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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.*

## **God's House**

*"...For my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples." Isaiah 56:7*

Where is God's house? Remember the rhyme we learned as kids? "Here's the church, here's the steeple. Open the doors and see all the people!" You made the little steeple with your index fingers pointing up and joined together, and as you opened the doors (your thumbs pressed together) if you remembered to put your fingers folded inside, when you opened up your hands and wiggled your other fingers, just like that, you had people inside the church! A church is definitely God's house, a house of prayer for all peoples, as it says in Isaiah. We read in other places in scripture that God does not dwell in structures made by human hands only, but definitely a church is God's house of prayer for those who come together there, and so many of you have shared how much you're looking forward to getting back together here at the church when the time comes.

It has been quite a year for us as church people at Bethel, as we have had to make adjustments to our location for worship, with the construction project and also COVID. But you have been so great at adapting and going with the flow! Whether we worship at a church building or in our cars or from home, God is with us. In 2 Corinthians 6:16 God says, "I will dwell in them and walk among them." We can worship and Jesus is among us "wherever two or three are gathered" in his name. The parking lot at the NDSCS football field has worked out well, with up to 50 cars meeting weekly, hearing each other through the radio. Starting in September we are planning now to serve communion with prepackaged communion cups with bread and grape juice. If you are joining from home through our Facebook livestream on the church website or Facebook page, we invite you to have some bread and grape juice or wine prepared ahead of time. Even though we are not yet able to meet in one room as a faith community, we are still one in Christ always.

Meanwhile, it will be great to come together in the newly remodeled church! Plans are to be back in the building by mid-to-late October or when construction and cleaning is complete. We will ask people to observe social distancing and to wear masks at first, and to wait awhile before we sing in large groups, by CDC and our synod's strong encouragement. For Wednesday School, we are going to wait until mid-September to make the decision for when to have classes meet in-person. Keep checking in on our website, [www.bethelwahpeton.com](http://www.bethelwahpeton.com) or our Bethel Lutheran Church, Wahpeton, Facebook page for updates on worship, Wednesday School and other great opportunities for growth in discipleship like The Big Bethel Read and Daily Devotions with Pastors Buller and others to come!

We are in God's house in church, but really anywhere we gather in Jesus' name! A church building is a place to worship but also a mission center to equip God's people for wherever they go. We are learning to be the church and be the love continually in new ways through all of this, and who knows what God will do through us as a faith community in the days ahead, the possibilities are endless. Wherever we gather in prayer and you "see all the people" of God, we'll be walking in faith in the days ahead!

In Christ,  
Pastor Jake Dyrhaug



## Big Bethel Read

You are invited to participate in an experiment of learning and community connection: The very first ever Big Bethel Read! The Big Bethel Read is a series of book reading and discussion groups all working at one big question. Which is a simple, but profound question for our time: Who is my neighbor?

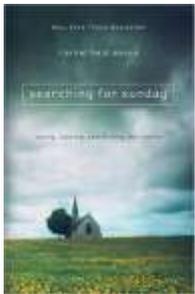
The question comes up in a bible story from Luke 10. Jesus is speaking with a lawyer, who comes with a very different question. The lawyer asks, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus answers, “What does the law say, how do you read it?” And the lawyer, being very studied in the law gives a pretty good answer, “You should love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind and you should love your neighbor as yourself.” I imagine Jesus gives him a big thumbs up when he says, “Go and do that.” But the lawyer, wanting to justify himself says, “And who is my neighbor?”

Now, while the lawyer was meaning to trap Jesus, it’s still a pretty decent question. Who is my neighbor? For us in these confusing times we might want to qualify by saying: Who is Jesus calling me to love? The Big Bethel Read aims to talk about these big question, this big calling to love our neighbors, and to build some community and connection as we participate in one big church-wide conversation.

We get at these questions by reading together. And because not one person has the whole answer for this big question, we are actually reading *three* books for multiple perspectives. To participate, you only need to read one. A brief description of each of the titles is listed below along with general times in which each group will meet. You decide which book sounds best for you!

