and Gerry Straw

There were some very solemn days when the telegrams from the War Department came to the families concerning three of our men in the military. The procedure from the War Department was to notify the families with a telegram "Missing in Action" as soon as that fact was known, but the second telegram "Killed in Action" was not sent until that fact had been officially determined. That meant that the families and friends had many days, and in some cases weeks of uncertainty and anguish. The entire church shared in this anxiety and grief. Three of Bethlehem's young men did not make it home: Paul M. Johnson (killed in action on the Anzio Beach in Italy on February 1, 1944), P. Philip Swanson (killed in action in New Guinea on February 16, 1944), Jack E. Lindgren (killed in action in Burma on January 19, 1945). On Memorial Day 1945 the church held a service in the memory of all three men.



PHIL SWANSON
Killed in action over New Guinea
February 16, 1944

Memorial Day 1945

Clear and poignant, the sound of "Taps" rang out on this Memorial Day . . . reminding us so significantly of these three friends of ours who gave their lives in errands of mercy and in the cause of peace during this past year. When the blue stars which represented Phil, Paul, and Jack turned to gold . . . well, those were sad days for us all. The sense of loss is still deep and keen . . . yet, we rejoice that the day is coming when we, too, shall be with Christ and shall then be re-united with these our friends.



PAUL JOHNSON
Killed in action on the Anzio beachhead
February 1, 1944



JACK LINDGREN
Killed in action in Burma
January 19, 1945



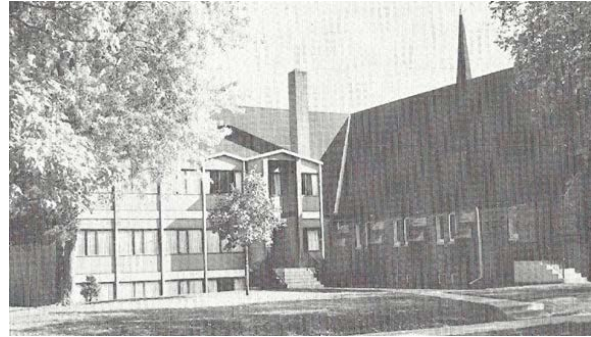
Boys Sunday School class meeting wherever there was space!

The next year, Bethlehem's Young People's Society organized Bethlehem's first Lucia Day Festival. There was no official "Lucia" until 1960, but the snip candy was made and sold at that first Lucia Fest in 1959.



1960 Lucia Mary Beckman and her attendants Marcia Verrett and Julie Carlson Nordstrom

In the late 1950's, Bethlehem was bursting at the seams and there was a desire among the congregation to add classroom space. In 1958 the new education wing was built, and Rev. Freedholm was honored by having the building named after him, the Freedholm Education Building.



Freedholm Education Building completed in 1958

In 1962 college student Priscilla Johnson (Thoreen) was hired at Bethlehem as the youth choir director. Eventually she transitioned to the position of church organist, a role she filled under many pastors, from Freedholm to Eikenbary-Barber, until she retired in 2011. Priscilla still continues to sub when needed!



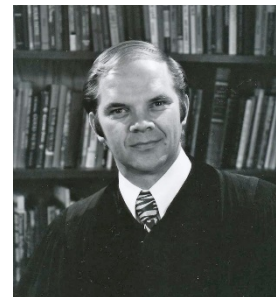
Organist Priscilla Thoreen

In 1964, after 40 years serving at Bethlehem, Rev. Freedholm retired. Forty years is a record for a Covenant pastor serving a single congregation. He formed Bethlehem into what it is today and his influence lives on. Arthur Anderson was called at Bethlehem's next pastor in 1964 and he served until 1969 when he left to become an observer of the United Nations for the Evangelical Covenant Church of America. It was during Rev. Anderson's tenure at Bethlehem that his wife, Berniece, transformed the Lucia Fest from an evening program to a breakfast with a gift shop and bake sale.



A. Milton Freedholm and Arthur Anderson

Clarence Nelson served as interim pastor until Rev. James E. Dahlgren arrived in July 1970 to become Bethlehem's 4th pastor, serving until December of 1975. Aaron Markuson then served as interim pastor.

