

Advent Season

We will continue with the theme From Generation to Generation in our Advent Worship on Sunday mornings. Remember that our Midweek Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30pm is shared with Resurrection Lutheran Church. Please come to pause and pray at both churches!



Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer at Resurrection Lutheran Church
(1024 Shawano Ave)

Saturday, December 3rd at 9am Women's Advent Breakfast

Sunday, December 4th at 9am 3rd Sunday of Advent with the Tone Chimes and a Special Thanks to Jesse Meister with the Budget Meeting after worship

Wednesday, December 7th at 6:30pm Holden at Bethel

Sunday, December 11th at 9am 4th Sunday of Advent with the Choir Singing

Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30pm Holden at Resurrection Lutheran Church

Sunday, December 18th at 9am Adventfest with crafts following worship

Wednesday, December 21st at 6:30pm Holden at Bethel

2nd Annual Adventfest Worship & Crafts

Come share your talents on **Sunday, December 18th** at our 2nd Annual Adventfest Worship! Bring a poem, story, song, or skit to tell the story of the coming of Christ. There is a signup sheet in the hallway. After worship we will have refreshments and crafts from 10am-12:30pm. Watch for our craft samples as well as a sign-up sheet for needed donations in December. Friends and family are welcome!

Donation list: Sandpaper 60 grain and 100 grain, acrylic paint, gel stain, sponge brushes, round sponge brushes, craft paper, glue sticks, ribbon, mini clothespins, old Christmas cards, Modge Podge, glitter, glitter glue, sequins/gems, disinfectant wipes, 2 gallons apple cider, 2 dozen juice boxes, quick breads, muffins, cookies.



Christmas Eve Worship

4pm Worship with Communion, Candle Lighting, & Tone Chime Choir

9pm Worship with Communion, Candle Lighting, & Bethel Choir

Note: We will not be having worship on Christmas Day
(Sunday, December 25th).

From the Desk of Pastor Kim

This Advent season our theme has been "From Generation to Generation," which comes from Mary's song of protest and praise:

*Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
For the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him **from generation to generation.** (Luke 1:48b-50)*

We are invited to look at the characters in our scriptures and wonder: What did each character pass on or contribute? How did each character participate in God's liberation and love?

As I have prepared my sermons, and prayed on this theme, I have wondered how future generations might remember me. What attributes, passions, and actions will I be known for? What seeds am I planting for the future? How about you?

From Generation to Generation . . . reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions, and stories are interconnected and woven together. In the midst of a world narrative that is designed to divide us, what does it look like to practice belonging to one another? For the work of God is always unfolding - in and through us. This Advent season, how will we carry it forth?

Trunk or Treat

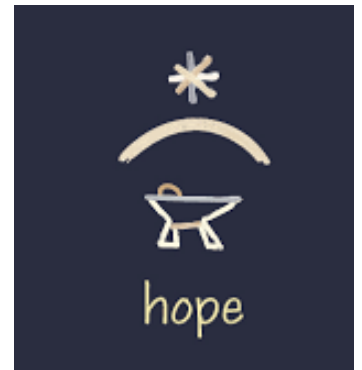
On Monday, October 31st, 6 decorated car trunks and their owners from the Bethel family, welcomed 204 trick or treaters in the Bethel parking lot.



Advent Donation Drive

This year, Bethel is supporting local veterans by helping to buy “cash only” \$10 gas cards from Kwik Trip. Linda Grunewald, a veteran of the US Navy, who served in 1966-69 during Vietnam, and a Bethel member, brought this request to us as a community.

The outlook for some veterans is not so good. 50% of the homeless in Green Bay are veterans and most of them are living in their cars. These gas cards will be donated to the Center for Veterans Issues, where Linda volunteers, to spread a little HOPE. We know this is the time of year when everyone is asked to give, but the veterans are really in need. Cash can be given to Linda Grunewald or brought to the office. Thanks!



All Saints Sunday

Thanks to Hailey for her bowl ringing after each saint's name.



