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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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Summer Worship starts on  
Sunday, May 25th

One service at 10am.

No Wednesday Programming  
until Fall



# Bethel Beacon

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## Upcoming Events (May thru August)

(Subject to Change)

- May 3 Women's Spring Luncheon
- May 4 Confirmation at 11am Worship Service
- May 10 Cindy Bredeson's Piano Recital
- May 11 Senior Sunday
- May 13 Thrivent Webinar
- May 25 Start of Summer Worship Schedule
- May 26 Office & Building Closed
- May 28 Campfire Worship
- June 5 P3-Pastor, Puppy & Patio Starts
- Jun 7-8 Synod Assembly
- June 12 P3-Pastor, Puppy & Patio
- June 23-26 Vacation Bible School
- July 2 Campfire Worship
- July 3 P3-Pastor, Puppy & Patio
- July 4 Office & Building Closed
- July 10 P3-Pastor, Puppy & Patio
- July 24 P3-Pastor, Puppy & Patio
- July 30 Campfire Worship
- Aug 27 Blessing of Animal Day  
Campfire Worship
- Aug 31 P3-Pastor, Puppy & Patio
- Sept 1 Office & Building Closed
- Sept 7 Start of Fall Worship Schedule



## Church Calendar

Find an up-to-date calendar at this link.  
(goes to church website)



*This poem was given in honor of the*

## *Bethel Quilters*



### Quilters' Beatitudes

Blessed are the quilters;  
for they are the piecemakers.

Blessed are the quilters;  
for they make ends meet.

Blessed are the quilters;  
for they know how to cut corners.

Blessed are the quilters;  
for they keep you in stitches.

Blessed are the quilters;  
for they make great comforters.

Blessed are the quilters;  
for they patch things up.

Blessed are the quilters;  
for they pick up the pieces.

Blessed are the quilters;  
for they save you energy.

Blessed are the quilters;  
for they put color in your life.



## Note from Pastor Amy

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ has risen! It was a wonderful first Lent, Holy week & Easter Sunday together. I am so thankful for all who lent a hand to make the season so meaningful. I pray that throughout the Lenten season you were challenged to “let go” of what was getting in the way of your relationship with Christ & “cultivate” the things that would make your relationship with Christ stronger.

As we move into May & the milestones that May always brings (Confirmation, Senior Sunday, Graduations, etc.), we look forward to continued celebration with you of how God is at work in our young people.

I think we forget sometimes to stop & look around for God in the midst of our everyday. I hope this summer can be for you a chance to breathe, to be, to find some sabbath rest, to get out & enjoy God’s creation & to spend time in fellowship & worship.

A few things that I will be offering this summer, that I invite you to check out:

**Community Campfire Workshop**—Come & join us as we get out into God’s creation & praise God together. There will be a chance for worship (camp style), fellowship, food & more! Our dates for Community campfire Worship this summer are: May 28, July 2, July 30 & August 27. More info about this will be coming soon on your blue sheet, on Facebook & on the church website.

**P3-Pastor & Puppy on the Patio**—Have you wondered where Pastor Amy lives? Wanted to meet Adalee? Just want a chance to grab a glass of lemonade or iced tea & chat? Pastor Amy will be hosting P3 Pastor & Puppy on the Patio at her house in Breckenridge on Thursday afternoons from 1-3. Come & hang out & get to know others from Bethel!

**Walk & Talk**—this group, just in the beginning stages will meet & share a Bible Reading together & then go out for a walk together in the sunshine! Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

Finally a reminder that beginning Memorial Day Weekend (Sun. May 25), we will be joining our two services for the summer into one worship service at 10am.

However you can join us in this season of celebrations & sabbath, we hope that you do, & pray it is a season of blessings, rest & joy for you!

