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Jake Dyrhaug

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Bethel Beacon

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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.

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.” Isaiah 43:1b

Fear Not

Fear not? Why should I be afraid? We might say, “What do you mean? There’s only a pandemic going on around the world.” Most of us have not lived through a pandemic before. We’re adjusting our lives to keep the COVID 19 Coronavirus from making us or our loved ones sick. We’re trying to not be in groups of more than 10. There’s the world economy to think about. Many are having to work from home and some not able to work. We might be afraid of just going kind of stir-crazy if we have to stay at home for weeks and not go to games and concerts or hardly anywhere there’s people. If this is you in these past days, you’re not alone. One person I’d describe as a natural extrovert who just loves to be around people said to me, “This is really something, isn’t it?” Just in lots of ways, these are the kinds of times that can shake us, but we have a God who continually says to us, to comfort us, to encourage us, “Do not be afraid.” God said it through the prophet Isaiah to the people of Israel when the southern kingdom of Judah was suffering under Babylonian rule and some of them had even been taken far away into exile. Isaiah was reassuring them that, even in the midst of these trying times, their God was with them and would help them. God said to them, “Fear not.”

We too can take great comfort in these words and know that our God is with us, even especially in times of difficulty, times we may even feel we’re in some kind of exile, “sheltering” at home and with groups of less than ten. It is into this unsettling world of ours that Jesus came, to be with us, to even die on a cross for us. It is on the cross, the worst of all places, that God meets us where we are, as close as God could possibly be, so that we may know that God is with us not only in the very great times, but also in the hardest and the worst. Because through Christ, God was redeeming the world, that in raising him from the dead, all will be made new. So we need not be afraid. And on Easter Sunday, whether it’s at church together again or even from our homes online on our phones and computers or just together in the Spirit, we will celebrate!

Meanwhile, we’re all trying to do our part to keep social distancing and washing our hands as we pull together to “flatten the curve” so as to not overload our health system. As churches we’re working in partnership with agencies and service organizations to help. We pray for doctors and nurses and all health care workers, including researchers, as news of effective anti-viral medication gives one some new optimism, and we hear of a vaccine coming eventually. As a friend of mine once quoted Mr. Rogers, who said, when we see scary things, “Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.” These are also times when some of the best comes out as people encourage each other over the phones, singing to each other from back porches and balconies or over the internet. Through of all this, God may do some things that are surprising, and good can come through the midst of where we wouldn’t expect it.

No matter what happens as we navigate these unprecedented times for many of us, we hear these words of our Lord from Isaiah and can take comfort and strength, too, as our Lord says to us... “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.”

When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. “For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.” - Isaiah 43:2-3

We will do our best to keep everyone informed of updates in the weeks ahead, so watch the church website or call the church office with questions about cancellations and postponements. If you have access to a computer or smart phone, join us as we worship together in a new way with online services on the church website, www.bethelwahpeton.com See the bottom of the webpage for the Facebook posts with devotions, messages and worship services. You do not need to sign up for Facebook to view them. We also plan to keep in touch with each other as much as we can via the good ‘ol telephone. If during this time you need spiritual support, a prayer or just to talk, send us an email or give us a call. Meanwhile, fear not, keep the faith, and BE.THE.Love.

In Christ,
Pastor Jake Dyrhaug

In response to the efforts to slow down COVID 19 Coronavirus, Bethel Lutheran Church has cancelled all worship services, programming and activities through April 10th. We have also locked the building to the public. During this time, please do join us for our online worship services which will be recorded on the Facebook "Follow Us" section of our website.

We are still here for your spiritual needs. Feel free to call the office at 642-4472 if you need to talk to any of the staff or if you would like to schedule an appointment.

Confirmation has been postponed until Fall.



You are invited to beautify our church sanctuary for Easter by sponsoring an Easter plant in honor of your loved one(s). The cost is \$15 per plant. You may call the church office at 642-4472 to reserve a plant or return a completed form along with payment to the church office prior to Friday, April 10, 2020.

Are you considering becoming a member of Bethel but still have questions? If this is your situation you are invited to an informal information meeting where you can ask your questions.

