The Bethel Bell



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I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus. 1 Corinthians 1:4

Dear Bethel Friends,

I was touched, once again, by your warm words of appreciation on Pastor Appreciation Day last month! Paul's words are my thoughts, too, and I give thanks to God for bringing us together. In this community of God's people Eric and I have found joy and gratitude and the grace of God! Thank you for wrapping your love around us. We already feel at home here and in the community.

November is known for its main holiday, Thanksgiving Day. Many of my friends extend that and post a daily thanks-giving on their social media pages. It's a good discipline to have, that "attitude of gratitude." It helps us see our lives for all that is positive and life-giving.

In worship this month we will also give thanks to God in some specific ways. On **All Saints Sunday, November 7**th, we will give thanks for the lives of the saints who have gone before us to their eternal home over the past two years. Most of these folks didn't have a public funeral, and some of you have mentioned how hard that has been to mourn their passing without that rite. While some funerals can be sad, the grief is softened a bit when we give thanks to God for giving us this person to know and to love in this life.

We will also give thanks for the gift of Holy Baptism on All Saints Sunday. This is the way we enter into the company of God's saints, becoming sisters and brothers with one another through Christ Jesus. **Please share a memento of your baptism that day**. For our at-home worshipers, we would love to have you send a photo and we'll find a way to share that.

Later in the month we will celebrate **Christ the King Sunday**, **November 21**. It's the last Sunday of the church year calendar when we give thanks for all the ways Jesus serves as the king we look to as our source of life. That Sunday we will journey through the church year with readings and hymns from each season—Advent to Christmas to Lent to Easter and through Ordinary Time—that reveal Christ as the Shepherd King, the Servant King, and the Victorious King.

Of course, every Sunday we celebrate the Great Thanksgiving in the meal of Holy Communion when all the saints of God gather to receive from Christ our King the food of his body and blood that empowers and sustains us in faith and love for God and our neighbor. I hope those worshiping at home have developed your own bread and wine to join us in this meal. If you would like some help with that, give me a call!

In gratitude for all of you, Pastor Lynne

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Bethel Lutheran Church Mission Statement "We are called, enlightened and empowered through Christ to worship, witness, and serve."



From Pastor Lynne...

November's Sunday Bible Study will explore apocalyptic writings in the Bible, primarily the books of Daniel and Revelation. We'll see how this kind of writing serves to console and encourage readers as much as it is a word of warning.



From Mary Webber.. I would like to thank all my friends that came to my birthday party. I miss you all ,hopefully i will be back soon.

Special Invitation...

Ladies.... You're invited to the Bethel Men's Breakfast on November 20th at 9am. There will be a special presentation by George Land that will be of interest to all. AND... always great food and fellowship!

Mark Your Calendar!

LADIES!

AND.... In DECEMBER

Men... You're invited to the BLCW Brunch on December 6th at 10am.
We'll have a great breakfast and the we'll be..

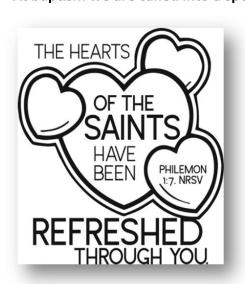
"Flying High with Ron Gullickson" You don't want to miss this one!

MEN!

All Saints Sunday

November 7th

At baptism we are called into a special relationship with Christ. We are made "Holy", we are made "Saints".



On All Saint's Sunday, November 7, we celebrate the lives of all of our ancestors and those who have gone before us this past year. They were men and women who may have sat next to you in a pew, worshipped in same worship space, asked for forgiveness, and were cleansed through the same waters of baptism. We broke bread together and shared in the Lord's supper.

We say thanks for this worship space and the Christian inheritance they passed on to us. On All Saint's Sunday we are also reminded of baptism, set-apart for the service of God. We are reminded of our baptismal vows God himself calls us "Holy" and "Saints". Let us pray that we may remain faithful to our baptismal covenant and keep sharing Christ to the world.

