Bethel Beacon June - July 2023 Volume 59 Issue 6 route

June and Upcoming Summer Events

June 3-4 - Synod Assembly June 10 - Life line Screening 8am-5pm June 17 - Inez Eckre Funeral 11am Visitation 12pm Funeral service June 18 - Father's Day July 4 - Church Office Closed July 16 - Financial Review Forum Aug 7-9 - Vacation Bible School Aug 13 - Worship in the Park Aug 17-18 - Rummage Sale

Sunday Services

10:00 Worship Service 9:15-11:30 Coffee bar

Wednesday Service

Starts on June 7th 5:15 Supper served 5:45 Worship Service

Office Hours 642-4472

Monday - Thursday 9 am - 5 pm

Summer Bible Study For ALL!! Led by Circles 1 and 5 Meet at the Band Shelter in the park at 10:00am Wednesday June 21 Wednesday July 19 Wednesday August 16 Please bring a chair and a bible. If bad weather, we will meet at the church.

Any questions please call: Judy Peterson @ 701-640-7010 Sharon Kotnour @ 701-640-5610



Beacon SPOTLIGHT Hunter Pinke (Picture taken during Senior Brunch)

Sunday, May 21st was an extraordinary morning at Bethel. Hunter Pinke was a wonderful speaker! Even though his path in life changed in the blink of an eye, he sees God leading him on a wonderful new journey. We will all be watching to see him win gold at the Paralympic Games!! We also recognized our 2023 Seniors and wrapped them in quilts to send them on their new journeys.



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary!!

> Keath & Cindy Borchert

> > 6/2/1973



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

Message from Interim Pastor Tom...

"Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son..." John 14:12-13

Jesus is giving his disciples words of encouragement. "You've seen so many some and be healed in body, soul and spirit. And hey – you're going to do greater, more expansive, works than you've seen me do! My Spirit will work through you to touch so many more lives...I am the Way, the Truth and the Life..." Jesus was talking to the church. He was saving that when his disciples decide to get into action doing the work God has called them to do, in the place He has planted them, and when they enlist God's help, nothing is impossible for the church of Jesus Christ lived out in individual congregations. Amazing things are accomplished in this world by people who pray, believe and will not give up. You and I are capable of amazing things when we set out to serve Jesus Christ. Wouldn't it be great if we had a dream for this church that was big enough that we would have to depend on God to accomplish it? And wouldn't it be great if we searched our hearts and souls with prayer so that our dream would match God's dream? Maybe God's Spirit is nudging someone's heart with that dream for this congregation right now and we are waiting for it to come forth. Indeed, what's our dream for this church? Why not put God to the test? Impossible? Not at all – it is only the fulfillment of Christ's promise to His Church – "...and whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son..." What lives will be touched as a legacy you leave to this community through Bethel Lutheran Church? Someday, I will be moving on to a new assignment. I need you to know, it has been an honor to serve with you here. This is a great place to do ministry, outreach and have fellowship. Blessings. Pastor Tom

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.

May Memorials

Capital Campaign

In memory of Edith Cook – given by Paul & Char Oehlke In memory of Carol Sturdevant – given by Dennis & VonDa Lee Grandalen

Faith Tool Boxes

In memory of Bob Duerr – given by Sonja Christensen In memory of Jerry Lein – given by Sonja Christensen In memory of Carol Sturdevant – given by Gail Williams In memory of Carol Sturdevant – given by Sonja Christensen

Communion Cushions

In memory of Dan Erbes - given by Family of Dan Erbes

Youth

In memory of Bob Duerr - given by Phil & Bonnie MacIver

Choir In memory of Inez Eckre – given by Alice Schlotfeldt

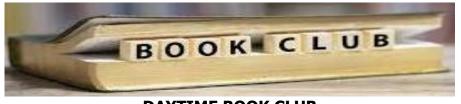
Endowment

In memory of Emily Bruvold – given by Marilyn Anderson In memory of Carol Sturdevant – given by Marilyn Anderson

Forward in Faith and Service

In memory of Jerry Lein – given by Jim & Trudy Jacobson In memory of Bob Duerr – given by Jim & Trudy Jacobson In memory of Carol Sturdevant – given by Jim & Trudy Jacobson





DAYTIME BOOK CLUB

"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are." -Mason Cooly-

On May 8, the Daytime Book Club met and with a large group in attendance we discussed the Agatha Christie books we read. A few of our members had never read any of her books. The next discussion was on "7 Husbands of Evelyn Hugo" by Taylor Jenkins Reid. This was not a favorite book but we learned about the Hollywood life with struggles to "make it to the top".

