



# Bethel Beacon

**Pastors:**

**Jake Dyrhaug**

**Erika Buller**

♥ **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.*

Dear friends in Christ,

It may be winter and the snowbanks are piling high, but there's a lot of life in this place called "Bethel Lutheran Church"! We gear up with parkas, snow boots and scarves, if we have to, to come together as a faith community to see our friends, worship God and grow in Christ together. The snow can be beautiful, but part of winter is that you know also that spring will come and the Earth will once again come to life with the warmth green growth of spring. In this church, faith is growing with the people here, and the congregation is growing. It's exciting to think of the months ahead in 2020 with new renovation and mission projects on the horizon. There will be challenges, but we trust that God will continue to guide us.

There are many events coming up—just to highlight a few...

**Bethel Leadership Retreat** There will be a Leadership Retreat at Bethel on Sunday, February 23rd from 12-3 p.m. Any Council and Board members, leaders of teams and ministries of Bethel are encouraged to attend. A lunch will be provided, and then we'll revisit goals for the coming year. If you need a baby sitter/daycare, please let us know at the office and we'll plan to have someone here.

**Get-to-Know You** Saturday, February 15th, 2-4:00 p.m., stop by for some coffee, cookies and conversation as my wife, Stephani, and I invite you to come by and visit for awhile. We'll enjoy sharing with you more about our family, where we've been and how we're so happy to be here with you at Bethel in Wahpeton. And we look forward to hearing more of your stories!

**Ash Wednesday and Lenten Worship** The Season of Lent begins February 26th with Ash Wednesday Service at 6:45 p.m. Weekly Wednesday services will continue with the theme this year, "Made New." Jesus Christ, the Word Made Flesh, came to dwell amongst us, and then he journeyed to the cross for our redemption—so all could be renewed, made new. In Revelation 21:5, Jesus says, "Behold, I make all things new." Paul writes in Romans 8, "For the creation waits in eager longing for the revealing of the children of God." The Earth, animals, oceans, lakes and rivers, forests, wind/air and mountains all are part of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and the cross. God's redemption in Christ makes all the difference for us as people made in God's image. God's redemption also includes the whole creation as part of the story. A mural depicting the "Tree of Life" will be an art piece put together by Bethel Confirmation students, and each week worshipers will be invited to take a small object home to remember and reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross for us.

Keep warm and see you in church!

In Christ,

Pastor Jake



## GET TO KNOW YOU

Pastor Jake and Stephani Dyrhaug will be hosting a "Get-to-Know-You" event from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, February 15th in the Centennial Room. Drop by and visit for awhile for some coffee, cookies and conversation!

**RETIREMENT PARTY** After many years of being Bethel's financial secretary Clare Byron has decided to retire. We would like to show her how much we appreciated everything that she has done over the years by having her retirement party between services on Sunday, February 16th. Hope to see you there!

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**COLLEGE STUDENTS!** Join us on Wednesdays for supper starting at 5:00 and worship to follow! Meal is free with a NDSCS student ID. **JOIN US!** Wednesday nights for fun, fellowship, coffee and treats. while the kids are at Wednesday School

Wednesday nights 5:30-6:30 pm in the Gisvold lounge.  
If the kids have class, there will be Parent's Time.



Inspiration Church  
1130 Main St.  
Breckenridge, MN

Ruby's Pantry is looking for volunteers to help set up and distribute food between 4 & 6 pm on the following dates:

January 27	February 24
March 23	April 27
May 18	June 22
July 27	August 24
September 28	October 26
November 23	December 28

If you are interested in helping, please contact Inspiration Church at 218-643-8610.



**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](mailto:ebuller@bethelwahpeton.com)  
or call the church office at 642-4472.**



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

**Contact Information:**

<b>Phone:</b>	701-642-4472
<b>Fax:</b>	701-642-2477
<b>Pastor Jake: email:</b>	320-733-0257 jdyrhaug@bethelwahpeton.com
<b>Pastor Erika: email:</b>	952-454-6012 ebuller@bethelwahpeton.com
<b>Brian Finnie: email:</b>	701-642-4472 bfinnie@bethelwahpeton.com
<b>Lisa Bassingthwaite: email:</b>	701-642-4472 wschool@bethelwahpeton.com
<b>Lois Fenske: email:</b>	701-642-4472 betheloffice@bethelwahpeton.com

Wednesday School  
Teachers Needed!

