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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.

“The Goal to Win”

“I press on toward the goal to win the prize...” - Philippians 3:14

In our house we really look forward to the Winter Olympics, with all the amazing dedication and excellence on the part of the athletes. The strength, the speed, the grace all combine with the colors and celebration, making for an awe-inspiring event, this year to be held in Beijing, China. It seems sort of ironic to have all the family gather around to watch from the perspective of the comfort of the cushioned couch and chairs—here the skiers, skaters, sledgers and players are giving it every ounce of their being on the television while we rest on such cushy pillows. But your blood still surges when the race is won, when the beautiful jump is made, when the puck flies into the net to win the prize of a bronze, silver or gold medal!

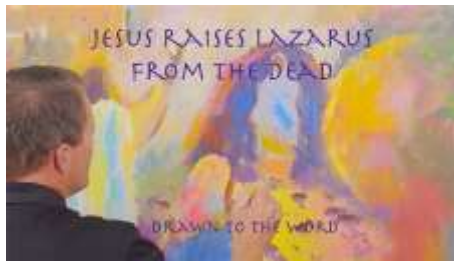
The Apostle Paul writes in Philippians, “I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Jesus Christ.” He was referring to the dedication people in his day and culture knew well, as they celebrated some of the original Olympians in Greece. Does this mean we win salvation by pressing on? Winning? Is that what we must do? That doesn’t sound like Paul, who continually states that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ—it’s not our pressing on that does that. Jesus won our salvation for us. Rather, it’s about responding to God’s saving grace by offering our lives in discipleship after salvation is assured. Once in awhile you’ll hear an Olympic champion on the t.v. or radio thanking God for giving them their ability. It’s not just their own thing, but giving the glory to God. In that same spirit, let us press on to live the lives to which God has called us, knowing that our selves, our church, our world are God’s—and we are following God’s call, seeking the calling and vision God gives us for the Kingdom.

Bethel Leadership Retreat There will be a Leadership Retreat at Bethel on Sunday, February 27th from 12-3 p.m. Any Council and Board members, leaders of teams and ministries of Bethel are encouraged to attend. Pastor Phil Blom will lead us in talking about leadership. He has led courses in leadership at the U.S. Airforce Academy and has spoken widely across the country on the topic of leadership with healthy leaders and healthy congregations. This will be a great day to focus on our church’s mission and vision. If you need a baby sitter/daycare, please let us know at the office and we’ll plan to have someone here.

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services Ash Wednesday this year will be March 3rd. Looking ahead to next month, don’t miss the article in this newsletter on our Lenten Worship Series this year, “Drawn to the Word: Miracles of Jesus.” Following Ash Wednesday, videos of artist and pastor Paul Oman will be part of each worship service. In the videos, Oman will paint and tell the story of five miracles of Jesus, accompanied by the readings and music, to bring us to the scene of each event. Following the videos, there will be discussion time around tables in the sanctuary. Prayer stations will be available for us to experience more vividly the stories of the miracles. Watch for more to come!

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Jake Dyrhaug



“DRAWN TO THE WORD: MIRACLES OF JESUS”

LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES, 2022

For Lenten services this year, we will be journeying with Artist and Pastor Paul Oman, who paints five stories depicting the Miracles of Jesus from the gospels on a large-scale canvas before your eyes. In this series of five videos, Oman will paint and tell the story as you see Jesus heal the Gerasene Demoniac, heal a Woman and Raise Jairus’ Daughter from the Dead, Feed the Five Thousand and Four Thousand, Heal the Man Born Blind, and Raise Lazarus from the Dead. Each painting will be painted scene by scene, layer over layer, accompanied with first-person narration from the perspective of a character in each story. Music and sound effects will enhance the storyline. Audio and video have been professionally recorded and produced to help bring us to the place of each of the miracles of Jesus.

This year will bring some new perspectives as we worship and gather around tables in the sanctuary Wednesday evenings, with discussion leaders and “talking points” on the miracles. Adults, children and youth will all be part of the discussion. Prayer stations will also be available each Wednesday. The videos in worship will begin the first Wednesday after Ash Wednesday. Come and worship during Lent this year and experience the miracles of Jesus!