Do you have special reminders of your Baptism day? Bring them to worship on November 7 to share with one another.

There will be tables set up in the gym where you can set up your display. Be sure to put your name or a short story on the table alongside the things you are sharing. It could simply be a photo, a candle, or a special gown that was handed down in your family.



Bethel Family Ministry News

Psalm 106:1 – Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; His love endures forever.

We have just completed our Stewardship series and so we give thanks to the Bethel family for your spiritual practices that support our congregation and beyond. As we gather and go,

freely and easily, Bethel is thankful to have a place of worship for us to grow in faith. In this month of thankfulness, we give thanks for the leaders on our church council who help our congregation maintain the needs of the church as well as the community. We give thanks for Bible study leaders who plan lessons to encourage our spiritual maturity and we give thanks to the Bethel volunteers for being the gathering body of believers who are there to meet the needs of our various ministries.

One of the great themes of the Bible is that we are to be a people of Thanksgiving, not just one particular day of the year, but as Christians, we are to be thankful daily.

With Thanksgiving just around the corner it also means the Advent season will be upon us very soon. *This year, the first Sunday of Advent is November 28.*

While most of the world around us will be in a full-throttle Christmas mode before they are even done with Thanksgiving dinner, I have shared with you for many years how I love the idea of peaceful waiting –

Last year at this time I wasn't sure how we could possibly celebrate Advent during the pandemic. How could we make merry when our hearts were heavy with sadness of not being able to worship together in person. We tried our best and delivered Advent to you in a box instead so it is with great excitement to be able to invite you to our Advent Fair in person this year!

Bethel invites you to take part in this peaceful waiting with us on Sunday, November 28 following the worship service. It is our hope that everyone of all ages will consider joining us on the first Sunday of Advent for our annual Advent Sharing Fair.

We will be making Advent centerpieces, wreathes, ornaments, and various activities in the gym to help you prepare for the season of waiting.

The basic idea of an Advent wreath is to mark the four Sundays of Advent in an intentional way by lighting candles, reading scripture, and saying prayers. What I love about the tradition of the Advent wreath is that it gives an instant sense of awe and specialness to the end of the day as you share prayers and scriptures with one another. In that moment of lighting the wreath, the noise and rush of the day settles into a soothing quiet moment. It's a good way to start a conversation with those around you about what they may have heard that day or how things are going in the business of their schedules. If you live alone, it's a wonderful time to share prayers and blessings with God. This small act of making an intentional time to observe Advent brings the meaning of the season into focus.

Advent matters because it's our way of keeping our eyes and our hearts and our arms all wide open as we prepare the way for Jesus.

Remember how no one had room for Mary and Joseph when they arrived and the people of Bethlehem were too busy with their own lives? We all get pretty busy too, so let's make room for Jesus this Advent.

Join us on Sunday, November 28 following the worship service for our annual wreath making and sharing activities for the Advent season. Watch for more information soon in the Mid-Week email.

Thanksgiving blessings to you all

Bonnie





November 2021

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

Come be part of our TEAM!

Call Rocksolid for more information!

360-885-2181





"100 Men Clark County"

has blessed Rocksolid with their 4th Quarter giving!

Each quarter, three nonprofits are drawn to present on their program, to this amazing group of givers. Individually they vote and the winner is given that quarters giving. Rocksolid was chosen and gifted \$11,300! Share Vancouver, and Cascadia Tech were also awarded \$1000.

To find out more about this generous group of givers visit their website www.100mencc.com

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS BLESSING!

"GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING"...

With IQ Credit Union and KGW/Drew Carney!

Stay tuned for our program's commercial on local channel 8. We are so excited that IQ has helped stock our shelves for opening back up to the youth!









VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11th

Woody Wood joined our outdoor
"Hope for Salmon" project in October,
just to observe. Sam noticed Woody's
hat, walked away from the group and
over to him. Sam asked Woody if he
could shake his hand and thanked him
for his service...Unprompted and heartfelt, what an awesome gesture. Our manager, Jessica, watched this happen and
had to get a photo!