You can make a **difference.... We need your help!** We are now recruiting Wednesday school teachers! We really would love for you to jump in as a Wednesday school teacher. This is a very important role in ministry, and we believe that God has already equipped you to do this! Please contact Lisa with your question.



**Food Backpack Program**

The Board of Outreach is looking for your help in acquiring food items for the Food Backpack Program which is a program that sends food home on the weekends with students who 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.

**FEBRUARY'S item is: Tuna or Chicken Salad Kits**  
**Thank you for supporting this important outreach ministry!**



You are invited to lend your voice to the Community Choir's annual musical. This year's 45-minute cantata is "You Thought of Us"

**Practices:** Thursdays – 6:30 pm  
**Performances:** Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

For additional information, please contact Mary Jacklitch at 643-0405.

Would you like to build a relationship with an amazing child? We are in need of mentors for the confirmation class.

**Qualifications:**

- ♥ FAITH
- ♥ LOCAL
- ♥ AVAILABLE

Contact Lisa Bassingthwaite to sign up or for more information.

# Bethel Youth & Families

Please get your Christian Education registration in as soon as possible! Registrations are available on the Bethel website.

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The flamingoes are invading Wahpeton and Breckenridge soon! Starting February 12, 2020, we will be having a flamingo fundraiser for the 2021 National Youth Gathering. Here's how it works:

- Spend \$30 to spread flamingo repellent on your lawn or risk your front yard being invaded by flamingoes! There will be a booth on Sunday after the 9 am service and on the Wednesday nights.
- Spend \$20 to flamingo someone else's lawn. Flamingoes will stay from Sunday to Wednesday or Wednesday to Sunday.
- If you are worried about the flamingo invasion, act now! Flamingo invasion season is February through April, so if you get invaded once and are worried about it a second time, you can still buy flamingo repellent for the rest of the flamingo season!
- Spend \$10 to get them off your lawn earlier.



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9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation retreat will be held in Verona at the Bear Creek Lodge February 16 – 17. This is a required event - if you are unable to attend, please contact Lisa!

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Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. Youth who are in 8th to 12th grade at the time of registration (Fall 2020) are eligible to attend. Meetings will be held February 23, March 22, April 19. A deposit of \$100.00 is due on May 1, 2020.

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Tumble on over to Three Rivers Gymnastics on Saturday February 29 from 2:00-4:30! This is a free event for all Bethel Youth and their friends. I will be providing snacks and a bottle of water.

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I will be having a VBS planning meeting March 8 at 6:30 in the centennial room. Come join and be part of the planning for VBS this year!

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The next Youth advisory board is March 15.

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Let's hit the slopes! Senior high youth (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) Join us for a weekend of skiing, tubing, swimming, hiking, and fellowship! March 20-22 we will be heading to Duluth MN Friday at 4:15 and return Sunday around 4:00. The cost per person is \$150.00



Remember to follow us on Instagram and Facebook!



First communion classes will be held Wednesday, April 1 and Wednesday, April 8 5:30-6:30. Please RSVP to the church office or Lisa by March 25 if you and your child will be attending. You must pre-register. Children will receive their first communion during the 6:45 Worship service on April 9. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Bassingthwaite 701-899-2060



Good Friday day camp will be held April 10, 9:00-1:00 here at Bethel. Join us as we journey with Jesus for his last week on earth. Snack, crafts, games, lunch, and Easter egg hunt. The cost is \$10. You must pre-register! Registration forms will be available soon.

Lisa's office hours: Monday 8:30-5:00, Tuesday 8:30-5:00, Wednesday 8:30-7:30, and Thursday 8:30-3:00

**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, Inter-generational Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Education, etc. Please take advantage of this service.

