

The Bethel Bell



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Sending tons of blessings

Ezekiel 18:29-32

Vs29Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? 30Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. 31Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? 32For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Philippians 2:1-13

Vs 1 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, 2make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...12Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 21:23-32

Vs 23 When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" 24Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. 25Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' 26But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." 27So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 28What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. 30The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. 31Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. 32For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

As you know I love God's Loving, Illuminating, Living Word! Often when I am preparing a sermon I think, "Wow, I only need to read the Word of God! That is enough of a sermon." God via the common lectionary provided amazing light filled Word and Gospel during the month of September. I am always so amazed at how the lectionary often matches the hearts and minds of the people at that time. It is as if God knew years ago that a certain Word would be needed at a certain time. Yes, *God's timing is the best timing*, as the saying goes.

Bethel Lutheran Church Mission Statement

"We are called, enlightened and empowered through Christ to worship, witness, and serve."

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Vicar Vera's message (cont).

The illuminating scriptures above are from the last Sunday in September. They ring with Truth and Love. The only thing I would add would be the Psalm for the day. It is supposed to only include verses 1-9, I included through 11 because the Words are full and nourishing. Let us lift them up together throughout the month!

Psalm 25:1-9

In you, Lord my God,
I put my trust.

2 I trust in you;
do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

3 No one who hopes in you
will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those
who are treacherous without cause.

4 Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.

5 Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.

6 Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, Lord, are good.

8 Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

9 He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them his way.

10 All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

11 For the sake of your name, Lord,



GIVING OPTIONS.....

**Offering: When the need is greater, God's people are called into even more service!
Look for ways you can offer yourselves to Christ's work this week.**

Thank you for your continued and generous financial support.

You can mail your offering to PO Box 175 Brush Prairie, WA 98606

**You can set up automatic giving through your bank.
Bank payments are usually "no charge".**

or try Bethel's [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) account. Go to Tithe.ly on your phone or computer.

However you give, know how much you are appreciated.

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



October Family Ministry



Galatians 6:9

Many of you know I grew up on a family farm and that Dennis and I raised a family of our own on the Stauffer family farm. At a young age I quickly learned the meaning of faith by witnessing the process of my dad preparing the soil, planting the seeds, cultivating the crops, harvesting the crops, and raising the animals. I have memories of my uncles and cousins inviting us to go along with them on a beach or camping trip. Instead of getting to go along on the trip, my dad would be

watching the weather to see if the rain the weatherman was predicting would ruin our hay crops. For nature did not always deliver sunshine when we needed it. There were other times though that we gave thanks for receiving just the right amount of rain and sunshine to grow the crops and enjoy fun times with our cousins.

Watching my parents have joyful accomplishments with the combination of sadness because of failures all those years ago and then again through the years with my husband as we raised our family on the farm, helped me learn how faith in God truly puts life in perspective. Even though my dad worked endlessly from sunrise to sunset—and my mom worked long hours as a nurse to provide for our family, they always made time on Sunday for worship. I watched and learned from my parents, my Grandma Ellen, and the many mentors and teachers I have had along the way at Bethel from the day of my baptism on July 5th, 1964 through this very day that I write to you in the Bethel Bell. I was raised in abundant soil where the roots of faith grew deep to live with a heart of love and compassion. Over the years at Bethel you have taught me to serve others by teaching me that caring for those in need is a way of life. I have seen our Bethel members through these challenging times continue to show an abundant generosity for our congregation and our community. I give thanks for each of you who helped me receive just the right amount of sunshine by your love and support to help me continue to grow in my faith by being a witness to you serving. It has been especially hard to find sunshine during Covid as I am sure that is true for many of you. The notes of encouragement that you send are appreciated so much. I genuinely mean it when I say, I pray for our Bethel family every day. I want to encourage you to send notes of sunshine to others as well. It really makes your day brighter.