Thank a Veteran!

360-885-2181 Mailing address: PO Box 175 Brush Prairie, WA 98606

Teen Center 12919 NE 159th St. Brush Prairie, WA 98606 www.rocksolid-teen.com

Thank you Bethel Lutheran Church for providing us a "home" for our program.

October Council/Board Meeting, October 12, 2021 - 6:30-8:30 pm

Meetings are being held in-person, at Bethel. Please follow church's Covid protocols.



Members present: Dotti Davis, Bonnie Stauffer, John Sarver, Candi Ehrich, Linda Bieker, Ken Sayler, Chris Kast, Laura Kast, Nancy Fuerstenberg, Heidi De Broeck, Dave Elson, Tara McCabe, Pastor Lynne Ogren

Full Council – 6:30 pm Scripture Candi Ehrich Scripture volunteer for November – Chris Kast Treasurer's report Income \$29,401.02 Expenses \$19,722.79

Board Meetings Breakout – 6:45 pm

Full Council reconvened – 7:45 pm

Pastors report – Pastor Lynne Ogren 3 deaths since last meeting- presided or assisted with 1 wedding in September Taken on Adult Sunday school Weekly Bible Study- Wednesday class now meeting at 10 am.

Working on Worship with Bonnie Visiting and or phoning as many homebound as she can fit in.

Deacon's report – Heidi

Christmas and Advent Advent Service:

Agreed to 1 prayer service/no sermon, which will occur on a Wednesday at 7 pm

Christmas service 5pm and 7pm on Christmas Eve -

Candlelight service

Bells to play on 4th Sunday of Advent Advent Sharing on 1st Sunday of Advent – Nov 28th Decorating Church- December 4th- right after BLCW breakfast at 10:00am

Budget- Discussed budget

Worship - \$1,500 increased to \$2,000 Music - \$1,100

Congregational Life - \$3,500

Family Ministry report – Bonnie Working on finishing Stewardship Planning for Advent Sharing

Board of Education Report – Linda Bibles will be given to Family Groups of children attending.

Nursery- Have regular volunteers now and would like to provide training for them to go over nursery protocols.

Trustees

Ken thanks Jack, Bonnie and Pastor Lynne for the stewardship program they put together this year. Heat Pump- will be getting new bids

Request from Jim for Audio Video Equipment

Hands free wireless for assisting minister or guest minister \$350

House microphone for livestream broadcast-helps to pick up congregational responses, bells etc. \$250

Headphones for video room- \$99
Trustees approved a Total of \$700- will come out of Worship and Music Motion made for Deacons to approve the \$700. Seconded and approved

Will request an AV line item be added to budget
Reminder that purchase orders need to include where the money should be taken from.
Request from Jim for ATEM Mini Pro Extreme @ 995.00. Chris will reach out to Jim with questions prior to approval.

Have 4 channels currently. Why is another needed? Purpose? How many switches will the proposed switcher do?

How many at home currently watching- Is the current expense worth it?
Have you been asked to provide something you are not providing now?
Request from Naomi Circle- Fundraiser- they would like to create a cookbook and sell it. They would like permission from Church Council to proceed with a fundraiser. They will use the money for something within the church.

Council motions to approve the Naomi Circle's request to hold a fundraiser. MSA

Covid discussion

Deacons discussed setup of coffee hour fellowship in Gym. The main concern is how long it takes to set it up and take down.

Closing Prayer Adjourned at 8:37pm

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRIES S

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Nanci Keenan

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

John F. Kennedy



CLARK COUNTY FOOD BANK: More than just a 5k or 10k race, Turkey Trot is a tradition of celebration on Thanksgiving morning. With 100% of the proceeds benefiting Clark_County Food Bank, Turkey Trot provides a way for the community to come together and give backon this day of thanks. https://turkey-trot.org/race-details

FAMILY PROMISE: Bethel needs your help during their next week of service (December 5-12). Help is needed a few different ways - prepare meals or serve as hosts in the evening or overnight. Contact Candi Ehrich for more information and help where help is needed.