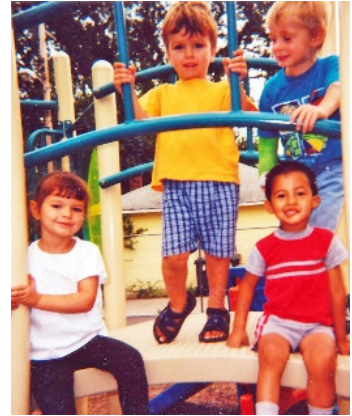


James E. Dahlgren



Kent and Bonnie Palmquist

In 1976 the church called Kent Palmquist to be its 5th senior pastor. In August 1982 the Bethlehem Child Care Center opened as a ministry of the church under Marilyn Erickson and Betty Swanson. The Bethlehem Child Care Center has been a mainstay of the Longfellow neighborhood, caring for pre-school through school-age children for 40 years.



Bethlehem Child Care Center pre-school students

1993 of Bethlehem's 6th senior pastor, Rev. Phillip N. Stenberg. Additional space was needed by Bethlehem and a 3rd major



Phillip and Evonne Stenberg

building addition was completed in 1998, which included new office space, the community room and new Sunday School rooms. The congregation provided donations as well as "sweat equity" to complete that project. Ryan Eikenbary-Barber served as Associate Pastor alongside Pastor Stenberg for a majority of Pastor Stenberg's time



Marilyn Erickson and Betty Swanson in 1992, 10 years after the opening of the Bethlehem Childcare Center

at Bethlehem. With Pastor Stenberg's encouragement, Pastor Eikenbary-Barber left Bethlehem after accepting a call to lead Anchor Covenant, a new church plant in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

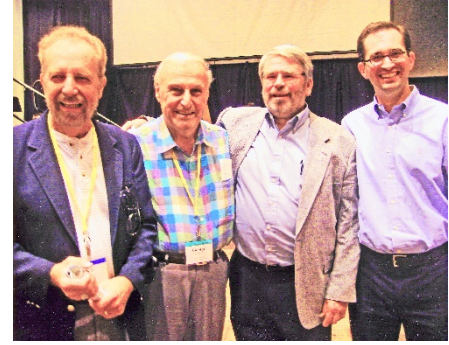


Breaking ground for the 1998 building addition



Construction of the 1998 building addition

Pastor Stenberg continued to serve Bethlehem until his retirement at the end of 2008. Robert Dvorak, of Brown Hymnal Society fame, arrived in 2009 to serve as interim pastor until a new senior pastor was called. Bethlehem's 7th senior pastor was no stranger to Bethlehem: Ryan Eikenbary-Barber. Pastor Eikenbary-Barber served Bethlehem from July 2009 until May 2015 when he returned to his home state of Washington to serve as a pastor in Mount Vernon.



Robert Dvorak (interim pastor), George Elia (pastoral intern under Rev. Fredholm), Phillip Stenberg, Ryan Eikenbary-Barber

Pastor Matthew Kennedy had served as the Associate Pastor with Pastor Eikenbary-Barber and agreed to act as the interim pastor as Bethlehem went through the process of the search for a new pastor.



Matthew Kennedy

Pastor Kennedy was encouraged to throw his hat in the ring and he did so after much thought and prayer. The call committee called Pastor Kennedy as the next senior pastor and he accepted, becoming Bethlehem's 8th senior pastor in February 2016.

Pastor Kennedy served Bethlehem well during a difficult period. As Minnehaha Academy was preparing for its 2017-2018 school year, a gas explosion extensively damaged the 1913 and 1922 buildings beyond repair. Two Minnehaha Academy staff members were killed in the explosion, including custodian John Carlson. John grew up at Bethlehem and raised his children there together with his wife, Barb. This was a difficult time for Minnehaha Academy, and Bethlehem provided leadership in organizing prayer services as the Minnehaha Academy family processed the tragedy.

In 2019 at the Covenant Annual meeting, the delegates voted, for the first time ever, to remove a church from the Covenant. This decision was a significant concern for many at Bethlehem; many people left the church and the denomination altogether. As we reeled from that decision, Pastor Matt Kennedy resigned his position late in the summer of 2019. Rick Mylander arrived to serve as the interim pastor alongside Associate Pastor Kari Dubord.

