

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

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| TODAY: | 8:00 | Choir |
| | 9:00 | Worship/Communion |
| | 10:00 | Fellowship |
| | 10:00 | New Member Orientation |
| | 11:00 | Contemporary Worship/Communion/New Member Welcome |
| | 12:00 | Potluck |
| | 6:30 | Co-Dependents Anonymous Group |
| MONDAY: | 6:00 | In Stitches Group |
| TUESDAY: | 9:15 | Circle 1-Centennial Room |
| | 11:00 | Staff Meeting |
| | 5:30 | All Boards Meet |
| WEDNESDAY: | 5:00 | Hand Bells |
| | 5:00 | Supper |
| | 5:30 | Wednesday School & Confirmation |
| | 6:46 | Worship/Communion |
| THURSDAY: | 9:30 | Circle 5- Fellowship Room |
| | 10:30 | Bible Study for All |
| | 12:30 | Pastor Conference Meeting |
| FRIDAY: | | |
| SATURDAY: | 2:00 | Baby Shower for Ben Buller |
| NEXT SUNDAY: | 8:00 | Choir |
| | 9:00 | Worship-Baptism |
| | 10:00 | Fellowship |
| | 11:00 | Contemporary Worship-Baptism |
| | 6:30 | Co-Dependents Anonymous Group |

In case of an emergency on weekends or after church hours you may contact Pastor Jule @ 866-1714, Pastor Erika @ 952-454-6012, Pastor Jim @ 403-3254

April 15, 2018

Community Events

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| April 16 | Women's Self Defense Class @ Greenquist Academy 502 Minnesota Ave to reserve as spot call 218-643-3109 | 6:30 pm |
| April 17 | Powerful tools for Caregivers 6 classes- At Wahpeton Community Center- Cost \$50- For more info. Call Michelle at 642-7735 | 9:00 am |
| April 19 | Dinner & Auction @ Immanuel Lutheran | 5:30 pm |
| April 23 | Wahpeton/Breckenridge Blood Drive @ Bethel Lutheran Church call Judy Oren to schedule an appointment at 642-3922 | 11:30 am |
| April 28 | Wahpeton Literary Club Annual Rummage & Bake Sale @ Breckenridge Senior Center | 8:00 am |



Today is New Member Sunday April 15, 2018

A pot luck to welcome new members will be in fellowship hall following the 11:00 am service.

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE



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**



**Bethel Lutheran Church of Wahpeton, ND
is seeking a part time Custodial Assistant**

Primary responsibilities include daily after hours closing, weekend opening and closing of the church building and assisting the head custodian in cleaning and maintaining the church building and grounds.

High School diploma, GED or 2 years related work experience required. For more information, questions or to indicate interest, please contact Pastor Jule' Ballinger at 701 642-4472 or jballinger@bethelwahpeton.com

✠ Sanctuary Revitalization ✠

A committee will be formed to give input on sanctuary renewal. If you are interested please give your name to Pastor Julé or call the church office. ~ The Board of Property

**Women of the ELCA
Wahpeton Area Spring Cluster Gathering**

Hosted by Milnor/Immanuel Lutheran Parish
To be held at Milnor Lutheran Church
321 2nd St, Milnor, ND

April 28, 2018

Registration 8:30-9:00am
Program begins at 9:00 am

**Main Speaker: Judy Siegle
RSVP for lunch by April 21st**

Items Needed:

Laundry detergent, personal hygiene products, body wash, gas cards, grocery cards (Fargo stores)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**BE.THE.Light
Volunteer Appreciation
Dinner!**



**Wednesday,
May 9, 2018**

6 pm – hor d'oeuvres
6:30 pm – meal and entertainment

The Staff of Bethel Lutheran Church invites all who have volunteered at Bethel in any way during the past year! We want to treat you to a meal, pampering, fun, and entertainment. It is our way of formally thanking all of you!

We are so grateful for all the ways you have served the Lord and made ministry possible through Bethel! There will be a photo booth, door prizes, great food, and gifts. We are truly grateful for all you do and all the ways you have lived out our motto: BE.THE.Love! Thank you for sharing God's light! BE.THE.Light! Thank you!

"Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain love for one another."
~ Erma Bombeck

PLEASE RSVP TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY May 4, 2018!



Do you receive the monthly newsletter (The Beacon) via e-mail? If not, that means we do not have your current or up-to-date contact information. Please fill out the bottom and place in the offering plate or hand into the office. Thank you!

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Work Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Vacation Bible School

Bethel will be working with three other local churches to provide a four day no cost VBS for Bethel and children of our community. The dates for VBS will be **July 23rd – 26th**. If anyone wants to be part of the planning, please let Lisa know!



Contemplating Stewardship: God's Children Now

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be call children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is." -1 John 3:1-2

What a gift to be called a child of God! God loves us, by claiming us and naming us as God's beloved children. This love is boundless, and God pours this love into all of creation. The reason the world does not recognize God's love is because it does not yet know Jesus. Our calling is to fully live into our identity as God's children now. We trust that in God's time, our neighbor and ourselves will one day reach fulfillment in Christ. What a gift of love--treating your neighbor as God's beloved child, before fully understanding what this looks like. Stewarding God's gifts means investing in a future yet to be revealed.