



*In gratitude, Bethel Lutheran Church amplifies God's grace, nourishes all creation, reaches out, and builds community.*

•We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.

•Bethel Children Youth & Family Ministry bridges generations to model, equip, and encourage a foundation of trust in God's story.

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## Our Lutheran Faith and Our Public Voice

How do we respond in times like this? With a national election, global pandemic, racial injustice, and all things publicly challenging here and now, what do we do about these things? Recently, I looked at what our faith has to say about these very questions. I spent some time on the ELCA Social Statement web page, and here is a bit of what I have learned.

*"Over time Lutherans have learned that energetic civic engagement is part of their baptismal vocation, both as individuals and through the church's corporate witness. Such civic participation is not simply voluntary, idealistic, or altruistic. The ELCA holds to the biblical idea that God calls God's people to be active citizens and to ensure that everyone benefits from the good of government (Jeremiah 29:7, Romans 13:1-7).*

*Civic engagement takes many forms. Examples include: • informed and regular voting • participation in government efforts such as the census • attending public meetings • public service as a government employee or in public office • involvement with political parties and campaigns • advocacy about particular issues • volunteering for public-service organizations • community organizing for social change • nonviolent protest."*

*(From: A social message on: Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy as adopted unanimously by the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on June 24, 2020.)*

As you know, early voting has started in our state, and our national election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, throughout the United States. Indeed, I voted yesterday, via a mail-in ballot. It is my hope and my prayer that we all exercise our right to vote in this national election. That we prayerfully and diligently do our homework, learn about our options in each election included on our ballot, and vote our faith. I hope and pray that this is the year that a record number of votes are cast in our entire country, and that everyone who has the right to vote is given voice, ballot, and said ballot is counted.



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*(From the Pastor - continued from page 1)*

To learn much more about the social message quoted above, go to:

[https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Government and Civic Engagement Social Message.pdf?ga=2.123943170.961119002.1600876210-1614692384.1583258601](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Government%20and%20Civic%20Engagement%20Social%20Message.pdf?ga=2.123943170.961119002.1600876210-1614692384.1583258601)

And know that our faith, and the faith of all other believers, is a part of our public voice. God help us to learn how to discuss issues of importance with hope and integrity, understanding and a listening ear, love for our neighbor and our country, as well as in ways that move us toward the life our God intends for each and every one of us, without exception.

With you, for Jesus,

*Pastor Brenda*

## Use of Building in This Time of Global Pandemic

As per the discussion with the Board of Administrators in September of 2020, Bethel Lutheran Church will take room requests from our members, partners in ministry, as well as our regular renters, and will accommodate these requests as we are able in accordance to CDC guidelines during this continued global pandemic. **Room Reservation forms must be submitted to the office prior to any room being assigned.**

That is, if we are able to accommodate requests by placing them in rooms where social distancing for the number of people expected can be accomplished, these groups will be allowed to use that space. However, **they will also be expected to work with very strict guidelines** regarding the health and safety of their attendees, as well as all people who might be in the building at the same time (i.e. staff of Bethel, NHS, and BNA, other groups). They will be required to take temperatures, keep lists, use hand sanitizers, be masked, and clean their area with appropriate disinfectant upon their departure. (At this point requests have/are expected to come from Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts, Overeaters Anonymous, Continuous Action Alcoholics Anonymous, and Debtors Anonymous.)

Bethel is also taking requests to use our outdoor space for appropriately sized gatherings on our land. At this point, we have requests for Saturday mornings throughout the winter for our Cub Scouts. Members and friends of Bethel are invited to reserve parts of our outdoor space for gatherings. Restrictions and guidelines will also be required at these events.

**The Board of Administrators reserves the right to reverse this decision should we find that we are unable to keep people safe within our building.** The Board also reserves the right to cancel any room assignment to any organization that does not uphold the rules, regulations, and guidelines in place to keep as many people safe from COVID-19 as possible.

Both Casa congregations continue to utilize worship space on a weekly basis. They are NOT using other rooms, or the kitchen, for other ministries, until further notice.

Finally, the Board of Administrators has also decided that the Bethel congregation will continue to refrain from worshiping within our sanctuary until further notice. (It is the singing that prevents us.) Again, we would rather worship via Drive-In and/or YouTube with everyone, rather than bury anyone who might pick up this virus by worshiping in person with us. We continue to watch the daily infection rates, CDC guidelines, and pray for appropriate answers around our own ministries.