To sign up, let the office know your preference along with your most up to date email address where we can send the invitation and link to participate digitally. Groups will meet twice in September. All discussion groups will meet by Zoom. Now, if you do not know how to use Zoom but still want to participate, please let the office know. Pastor Erika or another volunteer would be more than happy to coordinate an in-person tutorial.

There are a few copies of each of the three titles available for you for free. They are in our little library just outside our East door. Which book is right for you?...

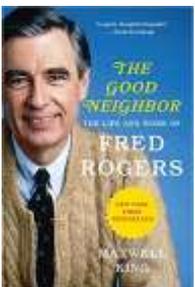
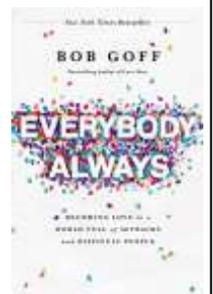


### **Searching for Sunday by Rachel Held Evans**

Evans writes about her complicated relationship with church, for herself and many of her generation. If you, or someone you love, has an aching or difficult relationship with church this might be the book for you. Her writing is theologically rich, funny, and deeply profound. This book is a series of stories told around the elements of the church’s worship life—baptism, confession, communion and others. “She offers the beginnings of a road map back to church and the resurrection that awaits when we are willing to give up and begin again.” (from the book jacket) Groups meeting for this book will meet either early evenings or Saturday mornings.

### **Everybody Always by Bob Goff**

Goff’s answer to the question “Who is God calling me to love?” is answered in the title of this book—Everybody. Always. Easier said than done, yes? The subtitle of this book anticipates this as well, “Becoming love in a world full of setbacks and difficult people.” Goff tells a series of stories around the difficult calling to love everybody, always, even those people who are difficult. His stories are breezy, funny, witty, and his one-lines are sometimes so profoundly deep I had to put the book down to think about them. This is a great book if you need to cater to a short attention span—if you have only ten to twenty minute sessions. You will laugh, you will cry, you will yearn to view the world and those around you with a little more humble grace. Groups meeting for this book will meet evenings, Sunday afternoons, or for a lunch time discussion. Sign up with your preference between the three times.



### **The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers by Maxwell King**

Since the beginning of this pandemic, I (Pastor Erika) have wondered more than once, *What would Mr. Rogers’ do?* I admire the way Mr. Rogers was able to embrace a new medium (television) to communicate grace, acceptance, patience, while educating the youngest among us. I found myself wanting to know more about how Mr. Rogers viewed his very public work as an extension of his Christian faith. This biography does not disappoint. The longest of our three books, is a highly read-able biography following Fred Rogers childhood, college days, seminary education, his dedication to music, through his early career in television and into his work on *The Neighborhood* which most of us know so well. Many of us grew up wanting to be a neighbor to Mr. Rogers, ever wonder what he could teach about loving neighbors? Groups meeting for this book will convene both mornings and evenings. Sign up with your time preference.

Happy Reading! I would welcome any questions in this new experiment. Be well!

Pastor Erika

**“Drive-In Worship”** will continue through September, 2020 at 10 am in the NDSCS Football Field Parking Lot.

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

September 28	October 26
November 23	December 28

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

Wahpeton Deli Cards are still available for \$35. Proceeds will help fund the National Youth Gathering. If you would like to purchase one, please contact Lisa Bassingthwaite and she will get one to you.

**Update from the Bethel Staff**—These are very exciting times at Bethel Lutheran. Construction is progressing nicely and everyone is anxious to get back inside. The building/office is open; however, we do anticipate days we will need to close due to the construction work. We are also experiencing higher volumes of construction workers. To ensure the safety of members and staff, we are asking Bethel members to call the office before coming into the building. You may place offering envelopes in the mailbox by the northeast door. (This will be good practice for when the office needs to shut down for additional construction.)

