

Bethel Beacon

May

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May Events

- May 7 - Confirmation Sunday at 11:00 Service
- May 9 - Helping Hands
- May 13 - Piano Recital
- May 14 - Celebration for Pastor Tom
National Youth Gathering
- May 16 - Discussion & Dessert 2pm-4pm
- May 21 - Senior Day
- May 28 - Start of one service at 10:00

Sunday Services

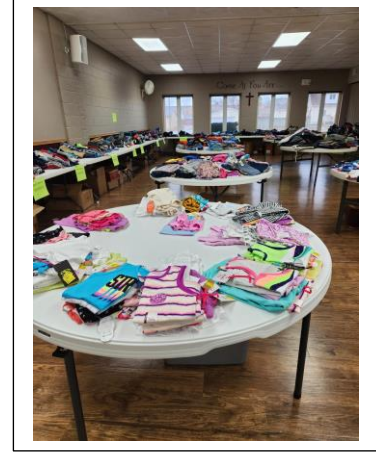
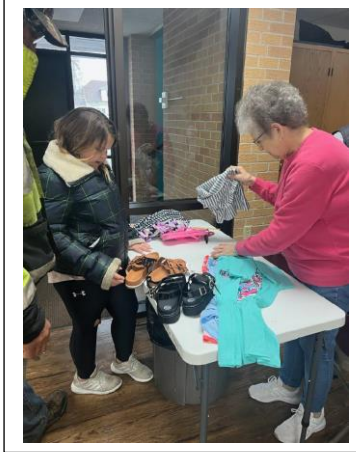
- May 28th we move to one service
- 9 am Traditional Service
- 10 am Coffee Hour
- 11 am Contemporary Service

Wednesday Service

- Starts in June
- 4:45 pm Supper is Served
- 5:30 pm Christian Education
- 6:45 pm Worship Service - Youth Led

Office Hours

- Monday - Thursday 9 am - 5 pm
- 701-642-4472



Beacon SPOTLIGHT Clothing Distribution

The Beacon Spotlight for this month is the Clothes Distribution that took place on April 21, 22 and 23. Bethel partnered with Walmart and Richland/Wilkin Kinship for this project. We were able to help 727 individuals to get free summer clothes. The most amazing part of this event is that it took 288 volunteer hours to make this happen. Volunteers loaded, sorted, displayed and shopped with recipients. This outreach project wouldn't have happened without all those helping hands. THANK YOU to all who stepped in to help and gave their time to help others! Our volunteers are wonderful!!



New Arrivals!

Isla Renee & Evelyn Maxine
3-29-2023
Parents: Alec & Molly Rosemore

Please send in your pictures of births/special events to share with your Bethel family.



Message from Interim Pastor Tom...

It's been a full last couple of months here at Bethel with lots of activity and planning for the future. The Lenten series highlighted the "power of vision" for the congregation moving forward into the next decade with hope, conviction and purpose. Easter services were a blessing to me – and I hope to you – as we shared its message of life (abundant life, renewed life here and now and eternal life) in your beautiful, warm, well-lit sanctuary. The bible study group on Tuesday mornings and teaching Confirmation have continued to be times of the week that I look forward to. The Capital Campaign, "Forward in Faith and Service", excites me as it gives expression to Bethel's mission as a "life-saving station" in this community and how we treasure this place and its work. And then, to cap it all off, the Call Committee is doing its work of interviewing candidates for the pastor's position in the parish. We pray that a match will become obvious. May this congregation thrive and flourish in the years ahead with a vibrant partnership between the fine people of this congregation and the leadership of pastor, staff and elected boards. "Live, laugh and love" – as the saying goes.

Sooner rather than later (possibly) my time is coming to an end with you – when that new, settled pastor is called and arrives. I think, for the most part, that we have done a fair amount of good work together over this past year, to prepare this community of faith for a bright, engaging future. I think the world of you. I will remember our time together fondly. I am sure that I have disappointed some members and I apologize for that. We will see how soon your new pastor can be seated in your midst. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Pastor Tom Peterson

Calling a New Pastor - Call Committee UPDATE

The Call Committee has met with the first pool of potential candidates. At this time, we have no candidates moving onto second interviews. We are working with the synod office to fine more candidates. Remember that call committee members cannot discuss any of the candidates. Please pray for the pastors who are feeling the call to move.

