



Bethel Lutheran Church  
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Wahpeton, ND 58075

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WAHPETON, ND  
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## Bethel Youth & Families

Programming begins September 14! Register at [bethelwahpeton.com](http://bethelwahpeton.com)  
One form per child - Registration is required.

<b>Wednesday School</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
4:45-5:30 pm Supper Served	10-10:45 am
5:30-6:30 pm Christian Education	Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4,
6:45-7:25 pm Youth Led Worship	Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5

### Confirmation Requirements

Confirmation Student/Parent meeting is required for all families  
September 14, 6-8th grade 5:30 pm, 9th grade 6 pm

<b>6th Grade Year</b>	<b>8th Grade Year</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend confirmation weekly *</li> <li>5 sermon notes over the course</li> <li>Participate in 5 worship services</li> <li>Find a mentor and finish the 6th grade mentor booklet</li> <li>Attend the worship mentor event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend confirmation weekly *</li> <li>7 sermon notes over the course</li> <li>Participate in 7 worship services</li> <li>Continue your mentor relationship</li> <li>Attend the Funeral mentor event</li> </ul>
<b>7th Grade Year</b>	<b>9th Grade Year</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend confirmation weekly *</li> <li>6 sermon notes over the course</li> <li>Participate in 6 worship services</li> <li>Attend the baptism mentor event</li> <li>Continue you mentor relationship and finish 7th grade mentor booklet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in confirmation * seminars held the first Wednesday of each month</li> <li>Make stole for confirmation</li> <li>Attend confirmation retreat</li> <li>Do a Faith Does project at Bethel or in the community</li> <li>Confirmation interview with a Pastor or Youth Director</li> <li>Write a Faith Statement</li> </ul>

\*Weekly confirmation = lessons, service projects, fellowship events

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Traditional	9 am
Sunday Coffee Hour	10 am
Sunday Contemporary	11 am
Wednesday	6:45 pm

### OFFICE HOURS

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

### CONNECT WITH US

Church Office 701-642-4472  
[facebook.com/bethelwahpeton](https://facebook.com/bethelwahpeton)

[www.bethelwahpeton.com](http://www.bethelwahpeton.com)

# Welcome Back to Bethel

*"The joy of the Lord is my strength and my salvation."*

- Nehemiah 8:10; Psalm 118:14

Bethel is Back! Full programming. It's a new start, a new beginning for a new year, a new time - a time of transition and a time of opportunity to find the future.

A Great Spirit and Focus in our Life Together, Moving Forward.



## Spiritual Growth Opportunities

- **Sunday Worship** - 9 am and 11 am
- **Sunday Adult Study** - 10:10-10:55 am
  - Video-based with great discussion
- **Sunday School** - 10:10-10:55 am
  - 1st Sunday of the month
  - Pre-school through 5th grade
- **Bible Study** led by Interim Pastor Tom - Tuesdays at 10:30 am, begins September 20.
  - "A New Week's Coming. What's Up in God's Word?"
- **Wednesday Meal** - 4:45-5:30 pm
- **Wednesday Education Hour** - 5:30-6:30 pm
  - **Church School** - pre-school through 5th grade
  - **Confirmation 6-8th grades** - Head 2 Heart (O.T. and Me)
  - **Confirmation 9th grade** (1st Wednesday of the month) Head to Heart (Hot Topics) - Taking faith into everyday life
  - **Parenting Small Group Study** (nursery provided)
- **Wednesday Worship** - 6:45 pm
  - A shorter, more informal time for worship and praise. Everyone is welcome!
- **Circle Bible Studies**
- **Strong Children's and Youth Program**

Fall 2022 and Beyond

## Rally Sunday - September 11, 2022

*"God's Work; Our Hands"*

- 9 am:** Traditional Worship
- 10-11 am:** "God's Work; Our Hands" Service Projects Available
- 11 am:** Contemporary/Praise Worship
- 12 pm:** Lunch Served and Service Projects

Sermon Titles:

- September 11: "Where are You Leading Us, Lord?"
- September 18: "Healthy Congregations Accept Differences and Focus on Strengths"
- September 25: Video "Celebrate What's Right with the World" with Dewitt Jones and faith summary by Interim Pastor Tom Peterson

## Better Together

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**New Ministries include:**

- FYCC** - Fellowship of Young Christian Couples (couples ages 25-45) Come for fellowship and fun!
- Bethel Helping Hands** - (2nd Wednesday) We do small jobs around the church and then enjoy brunch and fellowship.
- Sixty and Over Fellowship Group** (looking for members to plan events!)
- Sunday Morning Adult Study** - Begins 9/18 - more information to come!
- Sunday School** - once a month at 10am
- Weekly Bible Study** (led by Interim Pastor Tom Peterson) Begins 9/20
- Parenting Small Group Study** - more information to come!
- Borning Cry Support** - encouraging another through the journey of grief

# Hope

definition: to expect a beneficial future.



