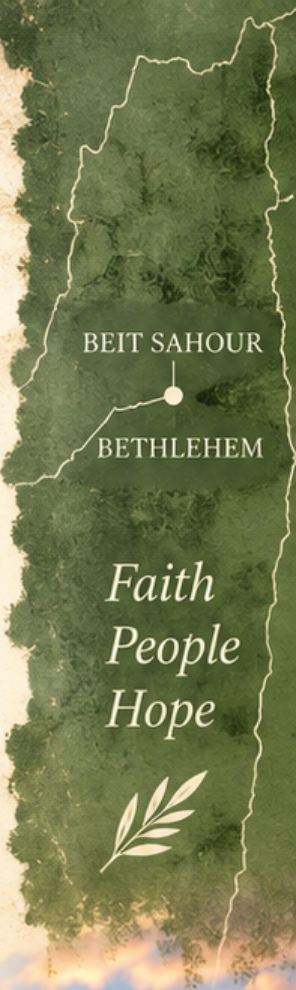
A Visit from Bethlehem



We are pleased to welcome **Amer Hannunah,** a Christian from Beit Sahour, a small town next to Bethlehem in the Holy Land. Amer is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Beit Sahour, works with the Alternative Tourism Group (ATG), and is an active leader in the local Lutheran boys and girls scout group.

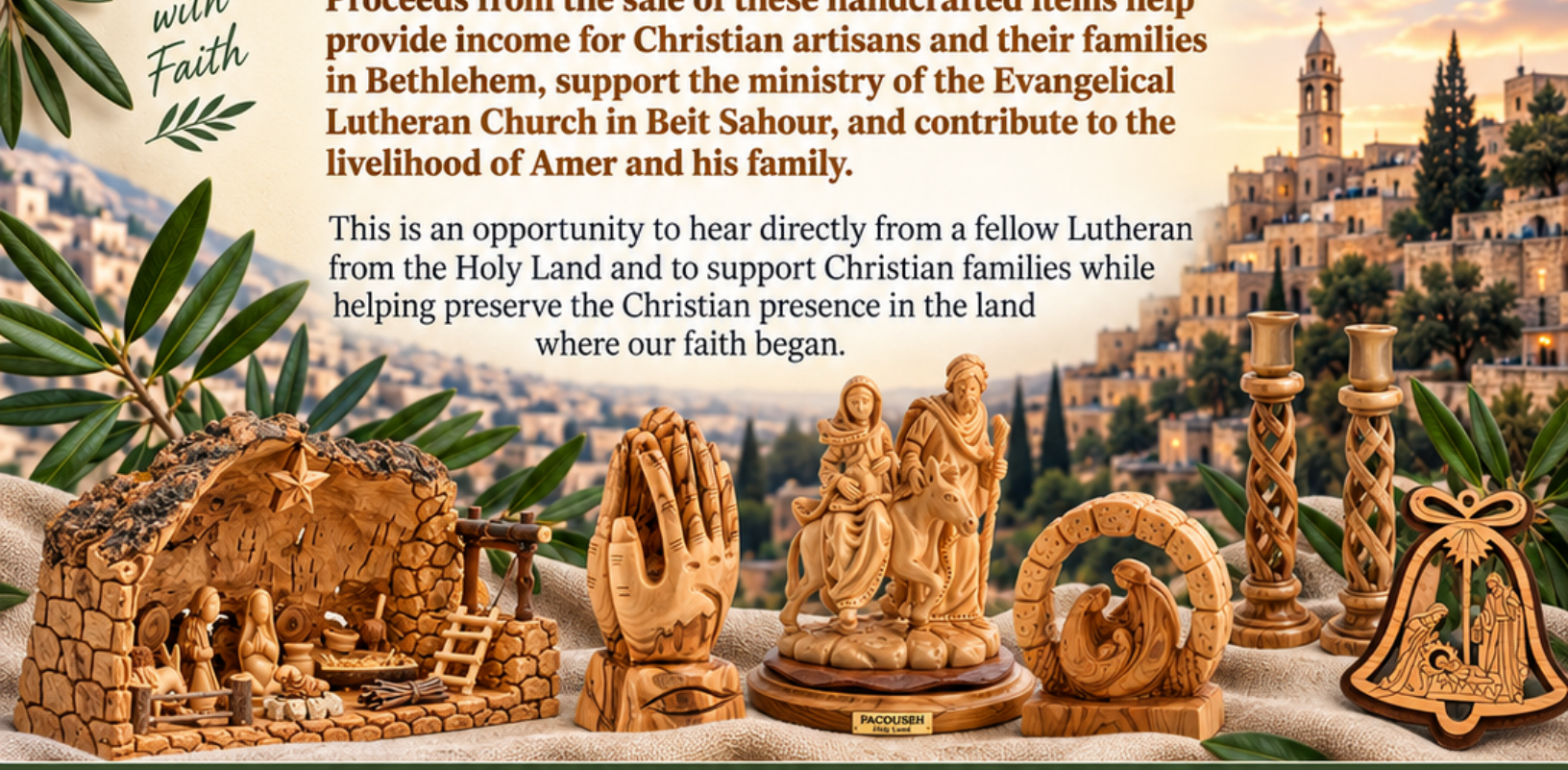
Amer is visiting ELCA congregations across the United States this fall with a mission to support Christian families in Bethlehem. Since the beginning of the ongoing conflict and the collapse of tourism, many Christian families have lost their main source of income. Among them are local artisans who have supported their families for generations by hand-carving religious items from olive wood.

During his visit, Amer will share about life for Christians in the Holy Land and the challenges facing his community. He will also bring a collection of hand-carved olive wood crosses, nativity sets, ornaments, and other items made by Christian families in the Bethlehem area.

Hand Carved with Faith

Proceeds from the sale of these handcrafted items help provide income for Christian artisans and their families in Bethlehem, support the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Beit Sahour, and contribute to the livelihood of Amer and his family.

This is an opportunity to hear directly from a fellow Lutheran from the Holy Land and to support Christian families while helping preserve the Christian presence in the land where our faith began.



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