So many of you over the years have continued to pass along the faith for the next generation. That, and God's amazing love and guidance through His Word are what have kept me going. So with Bethel's

theme this month of “Abundance”, I want to thank the Bethel family for demonstrating a life-changing faith with abundant commitment to your membership and being an example of what a personal relationship to a loving God looks like. Thank you for your steadfast devotion to serving others.

The reality is upon us that getting “back to normal” is still a long way off. Like many of you, I want to have hope that Bethel’s doors will open back up sooner than later. I want to thank Candi Ehrich for helping us come together in prayer for the outdoor event that we had planned for September 13th. As I write this article, we are praying the air quality will be better so that we can try again to have the Prayer Walk on September 20th. I pray by the time you receive the October Bell, we will have come together to rejoice in prayer for our Bethel family and community.

If you’ve been feeling a little down lately and not feeling like the world is delivering enough sunshine when needed, please remember you’re not alone. God is with us and will continue to be. Please call or email me anytime if you need someone to chat with. For now, I mostly work from home with the same days I worked before Covid--- Sunday mornings and Monday-Wednesdays, but feel free to contact me anytime. We are all navigating through uncharted territory. I myself, this past month took a step back to take care of myself. I have told many of you how hard and how selfish that sounded to me. I thank you so much for understanding and supporting that decision. I felt refreshed giving my worries over to the Lord in prayer and spending quality time with my family and close friends for a few days. I hope you too can be encouraged that we are not on our own to find the way through our worries and that He is able to show us the clarity of our thoughts each day through these challenging times.

These months have been hard, but I do believe God is doing a new thing among us. During our disappointment, our doubts, our fatigue, and our anxiety, please remember there is hope in Jesus Christ.



¹³ Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. 1 Peter 1:13

While we had hoped things would “get back to normal” by now, our way of worshiping and serving together has changed and is not going to be like it was before. It is a good thing we have scripture to remind us that God is up to something new and He wants us to participate with Him.

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:18-19



What has been “springing up” in you during this pandemic? What refreshing ideas are deep in your heart that cannot wait to be shared? He will make a way to help us share the abundant soil where the roots of faith can continue to grow with a heart of love and an abundance of compassion.

Grace and peace to you all,

Bonnie Stauffer
Family Ministry Director

SAVE THE DATE-OCT 31st

3RD ANNUAL TRUNK-OR-TREAT PROPOSAL

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

IS HOPING FOR APPROVAL TO HOST

ADVENTURES IN CANDYLAND

Saturday
October 31st
6:00-7:30 PM

FREE EVENT
For Your family!

- On Saturday, October 31st, Bethel Lutheran Church is waiting for approval to host their 3rd Annual Trunk-or-Treat event. The Bethel parking lot will be transformed into the fun, children's board game, Candyland, *The Sweet Path to Jesus*!

- We rely on donations from our congregation and community to put on this free event for our community. We are hoping to get approval for this outdoor event soon! Keep watching for updates!

Our volunteer team would like to host a safe event on Halloween with a Candyland theme - *A Sweet Path to Jesus* for the children in our community. Members of the church will decorate the trunks of their cars. We will hand out one, individually packaged prize/candy bag for each child at the end of the drive-through Candyland Maze in our church parking lot. We will provide a safe place for families to drive their car through a controlled environment that is Covid friendly.

We want to make an impact by offering a free, safe, and fun environment for kids on Halloween while also having a collection of items for families in need in our community - More information to come! This event is a great way to engage with families in our community during these challenging times of Covid-19 and to support an outreach ministry in our community.



WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH BLC'S YOUTH?

