



Wednesday Evenings at 6:30pm

(until August 20th)

Sunday Mornings at 9am

God's Work. Our Hands. Worship & School Collection

Sunday, September 7th

We will be collecting items for school children who are served by members of our congregation for God's Work, Our Hands this year. We reached out to some local teachers about the needs for their classrooms and students. These are some of the things that were requested:



Filled backpacks for all ages. Reusable XL shopping bags for toting winter gear.

Board and card games are great for indoor recess days. Uno decks were specifically mentioned because they write words on them to read while they play.

The little Jesus' figures can be found on Amazon. They hide them around the school and then if a student finds one they say a prayer with it and re-hide it for someone else to find.

Many families struggle to get clothes washed, so filling laundry baskets with detergent, cleaning spray, paper towels, other cleaning, and hygiene products like shampoo, soap, and body wash would be helpful.

One teacher is putting together kits of unwanted instruments from other schools to rent out to students. They still need 60 rhythm sticks, 50-60 xylophones, 25 keyboards and a magnetic dry erase staff board. All of these items can be purchased in multi-packs on Amazon.

Some items that teachers always need are skinny dry erase markers, pencils, plastic folders, tissues, markers, crayons, colored pencils, and lots of glue sticks.

Bring the items in anytime and we will have a special Blessing for them Sept 7th.



Last Sunday Supper

Join Bethel members, Pastor Kim, and friends for food and fellowship.

Sunday, August 24th We will be headed to Timsan's Japanese Steakhouse located at 1654 E Mason St at 5pm. If you have never been, groups of people sit around a grill while the chef entertains and prepares your meal. We will want to get reservations so please let Pastor Kim know if you plan on joining.



Rockers' Game to benefit Ecumenical Partnership for Housing is Tuesday, Aug 5th at 6:35pm.

Use Promo Code: EPH (\$10 from each ticket will go to EPH)



EPH Wish List We have had lots of movement in our homes recently and we are running low on pillows and twin mattress pads! We are also always accepting used appliances, including ovens, fridges, washers, and dryers – and we are completely out of these items. Can you help spread the word for us please?

EPH Bay Beach Day We are having our annual Bay Beach Day for families living in EPH homes on August 14th. This event gives families an opportunity to enjoy a fun day together without worrying about the cost of food or ride tickets. If you are interested in donating food for our cookout, Bay Beach tickets, or a gift card to help cover the cost of this event, please contact us at 920-544-0258 or crystald@ephgb.org.

Bible Studies at Bethel

Grace Bible Study Group will resume class on Thursday, September 4th at 10am in the lounge.

Beer & Theology will meet Tuesday, September 12th at 5:30pm at Cheesecake Heaven with the theme: "What does God's abundance mean to you?"

Joy Study Group will resume class on Tuesday, September 16th at 6:30pm in the lounge.

BBB's will gather on Tuesday, August 26th at 6:30pm at Sharon Hilla's home for food and conversation.



Mission Opportunities

NEW Shelter Meal will be prepared on **Sunday, August 10th**. Please sign-up on the bulletin board for items.



Feed My Starving Children Upcoming Events

**There are so many ways to have fun
supporting FMSC in August!**

August 3rd FMSC Brat Barn 10:00 am - 6:00 pm at Festival Foods in DePere. Bring your appetite and help make a global impact right here in our community

August 4th Pizza Ranch in Ashwaubenon 4:00 - 8:00 pm. Eat Pizza, change lives!!

August 7th Texas Roadhouse in Ashwaubenon 3:30 - 10:00 pm. You must bring a flyer or show the image on your phone! They are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

August 17th Wisconsin Timber Rattlers Game at 1:10pm. Join us for an afternoon of fun, baseball, and impact. When you buy tickets through the QR link on the flyer, a portion of your ticket sales will be donated back to FMSC.

August 21st Neil Diamond Tribute Benefit Concert! Mark your calendars for this fun event at St John Lutheran Church, 2700 Babcock Rd in Ashwaubenon. Burgers, brats, and other food items will be available starting at 5:00pm for a free will offering. Then Paul Evansen, (one of our FMSC partner board members, Vegas performer, and member of Let Me Be Frank productions for the past 20 years) will be performing the music of Neil Diamond at 6:00 pm. This will be an evening of fun, music and fellowship. Hope to see you there! Bring chairs or blankets and let's pack the lawn!!

There is more information and flyers about all of these events on the bulletin board in the hallway at church.

Feed My Starving Children: Green Bay MobilePack October 6-9th.