April Memorials

Capital Campaign

In memory of LaVonne Johnson – given by Judy McDaniel

In memory of Inez Eckre – given by Judy McDaniel

General Memorial

In memory of Inez Eckre – given by Mariane Hektner

In memory of Inez Eckre – given by Curt Hektner

In memory of Inez Eckre – given by Joe & Robyn Watkins

Library

In memory of Leslie Cose – given by Judy & Jerry Oren

Quilting

In memory of Edith Cook – given by Elaine Sommers





SAVE THE DATE: Hunter Pinke

“Overcoming Adversity” & “Faith Through Trials”

On May 21st for BOTH Services. The whole Community has been invited to the 11:00 am SERVICE. It is Senior Recognition Sunday at 9:00 am.

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.



DAYTIME BOOK CLUB

*“Good books don’t give up all their secrets at once.”
-Stephen King-*

April 10, a very small group met, and we were to share our choice of an Agatha Christie book. Because of our attendance, that was tabled to the following month.

May	Your choice of an Agatha Christie book	
May 8	7 Husbands of Evelyn Hugo	Taylor Jenkins Reid
June 12	Whispering Pines	Kim Diede
July 10	The Personal Librarian	Marie Benedict
August 14	A Prisoner of Birth	Jeffrey Archer
September 10	My Travels with Mrs. Kennedy	Clint Hill
October 9	Fox Creek	William Krueger
November 13	Open	
December 11	Xmas book of choice	

The invitation to join our Daytime Book Club is always open. We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 10 am in the Bethel Library. An hour of your time that is enjoyable. Come check us out!

NIGHTTIME BOOK CLUB

We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at Bethel Lutheran. We read a wide variety of books chosen by members. Following is what is on the schedule for the upcoming months.

May 1	“Take My Hand”	Dolen Perkins-Valdez
June 6	“The Stars in an Italian Sky”	Jill Santopolo
July 11	“If You Tell”	Gregg Olsen
	<i>(2nd Tuesday due to the 4th of July)</i>	
August 1	“The Things We Cannot Say”	Kelly Rimmer

You can follow us on Facebook at **Bethel Lutheran Evening Bookclub**. Please consider joining us every month or an occasional drop in, all are welcome.



Out our new website!!

Feedback is always appreciated!



Financial Report

Operating Fund Balance

12-31-2021	-\$53,259
12-31-2022	\$622
2-28-2023	\$14,155.26
3-30-2023	\$7,851.04

Mortgage Balance

12-31-2022	\$878,683.50
2-28-2023	\$874,443.52
3-30-2023	\$872,013.52

Capital Improvement Fund

Balance 3-30-2023 \$38,291.28

Outreach fund

3/30/2023 \$5,000

Monthly Mortgage Payment \$5,113



Serving Group 9

- Dean & Trudi Bellmore
- Jane Berndt
- Tari & Justin Birkelo
- Larry & Norma Bontjes
- Les & Cindy Bredeson
- Donna Callenius
- Geri Coyne
- Kathy Dimmer
- Glen Engle
- Duane & Diane Finnie
- Ralph Graalum
- John & Shelly Grueneich
- Zach & Brittany Hatting
- Chris & Brooke Hills
- Rick & Joyce Johnson
- Arlo & Janice Kilber
- Sharon Kotnour
- Coleen Krohn
- Jake & Dawn Kubela
- Sylvia Likness
- Danielle Luebke
- Derek & Alexis McGarry
- Richard & Yvonne Opoein
- Rich & Dawn Pehl
- Brita Prochnow
- Amy Schultz
- Joel & Tami Sirek
- Keith & Nadine Torgerson
- Jay & Rikki Townsend
- Brittany Uran
- Cindy Ward
- Wanda Worrel

We have many volunteer opportunities available. Please call 701-640-3599 or stop by the office to sign up to help.



May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

The **Noisy Offering** for the month of May will go toward local Ministerial team effort to take away the stigma of mental health care.

Funeral Service for Inez Eckre

Family is welcoming all to attend the funeral service of Inez on June 17, 2023



Visitation from 11:00 – 12:00
Funeral service is at 12:00

Please join for fellowship afterwards.

Bethel - Your HOME FOR RENEWAL

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



Bethel Youth and Family Information and upcoming events!!

Vacation Bible School: This year VBS will be out of this world!

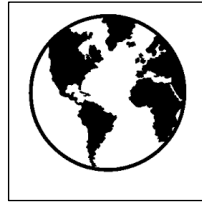
Ready, Set, Launch with us June 5-9 each evening from 4:45-8:00. Join us for crafts, Bible lesson, game and fun.

