



**Pastors:**

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**Erika Buller**

# Bethel Beacon

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**BE.THE.Light**

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## Dedication and Rally Sunday

*“Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.” Psalm 84:4*

### Mark Your Calendar

- 9/1 Coffee at Fryn' Pan  
Library Committee
- 9/2 Quilting  
Policy Subcommittee
- 9/6 Building & Office Closed
- 9/7 Staff Planning Day  
Evening Book Club
- 9/8 Programming Begins
- 9/11 Water Walk
- 9/12 Rally Sunday
- 9/12- Fair Hills/Theological
- 9/15 Conference
- 9/15 Circle 5
- 9/13 Daytime Book Club
- 9/14 Planning Council
- 9/16 Quilting
- 9/21 Circle 1  
Boards Meet
- 9/22 First Day of Autumn
- 9/23 Befrienders
- 9/24 Beacon Articles Due

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8am-5pm Monday-Thursday  
8am-3pm Friday  
8am-11am Sunday

“Bethel” means “House of God” or “God’s House.” On Sunday, September 12th, at one 10:00 a.m. service, we will celebrate the dedication of the newly remodeled Bethel facilities! We have been happy to be in God’s house, singing songs of praise. After a year when we were not able to meet for in-person gatherings, it has been so great to gather and see all the new sights and sounds with the remodeled sanctuary, Sunday School room and offices, with updated outreach technology. All who worked so hard with the construction and remodeling project have served in awesome ways! We have gathered for worship with the new altar, pulpit and organ. We look forward with great anticipation and joy to the fall, being in the church again. Online technology, services, classes and Zoom meetings have provided ways to connect as we have never done before, and we’ll continue to utilize some of these means of doing ministry. But it will just be so great to be back together in church for those who can come! And September 12th, we celebrate!

On September 12th, there is quite a line-up for the morning! First will be a special festive worship, with representatives from the different boards taking part in prayers of blessing and dedication. There will be a time of telling the story of what has led us here to this moment, with the history of Bethel and the Be the Love and Beyond campaign. We’ll hear from the choir and bells. In addition to the sermon, Laurie Stiller will give a children’s message based on a new children’s book she has written. It will be a joy-filled worship of praise. Nursery staff will be available.

After worship (about 11:30 a.m.), we are all invited for a great meal. The plan for now is to have grilled hamburgers, lemonade, chips and other various delicious items. There will be a potluck for salads, etc., Lutheran highlights. If Richland County Health makes recommendations to serve pre-packaged meals, we will make adjustments as needed, but currently the plan is for grilled burgers and potluck!

There will be activities as well as the meal, with coloring books, a special Bingo tour and children’s and youth activities. This will be a BIG day as we will be happy to be in God’s House, singing God’s praise and celebrating!

In Christ, Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

## A cheerful what?



Guideposts editor Mary Ann O’Roark recalls hearing the phrase “cheerful liver” so often in church as a girl that she asked her grandmother what a liver is. “It’s a part inside you, like your stomach or your heart,” Grandma replied. Rather confused, O’Roark tried to figure out how to be cheerful from the inside out. Then during Sunday school one week, a classmate explained that God loves a cheerful giver, not liver. Years later, however, O’Roark realized that her younger self wasn’t too far off the mark. After all, God does indeed love someone who lives cheerfully, spreading the hope and joy that he longs for all people to know! After all, it was Jesus who said, “I came that [all] may have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10, NRSV).

## Our help—past, present and future

This month, America marks the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which ended almost 3,000 lives and changed life forever for millions more. The nation was shaken to its very roots, with violence jolting out of us any assumption that “it can’t happen here.” September 11 banished any lingering notion that being on the side of “liberty and justice for all” served as insulation against mass tragedy. We now had more to fear than fear itself. Psalm 46 reminds us that “though the earth should change” (v. 2) — as it did on 9/11 — God remains “our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (v. 1). We are never alone or without hope, even on life-altering days. How have God’s presence and power sustained you through life’s changes? How might sharing your story help someone else when their world or faith gets shaken? —*adapted from The Wired Word*

## Answers

Answers to prayers come in various ways,  
sometimes in minutes, sometimes in days.

