

Bethel Lutheran Church
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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

In Service Today

Pastors: Rev. Julé Ballinger; Rev. Erika Buller; Rev. Jim Gustafson
Ministers: All baptized members of Christ's Church
Organist: Mary Jane Pauly
Reader: Brenda Romereim
Ushers: Paul & Brigid Langseth; Bill & Gladys Bair
Communion Assist: Luther & Barb Sannes
Coffee Hour: Carol Sturdevant; Joan Hardie

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
<http://bethelwahpeton.com/sermons/>

I was
Blind
but now
I see!
John 9:25

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April 15, 2018

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

pg. 94-96

Hymn

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

ELW #533

Greeting

L: 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

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise

"This Is the Feast"

pg. 138-139

pg. 140-141

*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.

WORD

READING: Matthew 6:24

Children's Message Pastor Erika Buller

Special Music Bethel Choir

Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" pg 142

C: Glory to you, O Lord (After Gospel is announced)

GOSPEL: Acts 9:1-19a

L: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ (After conclusion of Gospel)

Message Pastor Erika Buller

Hymn of the Day "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" ELW #712

Offering (received during the hymn)
(The "noisy offering" will help pay for school milk money in Wahpeton and Breckenridge)

Offertory "Let the Vineyards be Fruitful" ELW #182

Prayers of the People

MEAL

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion (processional)

(All who believe in Christ's presence in the sacrament are welcome to the Lord's Table. Communion will be distributed in a continuous fashion. Please come forward using the middle aisle and return to your seat by way of the side aisles. Gluten free wafers available, tell the pastor at the altar. Please indicate if you prefer grape juice instead of wine.)

Special Music

Jenn Plummer

Communion Hymns (sung during communion distribution)

"Morning Has Broken" ELW #556

"I Am the Bread of Life" ELW #485

SENDING

Blessing

Benediction

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" ELW #536

Postlude

Remember to Pray for . . .

Healing:	Adam Loepp	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)

Cameron 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