The meeting will be held on Sunday April 19th at 10:00 (in between services) in the Faith Center. During the meeting one of our pastors, faith leaders, and members of the Board of Outreach will be available to answer any questions you may have about Bethel, it's programs, and about becoming a member. The purpose of the meeting is to provide you with information and does not require any decision on your part. If you have questions before the meeting please feel free to contact the church office or one of the pastors at 642-4472.

Current members of Bethel are asked to encourage their friends, family member, or neighbors to attend this meeting if they are considering membership or do not have a church home.



The Board of Outreach invites you to join us for a new member reception in between services on April 26th. The reception will be held in the Centennial Room. Coffee and treats will be provided as usual. We hope to see you then to welcome our new members to Bethel!

While the building is locked, you may continue to give your weekly offering one of three ways:

1. Go to our website (<http://bethelwahpeton.com/>) and scroll down to the "Give" section.
2. Send your offering via postal service. Our address is 607 6th St N, Wahpeton, ND 58075.
3. Use the "Bill Pay" feature of your online checking account.



First Communion classes have been postponed. A new date will be announced at a later time.

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.

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

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS
Starts May 24, 2020
9 A.M. – Coffee Hour
10 A.M. – Worship Service

At this time of uncertainty and stress, the Board of Stewardship would like to share the following prayer. (Thanks to Lisa Bassingthwaite for sharing it with us.)

"God of Presence and Strength, Help us feel you here with us when we are anxious and afraid, when the future feels uncertain. We know nothing is unknown to you. O God, we know you are our Rock and our Comfort in times of trouble. Give us wisdom and courage to make changes that will help things get better. Amen"

Remember: "God's got this. And God's got us."





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

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**Staff
Q&A**

When friends come to you for help, what do they usually want help with?

LB-Comfort and advice
 EB-Usually a listening ear.
 LF-Computers
 JJ-Most of the time it has something to do with cooking or helping in the kitchen
 JD-Need someone to talk to, to listen. Sometimes, if it's a call to the church office, it's to find food, gas or other things they need. Sometimes it's to move heavy furniture.

What is one or two of your favorite smells?

LB-Fresh cut grass and Almond
 EB-Fresh brewed coffee, early summer rain on evergreen trees, campfire
 LF-Freshly baked bread and coffee
 JJ-I love the smell of chocolate chip cookies baking in the oven and caramel rolls baking
 JD-The air right after a rain, roast beef dinner in the oven.

If you had to change your name, what would you change it to?

LB-I've always loved the name Lillian Anna
 EB-I like my name, I think I would keep it, even if given the chance to change it.
 LF-Emily Maria (my maternal grandmother's middle names)
 JJ-I don't have a specific name. Something people could pronounce and spell!
 JD-Jakob Charles (kind of like one of my heroes, Ray Charles, and it's my first and middle name inverted.)

If you could make one rule that everyone had to follow, what rule would you make?

LB-We would all be kind to each other
 EB-Error on the side of kindness and compassion first, before skipping to judgement of others.
 JJ-Don't speak until you have had time to think about what you are going to say and how it will sound to others!
 JD-Everyone get's one roll of TP per person in the house at the store--just for a couple more months.

What weird food combinations do you really enjoy?

LB-Buttered popcorn and ranch dressing
 EB-I love Hawaiian pizza. Though I have recently discovered that pineapple with pepperoni is equally as wonderful.
 LF-Chicken noodle soup with dumplings and ketchup.....French fries dipped in a chocolate shake
 JJ-Pancakes, syrup and pickles (the kitchen crew thinks I'm strange!)
 JD-Celery with peanut butter, lutefisk with melted butter

What was the last photo you took?

LB-I took a selfie with 5 of the senior girls helping at the food pantry
 EB-Of my son, Ben, dressed in a monkey costume.
 LF-An excerpt of a sewing machine manual.
 JJ-A picture of my daughter cuddling a friend's dog!
 JD-A Snopes screenshot that clarified that Russia did NOT release 500 lions to enforce COVID-19 lockdown

What word is a lot of fun to say?

LB-Shenanigans
 EB-"cantankerous": meaning crabby or short-tempered
 LF - Rural Route
 JJ-Snickerdoodle

Bethel Youth & Families

Hello Bethel families - I just wanted to say I miss you. I miss the kids who follow me around every Wednesday, I miss seeing your beautiful art in **your sermon notes, I miss hearing "can I have some candy", I miss everyone! I look forward to when we can all be together again.** I will have **glitter, balloons, snacks, and candy waiting for you! I can say with confidence that Brian won't even be mad about the mess we make.** Remember **I'm here if you need anything!**

Praying and missing you!