## Important Events

- BackPack Blessing August 24
- Rally Sunday September 11
- Sunday School Begins September 11
- Christian Education Kicks Off September 14
- Confirmation Student/Parent Meeting September 14
- FYCC Family Bowling Night September 18
- Castaways Youth Retreat September 16-18 and 23-25
- Bible Study Begins (led by Interim Pastor Tom) September 20
- Youth Valley Fair Trip October 8
- FYCC Date Night October 14
- Consecration Sunday October 16
- Youth Reformation Fair October 26
- New Member Sunday October 30
- FYCC Family Christmas Cookie Decorating December 3
- Children's Christmas Program December 18
- Speaker at 11 am Service January 8

## Important Work to be Done this Fall in Preparation of a New Pastor

- Survey and continuing home visits ("Strategic Questions") by Interim Pastor Tom Peterson (a copy of the survey will be in the September newsletter)
- Larger group gathering/small group discussion opportunities around a series of Focus Points (see list below) - dates and times to be determined
- Occasional sermon topics with questions

## Focus Points to Work Through

**Heritage:** Work together to complete a congregational history timeline.

**Mission:** How do we describe our identity and why we are here?

**Leadership:** What pattern of leadership do we have here? What trends have we seen in the community and church life? In what ways have we been adjusting?

**Connections:** What connections can we strengthen or make beyond our congregation?

**Future:** How clear are we about where we are going? How clear are we about what kind of pastor [and skill sets] are we looking for to join us in this journey?)

**Spirituality:** How has involvement in this congregation's ministries, worship life and service opportunities nurtured your soul? What has been missing that could be put in place?

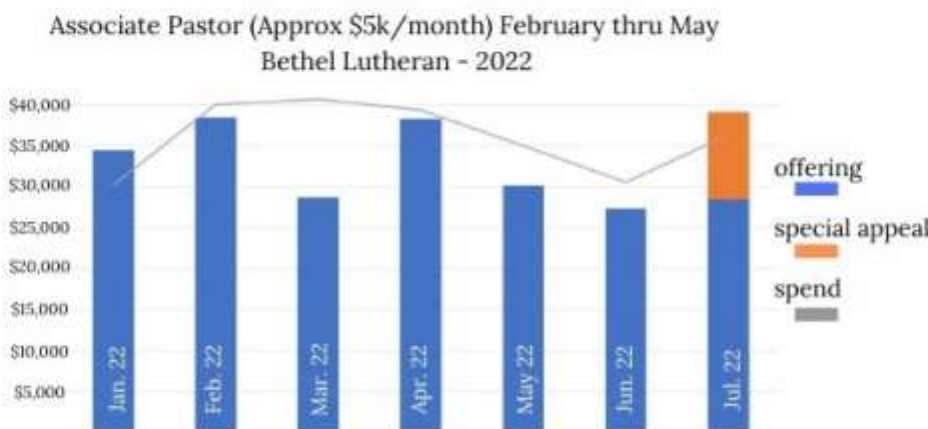
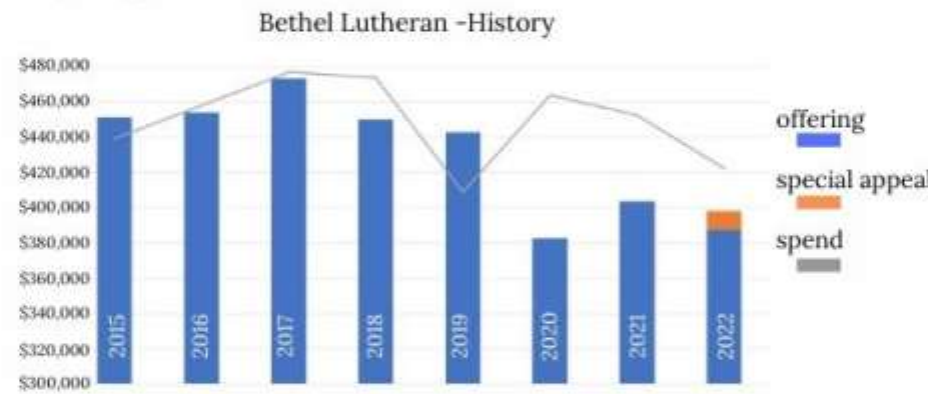
**New Pastor Survey:** Top five ministry tasks; 10 gifts essential/very helpful in this position here at Bethel.



"plans to give you a hope and a future."  
— Jeremiah 29:11

## Financial

It has been a challenging last couple of years for many churches on many fronts, including financial. Today is a new day at Bethel. We love this congregation. With your commitment we can move forward and thrive. This is where we stand right now. There is a ways to go and some important decisions to make.



2019 Spend only had 1/3 of a year with Senior Pastor expenses closing checkbook deficit as of July 31st is \$67,098

### Capital Campaign Update

Amount Pledged	\$758,895.00
Pledge Amount Given	\$591,909.55
Amount given over pledge	\$57,050.93
Total Contributions (as of 8/9/22)	\$648,960.48
Mortgage Loan Remaining (as of 8/31/22)	\$933,794.24
Fund of 83,960.69 for mortgage payment until the next Campaign next spring.	
Monthly mortgage payments	\$5,113.22

## WAYS TO CONNECT

- Day and Evening Book Clubs
- Wednesday Evening Parent Time
- Fellowship of Young Christian Couples (FYCC)
- New! Sixty and Over Fellowship Group
- Bethel Helping Hands

## WAYS TO SERVE

- Sunday Worship Volunteers
- Bethel Bells
- Bethel Choir
- Worship Praise Band
- Communion to Home
- Bethel Quilters
- Bethel Helping Hands

## WAYS TO LEARN

- Wednesday School
- Sunday School
- Bible Studies
- Circle Bible Study
- Bethel Library

All are Welcome.  
Please Decide to  
Join Us.



Save the Date:  
"Count Me In"  
Celebration Brunch –  
October 16