Decorating for Advent

Thanks to Marsha & Doug Scholes and Bonnie Madson for helping to get our sanctuary ready for the Advent season. Our sanctuary has quilts, blankets, rugs and cradles that have been passed from generation to generation. Our Advent candle area also has items of the past generations of Bethel's history. Come check it out!



Memorial and Gifts

From the Faith Circle to the Bethel Quilters in Memory of Lou Pahnke

Gift Advisory Committee: Terri Hilbert, Linda Grunewald, Tori Russett, Charlie Hilla, Paul Jerks, Doris Brack (Council Rep), Todd Keckhaver (Treasurer), and Pastor Kim.

Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Julie Karnopp. Julie died on Monday, November 28th. Julie's funeral will be held at Bethel on Monday, December 5th. Visitation will be from 10-11:30am with the service following at 11:30am. Afterward, everyone is invited to a meal downstairs.

Mission Opportunities

Resurrection Food Pantry Items always needed include: canned fruit & vegetables, baked beans, canned meals, Jello. They also are always in need of laundry soap. Currently there is great need for paper bags and plastic bags (w/no holes).

NEW Community Shelter Meal will be served in collaboration with Trinity and Resurrection churches on **Sunday, December 11th**. Six dozen bars/cookies are needed for this meal. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Salvation Army Senior Lunch Meal will be prepared on **Monday, January 16th**. Please sign-up on the bulletin board (later in December) for items needed which include: 2 (24oz) jars spaghetti sauce, 3 (2#) boxes dry spaghetti, 6 dozen breadsticks/dinner rolls, 3 (8oz) containers parmesan cheese, 3 (1#) bags baby carrots. Ice Cream Buckets are always needed.

Mission Room Don't forget that we collect Christmas string lights that no longer work, egg cartons, old glasses, and used batteries in the green room downstairs.

Thank You!

Thank you to the following people for helping out at the Fall Work Day on Saturday, November 12th: Carl Andrews, Doris Brack, Dave Hansen, Taylor, Peggy Hansen, Shannon & Hailey Hansen, Jane Heise, Charlie Hilla, Todd Keckhaver, Jesse Meister, Marilyn Meister, Cindy Michalski, Pastor Kim, and Gaye Richardson.

Thanks also to Karl Peterson for repainting our mailbox. Look at those windows!



Bethel Newsletter deadline for the February issue will be **January 15th**. We ask that all submissions be turned in by this date. Thank you.

December Birthdays

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|-------------------|------|------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| Carol Hohne | 12/2 | Kati Long | 12/9 | Jenny Martin | 12/24 |
| Madelin Villiesse | 12/2 | Willie Schmidt | 12/10 | Jack Peot | 12/24 |
| Lorraine Hansen | 12/5 | Courtney Carlson | 12/11 | Chelsey Groessl | 12/28 |
| Lynn Smith | 12/6 | Linda Martin | 12/12 | Florence Niemuth | 12/28 |
| David Elbe | 12/7 | Kathryn Petersen | 12/23 | Kinsley Keckhaver | 12/29 |

December Anniversaries

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|----------------------|-------|--------|
| Jill & Gary Dequaine | 12/5 | 19 yrs |
| Karen & Bill Hervas | 12/23 | 44 yrs |

January Birthdays

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|-----------------|-----|-----------------|------|----------------|------|
| Tim Jasman | 1/1 | Tori Russett | 1/9 | Nadine Knoll | 1/26 |
| Brenda Mayer | 1/1 | Shirley Johnson | 1/15 | Doug Hanson | 1/27 |
| Jack Elton | 1/3 | Sally Caylor | 1/17 | April Martin | 1/27 |
| Joshua Roethle | 1/3 | Molly Roethle | 1/18 | Landon Roethle | 1/29 |
| Laurie Andrews | 1/5 | Maureen Addison | 1/22 | Gloria Treptow | 1/31 |
| Gretchen Baeten | 1/5 | Tarin Carlson | 1/23 | | |
| Jesse Meister | 1/6 | Shasta Murphy | 1/24 | | |
| Liam Golden | 1/7 | Ann Poh | 1/24 | | |