2020 came and the world was forever changed in March when a worldwide pandemic was declared and life as we knew it shut down. Sunday services were cancelled and then eventually were broadcast online with no one in the pews. As the Covid cases eventually slowed down and restrictions loosened, people began to return to the sanctuary for in-person services though masking was required, as was social distancing. Rick Mylander completed his interim position, and Erick Abrahamson served as the next interim pastor. As time went on, more and more people cautiously returned to church, though services continued to be broadcast online. In June 2021, Bethlehem called its 9th senior pastor, and first female senior pastor, Colleen Nelson. This was particularly special given that a daughter of Bethlehem charter members and lifelong member of the church, Adele (Oberg) Cole, was the first woman ordained by the Covenant.



Colleen Nelson

As people have started to attend more regularly, it has become clear that there are faces we used to see 3 years ago that we no longer see in the pews. There are casualties of the 2019 Annual

Meeting decision, the pandemic, growing political divisions, and other factors that have impacted Bethlehem membership and worship attendance. As we prayerfully enter a 2nd century as a congregation, we seek God's wisdom as we rise out of these ashes and pray that we can be inspired to continue to Love God and Love Neighbor by those that came before us and on whose shoulders we stand.

A more comprehensive history is expected to be published in December 2022. Watch for information or visit the Bethlehem website (www.bethlehemcov.org). The information and stories in this upcoming book were made possible by Bethlehem's longest member, Dave Swanson, who joined Bethlehem's Cradle Roll in 1926 and the Church Triumphant in May 2022. He had been working for decades on a written history of his beloved Bethlehem and hoped to complete it for the 100th anniversary of Bethlehem in December. Thank you to the many people who have been working diligently to get Dave's magnum opus complete.



1940 Confirmand Dave Swanson



Dave and Ann Swanson after Dave received the T.W. Anderson Award

Celebration Weekend

September 24 – 25

Saturday, September 24

Location: Bethlehem Covenant Church

- 12:30 Doors open
Please take time to walk around and look at the various displays of Bethlehem's history
- 12:45 Prelude of Traditional Hymns arranged for piano
Performed by Dianne Jelle
- 1:00 Program in the Sanctuary
- Welcome
 - Multimedia History Presentation
 - Reflection on the Bethlehem Childcare Center
 - Presentation on the Arc of Bethlehem
- 2:45 BREAK
- 3:15 Hymn sing and Lucia songs in the Sanctuary
Pie and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 25

Locations: Bethlehem Covenant Church

Minnehaha Academy (3100 W. River Parkway)

- 8:30 AM Doors open at Bethlehem Covenant Church
Please take time to walk around and look at the various displays of Bethlehem's history
- 9:30 AM Special Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 AM Procession to Minnehaha Academy
- 11:30 AM Lunch, music, and fun (Minnehaha Academy)
- 11:30 – 12:30 Free lunch served in tent
 - 11:30 – 1:30 Musical entertainment by the Southside Players in the Bethlehem Amphitheater
 - 12:30 – 1:30 Organized games on the lawn
 - 11:00 – 2:00 Various fun activities!
*Bouncy house and obstacle course! Face painting!
Lawn games! Minneapolis Fire truck!
Minneapolis Canine Unit! Lawn games!*

Saturday Program

Welcome

Words from Pastor Colleen Nelson and the 100-year Committee

Hymn **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Hymn 68)** by Robert Robinson
Verse 1 and 3

Multimedia Bethlehem History Presentation

Reflection on the Bethlehem Child Care Center

Presentation by Jill Ravensborg, Juli Swanson, Sue Johnson

Hymn **Children of the Heavenly Father (Hymn 87)** by Lina Sandell
Verse 1, 5, and Swedish verse

The Arc of Bethlehem

Presentation by Rev. Phillip Stenberg

Hymn **I Know that My Redeemer Lives (Hymn 242)** by Samuel Medley
Verse 1 and 4

Break

Please view the displays in the Community Room and the Narthex. You are also welcome to remain in the Sanctuary to view the video of the new organ dedication concert.

Bethlehem Hymn Sing and Lucia Songs

Emcee: Rich Enderton

Musicians: Dianne Jelle, organ and piano; Sally Sundberg, piano

Opening hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Hymn 61) by Joachim Neander
Verse 1 and 4

Nils Frykman Video

Narrated by Laura Frykman, great-granddaughter of Nils Frykman

Lina Sandell and Nils Frykman hymns

We will sing the first and last verses.