Watch for Registration opening August 24th at 7am!!

Our Culver's Share night in June was a huge success, bringing in a total of \$770.60!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and came out to purchase food and gift cards.



Updates from the Resurrection Food Pantry

With the changes in the federal government support that have been made so far this year, we are already seeing a significant drop in the amount of meat and produce we get from the TEFAP program and from Feeding America. We are buying eggs from a farmer in Denmark each week because they are a good source of protein for less money than meat. And it helps local farmers stay in business. The pantry garden is just starting to produce harvestable items.

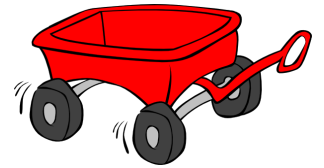
We are still very close to 300 families who pick up food each month.

Donations provided from Bethel are very helpful. We would ask that people check the dates on the canned food. We do not distribute items that are dented on the rim, bulging, rusty or missing labels. We also accept monetary donations (checks payable to Resurrection Food Pantry) that will be used to purchase items that we need to fill the distribution bags.

Thanks for the help with this growing need. Larry Peterson, Pantry manager.

Help Fill the Resurrection Food Pantry Wagon!

Thank you for all the generosity you have given to Resurrection Food Pantry in the last few years. But the reality is, with the recent federal changes, the donations needed to feed our neighbors will increase, and we at Bethel want to be more intentional in our giving to this important ministry starting this month.

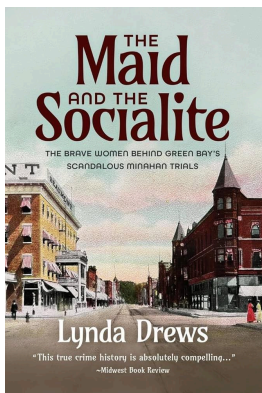


This is where **Fill the Wagon** comes in. At the beginning of each month, in the newsletter and bulletin, we will give you a specific list of items needed at the pantry. You are then encouraged to take that with you as you go shopping to provide any/or all of the items that you are able to purchase on the list. The following Sundays, the red wagon will be in the Sanctuary for you to bring your pantry donations. It is our hope each month to **Fill the Wagon**. As Jesus said, *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..."* (Matthew 25:35). This is our opportunity to help those who are hungry in our community.

August's Fill the Wagon Needs:

- * Canned meats
- * Breakfast cereals
- * Side dishes (such as the Knorr packets)
- * Canned baked beans
- * Pasta sauce (in a can)
- * Jelly (in plastic containers)
- * Dish soap
- * Laundry soap
- * Personal hygiene items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, & soap)

Thank you and let's **Fill the Wagon!** Charlie Hilla and Sue Keckhaver



Book Club Thursday, August 21st at 6:30pm in the lounge.

Join others as we gather to discuss the book, *The Maid and the Socialite* by Lynda Drews. The book tells the story of Mary and Mollie, two courageous women who dared to stand up against a powerful adversary here in Green Bay.

Warning: this is a difficult and emotional read.



People Helping People

Bethel is a family and as such we are here to help one another. If you have something in your home that requires attention and you do not have the dexterity, knowledge, or patience to address it: let us help you!

Below is an incomplete list of possible items that a another would be willing to help with:

Laundry_____

Foot care_____

Prepare a meal_____

Organize a closet_____

Clean out gutters _____

Drop-off donations_____

Clean your bathroom_____

Transportation to church_____

Shopping with or for you_____

Install grab bars (if possible)_____

Organize the kitchen cupboards_____

Change the filter in your furnace_____

Transportation to an appointment _____

Change lightbulbs that you can't reach_____

Programming electronics (phone/computer/TV) _____

Clean and organize the refrigerator &/or freezer _____

Change batteries in smoke/carbon monoxide detectors_____



Special
request_____

Name_____Phone_____

If you feel that your request is too personal, please hand this form to Pastor Kim.

August Anniversaries

8/6	Dick & Anita Schoen	59 Years
8/12	Linda & Norbert Wessely	53 Years
8/13	Dennis & Kathy Towle	32 Years
8/14	Tim & Nancy Moran	43 Years
8/15	Paul & Jeanne Jerks	27 Years
8/17	Charlie & Sharon Hilla	41 Years
8/18	Ashley & Andrew Spratt	7 Years



August Birthdays

8/2	Megan Wickman	8/16	Peggy Hansen
8/5	Julie Juranitich	8/17	Sheila Greenwood
8/6	Mark Niemuth	8/20	Sharon Anderson
8/6	Charlie Koskela	8/22	Tom Kaye
8/7	Bonnie Peterson	8/24	Sandi Tibbetts
8/7	Sharon Pynenberg	8/24	Ashley Spratt
8/11	Elizabeth Hagen	8/27	Kathryn Smith
8/11	Christin Jaworski	8/27	Flynn Golden
8/13	Christopher Hirthe	8/31	Zachary Burmeister
8/13	Boyd Baker		



Thank You!

