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St Francis Outdoor Worship & Pet Blessing: Sunday, October 5th

Bring your pet, your stuffy and/or a picture of your animal friend and join us for a special blessing.

Worship will be outside so that all of our 4 legged friends can be comfortable! Please bring a lawn chair. If you are unable to attend but would like your pet blessed, please let Pastor Kim know.

Bethel Listening Session: Sunday October 12th at 10am

After worship on October 12th we will be having a listening session facilitated by the Council. With the current staffing changes, the Council would like to openly discuss with the congregation any fears and concerns members may have, and create shared goals and hopes for Bethel.

Reformation: Sunday, October 26th

Sunday, October 26th is Reformation Sunday, the day we celebrate when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, an act that propelled the reformation of the church. This is a day to celebrate.







All Saints: Sunday, November 2nd

We will be honoring the saints among us, those who have died or been baptized in the past year during worship. If you have a loved one who has died or been baptized since last November, please share their name so they can be lifted up during a special part of the service.

We invite family members of those who have died or been baptized at Bethel in the past year. We will also have time in the worship for you to light candles. A sign-up sheet can soon be found in the hallway.

Trunk or Treat! Friday, October 31st from 4-6pm

It is time to welcome ALL characters to the annual trick or trunk event at Bethel. Join others at Bethel as we decorate our car/van/truck trunks and get to know the neighbors around us as they bring their children to trick or treat among us. Lots of ideas can be found online. This is a simple way to let the neighborhood know we care and have a safe way for the littles to celebrate the day. Costumes encouraged even if that means you come as you are!



Upcoming Pastor Kim's Conference

On October 13-15th, Pastor Kim will join other Rostered Ministers of our synod at the Fall Theological Conference, in Door County. This is a time of learning and vibrant worship accompanied by time for renewal with colleagues. This year's keynote speaker is Pastor Tim Brown, ELCA director for congregational stewardship.

Fill the Wagon for Resurrection Food Pantry!

A special note from the Resurrection Food Pantry:

Greetings to all.



I want to specifically thank the folks at Bethel Lutheran

for their growing support of the pantry at Resurrection. Our usage of the pantry is growing significantly, and your help is greatly appreciated. On Tuesday September 16, Sue brought us 167 pounds of food for us to distribute. We estimate that to be about 170 items. It was all items that we regularly pack.

Thank You for your ongoing support. You are truly part of God's answer to the prayers of those who are desperately needing food.

Larry Peterson, Pantry Manager



We still have spots to fill as Registration Helpers, Grovers, and more



Scan the QR code or click the link to sign up!!

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) Mobile Pack: Oct 6th-9th

The FMSC Mobile Pack will be held at Green Bay Community Church from Monday, October 6th to Thursday, October 9th. Please plan to help with one of the packing sessions. Our goal this year Pack over 650,000 meals!! Not only do we need your help packing these meals, but we must raise \$189,500 across our Partner Churches to fund all the meals also.

Angel Board: There are lots of envelopes available on our FMSC Angel Board. Dollar amounts from \$1.00 to \$106.00 can be selected for a donation that can be made for FMSC Manna Pack Ingredients.

Please continue to watch the bulletin and Facebook for other events that support Feed My Starving Children.

Chicken Booyah Fundraiser

to benefit the

Green Bay Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack
Saturday, October 11th

Noon until Gone OR

Pre-order by emailing name and size desired to volunteer@stjohnash.org and we will have it ready for you.

\$35 Gallon \$20 Half-Gallon \$10 Quart



ST. JOHN 2700 Babcock Road







Tuesday, October 7th at Culvers (11820 Velp Ave, Suamico)

Our last share night was a huge success making \$770. Normally we can only do one of these per year, but because of the road construction Culver's offered to let us do another. Please see the sign up sheet in the hallway to volunteer.

