



**Bethel Lutheran**  
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**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 28<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.

**Minn-Dak is taking donation for Ukrainians.** Please contact Sheila Close @ 701-671-1313. They are furnishing apartments for their Ukrainian workers so give them a call if you want to clean out your house!

**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.

**Meals on Wheels need your help!** The Senior Center is looking for volunteers to help deliver meals. *They deliver 60 meals a day & have 4 routes.* Do you have 45-60 minutes to bring nourishment to seniors in our community? We are extending a challenge to our members. We challenge your place of work or group of friends to deliver Meals-on-Wheels for 2 weeks over the next year. Don't have a team but would like to help...join Bethel's team! Talk to Joyce about an application form that needs to be completed, call the Senior Citizen Center to pick your weeks, get your team assembled & take a picture for our display. Bethel Staff will be delivering meals the week of August 26-30<sup>th</sup>. Do you accept our challenge?

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***This week at Bethel: August 26 through September 1***

**Tuesday**-10:30 Bible Study, 1:15 Staff Meeting, 5:30 Board of Ed Mtg

**Wednesday**-1:00 Friends of St. Catherine's, **NO** Worship Service

**Thursday**-9:00 Helping Hands

**Sunday**-10:00 Worship Service w/Communion

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

**Healing:**

Maddox Snare	Larry Hjelmstad	Jay Erickson
Jan Townsend	Larry Johnson	JoAnn Klein
Esther Krause	Connie Sletten	Arlo & Janice Kilber
Marcia Pederson	Joan Hardie	Brent Phelps
Tarek Aamold	Gwenda Carlson	Laurel Hanson
Heidi Houghtaling		

**Please keep Kari Krause & family in your prayers** as they grieve the loss of her nephew, Shane Decker.

**Please keep Henry & Mary Ann Loock in your prayers** as they grieve the loss of their niece, Anita Arnold.

**Building & Office will be closed on Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**FYI - 9am & 11am Services will start on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**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.

**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!

**It is never too early to start** thinking about the ELCA Youth Gathering, Minneapolis, MN: June 28-July 2, 2027. All youth grades 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> this year are eligible to attend.

**Please turn in your Beacon Survey!** Just to clarify, this is just a survey, no decisions have been made as to how it will be distributed @ this time.

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

**Wednesday school and Sunday school teachers** - we will be holding a teacher's training September 11 at 7:00 pm.

**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.

**Summer Wednesday worship** gathering @ 5:30pm has ended for the summer. Wednesday worship will resume in mid-September. Stay tuned for more updates!

**Pr. Rich is away this weekend** as he & his family are moving their son to college. He will be back in the area on Monday. Thank you to Lisa for preaching today!

**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 support 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. The class cost is \$10. Please contact Muriel Hedrick @ 701-403-3547 or [mhedrick@wah.midco.net](mailto:mhedrick@wah.midco.net) with any questions or are interested in attending the class.

**Join Team Bethel for the "Out of the Darkness Walk":** on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 11:00am. We are walking to help prevent suicide. Please sign up @ the Volunteer Bulletin Board & captain Joyce will register you. If you are unable to walk, you can help to reach its fundraising goal of \$32,000. Bethel has a goal of \$300. The Noisy Offering for the month of September will go to this. Mental health matters & there is hope!

**Special Congregational Meeting, September 8 @ 10AM:** The call committee will present a pastoral candidate to the congregation. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

**Volunteers Needed for Next Weekend!** Please sign up to usher & to help with communion.

**September Discussion & Dessert** – Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2pm-4pm. Southeast Senior Services will be @ Bethel to educate us on services available for seniors.

**Bethel shirts are here!** They are \$15/each. Please let Lisa know if you are interested in receiving one. Variety of sizes and colors are available.

**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 your extra coins. Let's make a difference in the lives of students in our area!