OCTOBER UPDATE

With the start of distance learning, it was very important to give the youth a chance to have a break from Zoom! We decided the best plan was to move to meeting once a week, on Sundays at 4:00! The first meeting after school started was a planning meeting to find out what the schedule would look like, what interests in activities there were, and just overall getting the youth input in what they wanted from their youth group time! It was decided that one Sunday would be specifically devoted to Bible studies, one Sunday for movie nights, and the other two Sundays would be open for special activities and the role playing game that, after much research, I was able to find! A Christian role playing game called Dragon Raid, it was produced in the 80's and the youth are very excited about starting it! I purchased it with my personal funds and am hoping it will come in sooner rather than later! Pray for speedy delivery!

The youth will be participating in the third annual Trunk-or-Treat by putting together a service project, Socktober Fest. They will collect socks and other needed items for our brothers and sisters in Christ experiencing houselessness! Be on the lookout for updates about how you can contribute!

Matthew 19:14

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."



SEPTEMBER RECAP

Sunday Virtual Gatherings

Youth met on Sunday evenings for planning, Bible Studies, and Movie nights!

Megan Zika
Interim Youth Minister
(360)608-4094
megan.zika406@gmail.com



Connecting with our Youth, virtually!



THANK YOU

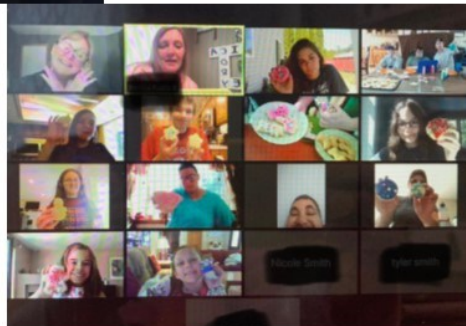
...for your generous donations on GiveMore 24!

We appreciate your support!



It was GREAT to see some of our Volunteers join us on Zoom!

Here are our teens baking sugar cookies and decorating. What a fun, virtual project!



ZOOM-ing!

with our Rocksolid Youth
Every Monday at 4:00pm!



WE MISS YOU ALL!!

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.

Bethel Council Minutes
September 8, 2020 6:30 PM

Attendees: Donna Crawley, Heidi De Broeck, Jody Huffstutler, Megan Zika, Chris Kast, James De Broeck, Jennifer Huffstutler, Leah Zika, Cameron Kast, Laura Kast, Candy Ehrich, Terry Smith, Ron Gullickson, Ken Sayler, Paula Freimuth, John Smith, Dean Sutera

6:30 pm - Opened

Devotion: Donna Crawley

Transition Team update - Dean Sutera, Pastor Melanie, Rebecca, Vicar Vera, Ron Gullickson met today. Transition Team will try to have a Transition Team Meeting in person at Dean's Property next week.

Break into virtual groups

RECONVENE FOR REPORTS

Approval of minutes from August 14, 2020 council meeting - MSA

REPORTS

Vicar Vera - Covid-19 update

Reopening Protocol has been finalized

Covid-19 Task force will send out another questionnaire this week to see how many want to come back?

Treasurer - Financial information update

Income \$22,630.75 |

Expenses \$23,414.37

Deficit -\$783.87 total

Mortgage balance at end of August approximately: \$48,000.00

Trustee's

Youth Director's Job – decided not necessarily a Trustees decision alone. Motion made that the Board of Ed nominate a committee to organize and find a new Youth Director.

MSA

Work from home: Staff requested to be able to work from home at their discretion.

Trustees propose we allow staff to work from home at their discretion during this time.

MSA

Stewardship – Megan is leading a Stewardship program: Vicar Vera and Donna Crawley will participate in the program with her.

Youth Protocols – discussed aligning Bethel's protocols with Rock Solid if not already.

Would like to pass this to the Parish Ed Board. Parish Ed will take this on.

Deacon's

Discussed God's Work Our Hands Sunday – project through ELCA across the nation involvement community and service projects. Bonnie and Candi have been working on a Prayer Walk. Walking through the cemetery, neighborhood next door etc. They would observe protocols such as wearing masks and distances. 11:00 am this Sunday. Looking for RSVPs. They have a flier ready to mail out and would like the Council's approval. **MSA**

Council Minutes (cont.)

