

Bethel Beacon



Pastors:
Erika Buller
Jim Gustafson

♥ **BE.THE.Love**

BE.THE.Light

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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.

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Where have you seen God at work in the world?

A Rainbow (Genesis 9:13)	Healing the sick (1 Corinthians 12:9)	Showing love (Galatians 5:22)	A light in a dark place (John 1:5)	Justice for the oppressed (Psalm 9:9)
Showing mercy (Zechariah 7:9)	Rejoicing with those who rejoice (Romans 12:15)	Showing gentles (Galatians 5:22)	Showing self control (Galatians 5:22)	Showing humility (Philippians 2:3)
Good news for the poor (Luke 4:18)	Showing generosity (Galatians 5:22)	A bird  (Luke 12:6)	Caring for enemies (Matthew 5:44)	Food for the hungry (Psalm 107:9)
Welcoming a stranger (Matthew 35:35)	A sign of forgiveness (Luke 24:47)	Showing patience (Romans 8:25)	Making peace (James 3:18)	A sign of hope (Psalm 9:18)
Showing kindness (Micah 6:8)	Welcoming a child (Matthew 18:5)	Teaching (1 Corinthians 12:8)	Showing compassion (Colossians 3:12)	Weeping with those who weep (Romans 12:15)

Dear Bethel friends,

Be watchful! God is on the move and at work in our world! “But, where, Pastor Erika?” you may be asking. Check out this Bingo card as a field guide for God-sightings. Make this a fun activity to do together with your family and with friends. I have a special prize for the first team or family who turns in a five-in-a-row BINGO to me! May it help to see the world around you (and the Scriptures as well) with new, fresh eyes. And in this November season when we count and be thankful for our blessings, know that I counted you twice.

Be well,
Pastor Erika

**Attention parents/guardians/
grandparents
of small children:**

Nursery staff will be available to care and love your children while you participate in worship, Wednesday School, choir, coffee hour, Intergenerational Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Education, etc.



Please take advantage of this service.

**Hours: Sundays:
8:30 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesdays:
5:00 – 7:30 pm**

Parent's Time

**Wednesday nights 5:30-6:30 pm
in the Gisvold lounge.**

If the kids have class, there will be Parent's Time.

EVERYONE WELCOME!!

JOIN US! Wednesday nights
for fun, fellowship, coffee and treats. while the kids are
at Wednesday School
Don't miss out!



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

*If you or someone you know desire membership please
contact:*

*Pastor Erika at ebuller@bethelwahpeton.com
or call the church office at 642-4472.*

New Member Sunday is November 11

College Students!

**Join us on Wednesdays for supper
starting at 5:00 and worship to
follow! Meal is free with a student
ID.**

CONTACT INFO: Phone 642-4472 fax 642-2477

Pastor Erika: 952-454-6012 ebuller@bethelwahpeton.com
Pastor Jim: 701-403-3254 jgustafson@bethelwahpeton.com

Ashley Petersen: betheloffice@bethelwahpeton.com
Brian Finnie: brian_finnie@yahoo.com
Missy Klose: mklose@bethelwahpeton.com
Clare Byron: cbyron@bethelwahpeton.com
Lisa Bassingthwaite: wschool@bethelwahpeton.com

Building Hours

**8am-5pm Monday-Thursday
8am-3pm Friday
7am-1pm Sundays**



**<http://bethelwahpeton.com>
or
www.facebook.com/**

Food Backpack Program

The Board of Outreach is looking for your help in acquiring food items for the Food Backpack Program. The Food Backpack Program is a program that sends food home on the weekends with students that receive reduced or free meals at school and may not have food available to them at home on the weekends.

A different item of food will be focused on each month that can be dropped off in front of the office in a marked container.

This month's items are **granola bars and cereal bars!**



Thank you for supporting this important outreach ministry!

The Stewardship Board would like to thank you for participating in our Fall Stewardship Campaign. We hope you are wearing your blue bracelets and remembering each day to "Be the Church".

Salt and Light

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?"

It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.



The nursery is in need of a step stool. If you are interested in donating one please contact the church office.

Thank you!

THANK YOU

The Memorial Committee wishes to thank the family of David Tolo and the family of Duane Lunde for the following gifts.



GOLD ALTAR CROSS REFINISHING



Given by Mary Tolo and family in memory of husband David Tolo.

The important reason for having the cross refinished was sentiment. It was a priceless piece of Bethel history. When the cross was taken to Hurley's in Fargo to determine if the cross should be refinished or replaced, the comment was, "You will never find quality like this cross has." We then determined the cost of repair and refinish was less significant when you take into consideration that the cross was irreplaceable. We hope you agree.