Lisa

Remember to follow us on Instagram and Facebook!

The flamingoes are invading Wahpeton and Breckenridge the funds raised will help send our kids to the National Youth Gathering summer of **2021! Sending flamingoes to someone's yard is a great way to spread a little sunshine! Spend \$20 to flamingo someone else's lawn.** Flamingoes will stay from Sunday to Wednesday or Wednesday to Sunday. If you would like to Flamingo someone contact Lisa 701-899-2060

9th Grade confirmation Checklist

- Mentor Book (due September 23)
- Creative Faith Project (September 23)
- Faith Statement (due at interview)
- Interview with pastor/youth director
- Work on stoles (Lisa will contact you with dates)
- 20 Sermon Notes

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. Please contact Lisa if you would like to be added to the email and text messages.

Vacation Bible school will be held August 3-6 at Evergreen United Methodist Church. If you would like to jump on board and be part of the fun contact Lisa.

Remember to stop at the little free library to get your flat Jesus and share the adventures you and flat Jesus have staying at home.

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.

APRIL'S item is: 4 ounce Fruit Cups

Thank you for supporting this important outreach ministry!





Bethel

In memory of **Al Romereim** given by: Esther Braaten; Terry and Carol Sturdevant

Bethel Youth

In memory of **Al Romereim** given by: Judy and Jerry Oren

Building

In memory of **Al Romereim** given by: Sharon Kotnour; Annette Roth

Camperships

In memory of **Al Romereim** given by: Annette Roth
In memory of **Suzanne Hagelstrom** given by: Mike and Lisa Bassingthwaite

Endowment

In memory of **Al Romereim** given by: Bruce and Kathy Miller

Faith Toolbox

In memory of **Al Romereim** given by: Barb and Luther Sannes
In memory of **Dale Lambrecht** given by: Barb and Luther Sannes

Library

In memory of **Suzanne Hagelstrom** given by: Clare Byron

Quilting

In memory of **Al Romereim** given by: Ardeith Richter

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.



APRIL Birthdays

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

Birthdays

4/1	Norma Bontjes Kristin Kuglin Brianna Meyer Edwin Uhlich Tyler Wangler	4/11	Steven Hoaby Lara Lekang Carson VanEps	4/21	Noah Brejcha Issac Finnie Jodi Long Alyssa Mund
4/2	Virginia Buck Gina Cornelius Harper Edenborg Samantha Olson	4/12	Penny Fedje Devon Johnson Rory Kriel Shila Lampl	4/22	Adrian Skramstad Dustin Thompson Dylan Vierstraete
4/3	Grace Kasowski	4/13	Mary Kroshus Thor Mitskog Tessa Mohs	4/23	Phillip Dimmer Brian Finnie Ella Sherven (Alissa)
4/4	Meryl Hansey Shae Jelinek Meghan Koenig Kari Krause	4/14	Cole Julson Kim Mann Cindy Ward Colby Youngquist	4/24	Alison Voss Charles Muralt Braeden Neiber Jacqueline Schulte Marilyn Sirek Aaron Teschner Tyler Tollefson Paige Wateland
4/5	Christy Bernstein Joyce DeVries Eileen Hage Brooke Johanson Kristi Johnson Julo Mattson Miranda Nettum Carla Thiele	4/15	Sean Bowman Tori Hockert Gary Johnson Carmella Keaveny James Tillmann	4/25	Myah Anderson Tiffany Bassingthwaite Heidi Eberhardt Cayden Wangler
4/6	Nora Astvatsaturova Emily Berndt Steele Emma Kocher Alexandra Schuler Cindy Thompson Barb Uhlich Jacob Voss	4/16	Jack Beyer Nicolas Facey Linda Johnson Martha Manikowske Patricia Meyer Brianna Prochnow Miranda Smith Tanner Thiel	4/26	Kevin Battles Phaedra Lipsey Allan Sommers Marcie Wald
4/7	Lance McDaniel Jerry Oren	4/17	Sara Hoye Ryan Kasowski Elleen Wiest	4/27	Carley Crandall Bryan Dronen Timothy Friskop Isaac Loosmore
4/8	Odin Carlson Sharon Kotnour Steve Mann	4/18	Alexandra Garrison Taylor Olson Anthony Thompson	4/28	Janine Berg Misha Gratton Sephen Keaveny
4/9	Allie Cory Ashley Davis Ralph Graalum Dawn Grefsrud Christopher Jacobson Wayne Mastel Amelia Rossow Alissa Schumacher Hunter Weight	4/19	Anthony Badgley Adam Boll Tyler Boll Clara Braun Mikayla Braun Hudson Cory Tiffany Ehlers Ellistin Hendrickson Adam Hoopes Christine Retzlaff Troy Thimjon	4/29	Lola Hills Tanya Holbrook Kathleen McBeth Dillon Schulz
4/10	Bevan Bredeson Tryg Bredeson April Finnie Randal Hoerer Huxlee Olson Ryan Smith Laura Stone Jamison Zaun	4/20	Peder Bruvold Shea Gilbertson Travis Hoaby Steve Hockert Delores Jensen Margo Rowland Andrea Thimjon	4/30	Jack Gilbertson Phyllis Keehn