Supper will be provided each night.

Children preschool to 5th grade are invited to join us.

Registrations will be available on our website soon!

We are looking for adult volunteers to help with VBS. Please contact Lisa ASAP if you are willing to help.



Lisa's Office Hours

Starting June 12th:

Monday 8:30-5:00

Tuesday 8:30-5:00

Wednesday 8:30-5:00



Valleyfair trip:

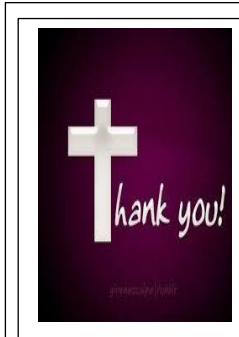
Watch for information on a Valleyfair trip in August. This will be open to families & youth in grades 6th-12th.

9th Grade Confirmation

May 7th: Confirmation Sunday at 11:00 worship service

Planning for the **2024 National Youth Gathering** has started. If you are or have a 7th-11th grader, please contact Lisa ASAP. It is not too late to get signed up to go. We will meet once a month.

- Our meeting schedule is:
- May 14 at 6:30 pm
 - June 11 at 6:30 pm
 - July 16 at 6:30 pm
 - August 13 at 6:30 pm
 - September 17 at 6:30pm



THANK YOU!!

A special thank you to all the Wednesday evening volunteers. I thank you for your time, service, and commitment to the youth of our church.

The **Youth Advisory Committee** is made up of students in grades 3rd-12th. We meet, every other month and they help plan and execute events and activities. Please let Lisa know if you would like to be part of the fun. I am in need of new members for the 2023-2024 programming year.

Sunday school: we've wrapped up our Sunday school classes for the year. We will start up again in September by offering two Sundays a month of Sunday school.

Wednesday school: Our last Wednesday school is May 3rd with a wrap up party!

Senior Sunday: Class of 2023 you are invited to worship on May 21st for a special service in your honor. You will be receiving quilts and enjoy a brunch provided by the Board of Education. Invitations have been sent, please contact the church office if you haven't received one.

Senior Spotlight: Be watching our Facebook and Instagram pages as we highlight our class of 2023.



2023 Easter Plants



- In memory of Parents, Leonard & Viola Weisz – given by Linda Miller
In memory of Bradley Bethel – given by Larry Bethel
In memory of Erling Logan and Tom Kotnour – given by Sharon Kotnour
In memory of Charles Hardie – given by Joan Hardie
In memory of Loving Parents/Grandparents – given by Barb & Will Uhlich Family
In memory of Bob Nelsen – given by Gerry Nelsen
In memory of Parents – given by Henry & Mary Ann Loock
In memory of Joseph Kaufman – given by Suzette & Daryl Fitterer
In memory of Michelle Folstad – given by Neal & Phyllis Folstad
In memory of Parents – given by Bob & Ginny Buck
In memory of Donald & Irene Finnie – given by Duane & Diane Finnie
In memory of Barbara Fisher, Milton Sletten & Michelle Lehmitz – given by Duane & Diane Finnie
In memory of Son & brother: Lance Sannes – given by Barb & Luther Sannes Family
In memory of Parents: Leon & Myrtle MacIver & Earl & Helen Boyd – given by Philip & Bonnie MacIver
In memory of Loved Ones – given by Geri Coyne
In memory of Al Sommers – given by Elaine Sommers
In memory of Edwin Deyle – given by Joyce & Marc Johnson
In memory of Erma & W Chales Hendrickson & Leo Groothuis – given by Barry & Sue Hendrickson
In memory of Linda Azure – given by Linda Johnson
In memory of Parents: Everett & Patricia Johnson – given by Linda Johnson
In memory of Antoinette (Annie) Gjesdal – given by Brenda Gjesdal
In memory of Rhonda Gjesdal – given by Brenda Gjesdal
In memory of Linda Grochow – given by Art Grochow
In memory of Milton Sletten, Barbara Fisher & Shelby Lehmitz – given by Connie Sletten
In memory of Will Stein – given by Patsy & Jesse Stein
In memory of Daniel Stein – given by Patsy & Jesse Stein
In memory of Parents & Brother – given by Paul & Char Oehlke
In memory of Allen Rensvold – given by Karen Rensvold
In memory of Our Parents – given by Leland & Patti Gregor
In memory of Parents: Orville & Edith Anderson & Grandmother: Clara Wade – given by Clare Byron
In memory of Cathy Uhlich – given by Ed Uhlich
In memory of Our Fathers – given by Pat & Vicki Trappen
In memory of Don Klute – given by Grace & Al Hunt
In memory of Mom & Dad – given by Madeline Miller
In memory of Jean Ivesdal – given by Gary & Jody Friskop
In memory of Heidi Nantt – given by Gary & Jody Friskop
In memory of Larry & LaVonne Johnson – given by Marc & Joyce Johnson
In memory of Children – given by Gale & Harvey Link
In memory of Grandchildren – given by Gale & Harvey Link
In memory of My sister & her family – given by Linda Johnson
In memory of Esther, Lilly, Cora, Tracy Gjesdal & Guyle Gamble – given by Brenda Gjesdal
In memory of Children & Grandchildren – given by Paul & Char Oehlke
In memory of Our loving parents – given by Clint & Larissa Gilbertson
In memory of Our Children & Grandchildren – given by Leland & Patti Gregor
In memory of Perry & Denise Miller & Family – given by Madeline Miller
In memory of Nora Walsh – given by Joyce & Marc Johnson
In memory of Our Children – given by Joyce & Marc Johnson
In memory of Mom: EldaVera Deyle – given by Joyce & Marc Johnson
In memory of Bethel Volunteers – given by Joyce Johnson – Director of Volunteer & Hospitality Ministry