Have extra Christmas fabric? For the 4th year, Columbia Springs will be collecting reusable fabric holiday gift wrapping bags and donating them to the Meals on Wheels People program. Goal is 800 bags. Deadline to donate bags is December 8. Don't have fabric? Call and fabric will be delivered. For more information text: 503-329-5590 or repair@columbiasprings.org.



<u>Winter Hospitality Overflow:</u> Again, due to COVID restrictions, the WHO shelter at St. Andrew's will be staffed by Share of Vancouver, but help is still needed. Donations can be made through our website: <u>whoprogram.org/donate</u>, or if you prefer to donate by check, please write "WHO" in the check memo line and mail to: Council for the Homeless, 2500 Mail Street, Vancouver, WA 98660 Phone (call or text): 360-200-8757 Email: <u>whoprogram@gmail.com</u>.

<u>OUTSIDERS INN:</u> St. Paul's Church in downtown Vancouver has recently opened a year-round shelter for men called Outsider's Inn. They need onsite volunteers and basic food and hygiene supplies. If you can help: (360) 830-6647 <u>adam@outsidersinn.org</u> <u>info@stpaulvancouver.com</u>

<u>LIVING STONES MINISTRY:</u> Join Pastor Chris for an update about what is happening in the Living Stones Prison Congregation, in Shelton, Wa. Topic: Living Stones Update – Zoom: 2nd Monday at 3p.m. info: https://livingstonespc.org/

BLOOD NEEDED: There is a significant shortage of blood at this time. Bloodworks NW has many donation centers in the Battle Ground & Vancouverarea, and you can schedule a donation online Bloodworks NW is the principal supplier of blood to PeaceHealth SW Medical Center and Legacy Salmon Creekin Southwest Washington. Consider a donation of blood today and save a life. (800) 398-7888 https://www.bloodworksnw.org



Thank you, Bethel members, for all you do to make our community a better place to be.



INFORMATION FOR AND ABOUT BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

November 2021 Judy Wood



Set-up for Sunday Fellowship Hour

Members of the Circle will set up the coffee for Sunday morning and schedule helpers for clean-up at the close of services.

November Hostess - Naomi Circle

Hostess Circles are NOT responsible for providing goodies for coffee hours.

All Bethel families are invited to help

with food as well as serving & clean up.
Sign-up sheet in the Narthex



BLCW Brunch Program Nov 6th - 10am

"The Blessings I've Received"
Bonnie Stauffer,
Director of Family Ministry

Naomi Circle

is our host and will provide hot dishes, others are asked to bring sides or breads.

Please join us and bring a friend along!

There is something to be THANKFUL for EVERY DAY



Coming in December - Priscilla Circle

invites the men to join us for brunch and the presentation "High Flying" by Ron Gullickson



Women's Bible Study



November Circle Meetings

Hope - at the church - Nov 16th - 6:30pm Maureen Smith, hostess Naomi - at the Church Nov 16th - 1:00pm Joyce Detchman, hostess Priscilla at Bethel - Nov 16th - 9:30am Hostess - TBD



Have you ever wondered . . .

. . . what Family Promise of Clark County is all about? The following link will take you to an excellent video that tells the tale about some of the people Bethel has helped over the last several years. The people sharing their stories are not actors. These are the faces we have seen during our quarterly volunteer efforts, along with that of David Cole, the executive director, and other staff and volunteers involved in the program. Family Promise Stories Shared

(https://youtu.be/ vTZZNjerxo)

Together, we are making a difference in people's lives. If you would like to learn more about how you can help during our December 5-12 co-hosting week, please call Candi Ehrich at 360-521-6209 or email her at candi-ehrich@comcast.net



What can I give?

We are awaiting word on how we can add some cheer to Christmas for the families who are part of the Family Promise program. Be watching for more information in the coming weeks.

Thank you for sharing in this local ministry!