Altar Guild: Sylvia has stepped down from Altar Guild – Need a replacement. Laura Kast may be interested. Deacons will be looking for more volunteers.

Reader Scheduled: Has been scheduled through the end of the year.
A new Deacon is needed to fill Sylvia's spot.

Board of Education

Megan is meeting with area church leaders to get more information/ideas
Adult Ed: Kirsten Elson may have some ideas – still open

Youth - Megan Zika temporary Youth director.
Put together a youth service in August.
Zoom movie night possibly.
Researching Christian RPG games
Discussed socially distanced meetings
Contacted the youth individually.

Family Ministry

God's Work Our Hands.
Spark cancelled for now.
Backpack blessing this year? Vicar Vera would like to make it happen. Candi will discuss with Bonnie to see if it can be incorporated with prayer walk.
Facebook and Instagram accounts still open.
Trunk r Treat Event – working on logistics to see if it can happen. Would like council's approval to move forward with this? Vera said she would check with Covid Task Force.

Protocols

Bonnie pointed out that we had worked extensively on creating protocols previously.
Where are they located?
James started a discussion concerning protocols and processes. He is questioning the process in which Tim was let go and asks if the Constitution was followed. Discussion was had concerning the constitution.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Megan Zika CLM cost – \$1320.00 – Megan is asking the council if they will sponsor her for the first quarter. The cost is \$330.00 per quarter. Council discussed and approved to sponsor Megan for the first quarter. **MSA**

Next meeting October 13, 2020,
Megan Zika Devotion
[Motion to adjourn at 8:57 pm MSA](#)
Close with Lord's Prayer



COVID TASK FORCE UPDATE

COVID Task Force is looking into options for reopening. A survey is being generated to determine the number of congregants willing to attend services in person. The results will be reviewed and a reopening plan will be presented to the council for review so that the council can determine reopening time based on the information and recommendations the task force provides.

From Pastor Melanie Wallschlaeger at the Synod Office

September 2020

Dear Members of Bethel Lutheran Church,

In the August newsletter, I wrote a letter about the Church Council's recommendation that Vicar Vera McEwen be considered as the candidate for the regularly- called pastor position at Bethel. A Transition Team was put together to pursue the recommendation. The Transition Team's main priority was to listen to the congregation to hear if there was readiness and a sense of the Spirit's leading in that vision. The vision that Council and Vicar Vera had reached was one that built upon Bethel's engagement in the *Imagine* process, in which 50% of the pastor's time is dedicated to building disciples, incorporating new members, and evangelical outreach into the community. The Transition Team invited Vicar Vera to share her vision with the congregation through her Sunday preaching. Since the announcement of the *Imagine Covenant* vision for how Vicar Vera's time would be dedicated to outreach if she were to be called as Bethel's pastor, the Council and Transition Team have received input from multiple members. Through mutual discernment, Vicar Vera and Bethel's leaders have concluded that Vicar Vera's vision for evangelical outreach and mission does not match what Bethel feels is the pastoral model it desires for the next chapter. As a result, Bethel will not be engaging in the *Imagine Covenant* at this time and Vicar Vera will not be a candidate for call to Bethel.

The gift of this time of discernment is that Bethel leadership has a clearer idea of what direction the congregation wants to go and what work needs to be done in order to step out in faith in that direction. Vicar Vera also has clarity about how God is calling her to use her gifts as a pastor in a mission development/redevelopment context.

Congregational leaders I have heard from desire that Vicar Vera continue her work in interim ministry. She is willing to do so through the end of 2020. Vicar Vera's service as Bethel's Interim Minister will conclude on December 31st, 2020. Having made the decision not to pursue the *Imagine Covenant* model, the Transition Team will meet with Bishop's Associate, Pastor Rebecca Shjerven, to engage in the work of the Ministry Site Profile. Once the Ministry Site Profile is complete, a Call Committee will be formed to begin the call process.

