We are starting a new Ministry here @ Bethel for our youngest members. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, starting October 13<sup>th</sup>, our Infant-3 year olds should grab their favorite grown up & join Lisa in the nursery @ 10:10am for our Itty-Bitty Book Club. Where we will learn how to share our faith with our littlest members. Faith starts with a story & so that story is a great place to start sharing our faith. Everyone that attends will receive a free board book.

Friends of St. Catherine's – will meet August 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm @ door 3. It's easy to be part of this ministry, you just have to like to talk & sit outside! Contact Joyce if you can help.

Bethel Lutheran Volunteers - if you volunteer any of your free time to the church, we want you to fill out a sheet & place it in the bucket by the Volunteer Bulletin Board. We will be adding up volunteer time through the end of 2024.

**Volunteers needed to assemble** the Bethel Beacon on Wednesday. August 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:30. The Beacon will be mailed out on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the Volunteer Bulletin Board or contact Joyce Johnson @ 640-4472.

Bethel Roof Repair/Replacement Fund - Thanks to everyone who has been donating to this fund. We have been able to put aside \$9795.56 so far to go toward working on our roof. Anyone can donate anytime! Simply write "roof/repair/replacement fund" in the memo or on the outside of the envelope as a special offering.

Richland-Wilkin Food Pantry-needs the following items: bar hand soap, liquid hand soap, dish detergent, shampoo & body wash. If you would rather not shop a monetary donation is always appreciated.

New Member Recognition Sunday will be on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the church office for a membership form or talk to Pastor Rich or Joyce Johnson if you are interested in membership.



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## This week at Bethel: August 12 through August 18

Monday-11:30 Book Club @ Wilkin, 5:00 Board of Lay Meeting, 6:30 **Cub Scouts** 

Tuesday-10:30 Bible Study, 1:15 Staff Meeting, 5:30 Exec Board Wednesday-1:00 Friends of St. Catherine's, 5:30 Worship Service Lead by Youth – Supper to follow Thursday-5:30 Planning Council

Sunday-10:00 Worship Service w/Communion

Coffee Bar will be from 9:30-11:30

## **Healing:**

Maddox Snare	Larry Hjelmstad
Jan Townsend	Larry Johnson
Esther Krause	Connie Sletten
Marcia Pederson	Joan Hardie
Tarek Aamold	Gwenda Carlson
Heidi Houghtaling	

Steve Listopad JoAnn Klein Arlo & Janice Kilber David Trangsrud Laurel Hanson

The New Orleans group would like to invite each of you to join us for a special worship service on August 14 @ 5:30pm. Come hear about the highs & lows of our trip. A free will offering supper will follow. We look forward to seeing you.

Are you a youth entering 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade this fall? Come join us next summer as we go on a mystery mission trip July 20-24. Our first trip meeting will be on September 25 @ 7:30pm. Questions contact Lisa.

**Join us August 22 for a drive-thru back-to-school blessing.** We will be in the parking lot handing out donuts & blessings from 7:30-8:15am. All students, teachers, & parents are welcome. If you would like to help, please sign up at the Volunteer Bulletin Board.

August Noisy Offering will be going towards *Food Backpack Program* through the Richland/Wilkin Food Pantry. Each Friday during the school year, students are sent home with a backpack of food. Please help support this cause & ministry through the coins at the bottom of your purse or collected in a container on your dresser. Let's make a difference in the lives of students in our area!

A Consuming Fire for New Beginnings. "Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer a God acceptable worship with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire." Hebrews 12:28-29



Pick up the flame & be grateful for new beginnings & our many blessings!

**How do you get someone's name on the prayer list?** Stop by the Usher Station & complete the prayer form. The ushers will make sure the completed form gets to the office Monday morning. You can also contact the church office. Please make sure you have consent from the person being added before contacting the church.

**Information will be coming soon** for our Feed My Starving children ℰ Valley Fair/Valley Scare trip in October.

It is never too early to start thinking about the ELCA Youth Gathering, Minneapolis, MN: June 28–July 2, 2027. All youth grades  $6^{\text{th}} - 10^{\text{th}}$  this year are eligible to attend.

**Red Willow Ministries** Annual Quilt Auction is on August 26th. If you are interested or would like more information, please come to the church office. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 per ticket.

**Call Committee Update:** is currently in the interview process with a candidate. We ask for your continued prayers as we look for our next pastor.

**Kitchen Alert!** If you have borrowed forks from the big kitchen, please return them as soon as possible. If we were to have a large funeral or gathering, we wouldn't have enough forks. Please don't borrow items unless you have spoken to the office.

**If you are attending** Wednesday school, Sunday school or confirmation you must be registered. Please go to the website & get registered today!

**Youth in grades 6-9 are invited** to attend Castaway Club, September 20-22. Cost is \$180.00, please register by September 6. Contact Lisa with any questions. Mark your calendars now.

**The Morning Book Club** will meet @ the Wilkin on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am. We will be discussing <u>*The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the*</u> <u>*Rules*</u> by Katherine Ingleman-Sonberg. For the rest of 2024 we will be meeting @ 10am @ Bethel.

**The Board of Outreach** is asking for volunteers to help @ the NDSCS Block Party on Sunday, August 25. Volunteers are needed from 4:00-7:30pm. Please sign up @ the volunteer bulletin board or contact the church office if you would like to be part of this Outreach experience.

**GriefShare Support Group** – Each person's grief is unique. So too, is each person's grief recovery. A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead & what's "normal" in grief. Join us starting on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:00am for this 13-week support group. The class cost is \$10 to cover the cost of your workbook. Please contact Muriel Hedrick @ 701-403-3547 or mhedrick@wah.midco.net if you have any questions or are interested in attending the class.