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



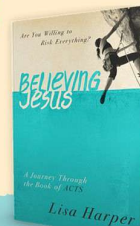
**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

March 6, 2020  
1:00/p  
Evergreen UMC



## BELIEVING JESUS

Journey through the  
Book of Acts with  
*Lisa Harper*



Join us for "Believing Jesus" bible study on Sunday mornings In "Believing Jesus", Lisa Harper retraces the steps of the apostles in the book of Acts. The disciples didn't have much of a road map after Jesus ascended to heaven, but God's grace and spirit filled in the gaps as they moved forward. It required their willingness to risk everything to establish a new community that would change the future world. Join us at 10:00 in the Faith Center on the following dates: January 5, 12, 19; February 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 1

**11:00 am**

**Ushers      Coffee Servers**  
**Readers    Communion Assists**

**Sign up in the back of the church or contact the Church Office**



### Bethel

In memory of Willard Stein given by:

Carol Sturdevant; Marcia Pederson

### Building

In memory of Willard Stein given by:

Linda Miller

### Capital Campaign

In memory of Willard Stein given by:

Keath & Cindy Borchert; Corrine Romereim

In memory of Mary Tolo given by:

Corrine Romereim

In memory of Wynne Hendrickson given by:

Corrine Romereim

in memory of Lorraine Langseth given by:

Corrine Romereim

### Faith Tool Box

In memory of Willard Stein given by

Lynda Neuman

### Quilting

In memory of Willard Stein given by:

Deb Redman



*\*Lorraine Langseth—mother of Paul Langseth*

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

*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 please contact committee members: Bev McRoberts @640-8876, Luther Sannes@642-5140; or Reeann Enderson@640-4230*

***Thank you to the members of Bethel for your continued support.***

## **Giving Hearts Day February 13, 2020**

Giving Hearts Day is a 24-hour fundraising event for charities in North Dakota and northwest Minnesota. 100% of all contributions go directly to participating charities which include Eastern North Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ([eandsynod.org](http://eandsynod.org)).



# FEBRUARY

These are Bethel members known to have birthdays in January. If you have a birthday in January and your name is not listed, please contact the church office so we may update our church records.

## Birthdays

2/1	Kari Cvancara	2/11	Alex Johnson		Patrice Wilson
	Emily DeVries	2/12	Dale DeVries	2/20	Jessica Mastel
	Brynn Ehlers		Medora Good		Carter Miller
	Sara Gerdon	2/13	Terrance Berg		Ryland Pauly
	Michael Grefsrud		Tyler Berndt	2/22	Mark Long
	Sharon Humble		Darci Eggen	2/23	Corbin Cornelius
	Linda Kocher		Joann Ham		Ashlyn Johnson
	Charlene Oehlke		Jason Miller	2/24	Gregory Buboltz
	Arya Welch	2/14	Lachelle Bumgarner		Terra Gregor
2/2	Jacob Goltz		Doris Holen		Maggie Hendrickson
	Pam Hendrickson		Kijia Homes		Shannon Herman
	Jaden Zaun		Aaron Stone	2/25	Eric Christianson
2/3	Robert Backstrom		Jada Vosberg		Alicia Cornelius
	Evelyn Erickson	2/15	Cassie Hanson		Erick Erickson
	Richard Opoien		Mike Munter		Michael Kemmet
2/4	Thomas Bernotas		Trevor Vosberg		Joncy Mastel
	Jon Doll	2/16	Alvin Eckre		Ethan Petersen
	Terry Palensky		Ann Grotjohn		Catherine Prochnow
	Doug Skarp		Wyatt Meyer	2/26	Johnica Bernotas
2/5	Jessica Siefken	2/17	Josh Berg		Myron Braun
2/6	Bjorn Birkelo		Joshua Berg		Kelsey Darwin
	Roy Hofmann		Tenley Hills		James Gustafson
2/7	Roy Gilles		Neill Jenson		Norma Olson
	Brady Grefsrud		Bailey Long		Abigail Tschakert
	Tyler Mauch		Heather Palensky		Cody Uhls
	Jacob Whaley		Brian Uhlich	2/27	Matthew Berger
2/8	Alyssa Amos	2/18	Michelle Anderson		Jay Townsend
	Kevin Berger		Lisa Bassingthwaite	2/28	Ryan Boomgaarden
	Harriet Bjorke		Sonja Christensen		Jace Johanson
	Autumn Rossow		Karen Pausch		Lori Meyer
2/9	Justin Birkelo		Caitlyn Pithey		Lyla Rendon
	Kyler Flack		Brittany Scott		
2/10	Adam Erickson	2/19	Marisa Cole		
	Arline Hudson	2/19	Ryan Dominquez		
	Cohen Lovik		Logan Hoopes		
	Isaac Prochnow		Deborah Loberg		
	Keeran Rovig		Felisa Mastel		
	Bryce Smith		Donna Sherven		