COMMUNION CHALICE & BLENDED LINEN CROSS CHALICE PALL & CORPORAL

Given by Inez Lunde and family in memory of husband Duane Lunde.

Due to pits and corrosion that can be difficult to remove, and no guarantee that they could be removed so the communion chalice would look new, it was necessary to replace. With the guidance of then Pastor Jule', a contemporary chalice was selected. The chalice creation came from modern worship in Madrid, Spain. It is solid brass and heavily plated in sterling silver. The company is known for its commitment, quality of materials and finishes. The employees are faithful to the goldsmithing techniques of the past that were being used during the Middle Ages.



CLOCK FOR KITCHENETTE AND CLOCK FOR CENNETIAL ROOM

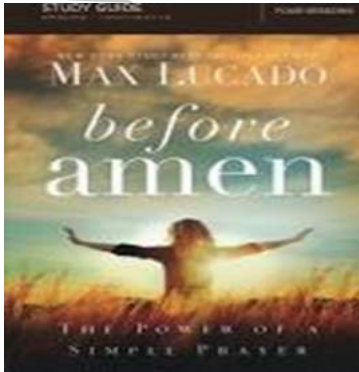
Given by Inez Lunde and family in memory of husband Duane Lunde.



The Memorial Committee thanks the Tolo family and the Lunde family for these special gifts.



Upcoming Events



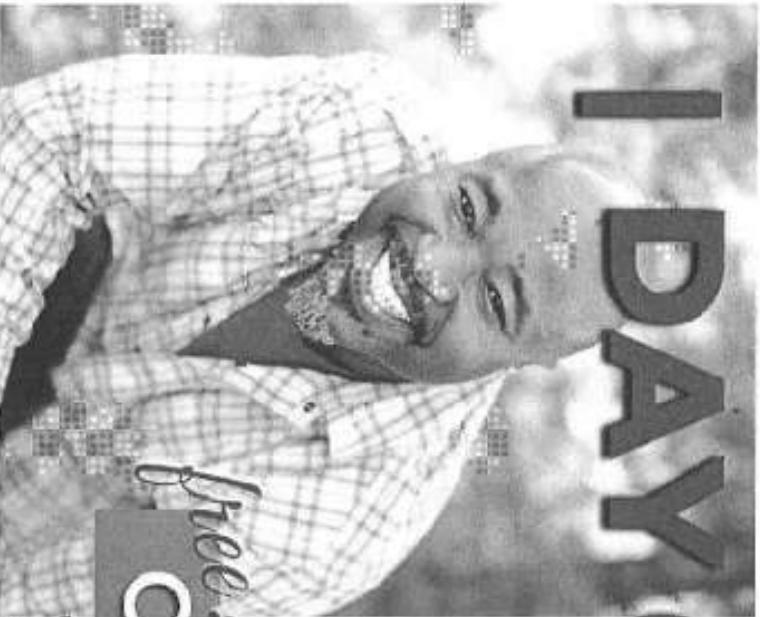
**ADULT EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 4, 11, 18, 25**

*Before Amen: The Power
of a Simple Prayer*
by Max Lucado

**New Member
Sunday Potluck
November 11th
Bring a dish to
share!**



Thanks
BE to
God!



I DAY OF HOPE !

with Fred Lynch

Fred Lynch's heart desire is to take the expressions of this generation and use them to glorify God through relevant and radical truths. Fred is an author, speaker, & multi-album recording artist. Fred lives in San Diego where he works as a Speaker/Trainer for Rachel's Challenge, a national Non-Profit Organization dedicated to making schools safer, more connected places where bullying and violence are replaced with kindness & respect.

COMMUNITY EVENT

WED, NOV 7TH 1 7 PM

WAHPETON HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM

QUESTIONS?

Contact

Pastor Dean

218.643.3579



Rachel Scott's life was tragically cut short during the COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING on April 20, 1999, but her shining example of kindness and compassion was not defeated - her dream is being fulfilled over a decade after her death.

WWW.FREDLYNCH.ORG

Free Community Meal at 6 PM!

BE.THE.Love

“To love another person is to see the face of God.”

— [Victor Hugo](#), *Les Misérables*

This is the 6th year of participating in this project! During the months of September/October, Bethel Lutheran will have given out at least \$4,000 into our community and surrounding areas! And if anyone matched what was in their envelope, even more! Thank you Bethel Lutheran for setting aside this money, time, and energy to reach out to our neighbor – anyone in need! Thank you for participating and being the hands and feet of Christ. I am humbled and in awe of your creativity and passion. It is remarkable how Bethel truly reached out, opened our eyes, and saw the needs in our community and around the world. Here are just a few of the yellow BE.THE.Love card stories (keep them coming in!):

Be The Love stories

More stories of your great generosity to folks in need in our community. Keep being the love, Bethel!