KEEPING UP WITH BETHEL

Are you on Social Media? Here are a few ways you can share what is happening at Bethel! Follow Bethel on Social Media and share it with others! Be sure to hashtag your Bethel photos with #bethelbrushprairie



Bethel Lutheran Facebook @bethelfamilyministry



Bethel Lutheran Instagram @blcfamily



Bethel Lutheran Church Pinterest @bethelblessings



Bethel Lutheran YouTube Channel

Don't forget to check your email for Bethel's Midweek mailing and for the Sunday bulletins and any other important announcements!



NOVEMBER GIVING CAMPAIGN winter hospitality overflow

Dear Friends.

In less than two weeks, the 19th season of WHO begins. The Winter Hospitality Overflow [WHO] ministry is housed in both St. Paul and St. Andrew Lutheran Churches. This ecumenical ministry provides up to 80 of our most vulnerable neighbors with a safe, warm, and predictable place to rest. We operate during the coldest and wettest months of the year - November 1 through March 31. Each night St. Paul can serve 25-30 single men, and St. Andrew can serve 45-50 single women and families.

Thank you for your vigilant support of WHO. This year community support is more critical than ever. Local in-person fundraising and the annual Winds & Strings concert have been canceled because of COVID-19 and the surging delta variant.

There are plenty of examples of the pandemic's toll on this ministry. Even with increased safety and hygiene precautions, we cannot guarantee full staffing with volunteers. Our partners at SHARE and Outsiders Inn have generously agreed to provide staffing support in place of some volunteers. This will require continuing an increase in our expenses.

We need to raise \$50,000 this year to meet the additional expenses of WHO during Covid.

Here's how churches, organizations, and individuals can help:

Make a financial donation to sustain the program. Donate online by visiting the Council for the Homeless. You can also mail donations to Council for the Homeless, 2500 Main St., Vancouver WA 98660, with "WHO" in the memo line.

We cannot do this alone, and we need each other to continue this vital ministry for our community. Thank you for your essential partnership with WHO.

With Gratitude.

Rev. Cindy Muse, Pastor, St. Andrew Lutheran Church Rev. Linda Marousek, Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church Kate Budd, Executive Director, Council for the Homeless Amy Reynolds, MSW, Deputy Director, SHARE THE COLD WEATHER IS
JUST STARTING
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO
GIVE!

2021 Bethel Sunday Morning Streamed Services Reader Schedule

Scripture Readers

Nov 7 Terry Smith
Nov 14 Ken Sayler
Nov 21 Kirsten Elson
Nov 28 Randy Crawley

Phone Patch: 360-729-0011

Put your phone on speaker and don't forget to hit the mute button... or follow the links

from: bethelbrushprairie.org



Got some important Bethel news? You can send updates, or get information to us by emailing:

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Music Ministry blcmusic@comcast.net

Parish Administrator Judy Wood blcoffice@comcast.net

RSTC Director Marcy Sprecher Marcy@rocksolid-teen.com

visit us on the web at bethelbrushprairie.org



December 2021 Bethel Bell

Newsletter Articles are due by Nov 22nd

Office hours: Currently as needed. Please call if you have questions. Office: 360-892-4231 Normal Office Hours Mon-Fri 9AM-3:30PM



Today we ask for prayer for the families of Doril Ellertson, Evar Knudtson, Kathy Walker, and Penelope Schinke as they grieve, prayers for Gail Carbajal, Chuck Staavas, Bill Meisner, Carol Taylor, Judy Sutera, Grace Wetter, Nancy Fuerstenberg, George Land, Ella Remmick, Mary Webber, Sandi Kytola, Jody Huffstutler, and Woody Wood. We pray for the financial & spiritual health & growth of Bethel and for all who struggle with illness and economic issues. We ask God's guidance and protection on our military, our leaders and our country.



Thank you Bethel for your continued financial support.

Even in these strange times we have to keep the lights on.

Have you considered setting up automatic giving through your bank? It's usually done at no charge. Our Tithe.ly account is also an option but does charge a small fee.