May Birthdays

5/1 - Deb Jacobson
Jackson Johnson
Savannah Rebman
Lynn Thoe

5/2 - Jackson Brown
Lara Eychaner-Husmann
Devry Klocke
Coleen Krohn
Ashley Tollefson

5/3 - Colten Anderson
Jon Bernstein
Brooke Haugen
Maci Miller
Nicole Paulson
Zachariah Rick

5/4 - Clayton Farmen
Jazzlyn Hasbargen
Tyler Lovgren
Ione Manock
Ella Prochnow

5/5 - Breckin Anderson
Connie Foster
Hattie Mauch
Marisa Mumm
Bret Sheeley
Brody Spiekermeier

5/6 - Adam Bennett
Krista Boock
Caleb Brejcha
Hudson Kratcha

5/7 - Daniel Czichotzki
Sara Vierstraete
Beckett Vosberg

5/8 - Trudy Jacobson
Joe Keaveny
Lisa Keaveny
Douglas Peterson

5/9 - Londa Darwin
Karen Kearns-Lutz
Charles Shockley

5/10 - John Bassingthwaite

5/11 - Robert Jokumsen
Julie Lambrecht
Bellamy McManus
Nathan Redman
Emery Sherven
Willis Uhlich

5/12 - Glen Engle
Kenneth Lindsey
Anita Medenwaldt

5/13 - Robin David
Troy Vosberg

5/14 - Patricia Berg
Grayson Cory
Rick Johnson
Warren Retzlaff

5/15 - Quinn Bassingthwaite
Sandra Bennett
Suzette Fitterer
Remy Hills
JoAnn Tobin
Kaiden Wickoren

5/16 - Asher Berndt
Bradley Bontjes
Bryson Wangler

5/17 - Ceecee Mauch
Julie Moderow
Todd Speidel

5/18 - Jeff Jelinek

5/19 - Emersyn Baukol
Gregory Bontjes
Joshua Facey

5/20 - Mary Anderson
Brent Finnie
Charlie Kratcha

5/21 - Emily Hagelstrom
Hudson Korinek
Cindy Prochnow

5/22 - Hal Fisher
Kathleen Johnson
Paul Langseth
Margo Mumm

5/23 - Wyatt Neiber
Tyler Peterson
Patricia Teschner
June Trappen
Slater Zach

5/24 - Mackenzie Gilbertson
Alexander Mund

5/25 - Tari Birkelo
Jenna Burchill
Logan Krump
Deborah Roesler
Kristie Smith

5/26 - Brynlee Koenig
Carley McManus

5/27 - Dylan Bernotas
Devaar Lowell
Darcy Meide

5/28 - Oliver Cvancara
Sutton McManus
Roger Mund
Kayla Rovig

5/29 - Josh Pfaff

5/30 - Emilyn Bouressa
Freya Cherry
Jessica Johnson
Carol Morrison
Kimberly Pauly
Debra Tobias

5/31 - Lauren Boyer
Patricia Brejcha
Ariana Intveld