Your partner on the journey,

**Pastor Amy**





## Memorial Gifts for April

### Faith Toolboxes

In memory of Carrol Juven/ Given by Sonja Christensen

In memory of Jan Dushane/ Given by Sonja Christensen

### General Memorial

In memory of Carrol Juven(brother of Ardeith Richter)/ Given by Neal & Phyllis Folstad

In memory of Carrol Juven/ Given by Chuck & Ione Muralt

### Roof Repair/Replacement

In memory of Carol Hass/ Given by Dee Jensen

In memory of Carrol Juven/ Given by Judy McDaniel

### Endowment

In memory of Carol Hass, Marcia Pederson & Jim Tillmann/ Given by Clare Byron

### Quilting

In memory of Marcia Pederson, Joyce Perez, Carol Hass & Carrol Juven/ Given by Ardeith Richter

In memory of Carrol Juven/ Given by Ruth Larson

In memory of Carrol Juven/ Given by Sharon Kotnour

In memory of Carrol Juven/ Given by Donna Dahlgren

In memory of Carrol Juven/ Given by Mark & Colleen Engrebretson

In memory of Carrol Juven/ Given by Janice Ellingson

In memory of Diana Allen (sister of Suzanne Pehl)/ Given by Gary & Jody Friskop

In memory of Carrol Juven/ Given by Barry & Sue Hendrickson

### Lamentations 3:22-23

**"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."**



### Eternal Candles and Altar Flowers



Sign up on the Volunteer Board for 2025

The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board by the Centennial Room Kitchenette. The cost for the Altar flowers will be \$30 per Sunday and Eternal Candles will be \$5 per week.



### Prayer Station

It is the month of May! At the prayer station at the back of the sanctuary, there is a prayer for you to use if you wish, to thank God for your many blessings! You may also take one of the small cards with flower pots on them to remind you to continue to pray for all of our many blessings!

## Clothing Collection



Bethel is collecting gently used clothing for a back-to-school event

**Sizes 3T - Adult 2XL**

Drop items off on  
**Tuesdays in June from 9am-5pm**  
**June 10<sup>th</sup> until 7pm**  
(contact office if another time is needed)



*This group meets on the Second Monday of the month at 10:00am.  
The books they are reading in the coming months are:*

**May 12: Sons of Fortune by Jeffrey Archer**

**June 9: The Island by Nancy Lee**

**July 14: When Crickets Cry by Charles Martin**

**August 11: The Apartment Across the Hall by Jack Dane**

**September 8: Lineage of Grace by Francine Rivers**

**October 13: Dinner for Vampires by Bethany Joy Lenny**

**November 10: The Hiding Place by Corrie Tenboom**



The leaders of the executive & all other boards gathered on March 29th at Noon. They spent the afternoon putting together the following goals for both short term work (in the next year or so), & long term work (in the next 5 or 10 years), as ways that we work together to live out our mission as a congregation.

### **Goals Developed by All Board Gathering Spring 2025**

#### **Short Term Goals (in the next year or so)**

- Staff Support
- More Adult Ed (particularly in evenings)
- Reach out to inactive members & find out how we might support them in being more active
- Growth & deepen involvement in active members
- Social events (outside of church building) such as Beer & Hymns, etc.
- Events for the community....another STEAM event?
- Events combining learning & fun i.e. Bible Trivia & Walk & Talk
- Offer Coffee Talk or something similar in the afternoon for folks (a chance to just gather & have conversation, taking a break from work)
- Online programming for when folks are away from church
- Keep up the Facebook/Email/Monday Moments
- Board Show Case/Ministry Fair to let others know what boards do & how to get involved
- Focus more on joy & worry less about money

#### **Long Term Goals (in the next 5-10 years or so)**

- Visitation Pastor or 2nd Pastor
- Mission Trips (to somewhere warm)
- Active Men's Group
- Purchase Homes on 7th to expand ministry
- Offer classes like Walking thru the Old Testament
- Soup Kitchen
- Food/Clothing Closet
- Small Group ministry
- More Parent Involvement
- Youth Choir or Youth Band
- Bethel involved with Habitat for Humanity
- Help with needed repair (similar to Fix it Forward in Fargo)
- Complete our current remodel/repair projects & pay off loans



Bethel Children & Youth Ministries  
by Lisa Bassingthwaite



***2025 Confirmands***  
***May 4, 2025***

Isaac Daniel Anderson  
Mallory Romel Anderson  
Gavin Edward Badgley  
Kailee Ann Bernstein  
Peyton Rae Bertelsen  
Tyler Arthur James Burchill  
Odin Erick Carlson  
Anthony Carter Cvancara

Julia Mae Dohman  
Austin Timothy Fenske  
Jack Steven Gilbertson  
Braxton Nicholas Heitkamp  
Carter Jon Miller  
Mirabella Lucy Renee Pausch  
Brooke RaeAnn Rosenberg  
Cayden Tyler Wangler

Have a Great Summer!!  
Keep looking on Facebook  
& in the weekly Blue  
Sheet for more  
activities coming!!