January Anniversaries

| | | |
|-----------------------|------|--------|
| Diane & Ron Wesoloski | 1/17 | 33 yrs |
| Todd & Sue Keckhaver | 1/27 | 39 yrs |

Bethel Prayer Concerns

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Adam | Rose Dunst | Roberta Krouth |
| Kayla Anderson | Sandy & Dave Elbe | Caryl Peters |
| Berne Baer | Kathy H | Kathy Towle |
| Elaine Barber | Nancy Johnson | Austin Tree |
| Nancy Boettcher | Shirley Johnson | Willow Van Vonderen |
| Cheri | CJ Johnston | Rick Vanlieshout |
| Dan Conrad | Debbie Kasulke | Sue Vaughn |
| Dave DuFresne | Joni Keckhaver | |



CPR/AED Training:

Bethel is so fortunate to have an AED installed in the lounge and now we have members trained to use it and to do CPR in case of an emergency.



Want to learn?
We will have another class in the new year.



Racial Equity Virtual Study: Using the ELCA's Declaration to People of African Descent, a five-week, synod-wide, virtual study is scheduled for Thursday, Jan 19th, 26th, Feb 2nd, 9th, and 16th. You may attend the morning (9:30-11am) or evening (6-7:30pm).

Let Pastor Kim know if you would like to join.

Bible Studies at Bethel

Peace Study Group will meet on Thursday, December 1st at 11:30am to eat out.

The next study will be Thursday, January 5th at 10am in the church lounge.

Faith Study Group will meet on Thursday, December 1st at 1pm in the church lounge.

Study: Sandi Tibbits | Hostess: Kay Smith The next meeting will be Thursday, January 5th.

Joy Study Group will meet on Tuesday, January 17th at 6:30pm at Linda Wery's home.

BBB's will meet on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30pm Dar Schuurman's home.

Tuesday, January 10th at 6pm we will have our Holiday Out to Eat.

Beer & Theology will meet on Sunday, December 18th at 5pm at Doug & Marsha Scholes' home for a potluck and questions for stump the Pastor. In January, we will meet on Monday January 16th at The Bar Next Door/Cheesecake Haven at 5:30pm

Confirmation

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 5-6:30pm for study and fun!

Wed, Dec 7th: Lord's Prayer with Mentors

Wed, Dec 21st: Christmas Celebration

Wed, Jan 4th: Apostle's Creed with Mentors

Wed, Jan 18th: Apostle's Creed



Financial Report

| | Revenue | Expenditures |
|----------|-----------|--------------|
| October | \$19,602 | \$17,331 |
| November | \$14,509 | \$19,334 |
| YTD | \$190,694 | \$202,780 |

2022 Monthly Budget: \$20,854

2022 Total Budget: \$250,253

Annual Budget Meeting Bethel's annual budget meeting will be held after worship on **Sunday, December 4th**. Please plan to attend. Copies of the proposed budget can be found at the usher stands.

2022 Offerings In order for your offerings to be counted for the year 2022 they must be into the church office **no later than 11am on Wednesday, December 28th**. The office will be open from **9-11am** on that day to take any last minute donations.. Any offerings turned in after that date will be counted for 2023. Thank you.



Online Giving Online giving is available through the Bethel website: bethelonbond.org. In the upper right corner of our website home page you will find "Donate". Click on that and it will take you to Vanco's secure site where you can contribute to the ministry and mission of Bethel.

Offering Envelopes Offering envelopes for 2023 are now in the lounge. If you worship with us regularly and don't currently have offering envelopes, please contact the church office. At the front of your box of envelopes is a special envelope marked "Initial Offering". This offering of \$4 helps offset the envelope printing costs.