Now Before Thee Lord We Gather (Hymn 500) *by Lina Sandell*

I Have a Friend Who Loveth Me (Hymn 489) *by Nils Frykman*

Why Should I Be Anxious? (Hymn 431) *by Nils Frykman*

I Sing with Joy and Gladness (Hymn 498) *by Nils Frykman*

How Great the Joy (Hymn 552) *by Nils Frykman*

General hymn sing

Attendees can choose from the following list or see the Hymn Index in the blue hymnal p. 1029 for all hymn titles. We will sing the first and last verses.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Hymn 78) *by Thomas O. Chisholm*

What a Friend We Have In Jesus (Hymn 399) *by Joseph Scriven*

Thine Is the Glory (Hymn 243) *by Edmond L. Budry*

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Hymn 222) *by Isaac Watts*

I Love to Tell the Story (Hymn 681) *by Catherine Hankey and William G. Fischer*

Beautiful Savior! (Hymn 317) *by Münster Gesangbuch, translation by Joseph Seiss*

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine! (Hymn 430) *by Fanny Crosby*

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound (Hymn 341) *by John Newton*

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine (Hymn 83) *by Elisha A. Hoffman*

Thy Holy Wings, Dear Savior (Hymn 80) *by Lina Sandell*

J.A. Hultman hymn

We will sing verse 1, 3, and the Swedish verse

Thanks to God for My Redeemer (Hymn 657) *by August Ludvig Storm, tune by John A. Hultman*

Lucia Fest presentation

By Kirsten Ryding, Karna Sjoberg, and Char Sjoberg

Lucia trumpet call

Jerry Erickson

Lucia Fest sing along

Accompanists: Sally Sundberg on piano, Spelmanslag on strings

Our Day of Joy Is Here Again (Nu glädjens timme inne är)

by A. L. Skoog

Verse 1: Nu glädjens timme inne är
Och manar oss till sång
Vi stämma uppden lovsång kär
Oss änglar lärt en gång

Refrain: Ära vare Gud I höjd
Frid på jorden, frid och fröjd!
Människor ett gott behag
På denna glädjens dag!

Verse 1: Our day of joy is here again
With love and peace and song
Come, let us join th' angelic strain
With voices clear and strong

Refrain: Glory to our God we sing,
Glory to our Lord and King;
Peace, good will with all abide
This holy Christmastide.

Now Shine a Thousand Candles (Nu tändas tusen julejus)

by Emmy Köhler

Verse 1: Nu tändas tusen julejus
På jordens mörka rund
Och tusen, tusen stråla ock
På himlens djupblå grund

Verse 4: I varje hjärta, armt och mörkt
Sänd Du en stråle blid
En stråle av Guds kärleksljus
I signad juletid!

Verse 1: Now shine a thousand candles bring
Upon the world's dark sphere;
The deep blue sky is set alight
As myriad flames appear

Verse 4: To ev'ry dark and anguish'd heart
Send down your ray divine
And may the light of God's own love
Like Christmas candles shine

All Hail to Thee, O Blessed Morn (Var hälsad sköna morgonstund) by Johann Olaf Wallin

Verse 1: Var hälsad sköna morgonstund,
som av profeters helga mun
är oss bebådad vorden!
Du stora dag, du sälla dag,
på vilken himlens välbehag
ännu besöker jorden!
Unga sjunga med de gamla,
sig församla jordens böner
kring den störste av dess söner.

Verse 1: All hail to thee, O blessed morn,
To tidings long by prophets borne
Hast thou fulfillment given;
O sacred and immortal day,
When unto earth, in glorious ray,
Descends the grace of heaven!
Young and old their voices blending,
Praise are sending unto heaven
For the Saviour to us given.

Santa Lucia (Sankta Lucia)

Swedish lyrics written by Sigrid Elmlad

Verse 1: Natten går tunga fjät
rund gård och stuva;
kring jord, som sol förlät,
skuggorna ruva.
Då i vårt mörka hus,
stiger med tända ljus,
Sankta Lucia, Sankta Lucia.