June 12	Whispering Pines	Kim Diede
This book is by	a ND author & one to add to your reading list.	
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	A Quiet Life	Ethan Joella
December 11	Xmas book of choice	
January - 2024	Survive the Night	Riley Sager
February	Beyond that, the sea	Laura Spence-Ash
March	Wednesday Sisters	Meg Waite Clayton
April	Home Front	Kristin Hannah

We always welcome new members and summer might be a good time to join a book club. We meet each month on the 2nd Monday at 10a.m. in our church library.



EVENING BOOK CLUB

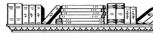
We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at Bethel Lutheran. We read a wide variety of books chosen by members. Following is what is on the schedule for the upcoming months.

June 6	"The Stars in an Italian Sky"
July 11	"If You Tell"

(2nd Tuesday due to the 4th of July) August 1 "The Things We Cannot Say" Jill Santopolo Gregg Olsen

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.







Check out our website!!



Feedback is always appreciated!



Financial Report

<u>Financial Report</u>				
Operating Fund Bala	ance			
12-31-2022	\$622			
3-30-2023	\$7,851			
4-30-2023	\$1,939			
Mortgage Balance				
12-31-2022	\$878,683.50			
3-30-2023	\$872,013.52			
4-30-2023	\$869,862.76			
Capital Improvemen	nt Fund			
3-30-2023	\$38,291.28			
4-30-2023	\$38,248.06			
Outreach Fund				
3-30-2023	\$5,000			
4-30-2023	\$5,010			

June's Noisy Offering is going to be donated to the *F5 Project* out of Fargo. The F5 Project offers grace & a fresh start to individuals struggling with incarceration, mental health & addiction. This organization provides a variety of resources, services & support for a fresh start. Take some time to research F5 Project on their website or Facebook. This organization is changing lives by propelling people forward. They live by the motto of "Ugly Grace". Follow this organization as they are going to be making waves in ND!!

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.





Coffee Bar this summer

We are planning something new for the coffee hour this summer. We will be having a coffee bar set up from 9:15-11:30 so you can enjoy a cup before service and/or after worship service. There will be a variety of flavors, some days there may be treats if volunteered.

Special Word of Thanks from Pastor Tom

On Sunday, May 14th, between services, you gave me a wonderful gift in a short program and reception as a kind gesture of appreciation for the year of interim ministry I have been honored to share with you. A special thank you to Sonja Christianson for the song she wrote and all who sang and to Keath Borchert for the poem he wrote and shared and for all who organized the reception. I am grateful. It was a nice event.

Pastoral vacancies are never easy but sometimes they can be an opportunity to reaffirm an identity and purpose for ministry and being together. This is a fine congregation with a rich history and a future just waiting to be shaped. Thank you for your kind words, gifts and well wishes for the future. For the near future, though, we will continue ministering together with some designated weeks off for family events – but I will stick with you until that new settled pastor arrives.

Again, thank you for all your kindness. Pastor Tom

Bethel - Your HOME FOR RENEWAL

2 Corinthians 9:11 You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us.



Bethel Children & Youth Ministries

by Lisa Bassingthwaite

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 August 7-9 from 2:00-7:00. Join us for crafts, Bible lesson, games and fun.

Supper will be provided each night.

Children preschool to 5^{th} 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.

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: June 11 at 6:30 pm at Lisa's place July 16 at 6:30 pm August 13 at 6:30 pm September 17 at 6:30pm October 8 at 6:30pm

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.

Help support the youth who are attending the National Youth Gathering each Wednesday at 5:15pm starting June 7th and every week through August 6th. We will be serving a light supper each week.



Youth Rummage Sale

Will be held on August 17 and 18. Watch for more information on drop off And sale times!