**Bible Study**—The “Pastors Buller” have returned to facebook.com/bethelwahpeton with Daily Devotions. They will be using each week’s lectionary text Monday through Thursday and will have “Viewer’s Choice” on Friday. Please contact us with scripture that speaks to you about hope/encouragement/struggle.

**Member Information**—If you have not received a letter from Bethel asking you to update your Household information as well as an information sheet for each person listed in your household, contact the Bethel Office. We would like to have the sheets with updated information returned to us by September 14, 2020 to the Bethel Office, by fax (701-642-2477), by phone (701-642-4472) or electronically to betheloffice@bethelwahpeton.com.

**Calling all snowbirds!**—Please let the Bethel office know if you would like to get your 2021 offering envelopes before you travel for the winter. Just let Joyce Johnson know the date you will be leaving and she can have them ready for you to take with on your trip. Please call (701) 642-4472 or email jjohnson@bethelwahpeton.com .

**September 9th at 6:30 pm**—Blessing of Backpacks—Sixth Street in front of Bethel Church will be blocked off. Please bring your own lawn chair/seating.

**September 23rd / 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**—Blessing of Animals—Drive-By in the North Parking Lot. Get a spot in line and the pastors will come to your vehicle and bless your pet.

**Communion / September 6th**—Prepackaged communion kits will be distributed at the entrances of the NDSCS Football Field prior to service. Or, you can bring your own bread and/or juice.

**Baptismal Napkins**—We are looking for someone who can embroider (by hand or machine) the napkins we use for baptism. If you can do this, please contact the Bethel Office at 642-4472.



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

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Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of the varied grace of God. Whoever speaks, let it be with God's words. Whoever serves, do so with the strength that God supplies, so that in everything God will be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

*God blessed us with a job, so all the blessings that God has given me can be given to the church to bless other people. God blesses us with so many things, that we should help other people in God's grace.*

*1 Peter 4: 10 and 11*



Let's meet in the park on September 14, 2020 (Monday) at 10 a.m. in the Band Shelter, weather permitting. If it's raining, the meeting will be cancelled.

Our reading list for the next several months is as follows:

September	The Yellow Bird Sings	Jennifer Rosner
October	Giver of Stars	JoJo Moyes
November	Children for Sale	Jasper West
December	Xmas book of choice	
January, 2021	Necessary Lies	Diane Chamberlain

Hope to see you all there. We may know more about the church's schedule and if we can meet in the church for our October meeting.

*"I guess there are never enough books."  
~John Steinbeck~*

The team that Comstock Construction has working on our renovations is moving the project along well. The office remodel is nearing completion with the carpet slated to get installed the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September. The staff is hopeful they can be moved back into their offices over the next few weeks. Please be patient the 1<sup>st</sup> half of September as there will be days when the phone system or email will be out of service as everything gets transferred back to the proper space. There will also be a few days where the building will be completely closed for this move for the safety of everyone.



A few notes on the other incredible progress being made..... the new window on the east end of the sanctuary is almost in place and the area under the balcony is getting the finishing touches such as taping and texture on the walls/ceiling. The front of the sanctuary is coming together with the pulpit and railing starting to go in place along with other finishing touches. The south entry is starting to get its roof back and a new door installed. Our new air handling and A/C system is partially in place (staff is looking forward to this!)

We continue to request that access remain limited to all the building except the north temporary office area. A flurry of activity will continue through September to get the project finished by October . We want congregational members to remain safe along with the construction crew.

We so look forward to seeing everyone back in our beautiful refreshed space. We have faith that the world will right itself soon.