Those who participate in *Simply Giving*, still need an envelope number to record your giving. Included in the offering envelope box are special Lent, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas envelopes. Please note that your offering envelope number may have changed in the New Year. Thank you.

2022 Annual Reports are Due All Bethel committee and organization chair-persons are asked to turn in their annual reports to the church office **by January 9th** so that the 2022 Annual Report can be printed and made available to the congregation by January 22nd. Thank you in advance for getting your reports to us by that date!

Save the Date for Bethel's Annual Meeting Sunday, February 5, 2023

Congregation Council Minute HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, November 14, 2022

(Awaiting approval at the December Church Council meeting)

Present : Doris Brack, Linda Grunewald, Charlie Hilla, Marilyn Meister, Cindy Michalski, and Gayle Peot

Excused: Todd Keckhaver, Paulette Pedersen, and Linda Wery

Ex-Officio: Pastor Kim Swenson **Guest:** Dawn Schroeder

Call to Order: Charlie Hilla called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

Dwelling in the Word: Cindy Michalski led Dwelling in the Word with readings from a book by Sarah Young and then led us in prayer.

REPORTS: **Secretary's Report** (with correction to the name of the CPR/AED instructor, Joe McGinness),

Parish Accountant Report & Pastor's Report: Received as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

2023 Budget: The budget proposal was reviewed with Dawn clarifying questions/changes. Approved to present it to the congregation on December 4, 2022.

Custodian: Charlie Hilla reported that Jesse Meister has resigned his position as custodian as of November 31, 2022. The personnel committee has discussed the possibility of splitting this position into 2 positions, one for inside custodial and one for outside yard care. They are looking at various options and are contacting a couple cleaning agencies for estimated costs. Peggy Hansen has found someone who will come in to do our windows on the outside.

Advent Fest: Pastor Kim is planning an Advent Fest for December 18. People are encouraged to participate by sharing a song, poem or skit as a part of the service. There will be snacks and crafts after.

OLD BUSINESS:

Administrative Assistant Update: Deb Runnoe has been hired and has begun working. She will be working 22 hours a week. She will be coming to our service on the 20th to meet the congregation. We have been blessed to have member volunteers who have been helping out in the office up until now and want to give them a big THANK YOU!





Red Cross CPR/AED Training: We had training on November 7 with Joe McGinness, a licensed Red Cross Trainer presenting. Nine people attended and learned how to use our new AED equipment and updated CPR procedures.

Fall Clean-up: We had fall clean-up on Saturday, November 12th with 15 volunteers

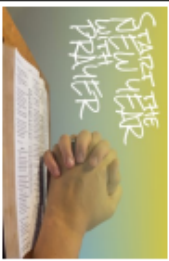


Aebleskiver: We are hoping to have Aebleskiver Fest this year, but have some concerns about getting enough helpers. Please let the office know if you will be willing to work.

Adjourn: at 8:35pm and closed with the Lord's Prayer **Next meeting Monday December 12th at 6:30pm** Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Meister, Council Secretary

December 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--------------------------|---|--|------------------------------------|--|
| <p>4 8:00 Tone Chime 9:00 Worship 10:00 Annual Cong Budget Meeting</p> | <p>5 11:30 Funeral of Julie Kannopp</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7 5-6:30 Confirmation w/ Mentors 6:30 Advent Worship @ Bethel 7:15 Choir</p> | <p>1 11:30 Peace Out to Eat 1:00 Faith Study</p> | <p>2 ~ Pastor Sabbath ~</p> | <p>3 9:00 Women's Ad- vent Breakfast 9:30 Crossways Annual Mtg </p> |
| <p>11 9:00 Worship 10:00 Tone Chime 11:00 NEW Shelter Meal</p> | <p>12 6:30 Council Meeting</p> | <p>13 6:30 BBB's</p> | <p>14 10:00 Mission Sewing 6:30 Advent Worship @ Resurrection Lutheran 7:15 Choir</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16 ~ Pastor Sabbath ~</p> | <p>17  Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> |
| <p>18 8:00 Tone Chime 9:00 Adventfest 10:00 Advent Crafts 5:00 Beer & Theology</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21 5-6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Advent Worship @ Bethel 7:15 Choir</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23 ~ Pastor Sabbath ~</p> | <p>24 Christmas Eve 4:00pm Christmas Eve Family Worship 9:00pm Christmas Eve Traditional Worship</p> |
| <p>25 No Worship at Bethel </p> | <p>26 Church Office Closed</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28 9:00-11:00 Office Open for End of Year Donations</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30 Church Office Closed</p> | <p>31 </p> |

