

Bethel - Your HOME FOR RENEWAL

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert..." Isaiah 43:18-19



CIRCLE NEWS - Come Join Us

All interested in Bible Study, discussion, fellowship, etc
Currently we have 2 daytime circles which meet in the Centennial Room.

Circle I - 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am

Circle V - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am

An evening circle could certainly be an option for all employed outside the home!!

Contact Judy Peterson @ 701-640-7010 or Sharon Kotnour @ 701-640-5610 if you have questions.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Traditional 9:00 am

Coffee Hour/ Adult Study 10:00 am

Sunday Contemporary 11:00 am

Wednesday 6:45 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
8 am-5 pm

Friday - closed

Church Office
701-642-4472

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WE ARE EASTER-PEOPLE!

Holy Week

April 9 - Palm Sunday - CANTATA
"The Shadow of the Cross"

9:00 am - CANTATA

11:00 am - CANTATA

April 6 - Maunday Thursday

12:00 noon (no meal after)

6:45 service (no meal before)

Communion for 5th graders

Stripping of the Altar @both services

April 7 - Good Friday

12:00 noon

6:45 pm

April 9 - Easter Sunday

7:00 am - Sunrise Service

9:00 am - Easter Celebration

11:00 am - Easter Celebration

Welcome

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We have very recently hired Kimberly Prosser as our new church secretary/office manager. She will be in the office Monday to Thursday from 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-5:00.

We have very recently also hired Jeff Kugel as our new, full-time custodian.

Over the next few weeks, Kim and Jeff will be trained by present staff, Property board members (and Brian Finnie) for the work they are being called to do here. Please take opportunities to greet them and welcome them to Bethel Lutheran Church.

MARCH 13 - OUR NEW WEBSITE "GOES LIVE"

Important Events

Wednesday's during Lent

Holden Evening Prayer and Sermon Series

12:00 Lenten Service, lunch follows

6:45 Service, supper at 4:45 to 6:00, Church school and Confirmation normal schedule starting @5:30 pm

Tuesday's during Lent

9:30 am SOUP MAKING

March 3rd - World Day of Prayer

March 12 - Daylight Savings Time

March 26th - Friendship Sunday
Bring a Friend & Fill the Seats

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

DATES:

Kickoff Sunday-March

19th Kickoff

Wednesday is March

22nd.

Commitment

Wednesday - April 26th

Commitment Sunday -

April 30th

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – “FORWARD IN FAITH AND SERVICE”

As we prepare to for the arrival of new pastoral leadership later this year, a successful capital campaign to reduce the \$875,000 mortgage on our Mission Center/Church building renovation project and to fund the additional \$100,00 Outreach Fund is an exciting, challenging opportunity before us. We are on the cusp of something great - a renewal of congregational energy for ministry and fellowship within these walls, and outreach mission, beyond these walls, that expands our footprint in this community. To consider what lies within us and to grapple with the need that is staring at us, we have a new sense of purpose and much to celebrate.

The goal for this campaign (with the pledge period from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2026) is \$650,000.

Let our faith rise and shine. Let's make a difference. May everyone decide to "have some 'skin' in this game" and be part of "a family united." Blake Peterson is the chairperson of this campaign, with many other volunteers providing leadership. Thanks everyone! GET READY. HERE WE GO! More information will be headed your way. Mark those dates, listed above, on your calendar. This will be well-done. We are moving forward into a new future.



Lenten Theme - "THE POWER OF VISION FOR A LIFE OF MISSION - JESUS SHOWED US, LIVED IT"



.....from Interim Pastor Tom

As my time here as interim pastor will begin to wind down, it is going to be a sprint to finish up some unfinished tasks. That Capital Campaign, Forward in Faith and Service, is an important final piece of business, that if done well, will springboard this congregation into a more secure, purpose-driven future, helping to fulfill the mission God gives to Bethel Lutheran Church. I want this congregation to always flourish. Our time together has been a win-win. You have reminded me of five practices of fruitful congregations and that people are searching for a church shaped and sustained by Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service and Extravagant Generosity. These fundamental practices are critical to the success of congregations. Their presence and strength demonstrate congregational health, vitality and fruitfulness. By repeating and improving these practices, churches fulfill their mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. I wish nothing less than that kind of excitement and sense of purpose be a guiding principle for this church, moving forward.

Pastor Tom

"CELEBRATE WHAT'S RIGHT WITH THE WORLD"

This was the title of the TED Talk video we used in worship on the day of the annual meeting. If you haven't seen it, please take 20 minutes, go onto YouTube and type the title in. The presenter is Dewitt Jones. A Great Message for all of us!!

Save the Date: Hunter Pinke

May 21st Both Services. The whole Community has been invited to the 11:00 service. It is Senior Recognition Sunday at 9:00. Draw from ND's own Hunter Pinke and his experience going from a Division I football player to a chest down paraplegic at age 22.

**"Overcoming Adversity" &
"Faith Through Trials"**



Calling a New Pastor

The Transition Team appreciates the feedback from the congregation as to help defining our church's mission, ministry, giftedness and purpose. Your suggestions as to the skill sets for ministry that we are looking for in our new pastor to assist us moving forward, were helpful. Using this information, the Ministry Site Profile will be completed soon, presented to the congregation and sent on to the Larger Church.

The Call Committee has been named by the elected members of the Planning Council from the nominations sent in: Luther Sannes, Cyndy Kolle, Tracy Peterson, Jay Townsend, Drew Cvancara, Janine Berg, Brianna Walsh and our youth representative, Jocelyn Riebe.

Karen Nelson is our alternate.

Let us see where the Lord is going to lead us.



Financial Report

Operating Fund Balance

12-31-21	-\$53,259
12-31-22	\$ 622
01-31-23	-\$ 1,645

Mortgage Balance

09-30-22	\$929,905
12-31-22	\$878,683
01-31-23	\$876,572

Capital Improvement Fund

Balance 01-31-23	\$52,860
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$5, 113



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Bethel Youth & Families



Wednesday School

4:45-5:30 pm Supper Served
5:30-6:30 pm Christian Education
6:45 pm Youth Led Worship

Sunday School - March 5th

10-10:45 am We had a good response and will be adding more Sundays next year

Lisa's Office Hours

8:00-5:00 Mon. & Tues
8:30 - 7 pm Wednesday
8:30 - 3:00 pm Thursday

Confirmation Mentor Events— March 15 -6th grade mentor event, March 22 - 7th grade mentor event, March 29 - 8th grade mentor event.

***First communion classes!** Will be held April 2 and 5 at 6:30 here at Bethel. Pre-registration is required! Contact Lisa or the church office to register! First communion will be received during the Maundy Thursday service April 6 or during any of the Easter Sunday services April 9.

9th Grade confirmation Classes left: March 1, and April 12. Please watch for information on interview dates and all the 9th graders need to be working on their faith statement. We will be holding rehearsal and a meal on April 30 for the 9th grade confirmation students, parents, and mentors. Confirmation Sunday is May 7.

National Youth Gathering

Planning for the 2024 National Youth Gathering has started. If you are or have a 7th - 11th grader, Please contact Lisa as soon as possible! Many Fundraisers coming - watch for information!!



Senior Sunday will be May 21. We will celebrate our seniors at the 9:00 service with a quilt presentation. All seniors and their families are invited to attend a bunch following service hosted by the Board of Education.