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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 Worship Services

9:00 am Service

10:00 am Sunday School

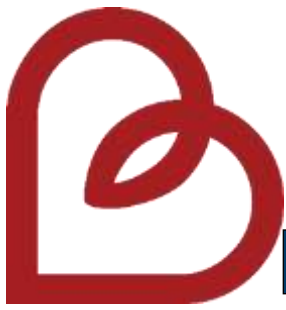
11:00 am Contemporary

Wednesday Services

4:45 Supper Served

5:30 Wednesday School &
Confirmation

6:45 Worship Service



Bethel Beacon

October 2023

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Upcoming Events

- Oct 1 World Communion Sunday
10am Sunday School Starts
- Oct 6 Lifeline Screening
Caregiver's Workshop
- Oct 8 Consecration Sunday
- Oct 10 Discussion & Dessert
- Oct 13 Caregiver's Workshop
- Oct 15 Fall Festival Day/Soup
Sunday
- Oct 20 Caregiver's Workshop
- Oct 22 Financial Forum @ 10am
- Oct 27 Caregiver's Workshop
- Oct 29 Reformation Sunday
- Nov 5 Pancake Breakfast
- Nov 14 Discussion & Dessert
- Nov 15 Soul Shop
- Nov 19 Thanksgiving Service
Ecumenical
New Member Sunday
- Nov 22 No Wednesday Class/Service
- Nov 23 Thanksgiving—Office Closed
- Dec 2 Pancakes with Santa
- Dec 13 Advent Fair
- Dec 17 Christmas Program/Live
Nativity with Potluck to follow
- Dec 20 Advent Fair
- Dec 21 Blue Service @ Evergreen
Church
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services
10am, 4pm, 6pm, & 10pm
- Dec 25 Christmas Day—Office Closed
- Dec 26 Office & Building Closed



Extraordinary Teachers Spotlight

The October Teacher Spotlight is on *Jocelyn Riebe and Addison Gerdon.*

Together they teach preschool on Wednesday evenings.

Jocelyn Riebe's Info:

How many family members in you family? *Sheila, Aaron, Cameron, Max (dog) and 2 cats*

How many years have you taught Wednesday School? *2*

What is your favorite story in the Bible? *Noah's Ark cause animals...duh*

What is your favorite: Candy? *Watermelon sour patch*

Addison Gerdon's Info:

How many family members in your family? *9 siblings, 3 parents, 6 nieces & nephews*

How many years have you taught Wednesday School? *2*

What is your favorite story in the Bible? *Noah's Ark (animals)*

What is your favorite: Candy? *Butterfingers*

Sylvia Likness

**100 years old on
October 16th, 2023**

**You are invited to celebrate
with Sylvia on Sunday,
October 15th, 10:00-11:00
AM during coffee hour.**



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



Message from Pastor Tom:

This past Sunday, the congregation that Cindy and I belong to in Battle Lake celebrated its 150th anniversary. I just re-read the history of Bethel Lutheran, here in Wahpeton, a history that has marked a number of significant milestones and spanned over 130 years. Church anniversaries mean rejoicing in the gift of faith that the past generations have given to us—and it means working hard to provide that same gift for future generations.

It is a celebration of a remembrance of the past but it is also a celebration of hope for the future. Bethel Lutheran has certainly evolved in its ministry and outreach over the years. I consider it so important for each generation to leave a legacy upon which those that follow can build upon—to leave something (an enhanced ministry) that will live on after any one generation is gone. Since you are the ones here right now, what great things do you celebrate in your life together and what will be the legacy that you leave behind. In changing times, with the Gospel message as the “constant,” always consider what new approaches to worship, for fellowship gatherings, spiritual growth opportunities (and various ways of delivery), and outreach ministries need to and could be explored, experimented with and developed.

May God bless your efforts for the future as God did for your past. We pray not just for survival, but that ministry, mission and a vibrant congregational life may flourish into the years ahead. Develop strong leadership with vision and an engaging partnership between pastor, lay leadership and all church members. This congregation has sent out many “missionaries” - men and women nurtured in faith here and who have moved on from the area and joined congregations in other towns and cities as active, contributing members. That movement is part of life. They are missed among your fellowship but your job as a parish has always been to “equip the saints for the work of the Lord.” And this parish has been faithful in doing that equipping ministry. Your work is to continue to extend a genuine, heart-felt, Christ-like, friendly invitation and welcome all people into this mission center and reach out beyond these walls with care and compassion.

