

Bethel Lutheran Mission Statement

Bethel Lutheran Church is a community of believers called by God to invite all people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ, build them up in the faith, and send them out to be witnesses in word and deed to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

COME AS YOU ARE...

What does it mean when the pastor welcomes us to worship? It means Bethel Lutheran Church family extends a special welcome to those who are single, married, or divorced. It means we want to welcome the filthy rich as well as the dirt poor and all in-between. We want to welcome those children who are crying or soon will be. It means you are welcome if you can sing like an angel or plan to lip synch your way through every hymn. You are welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Lutheran than Old Martin or haven't been to worship in who knows how long. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but have not grown up yet as well as to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, and junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion" because we've been there too. If you blew all your offering money at the casino, you are welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because Grandma is in town and guilted you into going to worship. We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We follow a strange and wonderful Lord who welcomes everyone so we at Bethel strive to do the same.

In other words...WE WELCOME YOU!

♥BE.THE.Love

Pastors: Rev. Julé Ballinger; Rev. Erika Buller; Rev. Jim Gustafson

Worship Band

Leader: Rick Hendrickson

Vocalists: Emily Hendrickson; Alex Hendrickson

Brian Quamme—**guitar** Rick Hendrickson – **guitar**; Carmen Tischer —**drums**

Troy Ballinger – **bass**

Ushers: Rick & Deb Jacobson **Reader:** Alison Voss

Coffee: Kathy Johnson

Communion Assist: Paul & Char Oehlke

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday, 9:00— 137 11:00— 62 Wednesday 6:45— 96

Next Week's Readings: Acts 16:16-34 & Luke 6:18-19,22-23

"Come As You Are!"

Contemporary Worship
April 15, 2018

Gathering Songs

Welcome and Announcements

Song:

"Come, Just As You Are"

*Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call
Come just as you are; Come and see, come receive,
come and live forever. (repeat)*

Call to Worship:

L: Come and worship, come as you are!

C: Imperfect, are we welcome?

L: Yes! People of God, come just as you are, worship and listen, for your Master is speaking.

C: Here I am, Lord!

L: Drop everything and hear what God is saying!

C: Here I am, Lord!

L: Get up and go- the Lord will tell you what to do.

C: Here I am, Lord!

L: As Saul became ready to serve God, so we come, just as we are, to worship and serve.

C: Here I am, Lord!

All: Amen!

Song *“Whom Shall I Fear God of Angel Armies”*
You hear me when I call
You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night
It cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear
You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield
Though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear
Chorus *I know Who goes before me*
I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side
My strength is in Your name
For You alone can save
You will deliver me
Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear
Whom shall I fear
Repeat Chorus
(Bridge) And nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful; You are faithful
(REPEAT Bridge)

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day**

L: Mysterious Lord, you choose and use the most unlikely people for your work, show us the path you have prepared for us, and give us all your strength and courage to follow. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Children’s Message

Pastor Erika Buller

Sending Song Continued “Be Bold, Be Strong”

I am not afraid I am not dismayed
Because I'm walking in faith and victory
Walking in faith and victory
Walking in faith and victory
For the Lord my God is with me

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Be the love.

C: Thanks be to God!

Remember to Pray for . . .

Healing:	Adam Loepf	Lynn Rovig	Martha Manikowske
	Dale DeVries	Inez Eckre	Wynne Hendrickson
	Dale Johnson	David Luna	Dave Kocher
	Deloris Compson	Emma Streyle	Yoshiko Tollefson
	Jamie Hendrickson	Connie Sletten	Chuck Kaim
	Bill Braun	Jeff Homes	Pam Hendrickson
	Paul Nelson	Linda Kocher	Sharon Wixo
	Al Romereim	Lester Lyons	Buffy Holbrook
	Gil Braaten		

Beth Lovik (daughter of Alice Schlotfeldt)

Bob Anastario (brother in law of Clark & Gail Williams)

Gary Miller (brother of Lois Perkins) Jacob Petermann (friend to many)

Sara Henderson (sister of Randy Hoerer) Preston Young

Pat Holdeman (sister of Cyndy Gustafson) Bill Woehrmann (brother of Judy Oren)

Kathryn Bernotas (mother of Tom Bernotas) Jan Townsend

Karen Knudson (mother of Wanda Sherven)

Cameren Nelson (grandson of Charlie & Jan Bellmore)

Amelia Rossow (granddaughter of Pam Braun)

Leslie Cose (sister-in-law of Jean & Randy Hoerer)

Jim Oliver (brother in law of Darren Prochnow)

Serving in the Military: Major Joseph (Joe) Zabaldano – Kuwait (son-in-law of Gail and Harvey Link)

Nursing Home Residents & Shut-Ins; Richland & Wilkin County Jail Inmates



2018 Spring New Members

Dean & Stacy Busta

Kelly & Kailyn Carlson

Linda Acevedo

Robin, Mandy, Lily & Maya Finke

Ashley, AJ, Kinsley, & Hudson Davis

Jake, Dawn, Bjorn, & Signe Kubuela