Bring yourself, your family, or your neighbors to a meal or buy some Christmas gifts with the purchase of gift cards. Bethel Lutheran receives 15% of all sales (including gift cards).

NOW HIRING: MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST

Bethel Lutheran Church, Green Bay (ELCA) has an exciting opportunity for a music director/organist. The part-time position (7-10 hrs/week), in a faithful and caring environment, includes paid vacation and sick leave. Position is available immediately. Learn more about Bethel at www.bethelonbond.org



Responsibilities

- Have a pivotal role in the music life of the church by helping to create seasonal liturgies and picking worship music with the support of the pastor
- Provide music for all worship services (weekly Sunday worship at 9am) of the congregation including special services
- Serve as accompanist for for choir rehearsals and be a part of the Worship & Music Committee
- Work with a small staff and the church leadership to support the mission of the congregation through musical leadership and positive communication

Minimum Qualifications

- Experience in church worship, with ability to play both piano and organ.
- Music degree preferred
- Understanding of liturgy and hymnody (esp. with the ELCA Lutheran hymnals). Familiarity with blended worship preferred.

NOTE: We also currently have a choir director position open which can be combined with this position for added compensation.

To apply, please send your cover letter, application and resume with the subject line "Music Director/Organist" to bethelonbond@yahoo.com



Scan to Apply

Mission Opportunities

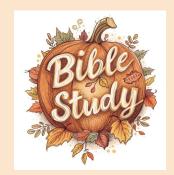
NEW Shelter Meal will be prepared on **Sunday**, **October 12th**. See the sign-up sheet in the hallway if you would like to provide a sweet treat for the meal.

Mission Room Don't forget that we collect the following items downstairs in the green room:

- Amber Pill Bottles place in the basket by the door for veterans' laundry supplies.
- Cell phones recycled for use in domestic violence centers
- Christmas Lights recycled with the money used to cover shipping costs for other recycling
- Egg Cartons for Paul's Pantry
- Wine corks The Cork Montados where cork comes from is endangered.
- Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids recycled through our local Lions Club to help those in need

Bible Studies at Bethel

Grace Study Group will meet on Thursday, October 4th at 10:00am in the church lounge. Pat will host. We will continue in our study of *Bread* of *Angels* by Barbara Brown Taylor.



Beer & Theology will meet on Tuesday, October 21st (note date change) at 5:30pm at Next Door in the Lounge with the theme of Kings/Kingdom.

Joy Study Group will meet on Tuesday, October 21st at 6:30pm in the church lounge continuing the study of A is for Alabaster. Linda Wery will be hosting.

BBB's will meet on Tuesday, October 28th at 6:30pm at Gayle Peot's home. The study, From Widows to Warriors will be continued.

Bethel History Council

Here at Bethel we have a rich history. There are a number of boxes with pictures, art, news articles, and so much other historical information about our church and its members. It is our hope to have members that have a wealth of knowledge to come together and volunteer to help with this project. On Thursday October 16th we will need help getting all the documents in one place and on October 23rd we will start organizing.



Our Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Berne Baer, who died August 29th.

Memorials & Gifts

Thank you to Elaine and Dennus
Klopstein for their donation to the
music fund in memory of Doug Youra.

Bethel Prayer Concerns



Ron Kasulke Alli Caryl Peters Christina Petzel Deb McAllister Elaine Barber Eric Pedersen Gloria Treptow Karen Koblenz Kathy Forrest Kelly Schmidt Jackie Joe Russett Lottie Jaworski Lou Warner Luke Wubben

Ron Niemuth
Ron Pedersen
Sally Caylor
Sandy & Dave Elbe
Sheila O'Connor
Shirley Johnson
Paislee Porod
Willow Van Vonderen