# Volunteers

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

**USHERS:** Linda Miller at 899-3479

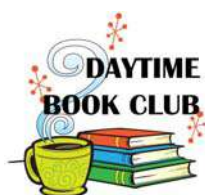
**COFFEE SERVERS:** Carol Sturdevant at 642-4335

**READERS & COMMUNION ASSIST:** Doug & Judy Peterson at 640-7010

**Please notify the church office of the change at 642-4472.**

	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
Reader	Clare Byron	Hal Fisher	Sandi Gilbertson	Wayne Braaten
Ushers	Jeff & Eileen Hage; Ron & Kathy McBeth	Randal & Jean Hoerer; Corrine Romereim	Darlene Schuler; Deb Loberg; Gary & Jody Friskop	Janine & Josh Berg; Linda Johnson
Communion Assist	VonDaLee Grandalen; Laurie Stiller	N/A	Doug & Judy Peterson	N/A
Coffee	Judy Koppang; Floss Johnson	Wayne Braaten; Lois Perkins	Holly Close; Janet Farmen	Duane & Diane Finnie; Joan Hardie

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Reader	Pam Hendrickson	Cyndy Gustafson	Jean Hoerer	Connie Foster	Hal Fisher
Ushers	Clint & Larissa Gilbertson; Robb & Beth Dohman	Dennis & VonDaLee Grandalen; Geri Coyne	Jerry & Judy Oren; Phil & Bonnie MacIver	Sonja Christensen; Judy McDaniel; Karen Lutz	Floss Johnson; Keath Borchert; Sandi Gilbertson
Communion Assist	Katie & Jay Erickson	N/A	Katie & Jay Erickson	N/A	N/A
Coffee	Lynn & Jeannie Bjore; Tony & Marie Casper	Kathy Dimmer; Courtney Dimmer	Barry & Sue Hendrickson; Sharon Kotnour	Terry & Suzanne Pehl; Doug & Judy Peterson	Jay & Katie Erickson; Cyndy Gustafson



The Daytime Book Club met on January 14, 2020, with four members present. We discussed the January book "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett. All members enjoyed the book and strongly recommended reading it.

Our next month's book will be "The Rapture of Canaan" by Sheri Reynolds. "At the Church of Fire & Brimstone, Grandpa Herman makes the rules for everyone, and everyone obeys, or else. Ninah is one of the main characters & finds herself pregnant. She fears the wrath of Grandpa Herman, the congregation, & of God Himself." A beautifully written book with an interesting story line and a book that is very hard to put down.



We will meet the 11th of February, 2020, at 10 a.m. in the Bethel Library. We always meet the second Tuesday of the month. We invite you to join us for warm fellowship and friendship. All are welcome!

"The person who deserves the most pity is a lonesome one on a rainy day who doesn't know how to read."  
~Benjamin Franklin ~



**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES  
January 14, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Art Grochow

**Roll Call**

Hal Fisher	X	Gail Beech Board of Lay	X
Art Grochow	A	Board of Property – Kelly Voss	X
Pat Pithey	A	Pastor Jake	X
Sandi Gilbertson	X		
Erika Buller	X		
Blake Peterson, Board of Outreach	A	Guests:	
Dana Kasowski Board of Education	X		
Angie Cruff , Board of Stewardship	X		

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** – Pastor Erika – Mary Oliver – The Geese

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A **motion** was made to approve as amended the December 10, 2019 Minutes: Motion by Gail Beech by Kelly Voss (motion carried)