If you have questions or want to offer feedback, please contact the office or members of your Board. A list of these leaders can be found on page 11. Thank you. Please wash your hands, physically distance, pray for a vaccine, and be safe. Pr Brenda



## **Phil's Music Score**

### **My Life Flows on... in never ending songs**

Every week for the past few months Bethel has always had plenty of activities going on. Every Sunday a worship service with fellowship following. Coffee hours and story times, meetings and gatherings over Zoom. The connections that they make are the basis of a healthy community and congregation. I'm always impressed at the community that this church has fostered. I have had the opportunity to watch and listen to many worship services over the past months. Some have given me good ideas of how to be engaging online while others have solidified the fact of the true challenges that face many smaller congregations in trying to reach out in a digital platform. Where does this all leave music and its role in the digital worship service?

To be quite honest, music has played very different roles in different churches with the start of COVID. Some musicians have had their hours cut or their jobs eliminated altogether, others have gone on with minimal music and taken recordings from past services pre-COVID to use in current worship services, and still others have recordings of their music staff playing from home. There are some who are in person during live recordings playing to an empty room and others like myself making recordings ahead of time to an empty room.

Let me tell you that it has been a challenge to plan worship services online from the music aspect. Every month I get a stack of planning sheets that have spaces to fill in the hymns and music for every Sunday of the coming month. I will read the scripture passages and use online tools to help make decisions about what hymns fit best. Sometimes the text will fit perfectly with the scripture, but the hymn will be unfamiliar, or some eight verses long! In that case if the other hymns that day are familiar, I would consider introducing something less familiar if the text fits really well. Then I want to be conscious of how long the hymn is. When the distractions of home are around us, it is easier to lose attention than if we were all in the same space worshipping together. And I wouldn't want to make any Vikings fan wait a minute more to witness another loss!

Choosing which verses to sing is important as each and every hymn is written and intended to have all verses sung. Many tell a complete story. Take *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*, ELW 504, for example. The first verse speaks of God's power that defends us, the second verse continues with saying that we would be lost without Jesus and not be able to defend ourselves from evil. The third verse is... well, here's the text,

*"Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot over pow'r us.*

*Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!*

*His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him."*

It's probably best not to end with this verse. The message is fairly intense and focuses more on the evil that is over-come by the power of Christ Jesus – which is, by the way, summed up in the last verse. It is certainly powerful to try to show as much of the full story the hymn tells as possible without losing online attention. The next time you see that we don't sing all the verses of a hymn for an online worship, know that many times there is more to the story, and a quick search online and especially on the site Hymnary.org is very helpful in finding the rest of a hymn's text if you don't have dozens of hymnals sitting around like I do. I'm just unique like that.

*Phil*

## **Tree Planting Fun - Thank you, everyone!**







## From the desk of Dr. Jen Kilps, Engagement Coordinator

Dear Bethel friends,

Each month I look forward to writing something for the Herald. Usually I have an idea, think about it for days (weeks) and am ready to write at the end of the month. But for the past couple of days I've come up with nothing... well, actually, I've come up with too many things to say and haven't chosen a topic.

That being said, this morning, I asked my partner, Dave, what I should write about. Dave is a pretty reticent guy so I thought he would think about it for a while, or not say anything at all. But he responded instantly. "Write about folks who are shut-ins and ask people to call or write to them, especially now during COVID."

Dave has a special friendship with Sheila. It started a couple years ago at family camp. They spend time together and Dave helps her out with errands. He's told me about her living situation and how difficult it is to merely see other people, if it is possible at all.

I am exhausted by the virus. I think we all are. Whether we are parents overwhelmed with kids and decisions about school; or are really, really lonely, waiting for things to be safer; or are extroverts feeling depressed at their lack of what sustains them; or people who can't be with family, no matter how much they miss them... just a few examples.

We need to 'be there' for each other. Especially now, because we all are struggling. But, as Dave pointed out, people who cannot leave their rooms, houses, beds are cut off from what little support they have.

So write. Call. If you need a directory, Susie would be more than happy to email or mail you one. If you don't know who to call, ask Pastor Brenda for some suggestions. Or ask me. Or Phil.

God lives in our relationships with one another. Jesus had friends, not just disciples. He gave love to the people he met, telling us to love especially those who are marginalized by our society. We often don't know what others need unless we ask.

So ask.

Dave surprised me with his depth of compassion. (I shouldn't really be surprised.) I asked him a simple question and feel blessed by his response. We all have so much we can give and share with each other. We may be surprised by the gifts of others.

I pray, fervently, for all of you. For us, as a community. Christ calls us to love one another. It is the most important thing we can do in our entire lives.