Translation

*The night walks with a heavy step
round yard and hearth;
As the sun departs from earth,
Shadows are brooding.
There in our dark house,
Walking with lit candles,
Santa Lucia, Santa Lucia.*

Verse 2: Natten går stor och stum
nu hörs dess vingar
i alla tysta rum
sus som av vingar.
Se, på vår tröskel står
vitklädd med ljus i hår
Sankta Lucia, Sankta Lucia.

*The night walks grand, yet silent
Now hear its gentle wings
In every room so hushed,
Whispering like wings.
Look, on our threshold stands
White-clad with light in her hair
Santa Lucia, Santa Lucia.*

Verse 3: Mörkret ska flykta snart
ur jordens dalar
så hon ett underbart
ord till oss talar.
Dagen ska åter ny
stiga ur rosig sky
Sankta Lucia, Sankta Lucia.

*The darkness will flee soon
out of the valleys of the earth
so she speaks wonderful
words to us.
A new day will rise again
from the rosy sky
Santa Lucia, Santa Lucia.*

Now it is Christmas Again (Nu är det jul igen)

Traditional Scandinavian Christmas song

Verse 1: Nu är det jul igen,
Och , nu är det jul igen,
Och julen vara skall till påske.
Så är det påsk igen,
Och, så är det påsk igen,
Och påsken vara skall til jule.

Verse 2: Nu är det jul igen,
Och , nu är det jul igen,
Och julen vara skall till påske.
Det var inte sant,
Och, det var inte sant,
För däremellan kommer fastan.

Translation

*Now it is Christmas again,
And, now it is Christmas again,
And it will be Christmas until Easter.
So it is Easter again,
And, it is Easter again,
And it will be Easter until Christmas.*

*Now it is Christmas again,
And, now it is Christmas again,
And it will be Christmas until Easter.
It was not true,
And, it was not true,
Because in between comes Lent.*

Pie and coffee!

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for pie and coffee and more music from Spelmanslag!



Many thanks to the many hearts and hands that have contributed to this weekend's celebration. Thank you to Nate Stromberg for creating the 100-year anniversary artwork on the front of this program. Thank you to Tate Randall who filmed and produced the many Bethlehem interviews, internalizing what Bethlehem Covenant represents and acknowledging those that have been a part of it for a significant part of its history. Thank you to the speakers and emcees for Saturday's celebration: Sue Johnson, Jill Ravensborg, Juli Swanson, Char Sjoberg, Kirsten Ryding, Karna Sjoberg, Laura Frykman, Phil Stenberg, and Rich Enderton. Thank you to the Bethlehem pastors, current and past, who have joined us and contributed to the celebration of our history: Kent Palmquist, Phillip Stenberg, Ryan Eikenbary-Barber, Colleen Nelson, Der Lor, and Laura Van Norman. Thank you to Dianne Jelle, Sally Sundberg, Jerry Erickson, Tesfa Wondemagegnehu, and the Bethlehem choir for your musical talents and contributions. And thank you to the Bethlehem staff Vince Vanella, Christine O'Bert, and Tracina Paige for all your work in supporting this celebration. And to all of the many volunteers for this weekend, thank you!

100-Year Anniversary Celebration Neighborhood Giveback

As we celebrate 100 years of Bethlehem Covenant Church in the Longfellow neighborhood in south Minneapolis, we are giving back to our neighborhood with a \$1000 tithe to 3 neighborhood-serving organizations. Please consider also making a donation to one or more of these well-deserving organizations that serve our neighbors. Loving God, loving neighbor!

Community Emergency Services

(coincidentally celebrating their 50-year anniversary this year)



Mission: Rooted in God's loving grace, Community Emergency Service transforms lives by serving neighbors, sharing resources and becoming community

Based in the most ethnically diverse neighborhood in Minneapolis, CES staff and volunteers are on the frontlines of providing food, hope, and compassion to our multi-generational, multi-cultural, low-income clientele. We strive to serve our neighbors in need without distinction or test, with dignity and understanding.

Link to donate: www.cesmn.org/donation-form/



Lake Street Council

Mission: Lake Street Council engages, serves, and advocates for the Lake Street business community in Minneapolis to ensure the vitality and prosperity of the commercial corridor.



Link to donate: www.visitlakestreet.com/donate



Longfellow Community Council

Mission: The mission of the Longfellow Community Council is to improve the well-being of our diverse community through engagement, involvement and empowerment.

Link to donate: www.longfellow.org/donate

