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### Our Mission

Bethel Lutheran Church in Wahpeton, ND is a community of believers called by God to:

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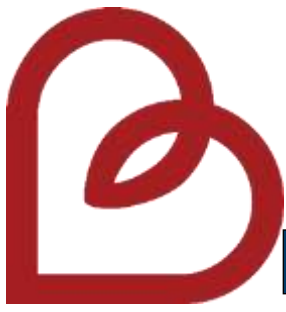


Sunday Services  
Begin September 10

9:00 am Service  
11:00 am Contemporary

Wednesday Services  
Begin September 13

4:45 Supper Served  
5:30 Wednesday School  
6:45 Worship



# Bethel Beacon

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## Upcoming Events

- Aug 7-9 VBS 2:00pm to 7:00 pm  
Snacks and Supper will be served.
- Aug 17-18 Rummage Sale
- Aug 22 Back to School Breakfast
- Sept 4 Labor Day—Office Closed
- Sept 10 God’s Work our Hands  
Sunday  
Fall Schedule Starts
- Sept 13 Wednesday Programming/  
Confirmation Starts
- Sept 15-17 CastAway
- Sept 17 1st Communion Class
- Sept 18 Touch A Truck Event
- Sept 19 Discussion & Dessert
- Sept 22-24 CastAway
- Sept 24 1st Communion Class
- Oct 1 World Communion  
Sunday  
10am Sunday School Starts
- Oct 6 Lifeline Screening
- Oct 8 Consecration Sunday
- Oct 10 Discussion & Dessert
- Oct 15 Fall Festival Day/Soup Sunday
- Oct 29 Reformation Sunday
- Nov 5 Pancake Breakfast
- Nov 14 Discussion & Dessert
- Nov 15 Soul Shop
- Nov 19 Thanksgiving Service Ecumenical
- Nov 22 No Wednesday Class/Service
- Nov 23 Thanksgiving—Office Closed



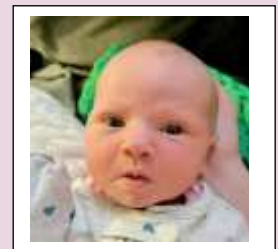
## Beacon SPOTLIGHT: Blessings and Prayers for the first day of School

Blessings and prayers are practices that help ground & guide us. Prayer reminds us that our community extends beyond what we see in front of us, connecting us to something bigger than ourselves. Blessings reminds us of God’s love in our lives. As we begin the new school year, we want to extend our prayers & blessings to the families that are sending their children off to school, the children/young adults starting/returning to school, the teachers that will be teaching & the administration guiding the teachers. We invite ALL students, parents, teachers & administrators to drive through the Bethel North parking lot on your way to school on Tuesday, August 22nd! We will have a blessing for you & a breakfast treat from 7:15-8:15. We are also looking for volunteers to help get the treat ready & to hand out blessings! Let’s start the new year off with love, support, prayers & blessings for our community. Contact Joyce or Lisa @ 701-642-4472 if you can help out.



**Congratulations!**  
**Shea (Gilbertson)**  
**&**  
**Dana Carlson**  
**June 17, 2023**

**Welcome!**  
**Marilyn Grace Schauer**  
**Parents: Eric & Leah**  
**July 7, 2023**  
**7lbs 9oz**



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



**Bethel Youth and Family Information and upcoming events!!**

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: 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 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. We meet every other month. Meetings will be September 24, November 26, January 21, March 17 and May 12 at 6:30 here at Bethel. Members will help plan and execute events and activities.

**Soul Shop speaker David Galvan will be here November 15.** He will be speaking to the youth of Wahpeton/Breckenridge focusing on the issue of mental health and suicide prevention. The Wahp/Breck ministerial is sponsoring this event. We are encouraging all youth in grades 6th-12th to attend. Watch for more information on the website, Facebook and Instagram. Free pizza will be served.



**Will be held September 17 & 24 starting at 4:00 here at Bethel. Pre-registration is required! Registration forms can be found on our website. First communion will be received during worship on October 1, World Communion Sunday!**



**Youth Rummage Sale**

Will be held on August 17, noon to 5:00  
and August 18, 8:00-4:00.

If you have items you would like to donate to the rummage sale, please leave them in the youth room.



Did you know we have a Children's library here at Bethel? The library is always open for our kiddos to check out books. The library is now located upstairs. When checking out a book, simply find the library card (found in the back of most books) fill in the date and your name, place the card in the basket. When you return the book just place it in the return basket provided.



Sunday School will be held each Sunday starting October 1. We will be using the same curriculum the Wednesday school programs will be using.