Linda Wery, Deanna Nighbor & Family, along with Mark Wery and family send their thanks to the ladies and men who made the excellent lunch for Ray Wery's funeral. They received so many compliments on how good everything was.

The family of Tarin Carlson would like to thank their Bethel family for the outpouring of cards and condolences after her passing.

Memorial & Gifts

Thank you to Tim Carlson for his donation to Feed my Starving Children in memory of Ray Wery and for his donation to music arts in memory of Tarin Carlson

Thank you to Terri Hilbert for her donation to music arts in memory of Tarin Carlson

Thank you to Elaine & Dennus Klopstein for their donation to music arts in memory Ray Wery

Thank you to Mark Strohschein for his donation for the new a/c unit. His donation is in memory of Bethel's departed souls.

Bethel Prayers Concerns



Aili	Karen Koblenz	Ron Niemuth
Berne Baer	Kathy Forrest	Sally Caylor
Caryl Peters	Jackie	Sandy & Dave Elbe
Christina Petzel	Joe Russett	Sheila O'Connor
Elaine Barber	Lottie Jaworski	Shirley Johnson
Eric Pedersen	Lou Warner	Willow Van Voneren
Gloria Treptow	Ron Pedersen	
The Family of Ray Wery	The Family of Tarin Carlson	

Semi- Annual Congregational Meeting Minute HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, June 1, 2025

(To be approved at annual meeting)

Present: 57 members were in attendance

Call to Order: President Cindy called the meeting to order at 9:58am and Pastor Kim led us in prayer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election to Council: Cindy thanked Todd Keckhaver for his many years of service. According to our constitution he can not serve another consecutive term. Therefore, the council brought forth Ben Hietpas as our nominee. There were no other nominations from the floor. Nomination approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03am and closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Doris Brack, Recording Secretary

Congregation Council Minute HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, June 9, 2025

(To be approved at August meeting)

Present: Pastor Kim Swenson, Cindy Michalski, Ben Hietpas, Doris Brack, Tim Moran, Gayle Peot, Pegi Be Dell, and Charlie Hilla. **Excused:** Linda Wery

Call to Order: Cindy called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Dwelling in the Word: Pegi led with a devotion from *Glorious Table* emphasizing Ecclesiastes 3:1 and Galatians 5:23. Pegi led the opening prayer.

REPORTS:

Secretary's Report: Received as submitted.

Parish Accountant Report: Sent \$5,999.19 to FMSC Mobile Pack 2025 from Aebleskiver proceeds, In-memory gifts, and MannaPack drive. Sent \$2,343 to Crossways Camping Ministries as there was a matching funds opportunity. Received as submitted.

Pastor's Report: Received as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Culvers share night: Funds Raised on June 3rd aren't known yet. Because of construction on Lineville Rd, Culvers will let us do a second share night if we choose.

Re-Election: Using the Document of Conveyance, a letter was sent to the congregation about the re-election of Pegi and Linda. Council can also vote them in. Motion passed to re-elect Pegi BeDell and Linda Wery to another 2-year term.

Election of Council Officers: Cindy graciously volunteered to remain as President. She will abstain from any personnel issues concerning the administrative assistant. Charlie also graciously volunteered to be Vice President. Pegi BeDell will be the new secretary. Motion passed. We will ask Linda if she will continue as treasurer.

Standing Committees: Continuing or new assignments are as follows:

Gifts Advisory - Charlie, Doris

Nominating - Linda, Doris

Personnel- Gayle, Charlie

Worship - Pegi

B & G - Charlie, Ben

Update Pastor's Job Description: With continuing education credits finished, Pastor Kim would like to add coaching to her position. Motion carried.

Quarterly benevolence: Motion carried to send \$3,000 to the ECSW

Tablets for Worship: The pros and cons of saving on paper and reformatting time by introducing tablets was discussed. A borrowed tablet could be used for initial instructions to see how it might be received with those who currently use the large print.

Vision Statement: Since our monthly meetings deal with the details of church business Pastor Kim asked if we could meet sometime this fall to consider a broader Council Vision statement about our focus for the next few years.