And some take years to fully unfold  
the harvest of love and blessings they hold.

Answers to prayers come in various forms,

sometimes in sunlight, sometimes through storms.

Some blossom early, and some blossom late,  
but each one will flower — have faith and wait!

—Helen Inwood, *His Mysterious Ways*

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The Board of Stewardship invites you to The Celebration and Dedication of the renovation of Bethel Church. We thank you for the role you played in the capital campaign and renovation process. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: To shew forth thy loving kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night, Psalm 92:1-2 KJV. Psalm 92 is described as a song for the Sabbath, and its author encourages readers to rejoice and celebrate the Lord's goodness. As we follow in their footsteps today, we can use our own times of worship and teaching to celebrate our bonds with Him. A reminder to be thinking of your God given gifts to share as we approach the fall campaign and share your time and talents with the members of Bethel..

## Board of Stewardship



If you are leaving for the winter, contact Joyce @ (701)640-3599 for your 2022 envelopes! They can be picked up right away.

**Check your Bethel financial statement from the comfort of your own home any-time! Contact Lois @ (701)642-4472 to learn how.**

Plan ahead for your end of year giving! Last day for deposit will be Wednesday, December 29th.

## Financial Office

### God's work. Our hands.

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Come ready to serve! Wear your work clothes and come ready to do God's work with your hands in the community. You will be sent out to do work at people's homes and throughout the community. If you cannot do physical labor, don't worry we have work for you around Bethel as well!

We are also seeking service projects around the community. If you know of someone who could use assistance around their home or yard or have an idea for a community service project, please complete a "God's work. Our hands." work form and submit it to the Bethel church office. The schedule for the day is still being determined.

More info available soon!



### God's work. Our hands. Sunday! September 26, 2021

Do you have some work around your home or yard that you would like to have some help with?

Do we have a deal for you!

Please fill out the form and we will send willing and able workers to your home on Sunday, September 26 from 10:30 am until 1 pm.

Ideas for jobs: clean out gutters, painting, washing windows, raking, cleaning house, weeding, yard work, etc.

**\_\_\_\_ Yes! I have some work you can do!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the work to be completed.

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Please submit your work request into the Bethel Lutheran Church office, 607 6th St N, Wahpeton, ND 58075 by Noon, Monday, September 20. We will be in touch before the event!



The Daytime Book Club met on August 9 to discuss *Sunflower Sisters* by Martha Hall Kelly. A good discussion was held. This book was liked by everyone but most of us had a difficult time getting “into the book” and it discouraged some of us.

September 13 *When the Apricots Bloom* by Gina Wilkinson—Suspenseful debut novel. Three women confront the complexities of trust, friendship, motherhood & betrayal under the rule of a ruthless dictator & his brutal secret police. The

October 11 *Firefly Lane* by Kristin Hannah

November 8 *Family Tree* by Susan Wiggs

December 13 Christmas Book of choice to share with members (Brunch/lunch to be determined at a later date & which restaurant.)

Our club meets the 2nd Monday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Bethel Library. New members are always welcome.

*“If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books.” ~Roald Dahl~*

\*\* As a side note, the Library Committee would like to remind those of you who might have books or movies checked out just before the pandemic to please return them immediately! There are some books that have been checked out for 2 years.



We meet the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in Gisvold Lounge at Bethel. All are welcome for a little book talk and a lot of fellowship.

For August we read *Left to Tell* by Immaculee Ilibagiza. Immaculee discovered the power of prayer when she survived 91 days hiding with seven other women in a cramped bathroom. The story of survival during the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. A great story of triumphant of a young women’s journey was very inspirational. This book is available for checkout Bethel’s library.