Wednesday school will begin September 13!! Our evening schedule will be supper 4:45-5:30. Education 5:30-6:30. Youth lead worship at 6:45. All children preschool through 9th grade need to fill out a Christian education registration form found on our website. We will begin a two year study of the Books of the Bible. Starting with Genesis and ending with Revelations.

Confirmation will begin September 13 also! A confirmation calendar and confirmation requirements will be handed out at our parent/student meeting held on September 13 at 5:30 in the sanctuary. All parents, students, and guide leaders are encouraged to attend.





### DAYTIME BOOK CLUB

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

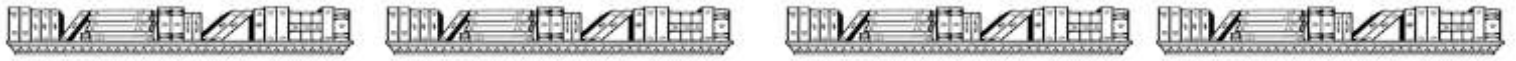
The Daytime Book Club met on July 10 to discuss the book "The Personal Librarian". This is a book that everyone liked but felt it started out slow and took a lot of effort to keep reading. In the end a good story!

August 14  
September 10  
October 9  
November 13  
December 11  
January - 2024  
February  
March  
April

A Prisoner of Birth  
My Travels with Mrs. Kennedy  
Fox Creek  
A Quiet Life  
Xmas book of choice  
Survive the Night  
Beyond that, the sea  
Wednesday Sisters  
Home Front

Jeffrey Archer  
Clint Hill  
William Krueger  
Ethan Joella  
  
Riley Sager  
Laura Spence-Ash  
Meg Waite Clayton  
Kristin Hannah

It's not too late to join a book club; whether daytime or evening club. The Daytime Club meets monthly at 10:30 a.m. on the second Monday. Drop in and check us out!



### EVENING BOOK CLUB

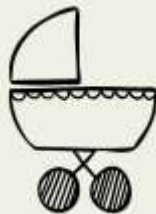
We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at Bethel Lutheran. We read a wide variety of books chosen by members.

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



### Calling a New Pastor - Call Committee UPDATE

The Call Committee is at a standstill right now. We are waiting for names from the synod office. There are simply no candidates looking for a new call right now. Please continue to pray for our future pastor.



MEALS ON  
BUGGY  
WHEELS

A NEW OUTREACH PROGRAM  
WHERE WE SUPPORT PARENTS  
IN OUR CONGREGATION BY  
BRINGING THEM A MEAL AFTER  
THE BIRTH OF A CHILD.  
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE  
IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP  
WITH THIS SIMPLE BUT  
IMPORTANT MINISTRY.



"New Ministry" - Meals on Buggy Wheels  
Volunteers Needed!!

Would you like to take a meal to a family who is welcoming a baby into a household? Just call the church office and we will connect you with a family! Your meal doesn't need to be extravagant. You can do a pickup from a restaurant. This meal is to give the parents a stress free meal so they can enjoy time with their new bundle of joy. It is an opportunity for Bethel to show support for the young families in our congregation. Call the office at 701-642-4472 with any questions.



**Join Us for another series of Finding Hope, Humor & Heart Volume 2  
With Elaine Sanchez.**

**This is a four part series tentatively planned for October.**

Topics include:

- Dealing with Depression and Grief
- So God, What are We going to do Today?  
(a spiritual journey of caregiving)
  - Dementia: A different Reality
- Keeping Vulnerable Loved Ones Safe

For more information contact Joyce Johnson at 701-640-3599 or Muriel Hedrick at 701-403-3547.  
This event is sponsored by Thrivent.



Make a Joyful Noise!!

Do you have a musical talent you would like to share with Bethel? All ages welcome!!

Contact Joyce Johnson @ 701-642-4472 and we can find the right fit for you.

**God's Work Our Hands**

**Sunday, September 10th**

**10:00 am—12:00 pm**

This is a fun way to serve our neighbors!  
Everyone is invited to be part of this event.

If you need work done at your home,  
please contact the church office at

701-642-4472



**Discussion and Dessert**

Join us for an afternoon of education and fellowship from 2:00-4:00 the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

**Tuesday, September 19th**—Pastor Jessica Miller—The Neighborhood Church

**Tuesday, October 10th**—Someplace Safe

**Tuesday, November 14th**—Mary Vetter—Veteran Services



During the month of **August, 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.



## OUTREACH

The board of Outreach will be hosting a feminine supply/diaper drive from now through the first week in September.

