

Welcome to the digital version of the Bethel Herald. We hope you love the new layout and find it easy to read. Bethel is making a difference by going digital (saving on paper, ink, and postage) by moving to a digital Herald. All of the usual content that you are used to reading is here, just with a different look.



Sunday, November 6th

We will be honoring the saints among us, those who have died or been baptized in the past year during worship.

Bethel Saints Remembered:

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| Barb Adams | Maureen Addison |
| Gayle Anderson | Alyssa Burch |
| JoAnn Erlandson | Betty Lou Fontaine |
| Harold Hansen | Dennis Krenn |
| Herb Nieft | Lou Pahnke |
| June Zasada | |

Lifting Up our Baptized Saints:

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| Freya Russet | Josephine Spratt |
| Olivia Spratt | Kylie Wickman |

Thanksgiving Worship Tuesday, November 22nd, 6:30pm

Start your Thanksgiving out right by worshipping with us on **Tuesday, November 22nd at 6:30pm**. God has truly blessed each and every one of us in countless ways. What more appropriate way to celebrate Thanksgiving than to worship the One from whom all blessings flow! Join us in giving thanks to God!

After worship, stay for a piece of pie and fellowship! Sign-up for worship volunteers and pie bringers can be found in the hallway.





Advent Season

Advent will be starting on Sunday, November 20th this year. Advent is an intentional time of waiting. With all the stores already stocking Christmas items, Advent is counter-cultural, reminding us that we are not only celebrating the birth of Jesus but ultimately the return of Jesus.

Join us Sunday, December 11th for our

2nd Annual Adventfest Worship! Bring a poem, story, song, or skit to tell the story of the coming of Christ. Talk to Pastor Kim if you are interested in participating!

Advent Midweek Prayer

We will gather for song and Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesdays in Advent at 6:30pm. We will be sharing this service with the good people of Resurrection Lutheran Church. Advent is a great time to remember that it is not just us at Bethel waiting for the Savior to come but the whole church, including our friends just down the street. You might find being in a new space will allow the word and song to move something new in you.

Wednesday, November 30th all will gather at Resurrection Lutheran Church (1024 Shawano Ave)

December 7th, all will gather at Bethel

December 14th, all will gather at Resurrection

December 21st, all will gather at Bethel



Other Upcoming Advent Events

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

2nd Annual Advent Crafts will be after our Adventfest Worship on December 11th.

New Member: Welcome Jennifer Scholes!

Jennifer moved from the Pacific Northwest to Green Bay about a year ago. She is enjoying a slower but happily busy pace of life in Wisconsin. In her retirement Jennifer is volunteering at Altrusa House and at the YWCA and loves to travel. Jennifer is excited to join the dynamic and evolving Lutheran church. Jennifer is also the sister of member Doug Scholes.

From the Desk of Pastor Kim

I was always taught it was good to say Thank you. I'm not very good at writing Thank You cards, chalk it up to being a creature of my generation, but I like to make sure I tell people when they do a kindness or good thing. On the other hand, being grateful for who I am and for what I have is something I continually need to learn.

Did you know there is a difference between thankfulness and gratitude? Being thankful or thanking someone often implies you are acknowledging your thanks for something that someone has given you or done for you. Gratitude takes it even further. Being grateful is about acknowledging and appreciating what one has and who one is while connecting to a deep emotional state. Being thankful exists in the mind or in the moment, while gratitude comes from the heart/soul and is a state of being.

When you have gratitude, it affects everything in your life: mentally, emotionally and physically. Your thought processes become more positive, your emotions transform into a positive, calm, happy state and your body relaxes which brings peace, comfort and healing. Being truly grateful rarely comes naturally but must be practiced and learned.



In the month of November, how can we as a people cultivate gratitude in our lives, in our homes, and as a congregation? One way is to fill a gratitude pumpkin. There will be a pumpkin at Bethel that we invite all to write what makes you grateful. We will then use this in our Thanksgiving Worship, on Tuesday, November 22nd.

Daylight Savings: Fall Back Saturday, November 5th

Lord,
it is night.