September 7<sup>th</sup> – *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah

October 5<sup>th</sup> – *The Secret Wife* by Gill Paul

November 2<sup>nd</sup> – *Malibu Rising* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Christmas book of your choice

January 4<sup>th</sup> – *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel

**WANTED—Volunteers to run the Audio/Visual equipment on Sundays (aka: Soundboard). We need 2 volunteers per service. Training will be provided. Does not need to be a weekly commitment—can be monthly or even once a year. Contact the office.**





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

# SEPTEMBER

9/1 Emmy Hasbargen  
Cooper Krause  
Judy Smith  
Michael Blome

9/2 Jay Erickson  
Jeffrey Kahler  
Nathan Worrel

9/3 Rylan Henning  
Carter Hockert  
Laura Swiontek

9/4 Kaitlynn Crandall  
Art Grochow  
Dan Humble  
Brooke Meyer

9/5 Marla Mikesh

9/6 Teri Bontjes  
Jeffrey Hage  
Marcia Pederson  
Jocelyn Wagner

9/9 Kathy Hammer  
Anne Retzlaff  
Viola Score  
Charli Smith  
Michelle Steffens  
Brady Wangler

9/10 Bryer Anderson  
Grace Hunt  
Joell Mattis  
Marcia Richman  
Constance Sletten

9/11 Lance Darwin  
Levi Hagelstrom  
Bridger Hansen  
Grant Manock  
Brooke Rosenberg

9/12 Leland Gregor  
Marc Johnson  
Susan Roehl  
Gail Williams

9/13 Jeannie Bjore  
Emily Bruvold  
Mark Homes  
Tylee Irwin

Isabella Lemoine  
9/14 Stanley Sirek

9/15 David Erlandson  
9/16 Stephanie Beyer  
Jason Flack  
Harper Krump

9/17 Brianne Bjore  
Annabelle Miller  
Scott Steffens  
Riley Thimjon  
Samuel Trappen

9/18 Quinn Brevik  
9/19 Christopher DeVries  
Ruth Larson  
Luann Zaun

9/20 James Facey  
Elizabeth Mauch  
Matthew Roehl  
Jesse Stiller

9/21 Suzanne Anderson  
Stacey Boock  
Kylee Dohman  
Sandra Gilbertson  
Parker Kern  
Brandon Mitchell  
Trese Saar

9/22 Kallie Davis  
9/23 Samuel Cruff  
Brandon Loll  
Erllys Skoog

9/24 Stacy Busta  
Gary Carlson  
Aydan Doll  
Muriel Hedrick  
Jordyn Kahler

9/25 John Grueneich  
Shelby Olson  
Andrew Tillmann

9/26 Emma Blair  
Ian Plummer  
Jerrick Townsend

9/27 Alex Rowland  
Michael Stone

9/28 Brody Bakewell  
Wade Gilbertson

9/29 Sheila Dolan  
Elaine Klocke  
Esther Krause  
Braden Meyer  
Judy Peterson

9/30 Paige Ward  
Justine Braun  
Avery Mitchell



**Water walk**—Join your Bethel family along with our friends from Breckenridge Lutheran as we raise money for “Water to Thrive”. We will be walking in the Headwaters parade. Everyone that walks in the parade will receive a t-shirt. Please ask your friends and family to sponsor the walk. Contact Lisa with questions! The most efficient way for supporters to have their donations credited to our campaign, is to have them use this direct link <https://www.watertothrive.org/campaigns/red-river-headwaters-campaign/>

If you would prefer to contribute by mailing a check, please place our campaign name on the check memo line. Breckenridge/Wahpeton is our campaign name.

Water to Thrive  
P.O. Box 26747  
Austin, TX 78755

**Castaway Club**—This event has been cancelled!

**ValleySCARE/Feed My Starving Children**—This event is open for youth in grades 6-12. Since it is a popular event, the earlier you register, the better. We will be going Saturday, October 23 at 7:30 am. Cost is \$75.00 for youth and \$25.00 for adult helpers. Registration will be available starting September 1. Contact Lisa for more information!

**Confirmation**—6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade Parent Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 1 at 6:30.

**Programing**—Wednesday night programing starts September 8! The schedule will be: 5:00 to 5:30 supper served, 5:30-6:30 Christian Education (Wednesday school and confirmation), 6:45-7:30 Worship. A home cooked meal will be served each week with a \$3 charge per person per meal.

## BETHEL YOUTH NIGHT

**Youth Night**—All Bethel 8th -12th graders are invited (and encouraged to bring a friend) from 7:30-10:00 on September 19 for fun and fellowship in the youth room.