The calendar dates for Lent, with Wednesdays listed when videos will be part of worship:

March 2nd, 2022 Ash Wednesday

March 9th—video, *Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac* (Mark 5:1-20)

March 16th—video *Jesus Raises Jairus’ Daughter & Heals the Woman with the Flow of Blood* (Mark 5:21-43)

March 23rd—video *Jesus Feeds the 5000 & the 4000* (Mark 6:30-44 & Mark 8:1-10)

March 30th—video *Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind* (John 9:1-41)

April 6th—video *Jesus Raises Lazarus From The Dead* (John 11:1-44)

April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday, April 14th Maundy Thursday, April 15th Good Friday, April 17th Easter Sunday

Special Dates

African-American History Month



Valentine's Day, February 14, 2021

Presidents Day, February 15, 2021



Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7



Faith Tool Boxes

In Memory of:

Joyce Suppa (*sister of Karen Lutz*)

Given by:

Gail Williams

General Memorial

In Memory of:

Joyce Suppa

Joyce Suppa

Joyce Suppa

Given by:

Henry and Mary Ann Look

Bev McRoberts

Judy McDaniel



Bethel's Quilting Ministry donations/supplies for quilting.

Suggestions: fabric, sheets for backs, money.

If you are a Thrivent member, please consider applying for a financial grant.

Thank you!



"Hate cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that"

- Martin Luther King Jr. — Strength to Love



Feeding the Community

The Super Bowl challenge to support the Food Pantry:

Did you know?

- In an average week, the food pantry and mobile food pantry distributed over 4500 pounds of food.
- 2000 pounds were distributed in one day.
- Currently, it has been very difficult to get food from the Great Plains food bank.
- When food is not donated or short supply from the Great Plains food bank, food purchases are made at Econo.
- The food pantry is encouraging more cooking and baking. Supplies such as cooking oil, spices, flour, sugar, etc. are much needed.
- Donations of cereal are much needed.
- Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Bring your donations of food or money on February and vote for your favorite Super Bowl team.

Office Hours

8am-5pm M-Th
8am-3pm Fri
8am-11am Sun

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

FEBRUARY

02/01 Kari Cvancara
Emily Devries
Brynn Ehlers
Michael Grefsrud
Sharon Humble
Linda Kocher
Charlene Oehlke
Arya Welch
02/02 Jacob Goltz
Pam Hendrickson
Jaden Zaun
02/03 Richard Opoien
02/04 Thomas Bernotas
Jon Doll
Doug Skarp
02/05 Kinslee Bladow
02/06 Ayla Bakken
Bjorn Birkelo
Roy Hofmann
02/07 Brady Grefsrud
Marie Hjelmstad
Tyler Mauch
02/08 Alyssa Amos
Kevin Berger
Harriet BJORKE
Laikyn Mauch
Autumn Rossow
02/09 Justin Birkelo
Kylar Flack

02/10 Ryan Hoefs
Cohen Lovik
Isaac Prochnow
Keeran Rovig
02/11 Kameron Heitkamp
02/12 Medora Good
Colette Leinen
Levi Prochnow
02/13 Tyler Berndt
Darci Eggen
Joann Ham
Kenny Johnson
02/14 Kijia Homes
Aaron Stone
02/15 Gianna Maas
Lauren Maas
Mike Munter
02/16 Alvin Eckre
Wyatt Meyer
02/17 Josh Berg
Tenley Hills
Bailey Long
Brian Uhlich
02/18 Lisa Bassingthwaite
Sonja Christensen
Hadley Hallquist
Karen Pausch
Caitlyn Pithey
Dan Rood
Brittany Scott

02/19 Deborah Loberg
Felisa Mastel
Donna Sherven
02/20 Jake Dyrhaug
Jeffrey McBeth
Carter Miller
Ryland Pauly
02/22 Mark Long
02/23 Corbin Cornelius
Ashlyn Johnson
02/24 Gregory Buboltz
Maggie Hendrickson
Shannon Herman
Corey Kratcha
02/25 Eric Christianson
Alicia Cornelius
Joncy Mastel
Catherine Prochnow
02/26 Johnica Bernotas
Myron Braun
Kelsey Darwin
Eric Meyer
Norma Olson
02/27 Matthew Berger
Jay Townsend
02/28 Jace Johanson
Lori Meyer
Lyla Rendon

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26

Bethel Youth & Families



National Youth Gathering update:

After much prayer, conversation and tears, the gathering team made the difficult decision to cancel the 2022 National Youth Gathering. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the recent COVID-19 surge and public health considerations.

This breaks my heart for all the young people who will not get to experience the Gathering.

This was not an easy decision, and I ask for your prayers and your grace. With God's power at work in and through us, we can do far more than we dare ask or imagine!

I we will be planning an alternate trip for this summer. More details and information will be coming soon.

Bible class:

Congratulations to the 3rd and 4th graders that received Bible's on January 26, I hope that you will read the Bible, so that you will come to know and understand God's love and promises to you.