The night is for stillness.
Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.
What has been done has been done;
what has not been done has not been done;
let it be.

The night is dark.
Let our fears of the darkness of the world
and of our own lives
rest in you.

The night is quiet.
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
all dear to us,
and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.
Let us look expectantly to a new day,
new joys,
new possibilities.

In your name we pray.
Amen.

- A New Zealand Prayerbook

Special Congregational Meeting Minutes: October 23, 2022

(Awaiting approval at the February Annual Meeting)

39 members were in attendance.

Charlie Hilla called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and Pastor Kim said a prayer.

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE BACK DOOR: Charlie Hilla shared that at a cost of \$3,427 plus installation fees and the cost of some electrical work we will be able to make the back door completely handicap accessible. Charlie shared that an anonymous member has agreed to pay these costs. After discussion on the way the door would work, the motion unanimously passed.

UPDATED CONSTITUTION OF BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH: Pastor Kim and Bonnie Peterson presented an updated draft of the church Constitution and Bylaws. Pastor Kim and Bonnie explained that the Bylaws and Constitution have been combined and shared the changes that have been made. Starred * items are required by the ELCA. Pastor Kim explained that the bylaws need 1 congregational vote to approve changes and the constitution needs 2 congregational votes. A motion unanimously passed to approve the updated constitution. After approval by the synod, a second vote will be taken at the Annual Congregational meeting on February 5, 2023.

Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Meister, Council Secretary

2023 Annual Budget Meeting: Sunday, December 4th after worship

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

A flock of turkeys at Bethel on October 24th (thanks for the picture, Pat Petzel)



What do you call a running turkey? Fast Food

Why didn't the turkey eat dinner? He was already stuffed.

What kind of weather does a turkey like? Fowl weather

What kind of key can't open a door? A tur-key

What's the most musical part of a turkey? The drumstick

Why can't you take a turkey to church?

They use fowl language.

Why did the turkey cross the road twice?

To prove he wasn't a chicken.

November Birthdays

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|-----------------|------|----------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| Jennifer Sontag | 11/1 | Chris Petersen | 11/9 | Grace Golden | 11/20 |
| Marsha Lauscher | 11/5 | Roberta Krouth | 11/14 | Jessie Bouressa | 11/25 |
| Beth Peot | 11/6 | Bret Brugger | 11/17 | Charles O'Hearn | 11/27 |
| Jeremy Andrews | 11/7 | Julie Karnopp | 11/18 | CJ Johnston | 11/28 |
| Donna Hansen | 11/7 | Ali Peot | 11/18 | | |

November Anniversaries

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| Ken & Sharon Anderson | 11/3 | 32 yrs |
| Jodi & Bryan Jonet | 11/3 | 32 yrs |
| Marcia & Dale Johnson | 11/8 | 53 yrs |
| Reuben & Kayla Anderson | 11/14 | 47 yrs |



Congratulations

We give thanks for the wedding of Stephanie (Lindow) Rodgers to Ben Rodgers which occurred at Bethel on Saturday, October 1st.



Bethel Prayer Concerns

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| Adam | Rose Dunst | Roberta Krouth |
| Ralph Addison | Sandy & Dave Elbe | Liam & Wells (babies) |
| Family of Gayle Anderson | Kathy H | Debra O'Connell |
| Kayla Anderson | Nancy Johnson | Caryl Peters |
| Berne Baer | Shirley Johnson | Jon P |
| Elaine Barber | CJ Johnston | Kathy Towle |
| Cheri | Debbie Kasulke | Austin Tree |
| Dan Conrad | Tom Kaye | Willow Van Vonderen |
| Dave DuFresne | Joni Keckhaver | Rick Vanlieshout |
| | | Sue Vaugh |



Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Gayle Anderson. Gayle died on Saturday, October 1st. Gayle's funeral was held here at Bethel on Friday, October 7th.