Please continue to keep Bethel in your prayers and hearts during this time of Spirit-led discernment.

God's Peace,

Pastor Melanie Wallschlaeger
Director for Evangelical Mission
Southwester Washington Synod

Financial Stmt thru August 2020

	Month	Year
Income:	\$20,930.10	\$167,285.49
Expense:	21,544.27	173,833.77
Diff:	(625.72)	(5,045.92)

...Building Mortgage Report...

as of September 30, 2020
mortgage balance (approx.)- \$45,024.84

!!!GO BETHEL!!!

SOCIAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES



October 2020

Nanci Keenan

"No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another." – Author Unknown

If you were one of the estimated 25 people that attended the September Prayer Walk, then you know this was a wonderful experience. If not, you missed an incredibly special day. At the Prayer Walk, we collected 73 pounds of food staples for the **FOOD BANK**. Thank you everyone.

FOOD BANK: Zucchini coming out of your ears? More pumpkins than you need, other vegies in your garden? The Food Bank will love you. Volunteers are also needed: (360) 687-5007 or executive.director@nccfoodbank.org



MILLION MEALS: Also, at the Prayer Walk the 'Million Meals' jar was available. By end of day, we collected \$481.71. That makes our grand total of 892,485 meals collected to date. We are SO close to the million meals goal. Way to go!!

BETHEL MEMBER NEEDING HELP: During the windstorms last month Bernice Jehnsen had a huge tree break and fall in her yard. Luckily, it missed the house but broke the water pump and damaged the water line. Bethel has set up a 'go fund me' account to help with the repairs. The fund for Bernice Jehnsen has already collected \$890. (\$525.00 on the go-fund-me and \$365.00 in checks through Bethel). The total goal is \$2000. Any help you can give would be very appreciated. [gf.me/u/yvis5x](https://www.gofundme.com/u/yvis5x)

OTHER WAYS TO HELP: **DONATE BLOOD:** Bloodworks NorthWest 360-567-4800

HELP for the HOMELESS: Earl & Paula Freimuth 360-521-7628 for supplies they need

MEALS ON WHEELS: drivers <https://www.mowp.org/volunteer/become-a-meals-on-wheels-driver/>

LIVING STONES MINISTRIES: LivingStonesAssistant@outlook.com Raffle drawing Nov. 17 Win \$2020 Tickets \$5 each or 6/\$25 (Helps the ELCA church at the Men's Correctional Facility in Shelton, WA)

FISH: make food boxes in the warehouse. Dori @ 360-566-3243

A LITTLE SOCIAL OUTREACH: I challenge members of Bethel to complete one thoughtful act daily during the month of October. When Fall arrives, so does an increase in depression (shorter, darker days, gloomy skies, colder temperatures, trees being stripped of their leaves.) So, check on a neighbor, make a phone call, see if someone needs the lawn mowed or groceries, maybe send a card to let a person know you are thinking about them, say 'hello' to a stranger. PLEASE, one little kind act everyday. Share your 'Gratitude': I guarantee your spirits will soar in the process.

As always, I am amazed at the continuous generosity of Bethel. Thank you.

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO COVID19 REGULATIONS, PLEASE STAY SAFE

**Women's Circles
NO Circle Meetings
in October**



Let's Pray for Each Other

No October meeting planned

The Sharehouse Quilt presentation was cancelled do to Covid but 211 quilts were delivered on September 1st with the help of the Tuesday guys!



Thank you quilters for your dedication!

NO October QUILTING

SEE YOU IN

cancelled due to Covid

NOV???