“I gave the \$50 to the Christmas Kids Project to help buy winter jackets, snow pants and boots for children in need.”

“I helped a family in need of food– I doubled the money and paid for their groceries.”

“I gave money to Wahpeton Elementary which will be used to help families who can’t afford the lice shampoo plus laundry money towards cleaning bedding, etc.”

“We took a blank/empty envelope and sponsored a child for one year in the backpack program through the Richland Wilkin Food Pantry.”

“A lady I know is on disability and apparently is on a very limited income, she, however, is keeping a car. She had a medical appointment in Fargo. When asked if she had enough money for the trip, she said, “I think so!” when she got the Bethel gift she almost cried.”

“I was able to share the love of Bethel with a family in town last Friday. During an evening of family time and celebrating, one of the children had a medical condition occur. Some of the family members continued to watch the game and one of the members of the family play while the father and another son went home with the child having the medical issue. I brought pies to the family so they could all celebrate together as a family. Also, I donated some money to a teacher who has started a reading program at school called the “Reading Salon”. The money was used to buy hair-dryers.”

“We used our Be The Love money to buy pajamas for children placed into foster care.”

Even though this event is finished, may I encourage you to continue to look for ways to BE.THE.Love in our community and world? I have received many thank you cards from the community. If you’d like to use the “business cards” to hand out. There are more available outside the church office. Take as many as you’d like and continue to share the love of Christ!



DAYTIME BOOK CLUB

The Daytime Book Club will meet on November 13, 2018, to discuss the book **"The Gentleman In Moscow"** by **Amor Towles**. This book tells the story of a Russian aristocrat living under house arrest for over 30 years in a luxury hotel. He was arrested for his association with a poem with revolutionary overtones.

Reading material for the upcoming months:

December 11 Christmas book of choice to share with group
January 8, 2019 **Fall of Marigolds** by Susan Meissner
February 12 **The Girl Who Wrote in Silk** by Kelli Estes

If you'd like to join our book club please reserve the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. and meet with us in the Bethel Library. All are welcome!

"The only thing you absolutely have to know is the location of the library."
~Albert Einstein~



Bethel

In memory of Dave Tolo given by Fran Were
In memory of Eugene "Bud" Lykken given by Randy & Jean Hoerer
In memory of Joel Kotschevar given by Judy McDaniel; Linda Miller



Youth Camperships

In memory of Mark Stone given by family and friends.

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In memory of Mark Stone given by family and friends

Quilting

In memory of Joel Kotschevar given by Karen Kearns Lutz

Youth

In memory of Duane Lunde given by Lorraine Dronen

Faith Tool Box

In memory of Joel Kotschevar, son of Inez Lunde, given by Ruth Larson; Clark & Gail Williams;

Refinishing of the Gold Altar Cross

was given by Mary Tolo & family in memory of David Tolo

Communion Chalice & Blended Linen Cross Pall & Corporal

was given by Inez Lunde & family in memory of Duane Lunde

Clock for Kitchenette and clock for Centennial Room

was given by Inez Lunde & family in memory of Duane Lunde

REMINDER:

Bethel does not notify families of memorials given directly to the church.

BeFriender Ministry:

Everyone is, at times, on a difficult journey and needs a caring companion to listen without judgment and provide support. That, in a nutshell, is what BeFriender Ministry is all about. Bethel has trained members of our congregation who are ready and willing to provide a listening ear to anyone in need.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A BEFRIENDER VISIT YOU, CONTACT PASTOR JIM AT 642-4472 or jgustafson@bethelwahpeton.com

The Memorial Committee's main objective is to be the resource for any one person or group of people that would like to give a memorial, honorarium, or commemorate an occasion to Bethel Lutheran Church. It is the committee's responsibility to formulate a catalog of specific items, keep a record of all memorials and to acknowledge those that have given gifts.



If you have any questions regarding memorial items or wish to give a memorial item or honorarium



These are the people known to have birthdays in **November**. If you have a birthday in **November** and your name is not listed, we do not have your birthday in our church records. Please contact the church office with your birth date so we may have it for our records.