First communion class:

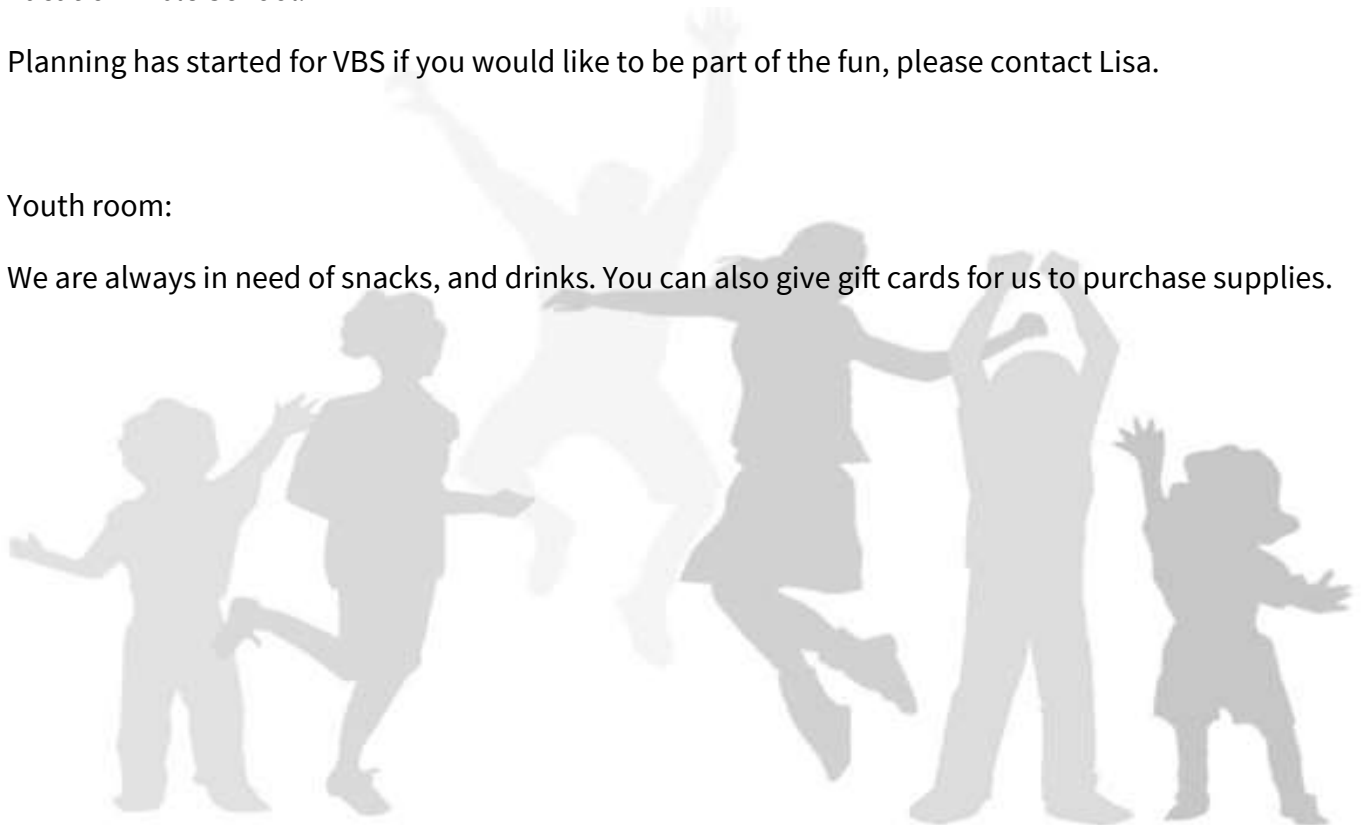
First communion classes will be help April 10 and 13. Please register will Lisa by April 1. Classes are open to anyone looking to learn more about the gifts we receive through Holy communion.

Vacation Bible School:

Planning has started for VBS if you would like to be part of the fun, please contact Lisa.

Youth room:

We are always in need of snacks, and drinks. You can also give gift cards for us to purchase supplies.



**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES
January 11, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER – Kelly Voss
Roll Call**

Kelly Voss	x	Board of Property, Keath Borchert	x
Kathy Johnson	x	Board of Outreach, Lori Pithey	x
Dee Jensen	x		
Cindy Borchert	x		
Pastor Jake	x		
Board of Education, Dana Anderson	x	Guests:	
Board of Stewardship, Linda Johnson	x		
Board of Lay Cyndy Kolle	x		

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – Pastor Jake & Keath Borchert

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Lori moved & Kathy seconded to approve. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Linda moved and Dee seconded to approve Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

2020	January	February	March	April	May	June
<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
2020	July	August	September	October	November	December
<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)
2021	January	February	March	April	May	June
<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
2021	July	August	September	October	November	December
<i>Envelope offering:</i>	\$19,014.00	\$38,759.00	\$28,362.00	\$30,763.00	\$35,189.00	\$52,896.00
<i>Revenue minus Expenses:</i>	(\$30,895.00)	\$228.00	(\$6801.00)	\$16,166.00	\$573.00	\$62,972.00
<i>Checking acct balance:</i>	\$70,308.08	\$72,748.83	\$59,913.80	\$73,740.00	\$72,671.08	\$133,626.69

Other:

Following the treasurer’s report, Dee asked a question on whether having a generic analysis of giving would help

OLD BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee update:

Two positions still need to be filled on the Board of Stewardship.
The Board of Education is still looking for youth members.