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.

	April 5	April 9	April 12	April 19	April 26
Reader			7/a- Reeann Enderson 9/a - Brenda Romereim	Jeff Hage	Dee Jensen
Ushers		N/A Online Services Only	James & Trudy Jacobson; Wayne Braaten Daryl Eberhardt	Stan & Marilyn Sirek; Gary & Jody Friskop	Carol Manock; Janet Farmen; Gloria Dohman
Communion Assist			7/a - Darlene Schuler; Diane Finnie 9/a - Gloria Dohman; Wayne Braaten; Rikki Townsend; Kathy Johnson; Cyndy Gustafson	N/A	N/A
Coffee			N/A	Trudy Jacobson; Bev McRoberts	Sharon Kotnour; Bob & Jeri Oscar-

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Reader	Norma Nosek	Gladys Bair	Ione Muralt	Jane Krump	Sandi Gilbertson
Ushers	Chuck & Ione Muralt	Jeff & Katy Olson; Dee Jensen	Terry & Suzanne Pehl; Harvey & Gale Link	Pat & Vicki Trappen; Charlene Clute	Dale Peppel; Clare Byron; Linda Miller
Communion Assist	Chuck & Ione Muralt	N/A	Blake & Tracy Peterson	N/A	N/A
Coffee	Carol Sturdevant; Janet Farmen	Charlene Clute, Vicki Trappen	Sonja Christensen, Chuck & Ione Muralt	Bill & Gladys Bair; Randall & Jean Hoerer	Neal & Phyllis Folstad; Gary & Jody Friskop

Ruby's Pantry is looking for

volunteers to help set up and distribute food between 4 & 6 pm on the following dates:

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



EXTENDED DATE! Due to current circumstances, our opportunity to participate in the March Matching Program for the Richland Wilkin



Food Pantry has been extended to April **30**. Please remember that your donations can be either food products or monetary donations. The number of clients needing our food pantry continues to grow. You can either drop your donation off at Bethel, in the basket as you checkout at

Econofoods or mail to/drop off at Richland Wilkin Food Pantry, 699 8th Ave S, Wahpeton, ND 58075. We hope you can Join in the Generosity.



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The Daytime Book Club met on March 10, 2020, to discuss the book "Left Neglected" by Lisa Genova. This is about a medical diagnosis that we all are

aware of (but not in this term). We all liked the book and highly recommend it. You'll find it in our Bethel library.

We will be reading the following:

April 14	"Twice in a Blue Moon" by Christina Lauren
May 12	"Where the Crawdad's Sing" by Delia Owens
June 9	"The Woman I was Before" by Kerry Fisher

For our next meeting, all members are to come up with ideas on books to read for the summer; especially July, Aug, & Sept.

We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Our next scheduled meeting time is April 14th in at 10 a.m. in the library. Everyone is welcome to join us or just come to see what we are about.

"What makes a good book? Simply put, a good book is one that you enjoy reading."

~Carmela Dutra ~

Drive Up Food Drive

What: Non-Perishable Food (e.g. canned vegetables, pasta sauce, ketchup)

Where: 607 6th St N, Wahpeton, ND

When: Now through April 10th

Mon-Thur: 8-5
Fri: 8-3

How: The Food Pantry Box will be set by the North Entry during office hours. Just "drive by" and drop your food donation in the box.