**NO experience
necessary**

**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.

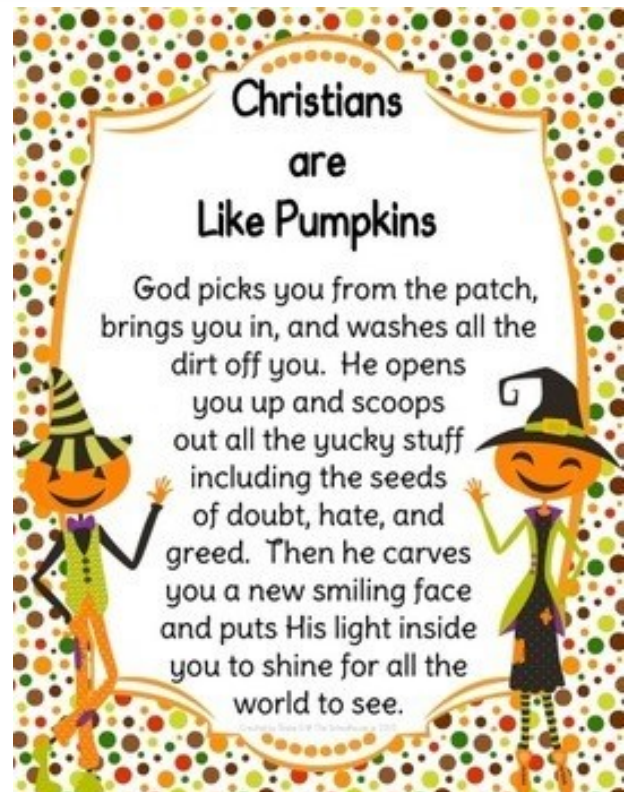
Hostess Circles are NOT responsible for providing goodies for coffee hours.

All Bethel families are invited to help with food as well as serving & clean up.

Sign-up sheet in the Narthex



**Pick up the phone and call somebody!
Yours might be just the voice they need to hear today!**



About the PSALM Program

The Southwestern Washington Synod seeks to form and support trustworthy, inclusive lay leaders who are grounded in Christian faith and in a Lutheran expression of faith. The Program for Strengthening Active Lay Ministry (PSALM) is designed for congregation members who have discerned a call to more intentional and public lay leadership in their congregation and community. The coursework for the term is introduced at a retreat by a variety of presenters who bring expertise to the topics. In addition to course assignments each term, students will work on practical ministry projects in their congregation or ministry setting. They will have an opportunity to share these projects with each other as part of the retreats.

Our Megan Zika is beginning her journey in the PSALM program. I asked Megan to tell us a little more about the program, her commitment, her costs, and her goals. Here is what she told me..



The PSALM (program for strengthening active lay ministers) is 2 years long, split up into 4 quarters! At this point, it is in person, so that has brought the cost down from \$2000 to \$1320. I am so excited to start this program because it will be building upon what I have already learned from Concordia with my theology degree, and it will also be giving me the ELCA side of things which is something I realized I am very passionate about after my time learning the LCMS side at CU-P. Rebecca Shjerven is one of my instructors and she let me know that they will be tailoring my program to be more in-depth because they know about my theology degree! I'm so excited!!! It will also be amazing to get to be in fellowship with people from all around our synod who are just as excited about the word and literacy in the word!

Blessings and joy to you today. Megan

Bethel's Council has voted to support her with a contribution of \$330. towards her expenses.

If YOU would like to help you can do so by sending a check to Bethel and putting Megan's name in the bottom left hand corner of the check. Whether you contribute or not, please keep her journey in your