EPH: Thank you to Tim & Nancy Moran for stepping up and becoming unit coordinators for Matthew House, which Bethel supports. They put in many hours getting the house ready for the new family to move in on May 13th.

Resurrection Food Pantry: Ideas were shared on how we can increase our giving as governmental cuts have greatly affected their income and aid.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pew-refresh: Will begin July 7th. Volunteers will be needed after the July 6th service to get ready.

Parsonage: Todd is still working on a sewer pipe elevation concern at the parsonage. Ben will also look into possible solutions,

Care for our neighbors: GWOH Sept 7th. In the past few years, we have helped our local schools with supplies. We will contact current teachers and staff who are connected to Bethel. Cindy thought we

could offer care for our own members if they need easy fix-ups like smoke detector batteries, bulb replacement, etc.... Several people agreed they could help.

Summer Worship: Pastor Kim has begun planning an outdoor summer worship/picnic at Colburn Park on Sunday, July 13th. This would be in conjunction with Trinity, Resurrection, and Bethel. We will have a midweek joint service at Resurrection on Wed, July 9th with smores to follow.

Adjourn: Motion carried to adjourn at 8:07pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting, Monday, Aug 12th at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Doris Brack, Council Secretary

Special Congregation Council Minute HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday, July 10, 2025

(To be approved at August meeting)

Present: Doris Brack, Pegi BeDell, Charlie Hilla, Cindy Michalski, Gayle Peot, Tim Moran, Ben Hietpas, Linda Wery and Pastor Kim

Call to Order and Prayer: Cindy called the meeting to order @5:37 PM. Pastor Kim led us in prayer.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Member: Jane Heise was voted in as a member.

Air Conditioning Quotes: We reviewed 4 quotes:

This unit controls the offices, entry hallway and meeting room. Our current unit is a 27 year old Trane. In order of quoted cost:

Automated Comfort Controls: \$6871 (Single Stage)/Trane

Foreman: \$7200 (3 Stage)/Trane

Aquarius (Comfort Control) \$8400 (Single Stage)/Amana

Hurkman \$8886 (pulled this one - highest bid)

Pastor Kim explained what had taken place over the past several weeks with the AC system. She rec'd a recommendation from St. John's in Ashwaubeon for Automated Comfort Controls and has had very good communication with them. She felt most comfortable with them and their service, especially over Foreman.

Motion to present the quote from Automated Comfort Controls for \$6871 to the congregation. More discussion took place on the warranty which is the difference in cost between the two companies. Motion Passed.

Pastor and Cindy will send the congregation an email after the meeting explaining the process and discussion of tonight's meeting along with the 2 quotes for vote on Sun, July 13th. We have approximately \$7000 in donations towards the cost of the new unit.

Adjourn & Lord's Prayer: Meeting adjourned @ 6:33 PM, and closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully Submitted by Pegi BeDell, Council Secretary

Special Congregational Meeting Minute HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, July 13, 2025

(To be approved at annual meeting)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Pastor Kim with 28 voting members present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Office Air Conditioning: Cindy explained we had 6 bids from 5 different companies. The Council presented a bid and motion to purchase from Automated Comfort Control for a 1 stage Trane HVAC system with a 1 year warranty on labor and a 5 year manufacturer warranty on parts for \$6971.00. Pastor Kim explained they would service everything going forward at Bethel versus Foreman Heating and Cooling. Pastor Kim explained the difference between 1 Stage and 3 Stage.

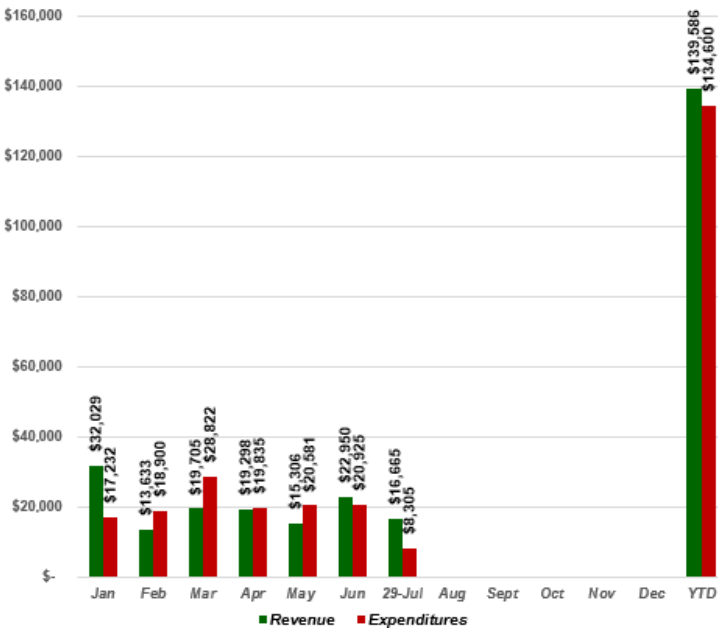
Adjourn: Doug Schloes seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
Submitted by Pegi BeDell