Help Beat Covid Mask up Wash up Keep safe



Always pray and



Are you a part of Bethel's Prayer Chain?

If not, and you'd like to be, please contact Judy Bergren (phone chain) 360-666-9134 or Judy Wood (email chain) 360-892-4231 or 360-904-0271. All we need is your name and email address, or your phone number if you don't use a computer...

Communion - November 2021

Communion will be served to those who attend in-person services at Bethel this month.

Communion elements for home use are available at the Bethel office. Call and arrange to come and pick yours up.



Dean Vilander	11/02
Tara McCabe	11/02
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Judy Bergren	11/03
Ken Roach	11/06
Kyle Lashchuk	11/06
Dottie Davis	11/07
Christy Hamlett	11/09
Jan Smith	11/10
Sylvia Vilander	11/13
James DeBroeck	11/14
Kay Nock	11/15
Jan Sayler	11/17
Doug Frahm	11/18
Trent Stauffer	11/19
Heidi Paveglieo	11/24
Janey Bergren	11/26
Michelle McAllister	11/30



Jeff & Lori Kytola 11/05/1983 Josh & Lisa Long 11/10/2003

If you had a birthday or anniversary and are not listed, OR if dates are incorrect or incomplete, PLEASE call the church office at 360-892-4231 so we can get it right next time! Thank you....













Keep our Servicemen and women in your prayers..

SPC Alec Rohrer, US Army, grandson of Jack & Cindi Graves, currently serving at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Johnathan Cook, USAF, grandson of Kay Nock, stationed in Florida

Chief Petty Officer, Ryan Fontenot, stationed Texas. Grandson of Milt and Jan Kleven.

Autumn McAllister, USAF, daughter of John & Michelle McAllister, stationed at Clovis. N.M.

Brandon Morgan, USAF Sp. Forces Para rescue, grandson of Milt & Jan Kleven, stationed in Tucson, AZ

Zackery Scott Noorlun, **USAF**, **TSgt**, great-grandson of Clarice Noorlun, serving as an avionics technician at Royal Air Force Lakenheath in the UK.

Ingrid Flores, E-4 US Combat Medic, who returned safely in July 2020 from a year of service in Jordan. Great niece of Craig and Candi Ehrich, who continues to serve with the Army National Guard.

Nick Otos, USAF, nephew of Kari Otos, stationed at Okinawa, Japan

Luke Terry - US Air Force, stationed in Germany.
Lonnie Terry - US Air Force, stationed in New Mexico.

Derrick Wolf, USN, grandson of Dick & Charlene Wolf. Derrick is on recruiting duty in Virginia.

Chandler Heppe, USAF, Lt. nephew of Eric & Lynne Ogren, stationed in Utah.

A soldier said: "When I die do not play taps over my grave. Instead play reveille, the morning call, the summons to arise."

If you have an update for this list, please let the office know.. Thanks!

		No	November 2021	2021		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	က	4	5	6 10am BLCW Brunch Men Invited!
7 10am Serv	8 8am Share House Quilfing	9 6:30Boards 7:30 Council 9am Mission Quilting	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13
14 10am Serv	15	16	17	18	19	20 9am Men's Breakfast Ladies Invited!
21 10am Serv	8 8am Share House Quilting	23 9am Mission Quilters	24	25 <u>Thanksgiving</u> <u>Day</u>	26	27
28 10am Serv	29	30				
				Martial Arts- Mon Thurs-Fri 6:30-8:30pm	Bergren Softball Wed 4-9 Sat 9-2 Sun 9-2	BS Troop 475 Tues 6:30-8:00 gym

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Christ Welcomes All

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You can also follow Bethel on:

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Instagram https://www.instagram.com/blcfamily/





If you're unable to join us in-person please won't you join us virtually??

Sunday Service Hours
In-person 10:00am
Streaming Service - YouTube
Phone patch - 360-729-0011
Watch the Bethel Bell for Coming Events!