Thanks be to God for Bethel Lutheran Church and may the Holy Spirit use your witness to touch lives in constantly renewing ways in a changing world that desperately needs the love of Jesus. May you always stay faithful and committed to the Lord and “be that light shining brightly in Wahpeton, North Dakota, offering hope, help, healing and home to everyone.” It’s always the right time to get ready for your future.

Sincerely,

Pastor Tom



Memorial Gifts for September

FFS-Debt Reduction

In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Doug & Judy Peterson
In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Clare Byron
In memory of Cynthia Meyer (Jerry Mohs' sister)/Given by Joe & Renee Speidel
In memory of Cynthia Meyer/Given by Doug & Judy Peterson

General Memorial

In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Bob & Ginny Buck
In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Judy McDaniel
In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Marty & Diane Carol Schmidt
In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Ralph Graalum
In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Carol Manock
In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Jon & Janna Achter

Bethel Choir

In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Connie Foster
In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Jim & Trudy Jacobson
In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Alice Schlotfeldt
In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Keath & Cindy Borchert
In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Paul & Janet Graalum
In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Tom & Susan Arnhalt

Faith Toolboxes

In memory Liz Graalum/Given by Gail Williams
In memory of Terry Pehl/Given by Connie Foster
In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Duane & Diane Finnie
In memory of Liz Graalum/given by Lynda Newman
In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Sonja Christensen
In memory of Cynthia Meyer (Jerry Moh's sister)/Given by Duane & Diane Finnie

Quilting

In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Bev McRoberts
In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Dennis & VonDa Lee Grandalen
In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Ruth Larson
In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Connie Sletten
In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Neal & Phyllis Folstad

Library

In memory of Liz Graalum/Given by Henry & Mary Ann Look

Eternal Candles and Altar Flowers
Sign up on the Volunteer Board



navigate the social, emotional and economic impacts they face as victims on the path to becoming survivors.

During the month of **October**, the **Noisy Offering** will be going to **Someplace Safe**. Someplace Safe works to assist victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sex trafficking, labor trafficking, and other crimes (including; stalking, elder abuse, identity theft, robbery, theft, etc.), as they

Bethel - A place of purpose
Matthew 6:34

"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

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

Bethel Children & Youth Ministries

by Lisa Bassingthwaite

Our Wednesday evening schedule is:

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 Revelation.



Sunday School will be held each Sunday starting October 1 at 10am. We will be using the same curriculum the Wednesday school programs will be using.



The following children have completed their 1st communion class instructions. They will be receiving their first communion on October 1st.

<i>Logan Jepsen</i>	<i>Mariah Mumm</i>	<i>Jack Dahlman</i>
<i>Asher Hughes</i>	<i>Hartley Hughes</i>	<i>Jessan Kiniske</i>
<i>Tanessa Tollefson</i>	<i>Avery Mitchell</i>	<i>Abby Voss</i>
<i>Makayla Johnson</i>	<i>Ayden Dohman</i>	<i>Jaxson Krump</i>
	<i>Aubree Krump</i>	

2024 National Youth Gathering summer of 2024. If you are or have a 7th-11th grader, please contact Lisa ASAP.

Our meeting schedule is:

October 8 at 6:30pm

November 19 at 6:30pm

December 3 at 6:30pm

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. Confirmation students this is a required event.

5:30-6:45 Pizza will be served

A 7:00 presentation will be held.



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.



Our youth room is always in need of snacks and drinks for our hungry kids arriving on Wednesday evenings. You can donate snacks, money, or gift cards to keep the fridge and shelves full.



DAYTIME BOOK CLUB

"Many people, myself among the, feel better at the mere sight of a book"
-Jane Sniley-

The Daytime Book Club met on September 10 to discuss the book "My Travels with Mrs. Kennedy". We call this a "coffee table book" because it is one you just pick up and peruse through the contents. Clint Hill did an excellent job writing this story and we enjoyed visiting about the many events and pictures listed. This is available in the church library.

October 9	Fox Creek	William Krueger
November 13	A Quiet Life	Ethan Joella
December 11	Xmas book of choice	
January 8, 2024	Survive the Night	Riley Sager
February 12	Beyond that, the sea	Laura Spence-Ash
March 11	Wednesday Sisters	Meg Waite Clayton
April 8	Home Front	Kristin Hannah
May 13	The First Ladies	Marie Bedit

We are always open to new members and would welcome you to consider joining us. The Daytime Club meets monthly at 10:00 a.m. on the second Monday. Give us a try!



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.



"Christians and Pumpkins"

The October prayer station has two themes. "Being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin" and "The Gospel Pumpkin". Check out the table in the sanctuary for each of these themes.