We know these items are necessities and not everyone has extra money in their budget for them. Please drop off pads, tampons, panty liners, diapers or wipes to the Bethel Office. These items will be available to anyone who may need them.



Check out the August prayer station in the Sanctuary! Learn how to use the five fingers on your hand to pray for yourself, your family, friends and many others. Take one of the cards with you to help you remember to pray always!

### Great Plains Food Bank—Food Distribution

Blikre Activity Center

Wednesday, August 16th

Volunteers needed from 3:00-4:30 pm

Contact Joyce Johnson at 701-642-4472 if you can help!



Touch-a-Truck Event...Join us for a night of family fun on Monday, September 18 from 5-7pm in the Bethel North parking lot. Get up close and personal with a variety of vehicles and interact with the people who drive them. We will also be blessing the first responders and helpers in our community at 6:45pm. Bethel youth attending the 2024 National Youth Gathering will be serving a free will donation supper.

Pastor Tom is back in the office. Each week he will be in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you need to contact him, his number is: 218-770-9759

## Bethel - Your HOME OF NEW BEGINNINGS

### Psalm 20:4

**May God give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.**





# Memorial Gifts for June and July

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## **Bell Choir**

In memory of Lois Fleck (Mother-in-Law of Judy Fleck)/Given by Joe & Renee Speidel

In memory of Terry Pehl/Given by Naomi Braun

## **Bethel Circles**

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by Sonia Hektner Grabarkowitz

## **Bethel Choir**

In memory of Carol Sturdevant/Given by Keath & Cindy Borchert

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by Linda Johnson

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In memory of Charlene Clute/Given by Linda Palmer

## **Bethel Library**

In memory of Carol Sturdevant/Given by Clare Byron

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by Sylvia Likness

In memory of Esther Braaten/Given by Jean Hoerer

## **Dollars For Jesus**

In memory of Charlene Clute/Given by Linda Miller & Larry Bethel

In memory of Elmer Vavra (Father of Missy Klose)/Given by Linda Miller & Larry Bethel

## **Endowment**

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by Marilyn Anderson

In memory of Terry Pehl/Given by Marilyn Anderson

In memory of Carol Sturdevant/Given by Perry & Denise Miller

## **Eternal Candles**

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by Linda Johnson

## **FFS –Capital Campaign**

In memory of Carol Sturdevant/Given by Clare Byron

In memory of Carol Sturdevant/Given by Karen Kearns Lutz

In memory of Carol Sturdevant/Given by Charlie & Rose Krumwiede

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by Joe & Renee Speidel

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by Linda Miller

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by Connie Sletten

In memory of Terry Pehl/Given by Geri Coyne

In memory of Terry Pehl/Given by Clare Byron

In memory of Terry Pehl/Given by Brad & Angie Cruff

In memory of Terry Pehl/Given by Keath & Cindy Borchert

In memory of Terry Pehl/Given by Doug & Judy Peterson

In memory of Terry Pehl/Given by Sharon Kotnour

In memory of Charlene Clute/Given by Doug & Judy Peterson

## **FFS-Debt Reduction**

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by Doug & Judy Peterson

## **Youth**

In memory of Jerry Lien/Given by Lorraine Dronen

## **General Memorial**

In memory of Carol Sturdevant/Given by Judy Koppang

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by Don & JoAnn Tobin

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by Jerry & Lori Miranowski

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by Keith & Lois Hektner-Chase