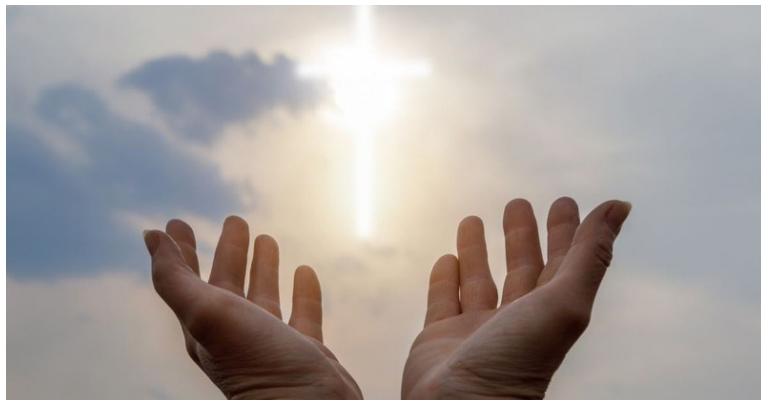


Thank you for all you outpouring of prayers, love and cards when we lost our precious little Walker. Our Bethel family always lightens our burdens. The Shepard/Creamer family



from Candi for Grace Wetter

Grace very much appreciates all the cards she has received and the prayers that have been lifted up on her behalf. Please continue to pray for both Grace and Boyd and for their children, who have been their faithful caregivers during this difficult time.



Here are all the links for staying connected to Bethel

Bethel Lutheran Church Website: www.bethelbrushprairie.org You can find all of the links listed here on the website as well as information about Bethel, including upcoming worship services and events, messages of encouragement, and general updates that would be of interest to our members and to the community.

YouTube Channels you can Subscribe to: (There is a help file on our website on how to do this. Go to the YouTube tab on the website menu)

Bethel Lutheran: Sunday Morning Worship Services

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7H8bCVcnzEo>

Bethel Lutheran Young People: Bible Study with Tim Peterson

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtEXPxXrvnuF7N_D-kmJ30Q

Bethel Faith Connection: Kid's Connect Sunday School Lessons and Bethel Events

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0v2Eq8bhzZWdQuJkf0GUhg?view_as=subscriber

Bethel Lutheran Facebook @bethelfamilyministry:

<https://www.facebook.com/bethelfamilyministry/>

Bethel Lutheran Instagram @blcfamily

<https://www.instagram.com/blcfamily/?hl=en>

Email Bonnie at blcfamily@comcast.net if you would like more information on how to join us on Zoom for Sunday morning Coffee Hours at 11:00 and other study groups.



email for Vicar Vera: --- Bethellutheranchurchpastor@gmail.com

Office Schedule: Tuesdays from 2-5pm

Fridays from 10am till 5pm

You can reach her during these times on the Bethel line: 360-892-4231

2020 Bethel Sunday Morning Streamed Services Reader Schedule

Scripture and Prayer Reader

October 4	Dottie Davis
October 11	Terry Smith
October 18	Ken Saylor*
October 25	Randy Crawley

Phone Patch: 360-469-1998

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

*Family member already scheduled to sing or the person is already there because of being on Praise Team on these dates.

??Extra Veggies??

**the food bank in Battle Ground
will take all you can spare!**



The Annual Bethel Bazaar scheduled for October 31st has been cancelled due to Covid 19 as has the Ladybug Bazaar in Battle Ground.

That gives us an entire extra year to prepare for 2021!

Covid News

Due to the dramatically increasing number of cases ALL applications in the state of Washington have been placed on hold. The U.S. is seeing a major increase in the number of COVID 19 cases and deaths, because people are leaving their homes, gathering in large numbers, and not wearing masks. The state of Washington's numbers have increased to numbers close to where they were at the beginning of the pandemic. In the last week the U.S. went from a little less than 3 million cases to now 3.2 million cases. I



from Women of the ELCA Daily Grace

You know the language of our [Purpose Statement](#). It begins with acknowledging that we are a **community of women**. As we live into this new reality of a pandemic, efforts to reduce physical community contacts abound (also known as “community mitigation strategies”), and for good reason. But thanks to our faith grounding and modern communication methods, we can remain in community even as we practice physical (social) distancing, for we know that there is no social distancing in God’s love and grace.



ZUCCHINI ALERT!!!