10/25

10/25

10/29

10/30

October Birthdays

Ronald Pedersen	10/4	Virgil Johnson	10/11
Taylor Hansen	10/4	Brooke Flavion	10/13
Denna Jepson	10/5	Dan Schraufnagel	10/15
Elaine Klopstein	10/6	Paul Jerks	10/17
Jodi Burmeister	10/7	Nicole Keckhaver	10/17
Hayden Skrobel	10/8	Kenneth Adams	10/18
David Johnson	10/8	James Petzel	10/21
Stan Keckhaver	10/9	Linda Zettle	10/22
Roland Christian	10/11		



Jodi Jonet

Mike Martin

Bruce Brusewitz

Howie Schroeder

October Anniversaries



Bruce & Kelly Brusewitz 10/1 14 yrs

Dar & Larry Schuurmans 10/1 37 yrs

Glenn & Yvonne Pamperin 10/4 34 yrs

Boyd & Dee Baker 10/19 35 yrs

Congregation Council Minute HIGHLIGHTS

Monday, September 8, 2025

(Awaiting approval in October)

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

Call to Order: Cindy Michalski called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Dwelling in the Word: Charlie Hilla led Dwelling in the Word with Deer Camp Devotions by Dr.

Roland C Lindeman called Trust Your Compass.

Prayer: Charlie Hilla led the opening prayer.

REPORTS:

- Secretary's Report: Received as submitted.
- Parish Accountant Report: Received as submitted.
- Pastor's Report: Resignation of Diane Meinel was read. Tori Russett has also resigned.
 Received as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mather St Construction 2027: WPS has told us our pole that supplies power will need to be moved 15 ft and they need to replace our power supply line underground. They have questions about what might be underground that could be in the path of the line - Todd is working with them

Advent Breakfast/Fest- Dec 6th: Combination between BBB's and Joy Bible Studies. Open to all in the congregation and outside of the church. Auction and cookie exchange. Money raised from the gift auction will be given to the Haitian Christmas. Cookie exchange will go to our in-home ministry.

3rd Quarter Benevolence: Discussed giving the \$770.60 (rounded up to \$1000) from the Culver volunteer event. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Plumbing Repair at Parsonage: Discussed the bid to repair the plumbing at the parsonage. The repairs are extensive and the clay sewer line is cracked and broken in many, many places. Calling a congregational mtg on Sept 14th to approve moving forward with Hocker

saving \$1314. Hockers can proceed the week of Sept 22nd. Money to repair would come for the Special Fund Ministry Savings. Motion passed.

Medical Supply Lending Library: Ashley came to discuss with us tonight. Connecting people to equipment, especially specialized/customized equipment.

Tablets for Worship: Test run - mostly positive responses. Text is large, you can zoom in for hymns. Locked so you can get out of the program or the tablet locks. Had up to 4 tablets. If members have their own iPad/Tablet they could bring it to church for programming. There are used iPads for \$100-200. Impressed with how people were eager to try it. Short term using member iPads/tablets until further decisions are made.

Culvers new date: Tue, Oct 7th 5-8pm

Congregational Budget Meeting: Dec 14th

Care for Our Neighbor: GWOH September 7th: Large pile of items. Very good response.

Helping Hands: We have received some responses for volunteers.

Resurrection Food Pantry: The new list for this month was in the bulletin on Sunday.

Helping Haitians: Discussed housing issues and updates with our Haitians friends.

Next Meetings: CHANGE! Wed, Oct 15th; Thur, Nov 13th. at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourned at 8:00 p.m. & Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Pegi BeDell

Poinsettia Order Time is Nearing!

Look for order forms soon as the orders need to be in no later than November 23rd.



Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Present: 47 voting members present.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Cindy Michalski at 10:00am. Started with the Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Kim.

Purpose: To approve an estimate to repair the sewer pipes at the parsonage. Todd Keckhaver explained the problem. The Council approved a bid from Hockers and motioned to accept Hockers estimate. The vote was unanimous to approve the Hockers estimate and start the work.