MAY EACH OF YOU HAVE A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

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| 11/1 Arlene Bakken
Alivia Cvancara
Sara Manock
Kendall Rovig
Parker Sirek
Lincoln Thompson | 11/14 Jake Pfaff
Mikkol Smith | 11/26 Kelsie Edenborg
Diane Finnie
Michael Hoffert
Stacy Owens
Adam Prochnow |
| 11/2 Kristy Beto
Lauren Beyer
Brett Goltz | 11/15 Bailey Bernstein
Shelly Bowar
Linda Christianson
Carter Long
Ronald McBeth
Chase Moderow
Ronald Teschner | 11/27 Jana Berndt
Duane Finnie
Brett Gilbertson
Teresa Hallquist
Gale Tollefson |
| 11/3 Tracer Bowar
Domanik Dammann | 11/16 Paul Jacklitch
Lisa Renville | 11/28 Glen Enderson
Jacob Grueneich
Rylan Gunnarson |
| 11/4 David Trangrud | 11/17 Holly Anderson
VonDaLee Grandalen
Cyndy Gustafson
Jaden Hansen | 11/29 Kristie Berg
Carol Manock |
| 11/5 Kasey Cookman
Nichole Richels
Anthony Smith
Gwendolyn Tubbs | 11/18 Chase Dimmer
Julia Dohman
Jean Hoerer
Jeffrey Olson
Brooke Wixo | 11/30 Esther Braaten
Joel Sirek
Reese Wickoren |
| 11/7 Kerry Anderson
Janice Bellmore
Matthew Berndt
Dane Carlson
Samantha Moderow | 11/19 Jean Mandt
Sara Whaley | |
| 11/8 Jackson Burchill
Beverly McRoberts
Mary Jo Miller | 11/20 Jerry Schmidt
Brandon Thiel
Coleen Thoe | |
| 11/9 William Erlandson | 11/21 Carrie Bernstein
Jay Kruger
Ellie Miller
Paige Palmer
Monica Zentgraf | |
| 11/10 Jack Ehlers
Jordain Formaneck
Elizabeth Graalum | 11/22 Stuart Bowar
Jay Malme | |
| 11/12 Hannah Anderson
Justin Azure
Mary Anne Grosz
Steven Hendrickson | 11/23 Pam Broderick
Jason Filbert
Madeline Miller | |
| 11/13 Jocelyn Fisher
Braxten Hoistad
Kaitlin Kraft
Darlene Manock
Carter Youngquist | 11/24 Vivian Bernotas
Robb Dohman
Brenda Gjesdal
Janelle Johnson | |
| | 11/25 Gerald Pulvermacher | |



Worship VOLUNTEERS

If you are unable to serve on the assigned date and cannot find a replacement please call:

USHERS—Linda Miller -899-3479 **COFFEE SERVERS**—Carol Sturdevant -642-4355

READERS & COMMUNION ASSIST—Doug & Judy Peterson at 640-7010 Please notify the church office of the change at 642-4472.

9:00 am Service

	November 4	November 11	November 18	November 25
Reader	Jeff Hage	Kijia Homes	Bonnie MacIver	Diane Finnie
Ushers	Ron & Kathy McBeth; Jeff & Eileen Hage	Jay & Katie Erickson; Bob & Jeri Oscarson	Robb & Beth Dohman; Gloria Dohman; Linda Miller	Wayne Braaten; Clare Byron; Courtney Dimmer
Communion Assist	Judy Oren; Laurie Stiller	N/A	Bill & Gladys Bair	N/A
Coffee Servers	Bob & Jeri Oscarson & Paul & Brigid Langseth	Clark & Gail Willisams, Lynn & Jeannie Bjore	Wayne Braaten; Tony & Marie Casper	Sonja Christensen; Holly Close

	December 2	December 9	December 16	December 23
Reader	Wayne Braaten	Connie Foster	Bonnie MacIver	Jeff Hage
Ushers	Floss Johnson; Linda Johnson; Dee Jensen; Wayne Braaten	Marilyn Anderson; Courtney Dimmer; Janet Farnen; Sandi Gilbertson	Bill & Gladys Bair; Jeff & Steph Beyer	Ryan & Steph Hoefs; Deb Loberg; Paul Schoneman
Communion Assist	Luther & Barb Sannes	N/A	Darlene Schuler; Judy Oren	N/A
Coffee Servers	Jay & Katie Erickson; Janet Farnen	Duane & Diane Finnie; Lois Perkins	Randal & Jean Hoerer; Phil & Bonnie MacIver	Cyndy Gustafson; Judy Koppang