Bethel Implementation Team



**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.**

<b>In memory of:</b>	<b>Given by:</b>	<b>In memory of:</b>	<b>Given by:</b>
<b>Bethel Choir</b>		<b>General Memorial (continued)</b>	
Dorie Holen	Linda Miller	Inez Lunde	Margaret and Robert Volk
Arline Hudson	Alice Schlotfeldt	Inez Lunde	Heather Willmott
Carol Burvee	Clare Byron	Inez Lunde	Nancy and Rick Froemke
Linda Azure	Elaine Sommers	Inez Lunde	Don and Karen Giermann
Carol Burvee	Keath and Cindy Borchert	Inez Lunde	Jack and Sylvia Hansen
<b>Bethel Youth:</b>		Inez Lunde	Gladys Hillman
Linda Azure	Phil and Bonnie MacIver	Inez Lunde	Todd and Dacia Johnson
<b>Building</b>		Inez Lunde	Sharon and Bob Jokumson
Inez Lunde	Marty and Carol Schmidt	Inez Lunde	Arlo and Janice Kilber
Inez Lunde	Cleo Reitan	Inez Lunde	Deb and Ron Knudtson
<b>Capital Campaign</b>		Inez Lunde	Celeste Kostohryz
Inez Lunde	Clare Byron	Inez Lunde	Judy McDougall
Linda Azure	Clare Byron	Inez Lunde	Jan Michels
Linda Azure	Keath and Cindy Borchert	Inez Lunde	Alisa Mitskog
<b>Children's Library</b>		Inez Lunde	Barb and Jerry Mohs
Gabriel Lee	Brandon and Kaitlyn Lee	Inez Lunde	Chuck and Ione Muralt
Linda Azure	Art and Linda Grochow	Inez Lunde	Trish and Ole Rygg
Linda Azure	Donna Marohl	Inez Lunde	Circle #5
Linda Azure	Marcia Richman	Inez Lunde	Elaine Sommers
Linda Azure	Neal and Phyllis Folstad	Linda Azure	Barry and Sue Hendrickson
Linda Azure	Judy McDaniel	Cory Likness	Barry and Sue Hendrickson
<b>Endowment</b>		Linda Azure	Bev McRoberts
Dorie Holen	Clare Byron	Jean Rockne	Bev McRoberts
Inez Lunde	Marilyn Anderson	<b>Quilting</b>	
Arline Hudson	Marilyn Anderson	Inez Lunde	Carol and Terry Sturdevant
Linda Azure	Marilyn Anderson	Inez Lunde	Bev McRoberts
<b>Faith Toolbox</b>		Arline Hudson	Bev McRoberts
Gabriel Lee	Brandon and Kaitlyn Lee	Inez Lunde	Judy McDaniel
Inez Lunde	Duane and Diane Finnie	Inez Lunde	Joan Hardie
Inez Lunde	Julie Berg	Inez Lunde	Bill and Gladys Bair
Gabriel Lee	Art and Linda Grochow	Inez Lunde	Bob and Jeri Oscarson
Linda Azure	Sonja Christensen	Inez Lunde	Ardeith Richter
Margret Zirbel	Linda Neuman	Arline Hudson	Ardeith Richter
<b>General Memorial</b>		Dorie Holen	Karen Kearns Lutz
Inez Lunde	Linda Miller	Inez Lunde	Karen Kearns Lutz
Inez Lunde	Gina and Greg Nosal	Jean Rockne	Sonja Christensen
Inez Lunde	Barry and Sue Hendrickson	Inez Lunde	Donna Marohl
Inez Lunde	Deb Roesler	Jean Rockne	Donna Marohl
Dorie Holen	Deb Roesler	Inez Lunde	Neal and Phyllis
Margret Zirbel	Doug and Judy Peterson	Inez Lunde	Virginia Lankow
Inez Lunde	Cindy Erbes	Inez Lunde	Ruth Larson
Dorie Holen	Jeri Yaggie	Linda Azure	Ardeith Richter
Linda Azure	Doug and Judy Peterson	Linda Azure	Bob and Ginny Buck
Inez Lunde	Duane and Cheri Trudell	<b>Wednesday School:</b>	
Inez Lunde	Terry and Mary Boldingh	Linda Azure	Linda Miller
Inez Lunde	Florie Steenbock	Ardella Syverson	Lynn and Coleen Thoe