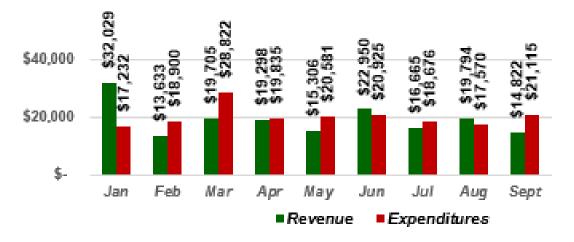
Closed with the Lord's prayer. Adjourned at 10:10am.

Respectfully Submitted by Linda Wery

Funding for Mission & Budget

	<u>Revenue</u>	Expenditures	
July	\$16,665	\$18,676	2025 Monthly Budget: \$20,033
Aug	\$19,794	\$17,570	2025 Total Budget: \$240,398
<u>Sept</u>	\$14,822	\$21,115	
2025 YTD	\$174,202	\$183,656	

Thank you for your generosity!



Service Schedule for October

	Assisting	Reader	Altar Guild &	Usher	Video Tech
	Minister		Communion Assist		
Sunday, October 5 th	Doug Scholes	Dar Schuurmans	Kathy Long Dar Schuurmans	Dawn & Howard Schroeder	Doug Hanson
Sunday, October 12 th	Cindy Michalski	Linda Wery	Debbie Kasulke Linda Wery	Charlie & Sharon Hilla	Yvonne Pamperin
Sunday, October 19 th	Kay Zastrow	Michael Zastrow	Karen Hervas Sheila Greenwood	Dave & Mary Hansen	Doug Scholes
Sunday, October 26 th	Doug Hanson	Doris Brack	Pat Petzel Peggy Hansen	Linda Grunewald & Carol Wehunt	Rick Johnson



Service Schedule for November

	Assisting Minister	Reader	Altar Guild & Communion Assist	Usher	Video Tech
Sunday, November 2 nd	Charlie Hilla	Sharon Hilla	Kathy Long Dar Schuurmans	Bonnie & Karl Peterson	Cindy Michalski
Sunday, November 9 th	Kay Zastrow	Marilyn Meister	Karen Hervas Marilyn Meister	Howard & Dawn Schroeder	Doug Hanson
Sunday, November 16 th	Doug Scholes	Gayle Peot	Linda Wery Gayle Peot	Marsha Scholes Rick Johnson	Yvonne Pamperin
Sunday, November 23 rd	Jennifer Scholes	Dawn Schroeder	Kathy Long Dawn Schroeder	Carol Wehunt Kay Smith	Doug Scholes

Tuesday, November 25 th	Thanksgiving Worship	Please sign-up to volunteer
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Sunday,	Cindy Michalski	Doris Brack	Debbie Kasulke	Carl Andrews	Rick Johnson
November 30 th			Peggy Hansen	Dar Schuurmans	

October 2025

	Pastor Sabbath 4-6 Trunk or Treat	30	29	28 1:00 Pastor Text Study 6:30 BBB's Bible Study	27	26 Daylight Savings: Fall Reformation 9:00 Worship Wear RED
25	24 Pastor Sabbath	23 11:00 History Council	22	1:00 Pastor Text Study 5:00 Beer & Theology 6:30 Joy Bible Study	20	9:00 Worship Pastor Vacation
18	17 Pastor Sabbath	16 11:00 History Council	6:30 Council	13 Pastor at Synod Conference —	13 Pastor at	9:00 Worship 10:00 Listening Session NEW Shelter Meal
11	10 Pastor Sabbath	9:30 Library	8 10:00 Mission Sewing	7 1:00 Pr Text Study 5-8 Culver's Share Night	6 FMSC	St. Francis 5 9:00 Outdoor Worship & Pet Blessing
Sat 4	Fri 3 Pastor Sabbath	Thu 2 10:00 Grace Bible Study	Wed 1	Tue	Mon	Sun

Please note that Choir and Tone Chimes are temporarily on hold until there is a permanent Music Director

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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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