CHRISTMAS EVE

	4:00	6:00	10:00	December 30
Reader	Dee Jensen	Doug Peterson	Hal Fisher	Reeann Enderson
Ushers				Dennis & Von da Lee Grandalen; Norma Nosek
Communion Assist	Corrine Romereim; Marcia Pederson; Ruth Larson; Vicki Trappen; Brad & Paula Bakken, Diane Finnie	Terry & Suzanne Pehl; Blake & Tracy Peterson; Clint & Larissa Gilbertson; Geri Coyne	Pam & Rick Hendrickson	N/A
Coffee Servers				Barry & Sue Hendrickson; Missy Klose

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11:00 am Service

	November 4	November 11	November 18	November 25
Reader	Alex Hendrickson	Kelly Voss	Kathy Hammer	Ginny Buck
Ushers	Wanda & Mark Sherven Blake & Alissa Sherven	Rick & Deb Jacobson	Paul & Sibyl Jacklitch	Mary Anderson's Small Group
Communion Assist	Trese Saar Paul Oehlke—runner	N/A	Kathy Hammer Kelly Carlson Barb Mohs—runner	N/A
Coffee Servers	Paul & Char Oehlke	Pam Hendrickson	Kim Pauly	Mary Anderson's Small Group

	December 2	December 9	December 16	December 23
Reader	Art Grochow	Alison Voss	Emily Hendrickson	Rick Hendrickson
Ushers	Bob & Ginny Buck	Abby Heitkamp & Kelly Carlson	Aaron Riebe & Shelia Dolan & girls	Jason & Danielle Flack & Family
Communion Assist	Rick & Deb Jacobson Linda Miller-Runner	N/A	Joyce Johnson & Pam Hendrickson	N/A
Coffee Servers	Linda Grochow	Amanda Lunsetter	Julie Rosenberg	Steph Beyer

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES
October 10, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER – Hal Fisher 6:30 PM

Roll Call

Hal Fisher	X	Jenn Plummer Board of Lay	X
Art Grochow	X	Jeff Beyer Board of Property	X
Pat Pithey	X		
Sandi Gilbertson	X	Guests:	
Erika Buller	X	Gary Friskop	
Blake Peterson, Board of Outreach	X	Matthew Anderson	
Cyndy Gustafson Board of Education	X	Mike Bassingthwaithe	
Angie Cruff , Board of Stewardship	X		

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – Pastor Mark

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of August 14, 2018 Minutes: Motion by Cyndy Gustafson, Second by Blake Peterson (motion carried)

TREASURERS REPORT:

	July 31	August	September
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	<i>\$34,283.90</i>	<i>\$40,052.21</i>	<i>\$39,778.58</i>
<i>Deficit:</i>	<i>(\$38,473.21)</i>	<i>(\$30,625.09)</i>	<i>(\$24,422.61)</i>
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	<i>(\$35,740.33)</i>	<i>(\$27,892.21)</i>	<i>(\$21,689.73)</i>

Benevolences were paid.

Motion by Jenn Plummer, approve as presented; Second by Jeff Beyer to move to audit committee (motion carried)

OLD BUSINESS:

Electronic giving - Give+text – any updates – turn the idea over to the board of stewardship to record a live video for Give+text

Pot Luck with a purpose – move to the spring. Will it be Board of outreach or Board of Stewardship working on the planning for this?

Discussion on the October 28th meeting and Hal will meet with the property board on Tuesday the 16th of October. Approached the endowment board about assisting with pay for the architect and Blair Anderson.

Board Reports:

Board of Stewardship: Angie Cruff

Fall campaign October 7 You are the Church, 14 We are the Church, 21 – Be the Church
Rolling out the stewardship campaign

Board of Property: Jeff Beyer

Meeting focused on the capital campaign and what will be expected of the board

Board of Education: Cyndy Gustafson

Adult is starting again have things going on Sunday mornings

October meeting will be Oct. 23

Christmas Program will be held and will be developed by Joyce around the music

Board of Lay: Jenn Plummer

How to find sound board operators

Information on the call committee

Board of Outreach: Blake Peterson

Didn't meet last month

New member Sunday - November 11

Call committee –

Jenn Plummer Wed

Cade Mauch Wed

Jay Townsend all

Brad Cruff Wed

Brenda Prochnow 9:00

Alison Voss 11:00

Wanda Mauch 9:00

Alternates are Joyce Johnson and Diane Finnie as alternates

Ministry site profile work

Please have budgets submitted for calendar year 2019 by November 15.

Board Reports – each board email minutes to Bethel office to review prior to planning council meeting

October 13 – Valley Scare

October 28 - Congregational meeting

November 11 - New member Sunday

Beacon articles are due to the office October 20th

Spiritual Direction will be given in November by: Pastor Dave

Next meeting Wednesday November 13, 2018 at 6:30