Jody made pancakes the other day. Added 1 cup of finely chopped zucchini and 1 extra egg to her regular recipe. They were yummy!

Service Bulletin

You can follow the service using our PDF bulletin.



Find the link to the PDF each week on the home page of our website @ bethelbrushprairie.org

SUNDAY

MORNING

SERVICE

10:00AM

**LOTS
OF
INFO**

Thank you!

Thank you for joining us online!

Keep in touch and check
Facebook @bethelfamilyministry
Instagram @blcfamily
bethelbrushprairie.org for updates.

**CHECK
US
OUT**

**BETHEL
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AMAZING**

Thank you for your support!

When the need is greater, God's people are called into even more service! Look for ways you can offer yourselves to Christ's work this week.

Don't forget about financial giving either; You can mail your offering to PO Box 175 Brush Prairie, WA 98606 or use automatic giving through your bank or donating through Bethel's [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) account.

Contact Judy Wood at the Bethel office
blcoffice@comcast.net or 360-892-4231
For more information.





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

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Today we ask for prayer for Grace Wetter, Gail Carbajal, Evar Knudtson, Cheryl Bellamy, Ella Remmick, Lucille Gukeisen, Lowell Amundson, Mary Webber, Chuck Stavaas, Woody Wood, Jody Huffstutler and Doril Ellertson. 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.

A note from Judy

We're all anxious to be back in church, but safety is our first concern.

The biggest thing we can do right now is **PRAY**. Next comes the sanitizer, the hand washing, the "social distancing", the STAY HOME unless it's absolutely essential to leave the house.. the WEAR A MASK if you have to leave the house.

If you need something, let us know, there are people willing to help. You are NOT alone. God walks with us, every step all day and all night.

SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE WOODS for all the prayers during Woody's recent hospital stay. God is good, always. His Watchman surgery is scheduled for October 1st. Please pray for good results. Thank you Bethel family..

*"We make a living by what we get.
We make a life by what we give."
...Winston Churchill*

"Pray without Ceasing"
1 Thessalonians 5:17



*"Always pray and
never give up"*
Luke 18:1

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 phone number, if you don't use a computer...

Communion - October 2020



No in-person communion this month.
Communion weekly at our on-line service,
using elements from your own home.



Rachele Lindberg	10/06
George Flagg	10/06
John A Johnson	10/07
Les Huffstutler	10/07
Sandy Egan	10/09
Juanita Stelter	10/15
Christopher Kast	10/17
Carolyn Bergren	10/18
Carolyn Bomar	10/21
Elena Ferguson	10/22
Mary Webber	10/23
Milt Kleven	10/23
Marcy Sprecher	10/27
Roger Webb	10/28
Samuel Kytola	10/29
Candice Ehrich	10/29

Dan & Lori Lindberg	10/01/1988
Dick & Charlene Wolf	10/05/1979
Don & Audrey Fossum	10/06/1950
Earl & Paula Freimuth	10/10/1982
Eric & Marcy Sprecher	10/16/1993
Larry & Sandra Kytola	10/28/1961
David & Georgia Kramer	10/29/2016

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..

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 and Michelle McAllister, stationed in New Mexico.

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, stationed at Ellsworth AFB, in South Dakota.

Ingrid Flores, E-4 US Combat Medic. Great niece of Candi Ehrich, serving with the Army National Guard and deploying to Jordan at the end of August

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

Spec. Kirby Sharbono, US Army, nephew of Dan & Leah Zika. He and his wife, Jessica, are stationed at Ft. Lewis.

Luke and Lonnie Terry - both in the US Air Force, both stationed at Lackland, AFB, Texas.

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

Captain Ryan Zika is stationed Fort Hood, Texas.

Josh Maplethorpe, US Army, grandson of Carol Seekins, deployed.

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!

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Won't you join us virtually??

Sunday Service Hours

10:00am - Streaming Service - YouTube

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during the Covid pandemic shutdown

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