Memorial and Gifts

Donna Nieft

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Herb Nieft

Terri Hilbert

Feed My Starving Children

In memory of Virginia Moes

Rodney & Wendy Pichette

Memorial Fund

In memory of Gayle Anderson

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

If you are Hospitalized As a reminder, due to HIPAA privacy laws, the church is often not informed when a person is hospitalized. Please call or have a loved one call the church office when you are in the hospital. Do not rely on the hospital to call the church office, even if they have said they will.

Bible Studies

Peace Study Group will meet on Thursday, November 3rd at 10 a.m. in the church lounge.

Faith Study Group will meet on Thursday, November 3rd at 1 p.m. in the church lounge.

Study: Sandi Tibbits | Hostess: Sandi Tibbits

Joy Study Group will meet on Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30 p.m. at Cindy Michalski's home.

BBB's will meet on Tuesday, November 29th at 6:30 p.m. at Deena Jepson's home.

Beer & Theology will meet on Monday, October 17th at 5:30pm at Doug & Marsha Scholes' home.

Racial Equity Training

Cindy Michalski, Paul Jerks, Doris Brack, Pastor Kim, Michael Zastrow, and Bonnie Peterson attended the daylong synod racial equity training at St John's in Ashwaubenon on Saturday, October 15th.

We look forward to sharing what we learned with the Bethel community in the coming months.



CPR/AED Training

We are so glad we are able to have an AED machine at Bethel but now we need people trained to use it! There will be a class on **Monday, November 7th from 6:30-8:30pm**. Cost is \$40. You will need to get on your knees to test out but we don't want that to be a deterrent for people to sign up. In an emergency, you would just act. Thanks for helping us keep each other safe.

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.

Salvation Army Senior Lunch Meal will be prepared on Monday, November 21st. Please sign-up on the bulletin board 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.

Fall Work Day: November 12th, 9am

Many hands make easy work. Thank you for helping to care for our church. There will be jobs to be done inside and outside of the church. See you then!

Feed My Starving Children



Congregation Council Minute HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, October 10, 2022

(Awaiting approval at the November Church Council meeting)

Present: Doris Brack, Linda Grunewald, Marilyn Meister, Cindy Michalski, Paulette Pedersen Gayle Peot, Linda Wery **Excused:** Charlie Hilla, Todd Keckhaver **Ex-Officio:** Pastor Kim Swenson

Call to Order: Linda Wery called the meeting to order at 6:30

Dwelling in the Word: Marilyn Meister led Dwelling in the Word with passages from Deuteronomy 31:8, Jeremiah 29:11, and Matthew 7:12 and then led the prayer.

REPORTS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Red Cross Training: Linda Grunewald contacted Jim McGinness, a licensed Red Cross Training Provider at NWTC, about setting up training for CPR and AED for people at Bethel. He would be able to do this at a cost of \$40.00 per person. It was decided to ask him if Monday, November 7, or Thursday, November 10, would work for him. Linda will contact him again. Pastor Kim will then put up a poster for interested people to sign up for the training.

Aebleskiver: Aebleskiver will be held once again, on February 25, 2023. Gayle Peot will contact April Martin to see if she would be willing to head this up.

Pastor Kim's Health Care Package: Motion carried to continue the Gold Plus Health Care Package for Pastor Kim for the coming year.

Annual Meeting: Our next annual meeting is set for February 5, 2023.

Funeral Guidelines: There must be an usher at funerals to execute our worship protocols.

OLD BUSINESS:

Administrative Assistant Update: Pastor Kim reported that they have contacted a temp agency, Cadre. There is an interested person and an interview is set up for Wednesday. There are several members who have been volunteering in the meantime and things have been getting done.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a Congregational meeting on Sunday, October 23 to approve the revised Bylaws/Constitution of the church, and to approve the costs of the Handicap door. Pastor Kim answered a few clarification questions about the changes that have been made to the Bylaws/Constitution and they are ready for a congregational vote.

Fall Clean-up: Fall clean-up, inside and out, is scheduled for November 12.

Homeless Visitor: It has been noticed that a homeless person has been seen on church property and showed up to the funeral lunch. Everyone is welcome to worship, but we do not want to encourage his staying on the property when no activities are happening. Organizations that could help him better than us were discussed. Linda Wery will contact the area alderman and Pastor Kim will contact area service centers.