Lisa's Office Hours

Starting June 12th:



Monday 8:30-5:00 Tuesday 8:30-5:00 Wednesday 8:30-5:00

Valleyfair Trip

August 2nd



The bus will leave Bethel at 7:00 am and we will be back to Wahpeton around midnight. The cost is: \$60.00 per child \$20.00 for chaperone The trip is open to youth in grades 6th-12th.

October 15, 2023

Join us for a fall fun day.



Our youth will be serving soup and desserts. We will be holding a pie auction and a silent basket auction.

2023 Confirmands



Front Row:

Grace Kasowski, Carmella Keaveny, Olivia Koehler, Charlie Kratcha, Grady Michael, Abigayle Paulson, Cameron Riebe, Dylan Vierstraete, Zahkia Wold, Emily Hagelstrem, Aiden Hajek, Ellistin Hendrickson, Carter Hockert

Back Row:

Luke Anderson, Myah Anderson, Baleigh Bakewell, Kasen Bernstein, Gwen Finnie, Oscar Good



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

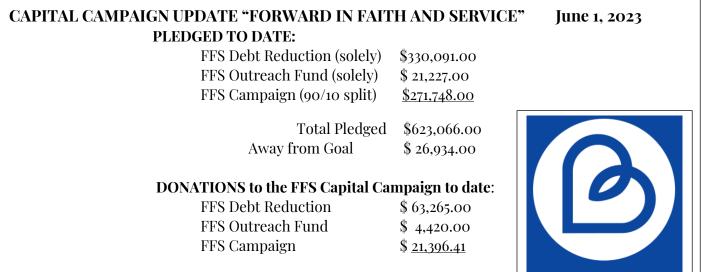


Bryce Awender Anika Birkelo Emma Bontjes Abi Bronson Jackson Fliflet Brett Goltz Kallie Grefsrud Zachary Gunnarson Caden Hockert Wyatt Neiber Ashley Pauly Connor Rosenberg Riley Thimjon Dominick Vierstraete Andrew Withuski



"Forward In Faith and Service" Our 2023–2026 Capital Campaign

When the results on Commitment Sunday were read during the Celebration Brunch and it was announced that we were already over 80% on our way to achieving our goal of \$650,000, there was a sense among us that we were coming together. There was joy, hope, and renewed community. Two weeks later, we are now over 90% on our way to achieving our goal. The invitation is out there now – for all of us to believe; to come on board. Not only do we want to achieve our goal, we want to surpass it and knock down that debt further and raise up that outreach fund greater. Thanks everyone! Let's keep it going. We hope to receive the vast majority of the commitment cards by Sunday, June 25th, in order that we can have a special dedication moment during that service.



Total Donations \$89,081.41



During the month of **July, the Noisy Offering** will be going to Richland-Wilkin Backpack Program. According to a study by Feeding America, there are 16,360 kids in ND who are food insecure. The same study found that 320 of these kids are in Richland County. This means 1 in 10 children in the county are food insecure. In order to provide meals to kids who may not have access to them, the Richland Wilkin Food Pantry started the Backpack Program. Since its inception 9 years ago, the program has provided many kid friendly, shelf stable meals for kids to take home so they can eat over the weekend.

thank yout I want to take a moment to say "thanks" to all of you at Bethel for inviting me to help lead your "*Forward in Faith and Service*" capital campaign. It was a great pleasure working with your campaign Leadership Team and getting to know your congregation better. You are vibrant, faithful, generous people. Your support of the ministry and mission of Bethel is to be commended. "*Forward in Faith and Service*" will have a tremendous impact on your congregation as you work at reducing the debt and set aside funds for additional outreach. Well done! Thank you for the financial gifts that are so critical for Bethel's future. God's Blessings, Pastor Jon B. Olson