**HELP NEEDED!**—It takes a lot of people to run a Wednesday night around here. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lisa or Pastor Erika and we can find a job for you.

**National Youth Gathering information**—Our next meeting will be September 12, at 7:00 at Lisa’s place (1428 Ave B) for a bonfire and fun! Our next fundraising opportunity will be at the Fall festival- September 18, 1:00-3:00. We will be selling apple desserts and hosting a pie eating contest! The Fall festival will take place at Town center square.

### September 2021 Wednesday Meals

9/8	Hot Dots
9/15	Turkey Bacon Ranch Wraps
9/22	Mini Meatloaves
9/29	Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwich



# Dedication Sunday **CAKE DECORATING COMPETITION!**

**Sunday, September 12th**



**Families and individuals can sign up by contacting Bethel Office by September 6th. On Wednesday, September 8th participants will receive their undecorated cakes. Use your creativity to decorate your cakes around the theme of "Church Sanctuary," since we are celebrating the dedication and remodel of our beautiful church! Bring decorated cakes to Rally Sunday. Winning cake will receive a cash prize and will be determined by the most votes (dollars)! Proceeds go to the Bethel Outreach Committee.**

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES  
August 10, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Kelly Voss

**Roll Call**

Kelly Voss	x	Board of Lay, Cyndy Kolle	x
Kathy Johnson	x	Board of Property, Mike Bassingthwaite	x
Dee Jensen	x	Board of Outreach, Lori Pithey	x
Cindy Borchert	x		
Pastor Erika Buller	x		
Pastor Jake Dyrhaug	x	Guests:	
Board of Education, Pastor Erika	x		
Board of Stewardship, Linda Johnson	x		

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** – Mike Bassingthwaite

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Linda moved & Cyndy seconded to approve. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Mike moved and Dee seconded to approve Treasurer’s report. Motion carried. A discussion followed regarding what we want to have for our reports. The operating budget without the dedicated accounts would be helpful. Cyndy likes the 21 page report.

<b>2020</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$28,480.00	\$36,284.00	\$34,073.00	\$24,397.11	\$29,192.00	\$28,101.00
<i>Income/Balance:</i>	(\$13,438.91)	(\$19,336.94)	(\$20,267.87)	(\$28,689.78)	\$15,193.73	\$10,725.30
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$29,315.46	\$23,417.43	\$22,486.50	\$14,064.59	\$57,948.10	\$53,479.67
<b>2020</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$21,512.00	\$24,417.00	\$30,922.00	\$35,612.50	\$36,528.07	\$38,103.81
<i>Income/Balance:</i>	(\$5,886.09)	(\$16,313.71)	(\$24,151.70)	(\$29,462.09)	(\$31,833.64)	(\$33,268.40)
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$36,868.28	\$26,440.66	\$18,602.67	\$13,292.28	\$10,920.73	(\$20,514.03)
<b>2021</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$25,837.00	\$32,825.07	\$40,604.03	\$28,782.00	\$26,346.00	\$25,304.00
<i>Revenue minus Expenses:</i>	(\$32,171.00)	(\$118,934.00)	\$7,678.00	(\$10,186.69)	\$5,953.00	(\$16,816.00)
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$245,434.28	\$125,846.83	\$129,360.68	\$117,164.69	\$121,579.43	\$103,086.54
<b>2021</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$19,014.00					
<i>Revenue minus Expenses:</i>	(\$30,895.00)					
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$70,308.08					



## OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Dedication and Celebration of the building:
  - a. There will be one service at 10:00, which will include the dedication ceremony. The choir and bells will provide special music for the service. A lunch will follow with grilling of meats and potluck for other items. The Wednesday kitchen group is helping with the serving of the potluck.
  - b. The Board of Ed and Board of Outreach are planning games and entertainment. The Board of Outreach is in charge of the “Swag” for the 6 stations of the tour. Mike moved to provide \$1000 for the “swag” gifts and Cyndy seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - c. Sonja is working with the quilters to provide a booth. Bev is working with the circles to decorate the Fellowship Hall for the meal. Laurie Stiller will have her new book available.
  - d. The Board of Stewardship will send invitations to former pastors and to other churches. Perhaps Shar Gumke would be a guest pastor. Other forms of advertisement are: newspapers, Facebook, Bethel Church website and Pastor Jake and Pastor Erika will give messages for announcements of “saving the date” for the celebration.
  - e. Larissa is working on a photo collage. Julie is working on a cake contest.
2. Nominating Committee:
  - a. Kathy Johnson reported that Dana Kasowski and Sharon Kotnour are on the nominating committee.
  - b. Kathy moved and Dee seconded the motion to appoint Angela Cruff and Barry Hendrickson to complete the terms of Suzanne Pehl and Kathy Hammer on the Board of Stewardship.
3. Dollars for Jesus Update:
  - a. No new news at this time.
4. Computer Security Policy:
  - a. There are suggestions, but nothing definite at this time.
5. Synod Assembly – August 14 & 15:
  - a. Art Grochow will lead the worship service at Bethel and there will be a video from the Bishop for the sermon.
  - b. Delegates are Kelly and Alison Voss, Cyndy Kolle, Dana Kasowski and Gladys Bair.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### 1. *Board Reports:*

#### **Board of Stewardship:** Linda Johnson

- \* They did not meet in July.
- \* They are responsible for the communications for the dedication and celebration.
- \* They are working on the “Time and Talent sheets”

#### **Board of Property:** Mike Bassingthwaite

- \* A new AED has been installed. Security system cameras have been ordered.
- \* Brian has patched the roof over the Sacristy.
- \* A discussion on having kneeling pads at the communion rail was had at Planning Council for input.
- \* The contractors have been back in to fix some things.
- \* The nursery carpet will be on hold for now.

- \* We need to do something with the East entrance and the bricks. We need ideas on how to incorporate the names on the bricks into the concrete.
- \* The flag placement in the Sanctuary will follow church guidelines.

**Board of Education:** Pastor Erika

- \* They had a full bus of 53 kids and chaperones for Valley Fair in July.
- \* Programming begins September 8 and a parent meeting on September 1.
- \* There will be a pool party with pizza at the Langendorfer Shelter and the pool on August 11.
- \* Bill Brown is moving and will need a replacement on the Board of Education.

**Board of Lay:** Cyndy Kolle

- \* The fall schedule for worship services will be 9:00 and 11:00 with coffee at 10:00. This will begin on September 19, 2021. The choir will provide special music on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays and the Bells will provide special music on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. If there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday there will be other special music.
- \* The Board of Lay will help pay for the Dedication Sunday on September 12, 2021 with up to \$1000.
- \* The Board of Lay and the Board of Property met jointly on July 20, 2021 to discuss the Dedication/Rally Sunday services.

**Board of Outreach:** Lori Pithey

- \* The Board of Outreach helped with the potluck for the Ecumenical Service in Wells Memorial Park on August 1, 2021.
- \* “God’s Work Our Hands” Sunday will be held on September 26, 2021 at Bethel. They are looking for projects in the community or at Bethel.
- \* They are going to do a college student outreach for the years 2020 & 2021 by mailing cards to students in college from our congregation. They also plan to reach out to NDSCS students to let them know that we are here.
- \* Lori also mentioned some of the “swag” ideas they are considering for the dedication/celebration.

**1. Other:**

- If at all possible, the boards should meet at the regularly scheduled dates and times. It is easier to collaborate and for the pastors to get in on the meetings.

Board Reports – each board email minutes to Bethel office to review on the Friday after the Board meetings .

***Dates and notables:***

September 8, 2021 – Wednesday Programming begins  
 September 12, 2021 – Dedication & Celebration -10:00 worship service  
 September 12-15, 2021 – Pastoral Retreat at Fair Hills  
 September 21, 2021 – Meeting night for boards  
 September 26, 2021 – “God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday  
 October 3, 2021 – The Fall Stewardship Campaign begins

Closing with the Lord’s Prayer

Spiritual Direction for September – Dee Jensen

Next meeting September 14, 2021

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Borchert, Secretary/Treasurer