# SEPTEMBER

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

## Birthdays

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|--|---|--|
| 9/01 Emmy Hasbargen<br>Cooper Krause<br>Judy Smith                                       | 9/11 Lance Darwin<br>Levi Hagelstrom<br>Bridger Hansen<br>Grant Manock<br>Brooke Rosenberg  | 9/21 Suzanne Anderson<br>Kristin Blome<br>Stacey Boock<br>Kylee Dohman<br>Sandra Gilbertson<br>Parker Kern<br>Trese Saar |
| 9/02 Michael Blome<br>Jay Erickson<br>Jeffrey Kahler<br>Nathan Worrel                    | 9/12 Andrew Blome<br>Leland Gregor<br>Marc Johnson<br>Gail Williams                         | 9/22 Erik Buboltz<br>Kallie Davis  |
| 9/03 Rylan Henning<br>Carter Hockert<br>Laura Swiontek                                   | 9/13 Jeannie Bjore<br>Emily Bruvold<br>Mark Homes<br>Tylee Irwin                            | 9/23 Samuel Cruff<br>Brandon Loll<br>Erllys Skoog  |
| 9/04 Kaitlynn Crandall<br>Art Grochow<br>Dan Humble<br>McKenzie Klocke<br>Brooke Meyer   | 9/14 Stanley Sirek  | 9/24 Stacy Busta<br>Gary Carlson<br>Muriel Hedrick<br>Jordyn Kahler  |
| 9/05 Marla Mikesh  | 9/15 David Erlandson  | 9/25 John Grueneich<br>Shelby Olson  |
| 9/06 Teri Bontjes<br>Jeffrey Hage<br>Marcia Pederson                                     | 9/16 Stephanie Beyer<br>Jason Flack   | 9/26 Emma Blair<br>Ian Plummer<br>Jerrick Townsend   |
| 9/07 Ali Schoneman   | 9/17 Brianne Bjore<br>Annabelle Miller<br>Scott Steffens<br>Riley Thimjon<br>Samuel Trappen | 9/27 Alex Rowland<br>Michael Stone   |
| 9/09 Kathy Hammer<br>Anne Retzlaff<br>Charli Smith<br>Michelle Steffens<br>Brady Wangler | 9/18 Quinn Brevik   | 9/28 Brody Bakewell<br>Wade Gilbertson   |
| 9/10 Bryer Anderson<br>Grace Hunt<br>Joell Mattis<br>Marcia Richman<br>Constance Sletten | 9/19 Christopher Devries<br>Ruth Larson<br>Luann Zaun                                       | 9/29 Sheila Dolan<br>Elaine Klocke<br>Esther Krause<br>Braden Meyer<br>Judy Peterson<br>Paige Ward                       |
|  | 9/20 James Facey<br>Jesse Stiller   | 9/30 Justine Braun<br>Avery Mitchell   |



**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES  
August 11, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Kelly Voss

**Roll Call**

Kelly Voss	x	Cyndy Kolle, Board of Lay	
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** – Cindy Borchert

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mike moved & Blake seconded to approve. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Linda moved and Dana seconded to approve. Motion carried.

<b>2019</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$36,498.48	\$33,928.50	\$30,378.50	\$31,087.00	\$26,194.00	\$26,002.34
<i>Income/Balance:</i>	(\$7,171.10)	(\$12,900.72)	(\$28,732.36)	(\$35,542.91)	(\$25,781.41)	(\$34,785.49)
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$1,710.47	(\$4,019.15)	(\$19,850.79)		(\$32,746.00)	(\$25,903.92)
<b>2019</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$27,759.00	\$23,724.00	\$40,032.21	\$34,791.00	\$28,390.00	\$64,524.05
<i>Income/Balance:</i>	(\$32,965.35)	(\$7,214.33)	\$21,380.28	\$21,169.19	\$1,666.92	\$33,872.80
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	(\$24,083.73)	\$16,095.90)	\$30,261.85	\$29,061.42	\$10,548.49	\$42,754.37
<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					
<i>Income/Balance:</i>	(\$5,886.09)					
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$36,868.28					