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| 1 9:00 Worship  | 2 | 3 | 4 5:00 Confirmation with Mentors 7:00 Bethel Choir | 5 10:00 Peace Study 1:00 Faith Study | 6 ~ Pastor's Sabbath ~ | 7  |
| 8 9:00 - Worship 10:00 Tone Chime | 9 Annual Reports Due 6:30 Council Meeting | 10 6:00 BBB's Out to Eat | 11 10:00 Mission Sewing 7:00 Bethel Choir | 12 9:30 Library Committee | 13 ~ Pastor's Sabbath ~ | 14 |
| 15 9:00 Worship 10:00 Tone Chime | 16 1:00 Salvation Army Senior Meal Prep 5:30 Beer & Theology | 17 6:30 - Joy Study Group | 18 5:00 Confirmation 7:00 Bethel Choir | 19 | 20 ~ Pastor's Sabbath ~ | 21 |
| 22 9:00 Worship 10:00 Tone Chime | 23 | 24 | 25 7:00 Bethel Choir | 26 | 27 ~ Pastor's Sabbath ~ | 28  |
| 29 9:00 Worship 10:00 Tone Chime | 30 | 31 | | | | |

Service Schedule for December



| | Assisting Minister | Reader | Altar Guild & Communion Assist | Usher | Video Tech |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sunday, Dec 4th | Doug Hanson | Dar Schuurmans | Laurie Andrews Gayle Peot | Rick & Aubrey Johnson | Yvonne Pamperin Doug Scholes |
| Sunday, Dec 11th | Linda Grunewald | Karl Peterson | Peggy Hansen Marilyn Meister | Michael Zastrow Bruce Brusewitz | Rick Johnson |
| Sunday, Dec 18th | Doug Scholes | Dawn Schroeder | Pat Petzel Terri Hilbert | Todd & Sue Keckhaver | Pegi BeDell |

Saturday, Dec 24th Christmas Eve Service Sign-up in Hallway
4pm & 9pm

Sunday, Dec 25th No Service



Service Schedule for January

| | Assisting Minister | Reader | Altar Guild & Communion Assist | Usher | Video Tech |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sunday, Jan 1st | Kay Zastrow | Roberta Krouth | June & Laurie Andrews | Dick Schoen Carl Andrews | Cindy Michalski |
| Sunday, Jan 8th | Linda Grunewald | Christin Jaworski | Karen Hervas Marilyn Meister | Ken Jaworski & Dave Hansen | Pegi BeDell Doug Scholes |
| Sunday, Jan 15th | Doug Scholes | Peggy Hansen | Dar Schuurmans Terri Hilbert | Jack & Gayle Peot | Doug Hanson |
| Sunday, Jan 22nd | Charlie Hilla | Sharon Hilla | Gayle Peot Peggy Hansen | Bonnie & Karl Peterson | Yvonne Pamperin |
| Sunday, Jan 29th | Sandi Tibbetts | Doug Hanson | Karen Vercauteren Linda Grunewald | Rick Johnson Cindy Michalski | Sue Keckhaver |

Save the Date for Aebleskiver Fest: Saturday, February 25, 2023!!

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OUR VISION: Growing In Faith Together, boldly inviting others to share in God's love.

OUR MISSION: By God's power, we will serve as Jesus' disciples, embracing traditions and growing ministries.

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