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**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES
March 10, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER – Kelly Voss

Roll Call

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

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – Cyndy Kolle

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cyndy moved and Dana seconded to approve with corrections. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Dana moved and Cyndy seconded to approve what we have for Jan. and Feb. Motion carried.

2018	August	September	October	November	December
<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
2019	January	February	March	April	May
<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)
2019	June	July	August	September	October
<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
2019	November	December	January 2020	February 2020	March 2020
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$28,390	\$64,524.05	\$28,480.00	\$36,284.00	
<i>Income/Balance:</i>	\$1,666.92	\$33,872.80	(\$13,438.91)	(\$19,336.94)	
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$10,548.49	\$42,754.37	\$29,315.46	\$23,417.43	

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Implementation team update
 - a. Meeting March 2 – met to plan the forum and met with architect March 9 - Feedback was given about the forum. We need to encourage people to come to the meeting on March 22. Continued to get things finalized.
 - b. Bids meeting for asbestos today. Back by the 20th. Upstairs first and then the sanctuary. Removal of pews – checking into options. Price/free will? Members get first choice.
 - c. Motion needed. Kathy Johnson moved & Blake Peterson seconded the motion to officially authorize Hal, Lara, Dee & Mike for signing for the renovation project. Motion passed.
2. Audit committee – hired external Nadine Julson, LLC (Daniel) estimated at \$2,500

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board Reports:

Board of Stewardship: Linda Johnson

- * New members – Muriel Hedrick and Kathy Hammer
- * Ideas for Fall Campaign were discussed

Board of Property: Mike Bassingthwaite

- * Kind of in a holding pattern
- * Cabinet space is a work in progress
- * Different program for live streaming the service. An iPad has been donated for this.
- * Paul Oehlke new member

Board of Education: Dana Kasowski

- * Ski trip cancelled

Board of Lay: Cyndy Kolle

- * Cyndy has visited with Econo Foods about altar flowers (\$30) & they will be delivered
- * Brass playing at 7 & 9 Easter Service & Praise band at 11
- * Rick will talk with Jake about Praise band in summer
- * Brian, Lisa, & Board of Lay members will do decorating of the church throughout the year. Easter will be minimal.
- * Summer worship discussed. Once in the park? Special music?

Board of Outreach: Blake Peterson

- * Bethel will sponsor a blood drive again
- * Looking at New member Sunday on April 19th or 26th . There are 20 to 25 people interested in Bethel membership
- * Visitor center in the back of the church with welcome packet
- * Welcomed new board members
- * They are checking with the Red Cross to see what might be needed for victims of a fire or disaster.

1. *Nominating Committee:*

- a. All Boards are now complete.

2. *Wahpeton Conference Assembly*

- a. March 15 – Gwinner - 3:00 – let Pastor Erika know
- b. Possibly Kelly, Cyndy & Cindy

3. *Wednesday night space discussion*

- a. Table until next month – ongoing conversation

4. *Leadership retreat – Reflections*

- a. It was good. Any way to make it mandatory?
- b. Having time for boards to discuss was good. Good to be shorter.
- c. Visioning?

5. *Synod Assembly delegates*

- a. June 6 & 7 need 5 delegates – Holiday Inn – Bishop Eaton will be speaker – 50 years of ordaining women
- b. Appoint delegates by next month – bring to the boards to see who is interested.

6. *Spiritual Direction Idea*

- a. Faith Story
- b. Focus question about faith – baby steps toward faith story
- c. Person responsible for devotion will choose the question

1. Other

- a. What should we do about the coronavirus? Stop shaking hands – use Bethel Bump. Communion? – Wafers? No intinction. Hand sanitizer from Lisa. Put a blurb in the blue sheet.

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

Dates and notables:

Wahpeton Conference Assembly meeting – March 15- Gwinner

Easter – April 12

Confirmation Sunday – May 3

Meet the Bishop Candidates – May 2 & 3

Proposed Renovation Begins – May 4

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – May 6 – 5:30 pm at Hughes Shelter

Summer Worship begins May 24 – coffee at 9:00 am & worship at 10:00 am

Synod Assembly – June 6-7

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Spiritual Direction April – Blake Peterson

Next meeting April 14, 2020

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Borchert, Secretary/Treasurer