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by Sharla & Mark Beithon

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by Pamela Shannon

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by Joy Kundert

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by the Eckre Family

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by Theresa French

In memory of Terry Pehl/Given by John & Karla Lovaasen

In memory of Terry Pehl/Given by Judy McDaniel

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by Tracy Nelson Radig

In memory of Terry Pehl/Given by Unknown Donor

In memory of Terry Pehl/Given by Pat & Lori Pithey

## **Faith Toolboxes**

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by Duane & Diane Finnie

In memory of Terry Pehl/Given by Gail Williams

In memory of Terry Pehl/Given by Duane & Diane Finnie

In memory of Terry Pehl/Given by Sonja Christianson

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by Sonja Christianson

## **FFS-Outreach**

In memory of Carol Sturdevant/Given by Barry & Sue Hendrickson

In memory of Terry Pehl/Given by Barry & Sue Hendrickson

In memory of Terry Pehl/Given by Cindy Schreiber-Beck

In memory of Charlene Clute/Given by the family

## **Quilting**

In memory of Jean Ivesdal/Given by LaMae Friskop

In memory of Esther Braaten/Given by Doug & Judy Peterson

In memory of Esther Braaten/Given by Braaten Family

In memory of Inez Eckre/Given by Ardeith Richter

In memory of Esther Braaten/Given by Ardeith Richter

In memory of Esther Braaten/Given by Sonja Christensen

In memory of Carol Sturdevant/Given by Neal & Phyllis Folstad

In memory of Carol Sturdevant/Given by Trisha & Ole Rygg

In memory of Carol Sturdevant/Given by Burton & Kristie Berg

In memory of Carol Sturdevant/Given by Leeann Carlson

In memory of Carol Sturdevant/Given by Steve & Barb Diederick

In memory of Carol Sturdevant/Given by Stan & Marilyn Sirek

In memory of Carol Sturdevant/Given by Sharon & Bob Jokumsen

In memory of Carol Sturdevant/Given by Jon & Janna Achter

In memory of Carol Sturdevant/Given by Vernae Hasbargen

In memory of Carol Sturdevant/Given by Virginia & Thomas Achter

In memory of Carol Sturdevant/Given by Wayne & Bonita

Oberlander

In memory of Carol Sturdevant/Given by Alice Schlotfeldt

# August Birthdays



8/1 - Sherry Bell  
Krystal Haberman  
Ronald Rowland  
Paul Wixo  
8/2 - Pamela Erlandson  
Wendy Kahler  
8/3 - Dean Busta  
Sierra Crandall  
Rachel Loberg  
Nick Tollefson  
8/4 - Baleigh Bakewell  
Anthony Cvancara  
Kimberly Fatland  
8/5 - Larry Hjelmstad  
Darin Rittenour  
8/6 - Tyler Burchill  
David Hendrickson  
Bobbi Luck  
Robin Meyer  
Jocelyn Riebe  
Shannon Thompson  
8/7 - Jake Bellmore  
Bradley Bernotas  
Ayden Dohman  
Wesley Hallquist  
Carson Miller  
8/8 - Sawyer Bertelson  
Jeris Grueneich  
Susan Hendrickson  
Beth Higdem  
Isaac Pflingsten  
8/9 - Casey Hickel  
Harmony Hubrig  
Samantha Klocke  
8/10 - Brittany Finnie  
Riley Good  
8/11 - Heather Bernotas  
Amelia Kraft  
Jasmyn Miller  
Lynette Still  
LilyBeth Townsend  
8/12 - Madalyn Casper

8/13 - Kinsley Bernard  
Tenley Davis  
Carla Hajek  
Samuel Korinek  
Jordan Spiekermeier  
8/14 - Dustin Klose  
8/15 - Nicholas Beto  
Cody Hickel  
Judith Koppang  
8/15 - Denise Miller  
Nicole Newcomb  
Samantha Pithey  
Alec Rosemore  
8/16 - Naomi Braun  
Vivian Maas  
Shelbie Medenwaldt  
Shea Truesdell  
8/17 - Brianna Close  
Raegan Klosterman  
Jay Thimjon  
8/18 - Kaitlyn Lee  
Caleb Meide  
Linda Palmer  
Curt Vierstraete  
8/19 - Sammy Babcock  
Cayden Barth  
Claire Boyer  
Robert Buck  
Aaron Mohs  
Daniel Pithey  
Stella Spiekermeier  
Abigail Weight  
8/20 - Asher Cherry  
Austyn Olson  
Connor Rosenberg  
8/22 - Mark Kearns  
Brayden Wahl  
Chase Wickoren

8/23 - Lucas Berndt  
Brian Boyer  
Dylan Broderick  
Jessica Fleck  
Ashley Gilbertson  
Brittany Hatting  
8/23 - Danyell Mund  
Lynda Neuman  
Madison Prochnow  
Corine Romereim  
Kelly Voss  
Zahkia Wold  
8/24 - Thomas Arnhalt  
Robert Bernstein  
Everlee McGarry  
Geraldine Nelsen  
Scott Thiel  
8/25 - Kimberly Bredeson  
Alex Hendrickson  
Axel Korinek  
Linda Miller  
Dean Sitz  
8/26 - Brittany Hofmann  
8/27 - Evan Berndt  
Alyssa Prochnow  
Molly Thompson  
8/28 - Polly Berndt  
Zachery Bontjes  
Darrell Morrison  
Brittany Uran  
8/29 - Dean Bellmore  
Edward Conzemius  
Judy Dahlman  
Albert Davis  
Diane Fisher  
8/30 - Laura Berger  
Jordan Moline  
Vicki Mund  
8/31 - James Cornelius  
Kailey Grandalen  
Britta Mohs  
Nicole Uhlich

Happy  
Birthday!