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

<b>2018</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$40,052.21	\$39,778.58	\$41,039.93	\$31,087.00	\$33,919
<i>Deficit:</i>	(\$30,625.09)	(\$24,422.61)	(\$9,517.40)	(\$19,514.34)	(\$23,851.31)
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	(\$27,892.21)	(\$21,689.73)	(\$6,874.82)	\$13,218.54	\$8,881.57
<b>2019</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$36,498.48	33,928.50	\$30,378.50	\$39,179	\$26,194
<i>Deficit:</i>	(\$7,171.10)	(\$12,900.72)	(\$28,732.36)	(\$35,542.91)	(\$25,781.41)
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$1,710.47	(\$4,019.15)	(\$19,850.79)		(\$32,746)
<b>2019</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$26,002.34	\$27,759	\$23,724	\$40,032.21	\$34,791
<i>Account balance:</i>	(\$34,785.49)	(\$32,965.35)	\$7,214.33	\$21,380.28	\$21,169.19
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	(\$25,903.92)	(\$24,083.73)	\$16,095.90	\$30,261.85	\$29,061.42
<b>2019</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>January 2020</b>	<b>February 2020</b>	<b>March 2020</b>
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$28,390	\$64,524.05			
<i>Account balance:</i>	\$1,666.92	\$33,872.80			
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$10,548.49	\$42,754.37			

A **motion** was made to move the December 2019 treasurer’s report to audit. Motion by Kelly Voss, second by Dana Kasowski Motion carried

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on appeal
  - a. Pledges and additions for a total of \$776,635
  - b. Received \$80,000 as a family gift toward the organ
    - i. Organ has been purchased
  - c. \$20,000 one-time gift for carpet from prior
2. Implementation team update
  - a. Met 1-13-20 and will meet every three weeks
  - b. Results are back for asbestos (pipes, glue in west hallway, tile upstairs hallway and tile in sanctuary) Architect will review survey results and will move forward with getting bids to get it removed
  - c. Forum 9<sup>th</sup> of February
  - d. Vote for sanctuary seating – tentative March 8 – congregational meeting
3. Have budgets submitted by December 1 to Executive committee
  - a. Send all reports to Bethel Office
4. Audit committee – hired external Nadine Julson, LLC (Daniel) estimated at \$2,500

## NEW BUSINESS:

### 1. **Board Reports:**

Board of Stewardship: Angie Cruff

Didn't meet last month

Super Bowl fundraiser for food pantry

Need two more people for Stewardship board

Board of Property: Kelly Voss

BLCW cabinet request – working on this – quote for Dakota Cabinetry

Asbestos survey is back

Quote from digital guru for handsets and handheld microphones for sanctuary

Board of Education: Dana Kasowski

Partnership with Breckenridge Lutheran NYG

7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to participate. Need to be 9<sup>th</sup> graders to go to National Youth Gathering

Board of Lay: Gail Beech

Working on Clare's retirement party – 16<sup>th</sup> of February

Thank you notes for decorators

Usher/communion training January 12

Attendance for Christmas Eve Service

526 3:00 service

255 5:00 service

130 9:00 service

Board of Outreach: Blake Peterson

Donated funds to pay unpaid school lunch balances

Dana Anderson helped make brochures for welcoming visitors

1. Bishop Terry update
  - a. Resigned his position to move onto Concordia College
  - b. He is done the 12<sup>th</sup> of January and there will be an interim
  - c. Will nominate a new Bishop this summer at Assembly – the nominations need to be in by February 27 – need to be word and sacrament rostered
2. Staff update
  - a. Joyce Johnson is the financial secretary – replacing Clare Byron
3. Annual meeting agenda
  - a. Updated
4. Nominating report
  - a. Need 2 for stewardship, 1 for board of lay and one for executive board

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

Dates and notables:

Annual meeting – January 26

Middle school music festival – January 31

Scout Sunday - Pancake feed – February 2

Ash Wednesday – February 26

Wahpeton Conference Assembly meeting – March 15- Gwinner

Easter – April 12

Synod Assembly – June 6-7

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Spiritual Direction December – Pastor Jake and Pastor Erika

Next meeting February 11, 2020