Building Use Policy Committee Update:

The Board of Property is still in discussion about whether to charge for building use.
There is some sensitivity about the use of the kitchen since it is a licensed kitchen.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Reports:

Board of Stewardship: Linda Johnson

- * The fundraiser for the Mobile Food Pantry is set for February 13th.
- * A plea will be placed in the blue sheet for people to complete their Time and Talent Sheets.

Board of Property: Keath Borchert

- * The cost of fixing the east window in the sanctuary was \$500.
- * The Fellowship Hall ceiling can be fixed with materials we have.
- * The carpet in the nursery and possibly the library is set for the future.
- * Other “wish list” items are put on hold.
- * Concern about slipping on the steps in front of the sanctuary are being discussed.

Board of Education: Dana Anderson

- * They did not meet in December, but will meet on January 18, 2022.

Board of Lay: Cyndy Kolle

- * The December 19th live nativity was a success.
- * The Christmas Eve services were well attended.
- * They are looking at “Welcome Pads” with ushers giving them out and taking them out at the end of the service.
- * The plate offering has increased, but will continue the noisy offering as is.

Board of Outreach: Lori Pithey

- * They did not meet in December.
- * Julie Carlson is working on putting together a survey for the strengths and weaknesses of our congregation. She has reached out to the Synod office for assistance.
- * Kelly mentioned that we are close to having a person here to help us through this transition time.

Annual Meeting Agenda and Budget:

Kelly went over the Annual Meeting Agenda with the Planning Council. It is pretty much the same order as the agenda from last year.

We will hold the meeting in the Fellowship Hall so the sanctuary will be free for the praise band and the visiting pastor will be able to start the 11:00 service on time.

We discussed the 2022 budget that Kelly has prepared based on the numbers that Missy has given us. A discussion followed.

Other:

Following the treasurer's report, Dee asked a question on whether having a generic analysis of giving would help us.

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

Dates and notables:

January 23, 2022 – Annual Meeting at 10:00 am

January 26, 2022 – Third Grade Bibles received

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

Spiritual Direction for February – Cyndy Kolle

Next meeting February 8, 2022

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Borchert, Secretary/Treasurer

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:00 AM Praise Band Practice 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship - Baptism 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Baptism Lunch - Harrison Mattis	31 5:15 PM Bells Practice	1 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Exec Board Meeting 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Evening Book Club	2 Groundhog Day 9:30 AM Bethel Coffee at the Fryn' Pan 1:30 PM Library Committee 4:45 PM Supper Served 5:30 PM Wed. School & Confirmation 6:45 PM Worship Service 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Carter Hansen Mtg	3 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Quilting	4	5
6 8:00 AM Choir Practice 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Directory Pictures 9:00 AM Worship Service w/ Communion 10:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:00 AM Praise Band Practice 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship w/Communion 5:00 PM Nat'l Youth Gathering Mtg 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Boy Scouts	7 5:15 PM Bells Practice 6:30 PM Faith-Based Wellness	8 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM TBC Meeting 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Planning Council	9 4:45 PM Supper Served 5:30 PM Wed. School & Confirmation 6:45 PM Worship Service	10	11	12
13 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:00 AM Praise Band Practice 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	14 Valentine's Day 5:15 PM Bells Practice	15 9:30 AM Circle 1 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Boards Meet	16 9:30 AM Circle 5 4:45 PM Supper Served 5:30 PM Wed. School & Confirmation 6:45 PM Worship	17 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Quilting 12:00 PM Conference Meeting	18 Beacon Articles Due	19
20 8:00 AM Choir Practice 9:00 AM Worship Service w/ Communion 10:00 AM Coffee Hour 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Icon Tutorial 10:00 AM Praise Band Practice 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship w/Communion	21 Presidents' Day 5:15 PM Bells Practice 6:30 PM Faith-Based Wellness Class	22 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM TBC Meeting 11:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Chapter B P.E.O.	23 4:45 PM Supper Served 5:30 PM Wed. School & Confirmation 6:45 PM Worship Service	24	25	26
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