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. Implementation team update
  - a. They had a good meeting on August 10, 2020 with lots of energy.
  - b. Things are close to being on schedule.
  - c. A giving tree with a theme of “The Good Shepherd” will be used to give recognition for memorial gifts and will hang on the wall where the office door used to be.
  - d. The Memorial Committee is involved to include previous gifts given.
  - e. The altar and baptismal font are close to being selected.
2. Procedure Audit from Julson: Kelly has put them in contact with Missy and Joyce.
3. Worship discussion and communion possibilities:
  - a. We will continue using the parking lot at the NDSCS football field for worship through August and September, except August 16 when a Synod Assembly worship service will be found on line.
  - b. We will have only one worship service until we are back in the Sanctuary. We will require wearing of masks once we are inside the church.
  - c. Brian has a volunteer team ready for cleaning.
  - d. We will possibly have communion at the September 6 worship service with pre-prepared bread and grape juice.
4. Computer conversion update:
  - a. Training for Staff is available in Fargo.
  - b. Watch your mail for update information form to help clean up the data we have in the office.
  - c. Staff retreat will be held on August 19, 2020. The office will be closed that day.
5. Discuss Assistant custodian &/or Volunteer coordinator:
  - a. The executive Committee will meet with Brian regarding a job description for an assistant custodian. There is money in the budget for this position.
  - b. We will table discussion for the Volunteer coordinator for the September meeting.
6. Get Zoom account for Bethel:
  - a. Dee moved and Dana seconded to have Lois get us started with our own Zoom Account. Motion carried. We would start with the “Single Pro” type of account.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### 1. *Board Reports:*

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

\* Fall Campaign theme – “Embracing New Beginnings” and will take place October 4, 11 and 18.

\* There will be a mailing going out with information about the Fall Campaign.

\* They will be utilizing the new office computer software to help with the time and talent sheets and information.

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

\* They did not meet.

**Board of Education:** Dana Kasowski

- \* Pastor Erika and Lisa are working hard on ideas for Wednesday School and how it will work.
- \* They did not meet, but will meet in August.

**Board of Lay:** Cyndy Kolle

- \* Nursery positions are filled. Courtney will do Wednesday and Shae will do Sundays.
- \* Sound board positions are filled. Cindy & Keath will do the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and Levi will do the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.
- \* They are also looking for Facebook Live operators.

**Board of Outreach:** Blake Peterson

- \* They did not meet, but will meet in August.

**1. *Pastor visitation / communion:***

- a. They have used “phone buddies” to contact shut-ins.
- b. They are not allowed in hospitals unless death is imminent. They are allowed in some nursing homes as “essential workers”
- c. The pastors have done patio visits and through windows and are trying to be as flexible as possible.
- d. The pastors have had several funerals recently and have been able to use St. Johns Church for some of the services.
- e. It is important to remember that church is important to the community of faith during all of this uncertainty.

**2. *Other:***

- a. Mike made us aware of a grant offered by the North Dakota Department of Commerce that can be used for improvements to the facility with new items to help control the spread of the virus. Some ideas were: touchless faucets, toilets and towel dispensers and kickers on doors for opening and closing doors without touching the handle.
- b. Mike will meet with Brian regarding this grant.

Board Reports – each board email minutes to Bethel office to review prior to Planning Council meeting.

***Dates and notables:***

Summer Worship will continue being held at the NDSCS parking lot through September.

Youth Led Worship – August 12, 2020 at 6:30 at the Practice Field in the park

Synod Assembly – August 14-16, 2020 – it will be a virtual assembly beginning Friday night.

No parking lot Worship on August 16 – Worship available online provided by the Synod.

Staff retreat – August 19,2020 – office closed

Closing with the Lord’s Prayer

Spiritual Direction September 8 – Dee Jensen

Next meeting September 8, 2020

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Borchert, Secretary/Treasurer