Funding for Mission & Budget

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
May	\$15,306	\$20,581
June	\$22,950	\$20,925
July 29th	\$16,665	\$8,305
2025 YTD	\$139,586	\$134,600

2025 Monthly Budget: \$20,033
2025 Total Budget: \$240,398

Thank you for your generosity!





BUSINESS Highlights

- ✓ Adopted the 2026 Synod Budget
- ✓ Approved 2026 Minimum Compensation Guidelines
- ✓ Successfully conducted elections for Synod Council and Consultation Committee:
- ✓ Passed three major resolutions:

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW): urges the ELCA to address the crisis of violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women through education, worship, and advocacy.

Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools: urges the ELCA Churchwide Assembly to confront the church's history in federally-supported Indian boarding schools—where Native children endured forced assimilation, cultural erasure, abuse, and even death.

Memorial on Abuse Prevention & Reporting: calls on the ELCA Churchwide Assembly to establish a unified, transparent abuse prevention and reporting system to hold clergy accountable, protect survivors, and prevent future misconduct.

Please keep Pastor Kim, and the entire ECSW delegation to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Phoenix, AZ from July 28th-Aug 3rd, in your prayers as they do the work of the church and elect a new Presiding Bishop.

Service Schedule for August



	Assisting Minister	Reader	Altar Guild & Communion Assist	Usher	Video Tech
Sunday, August 3rd	Kay Zastrow	Michael Zastrow	Marilyn Meister Linda Wery	Linda Grunewald Carol Wehunt	Cindy Michalski
Sunday, August 10th	Doug Scholes	Peggy Hansen	Peggy Hansen Peggy Hansen	Jerry Boettcher Carl Andrews	Yvonne Pamperin
Sunday, August 17th	Cindy Michalski	Sandi Tibbetts	Gayle Peot Marilyn Meister	Doug & Marsha Scholes	Rick Johnson
Sunday, August 24th	Doug Hanson	Dar Schuurmans	Dar Schuurmans Peggy Hansen	Todd & Sue Keckhaver	Rick Johnson
Sunday, August 31st	Charlie Hilla	Sharon Hilla	Linda Wery Gayle Peot	Dave & Mary Hansen	Doug Hanson

Service Schedule for September



	Assisting Minister	Reader	Altar Guild & Communion Assist	Usher	Video Tech
Sunday, September 7th	Cindy Michalski	Doris Brack	Sheila Greenwood Karen Hervas	Gayle Peot Dar Schuurmans	Yvonne Pamperin
Sunday, September 14th	Kay Zastrows	Michael Zastrow	Marilyn Meister Charlie Hilla	Carol Wehunt Kathy Long	Doug Scholes
Sunday, September 21st	Doug Hanson	Sandi Tibbetts	Linda Wery Pat Petzel	Linda Grunewald Kay Smith	Rick Johnson
Sunday, September 28th	Charlie Hilla	Peggy Hansen	Gayle Peot Peggy Hansen	Sharon Hilla Marilyn Meister	Cindy Michalski



The Free Little Library is always in need of Children's books. Please donate any you have. It has been frequented a lot this summer!

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 → Pastor Kim	2 at ELCA Churchwide
3 9:00 Worship	4	5	6 6:30 Worship	7	8 Pastor Sabbath	9
→			6:30 Worship			
10 9:00 Worship	11	12	13 10:00 Mission Sew	14 9:30 Library	15 Pastor Sabbath	16
NEW Shelter Meal	6:30 Council Meeting	5:30 Beer & Theology	6:30 Worship			
17 9:00 Worship with Baptism	18	19 1:00 Pr Text Study	20 6:30 Worship	21 6:30 Book Club	22 Pastor Sabbath	23
24 9:00 Worship 5:00 Almost Last Sunday Supper @ Timsan's	25	26 1:00 Pr Text Study 6:30 BBB's @ Sharon Hill's	27 →	28 → Pastor Kim	29 Vacation →	30
31 9:00 Worship						
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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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