Take one of the cards or sheets with you to use throughout the month of October.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study—10:30

Pastor Tom leads the group in discussion on the bible texts for the upcoming Sunday worship. This is helpful time to think through and reflect upon these Scripture lessons in order that the message might be more meaningful.



Financial Report

Operating Fund Balance

12-31-2022	\$622.00
7-31-2023	\$5,209.00
8-31-2023	\$13,576.00

Mortgage Balance

12-31-2022	\$878,683.50
7-31-2023	\$788,175.00
8-31-2023	\$785,994.43

Capital Improvement Fund (1st Campaign)

1-31-23	\$53,860.00
7-31-23	\$13,648.00
8-31-23	\$8,535.00

Capital Campaign (Forward in Faith & Service)

Debt Reduction

7-31-23	\$51,880.00
8-31-23	\$75,835.00

(We have paid down an extra \$75,000 off the principle)

Outreach Fund

7-31-23	\$21,879.00
8-31-23	\$21,989.00

Bethel Lutheran - 2023



No Senior Pastor expenses in July

Bethel Lutheran - History



2019 Spend only had 1/3 of a year with Senior Pastor expenses

Sunday, October 22nd

Financial Forum

10:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

September 30th marks the end of the 3rd quarter of the Church's financial year.

Larry Bethel, our treasurer, will be making a presentation of the Church's financial position as of the end of the 3rd quarter. Also information will be provided concerning the repairs needed to the Church roof as well as the heating & air conditioning system, including potential financing options.

Eastern North Dakota Synod Fall Gathering—October 8th

Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth invites members of the Eastern North Dakota Synod to participate in this year's Fall Gatherings! Join others from around the synod for an afternoon of connections, conversation, and prayer. Here at Bethel Lutheran, we will be attending the Fall Gathering for the Wahpeton and Jamestown Conferences on October 8th, from 3:00-5:00 at St. John's Lutheran in Verona. These are informative and inspiring opportunities to get together with our Lutheran neighbors in this region of the state. Would you like to join us? You are invited. Let the office know and we will drive together. Thanks.



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

This four part series is scheduled for October 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 10:00am-11:30am.

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.



Lifeline Screening

Friday, October 6th

Bethel Lutheran Church

Call 888-653-6441 to set up your screening appointment.

Every 40 minutes someone in the United States has a stroke! 55,000 more women than men suffer a stroke each year!

Discussion and Dessert

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

Tuesday, October 10th—Johanna Bolte & Alisha Vanek—Someplace Safe Will be here at Bethel to discuss their new building & programs that take place at Someplace Safe. October is Domestic Abuse Awareness month. Join us to learn how we can help other in an unsafe environment.

Tuesday, November 14th—Mary Vetter—Veteran Services



GOD'S CALLING! I'M ALL IN!

Consecration Sunday and Celebration Brunch

October 8, 2023

Please mark this date on your calendar and come join us at one of the worship services that morning. Come join us for the catered Celebration Brunch between services. It is going to be a good day!

We love our church family and the work God has called us to do together. It has been quite a year and we are determined to build upon it in 2024 to the glory of God and the welfare of everyone, within these walls and beyond, that we are called to serve. This year's stewardship emphasis is all encompassing as we have spoken about the absolute need for everyone to step up and be involved and cheerfully share—time, talents and financial support—to make the work here all that it can be.

Everyone has something to offer and we want to hear renewed laughter in these halls, local and other mission needs being addressed and to see a comfortably full worship space when we are called together to give God praise. Let us have a grateful, generous heart when we think of all the Lord has done and to His invitation, His call to each of us, to come along and help serve and make happen the Great Commission. Your commitment to this is important. Thanks.



Food Backpack packing project—Bethel will be packing food backpacks on Friday, October 13th at 10:00 am. We will be getting the backpacks ready to go home with students on Wednesday, October 18th. Many hands are needed to make this project go quickly. Volunteers please sign up at the volunteer bulletin board in the hallway.



Lunch Buddies Needed at Wahpeton Elementary School and Breckenridge Elementary School!

You will meet with your lunch buddy 2 times per month for about an hour. The cost for the year is \$70 per year to cover the cost of your meals. What you gain is a wonderful relationship with a child that you help gain positive self-esteem and better social skills.



Circle 5

Meeting on October 18th

At 9:30am

Place: Sienna Court

Youth Mental Health First Aid

David Galvan will be putting on this free one day training for anyone who works with youth or has youth in their life. Free training, lunch & DEU's! This event is limited to 30 people!

The event will take place at United Methodist Church in Breckenridge on Saturday, November 18th.