**Fall Registration**



Keep an eye out for  
fall registration!  
More information  
coming soon!!

***Swimming  
Party***

More information to  
come—keep a lookout  
for it in the Blue Sheet!



**Vacation Bible School**

**June 23rd thru June 26th**

**TRUE NORTH BIBLE SCHOOL**

Trusting Jesus in a Wild world!



Supper will be served each evening starting at 4:45pm. VBS will run from 5:30-7:45pm

**JOIN US IN MAKING VBS a SUCCESS!**

We're excited to kick off our Vacation Bible School and we need your help to make it amazing! We're putting together a fantastic team and are looking for volunteers to fill various roles: *Group Leaders, Station Leaders, Food Coordinators & Decorators.*



## Prayer Sponsors for Class of 2025

Graduation is quickly approaching for the 2025 class. We are looking for Prayer Sponsors for our Bethel Seniors. A Prayer Sponsor will send a card or text to the graduate as they go through their first year of college or first year of being out of high school. This is a big change for these young adults and we want them to know Bethel members are praying for them as they begin this journey. Please email Joyce at [joyce@bethelwahpeton.com](mailto:joyce@bethelwahpeton.com) if you would like to lift one of our seniors in prayer and send them encouragement for the next year.



## Helping hands needed @ St. Catherine's!

Help brighten someone's mood & put a smile on their face. We will be helping residents plant flowers in pots to put in front of their building & in their courtyard. No date has been set yet as we will watch the weather. I will let everyone who signs up know the date as soon as St Catherine's gives the thumbs up to plant. We will also be watering those plants throughout the summer. I want to put together teams to water about 25 pots that we plant. Total watering time should be less than 1/2 hour with 2 people watering every other day. Please sign up on the Volunteer Board if you would like to get your hands dirty planting and placed on the watering schedule.

## THANK YOU!!

To all who have donated to the Forward in Faith & Service Outreach Fund! In mid-March, Brianna Walsh hosted a STEAM event for children ages 0-5 @ Bethel. She requested a grant through the FFS Outreach Fund for \$200. With that she purchased materials to provide fun, hands on learning experiences for 45 kids & their families. The feedback from the event was great & many families expressed interest in having future events for young families. Your generosity made an experience like this possible.

**Tuesday May 13 @ 7pm**

## *Thrivent Webinar*

### **"The Washington Update"**

**With Jeff Bush**

Please join us as what happens in Washington affects your investments & retirement.

Pizza & fellowship will begin @ 7pm with the webinar from 7:30-8:30pm



## Pictorial Directory

We need your pictures for our online directory. We are missing a lot of pictures & other information. We will be working over the summer to update Icon & get more smiling faces in the directory. Please log onto Icon to verify your information is up to date & also let us know if we can use a picture from your Facebook page or you can email one to Joyce at [joyce@bethelwahpeton.com](mailto:joyce@bethelwahpeton.com)

Church

OFFICE  
HOURS

Monday—Thursday  
9:00 am—5:00 pm

Friday  
Closed



### **P3-Pastor & Puppy on the Patio**

Have you wanted to see where Pastor Amy lives in Breckenridge? Have a chance to get to know her better? Have a chance to meet her puppy Adalee?

Come and join us on most Thursdays this summer from 1-3pm at Pastor Amy's house (211 New York Ave) for P3-Pastor & Puppy on the Patio! A chance to grab some lemonade or iced tea and get to know each other better. All are welcome! In case of inclement weather, Pastor Amy will bring Adalee to church! Hope to see you there!

### **Come and join us for Community Campfire Worship**

Do you head to the lake during the summer? Do you travel with your family? Do your kiddos activities have you missing your Bethel family? Come join us

approximately once per month this summer for Community Campfire Worship. We will gather, sing & praise "camp-style", share some food together &

have fun too! Each of our campfire worshipers will have a different theme, so be sure to check them out this summer! Watch our Facebook page or website for more info coming soon!



### **Community Campfire Worship**

**May 28**

**July 2**

**July 30**

**August 27**

**More information**

**coming soon!!**

### **BIBLE STUDY**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study—  
10:30**

Pastor Amy 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.



### **EVENING BOOK CLUB**

This group meets on the First Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.

You can follow us on Facebook at  
***Bethel Lutheran Evening Book Club.***  
All are welcome!

**May 6: Frankenstein by Mary Shelly**