Adjourn: Motion carried to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Closed with the Lord's Prayer
Next meeting **Monday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Meister, Council Secretary

Update from Crossways

Though we had hoped the worst of Covid was behind us, it is clear that it is still disrupting our plans – and our budget. Without your help, we expect a \$150,000 deficit by the end of the year. While this seems like a huge number, I am confident that this community of Camp People will come together to meet this need.



CROSSWAYS
CAMPING MINISTRIES

Leading the way in tackling this challenge is the leadership of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin. The Synod Council has just approved a **matching grant of \$50,000** to help navigate through the end of the year.

All donations received starting October 1, 2022 will be doubled by this generous gift! This means that with your help and the support of the Synod, we can raise \$100,000 or more as the year draws to a close. The difference that will make in the lives of our campers is beyond measure!

Thank You

Thank you to Linda Wery, Deena Jepson, Bonnie & Scott Madson, and Marsha & Doug Scholes for all they did to help make our worship space so beautiful for fall.

Thank you to Dawn Schroeder, Roberta Krouth, Jeanne Jerks, Sally Caylor, Linda Grunwald, and Cindy Michalski for their volunteer hours in the office these past few months.

Service Schedule for November



| | Assisting Minister | Altar Guild & Communion Assist | Usher | Video Tech |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Sunday, Nov 6th | Cindy Michalski | Karen Vercauteren Linda Wery | Carl Andrews Dick Schoen | Doug Hanson |
| Sunday, Nov 13th | Charlie Hilla | Sharon Hilla Charlie Hilla | Gayle Peot Jack Peot | Pegi BeDell |
| Sunday, Nov 20th | Linda Grunewald | Peggy Hansen Linda Grunewald | Michael Zastrow Kay Zastrow | Sue Keckhaver |

Tuesday, Nov 22nd 6:30pm Thanksgiving Service Sign-up in Hallway

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| Sunday, Nov 27th | Sandi Tibbetts | Kathy Long Dar Schuurmans | Rick Johnson Jerry Boettcher | Pegi BeDell |
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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 | Charlie Hilla Sharon Hilla | Yvonne Pamperin Doug Scholes |
| Sunday, Dec 11th | Kay Zastrow | Karl Peterson | Linda Wery Marilyn Meister | Dave Hansen Kathy Long | Rick Johnson |
| Sunday, Dec 18th | Doug Scholes | Dawn Schroeder | Pat Petzel Terri Hilbert | Todd & Sue Keckhaver | Pegi BeDell |

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

Sunday, Dec 25th No Service

November 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|---|--|--------------------------|--|
| | | 1 7pm - Personnel | 2 5:00 - Confirmation w/Mentors 7:00 - Choir | 3 10:00 - Peace Study 1:00 - Faith Study | 4 ~ Pastor Sabbath ~ | 5  |
| 6 All Saint's Sunday 8:00 - Tone Chime 9:00 - Worship | 7 6:30 - CPR/AED Training | 8 | 9 10:00 - Mission Sewing 7:00 - Choir | 10 9:30 - Library | 11 ~ Pastor Sabbath ~ | 12 9:00 - Fall Clean-up |
| 13 9:00 - Worship 10:00 - Tone Chime | 14 6:30 - Council | 15 6:00 - Woodside Annual Meeting 6:30 - Joy Study 6:30 Beer & Theology | 16 5:00 - Confirmation 7:00 - Choir | 17 | 18 ~ Pastor Sabbath ~ | 19  |
| 20 1st Sunday n Advent 9:00 - Worship 10:00 - Tone Chime | 21 1:00 - Salvation Army Senior Meal | 22 6:30 - Thanksgiving Worship with pie to follow  | 23 Office Closed | 24 Happy Thanksgiving  | 25 Office Closed | 26 |
| 27 9:00 - Worship 10:00 - Tone Chime | 28 | 29 6:30 - BBB's | 30 6:30 - Advent Worship at Resurrection (1024 Shawano Ave) 7:15 - Choir | | | |

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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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