Please pre-register by going to tinyurl.com/YMHFA-MN or scanning this code:



Touch A Truck was a Success!

Thank you to all the people who brought vehicles for the kids to explore and learn what they do. Also, THANK YOU to Brianna Walsh & Tricia Kriel for making this event happen! Watch for more fun activities from Marriage & Families Ministries.

Community Blood Screening

October 9th—13th, 2023

6:00-9:30 am

CHI St. Francis—Breckenridge, MN

Walk-In Clinic Entrance



By Appointment Call 218-643-0123

\$60 Guard Your Health & Your Wallet \$60

NO FASTING REQUIRED! Includes kidney & liver function, cholesterol, blood levels, complete blood counts, A1C & TSH tests.

This is a service of Wahpeton-Breckenridge Rotary Club, Essentia Clinic, Sanford Clinic & CHI St. Francis.

October Birthdays



10/1 - Auror Krump
Henry Loock
Robert McGuire
Aubree Platt
Darlene Schuler
Theodore Trappen

10/2 - Eric Rosenberg

10/4 - Chad Johnson
Crystal Lovik
Alexis McGarry

10/5 - Stephanie Hoefs
Marlene Jorgensen
Easton Manske
Patrick Pithey

10/6 - Jesse Medenwaldt
Gerald Mohs

10/7 - Trevor Bernstein

10/8 - Katie Erickson
Patricia Hudson
Luke Kasowski
Adley Stone

10/9 - Claryce Byron
Chelsy Filbert
Janice Kilber
Tyler Mitchell
Cassandra Munter

10/10 - Ryan Bronson
Kash Cookman
Ashley Johnson
Brooke Wallace

10/11 - Lisa Braun
Shelly Grueneich
Michael Opoien
Aveline Wold

10/12 - Ashley Broderick
Tracy Kilber
Rowan Krueger

10/13 - Baron Bjore
Haylie Moderow
Brittany Thompson
Zachery Vosberg

10/14 - Kiara Bassingthwaite
Jett Trappen

10/15 - Noah Hagelstrom
Amber Mund
Tracy Peterson

10/16 - Kassandra Braun
Sylvia Likness
Amanda Lunsetter
Brett Moderow
Jordyn Phelps
Brenda Prochnow

10/17 - Mallory Anderson
Cindi Facey
Pattie Gregor
Ione Muralt

10/18 - Kasen Bernstein
Jonathon Stone
Nora Walsh

10/19 - Amy Adolf
Sherri Bernard
Rick Hendrickson
Jameson Jepsen
Aubree Krump
Lucy Spiekermeier

10/20 - Darin Anderson
Susan Bronson
Logan Dimmer
Judy Oren

10/21 - Drew Cvancara
Lucy Floan
Laurie Stone
Vicki Trappen
Mary Vosberg

10/22 - Wayne Klose
Cade Mauch
Logan Meyer

10/23 - Tanner Bertelsen
Justin Formanek
Westley Kriel
Hannah Moderow

10/24 - Jenna Bassingthwaite
Oscar Good
Jean Smith
Isabelle Wahl

10/25 - Marilyn Anderson
Madison Bell

10/26 - Carter Jorschumb
Renee Speidel

10/27 - Mia Aakre
Anders Friskop
Cale Gilbertson
Jacqui Mauch
McKenna Steeves

10/28 - Cameron Kjelsush

10/29 - Addison Gerdon
Kallie Grefsrud
Chelby Ward

10/30 - Chloe Belbeck
Lataya Lunneborg

10/31 - Anika Birkelo
Harvey Link
Debra Redman



October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First Communion at both Services World Communion Sunday 8:00am Choir Practice 9:00am Worship Service w/Communion 10:00am Praise Band Practice 10:00am - 11:00am Sunday School Starts 11:00am Contemporary Worship w/ Communion & Baptism	2 5:15pm - 6:15pm Bells Practice	3 10:30am - 11:30am Nursing Home Service 10:30am - 11:30am Tuesday Adult Study 1:15pm - 2:15pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm Evening Book Club	4 9:30am Bethel Coffee at the Fryn' Pan 9:30am - 1:30pm Nursing Home Service 9:30am - 11:00am Wahpeton MOM's 4:45pm - 5:30pm Supper Served 5:30pm - 6:30pm Wednesday School & Confirmation 6:45pm - 7:30pm Worship Service	5	6 8:15am - 5:30pm Lifeline Screening 10:00am - 11:30am Caregivers Workshop 4:30pm - 9:00pm Call Committee	7 NDSCS Homecoming
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