FLOWERS OF THE MONTH



June Birthdays

- 6/1 Jaxson Collins Rylan Flack Brita Prochnow Gregory Roehl Ronald Sherven Jacob Thiel
- 6/2 Braden Berndt Quinn Owens
- 6/3 April Bakewell Madison Krause Paige Luebke
- 6/4 Vince Plummer Dominik Vierstraete
- 6/5 Connor Higdem Sibyl Jacklitch Benson Mitchell
- 6/6 Carter Hansen Keith Johnson Barbara Sannes
- **6/8 -** Zane Bredeson Olivia Koehler Bruce Pehl
- 6/9 Bensyn Babcock Alyssa Jepsen Clay Smith
- 6/10 Rick Jacobson Pamela McFarland Owen Nelson Robert Oscarson
- 6/11 Corey Haugen Jerry Mandt Charlotte Sims Zachery Steffens 6/12 – Olie Babcock **Gladys Bair** Leah Baukol Lvnn Bjore Allan Cleveland 6/13 - Ava Anderson 6/14 - Brandon Hammer Suzanne Pehl Lerov Rinnels 6/15 - Janice Ellingson Alecia Hasbargen Andrew Pauly Aerika Trappen **Bailey Wolters** 6/16 - Tyler Berg Andrew Lunsetter Marlene Miller **Bennett Mitchell** John Reimer 6/17 - Rikki Townsend 6/18 - Cory Grandalen Mariah Peterson Steven Retzlaff 6/19 - Josie Beherns Gloria Dohman Michael Rittenour
- 6/20 Dana Kasowski Shelly Meyer Samantha Wagner

- 6/21 Madylan Heitkamp Caden Hockert Megan Paulson Paula Withuski
- 6/22 Gavin Badgley Kolby Bassingthwaite Cooper Brenden Nicholas Bronson Watson Lee Alayana Opatril Rvan Sheeley
- 6/23 Emily Hendrickson Barbara Mohs Richard Pehl Cameron Riebe
- 6/24 Kobe Thimjon 6/25 - Brenda Boll
- Todd Good Ashleigh McBeth Julie Vaneps
- 6/26 Leah Schauer Jamie Walls Jeremy Walls
- 6/27 Troy Ballinger Alissa Sherven Harry Speidel
- 6/29 Kory Braun Chad Hoaby Sharon Jokumsen Ashleigh Jorschumb Melissa Klose Gregory Meide
- 6/30 Kathy Czichotzki Coral Waskosky

June 2023

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				1 Kinship Race 11:30am - 2:00pm Carol Sturdevant Funeral	2	3 Synod Assembly
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- 7/1 Emily Watson
- 7/2 Brenda Korinek Keith McFarland Allison Sprenger Kristy Wangler
- 7/3 Kialie Brevik Barry Hendrickson Signe Kubela
- 7/5 Emilee Bellmore
- 7/6 Pamela Braun Makenna Manock
- 7/7 Craig Manske Isaac Stone
- 7/8 Dan Kutter
- 7/9 Kilee Bladow Ivan Braun Zachary Maas Michael McCall Aaron Riebe
- 7/10 Beverly Bollinger Emma Bontjes Danika Gregor Miley Jorschumb Philip MacIver

- 7/11 Craig Cory
- 7/12 Brianna Walsh
- 7/13 Kevin Goltz Alex Sprenger
- 7/14 Susan Arnhalt Joycelyn Johnson Donna Marohl Thomas Prochnow
- 7/15 Matthew Anderson Gary Friskop
- 7/16 Rebecca DeVries Don Wald
- 7/17 Gabrielle Gebro Anthony Klose Erica Plummer
- 7/18 Hudson Mitchell Dawn Pehl
- 7/19 Jack Dimmer Arlo Kilber

- 7/21 Erick Carlson
 - Amanda Christianson
- 7/22 Luke Anderson
- **7**/**23** Joe Pfaff
- **7**/**24** Jason Hajek
- 7/25 Gail Grant
- 7/26 Sidney Gilbertson Perry Miller Ashley Pauly Laurie Stiller Keith Torgerson
- 7/27 Tyler Baukol Marie Casper Blake Sherven
- 7/28 Riley Koval Wanda Worrel
- 7/29 Dana Anderson Xander Bernstein Jessica Miller
- 7/30 Larry Bontjes Marlys Wefel
- 7/31 Austin Berger Wanda Mauch



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July 4th – Church offices will be closed July 16th at 9:00 – Financial Review Forum



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