Peace and health be with you all!

### Let's help make it a warmer winter for our neighbors!



Every year Bethel assembles a **MITTEN TREE** decorated with new mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves for those who need them during our freezing winter months. We will be collecting these donations again, but earlier this year. **Please bring your donations to the Bethel Office.**

This year our collection will be donated to Refugee Services of the Minnesota Council of Churches. We will also offer some of them through our Little Free Food Pantry.

This particular winter, Refugee Services also has a **GREAT** need for warm winter **COATS and JACKETS** - in all sizes, toddler to adult. Coats should be gently used or new.

## Live as a Steward

How are you doing as God's stewards?

A couple of years ago my sister and I came up with the idea of being a conduit (the dictionary says conduit is: 1. a channel for conveying fluids or 2. a tube for electric wires). We are using the concept as some thing or someone that gets a product to where it does some good.

Here's an example. A couple of years ago a favorite waitress at a local restaurant where my sister and her church friends met for breakfast said she had a stash of flannel that she wanted to give away, "do you know of anyone who could use it?" My sister told her that I made receiving blankets for Global Health Ministries. My sister was the conduit to bring me the fabric and I was the conduit of 15 blankets to Global Health Ministries (GHM). And I gave left overs to a friend to make quilts for children.

Another example. A friend at my building brought me five white sheets from a household that was ready to sell the home. My friend knew that I make bandages out of used white sheets for GHM, so she was the conduit to bring me the sheets and I could be the conduit to GHM.

Aren't we all conduits to bring our gifts and offerings to church to have them given to where the needs are? Where are you being a conduit these days?

submitted by Joan Bargman  
Stewardship Committee

## Details. Details. Details!

- "Christ in our Home" devotion books for October - December are available in our Little Free Library at Bethel. If you need us to send you one, let us know.
- If you have access to YouTube (many people do through their TV, phone, or computer) you can see our worship services at any time by searching for our Bethel Lutheran Church channel. Also, Phil's fabulous music is available on his YouTube channel. Search for Phil Radtke. Let us know if we can help.
- Our office is open fairly regularly as staff members are working less at home and more at Bethel. You can often find someone in the office Monday-Thursday 9 AM-3 PM, and Friday 9 AM-12 PM. If you want to make sure we are here before you come, please give us a call at 612.724.3693

**zoom** presented by Bethel's Racial Justice Initiative

# MOVIE NIGHT

**I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO**  
A FILM BY RAOUF PECE  
BASED ON THE WORKS OF JAMES BALDWIN  
WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY SAMUEL L. JACKSON

**Friday, Oct 16th**  
7pm + discussion after

**I Am Not Your Negro** offers an incendiary snapshot of James Baldwin's crucial observations on American race relations -- and a sobering reminder of how far we've yet to go.

A Documentary  
Narrated by  
Samuel L. Jackson

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3866435298>

type link into your computer

Finish the dishes.  
Make the popcorn.  
Get comfortable.  
Watch the movie.  
Join the discussion!

How can we help you? Please  
just give us a call.  
Office: 612-724-36393  
Or Pr. Brenda directly at:  
651-270-4960  
We're available.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>Drive-In Worship</b> Please come to the 16th Ave parking lot entrance before 10:30 AM to join us for worship. You will receive a bulletin and communion necessities, be shown where to park, and given the FM channel number. You can choose to stay in your car or sit in front of your car (please bring your own chairs) during our time together. If you do not have a car, there are chairs you can sit in and hear the service just fine. The service will be presented, live on state, from the backyard and broadcast on an FM transmitter and a speaker system. If you are not well that day, please stay home to keep us all safe. <i>Thank you</i>			
<b>4</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School Story <b>10:30 AM</b> Virtual Bethel Worship <b>10:30 AM Drive-In Worship</b> <b>11:30 AM Blessing of the Animals</b> in Bethel backyard <b>1:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Casa Worship <b>1:30 PM</b> MN CASA Worship	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Virtual Staff Meeting <b>12:30 PM</b> Virtual Text Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Virtual Mental Health Small Group <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89301705170">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89301705170</a> <b>7:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Casa Music Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> Scout Troop Meeting	<b>7</b> <b>Deadline for Talent Sharing In</b>  <b>Pr Bre</b> <b>D</b>
<b>11</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School Story <b>10:30 AM</b> Virtual Bethel Worship <b>11:30 AM</b> Virtual Fellowship Time <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85032958485">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85032958485</a> <b>1:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Casa Worship <b>1:30 PM</b> MN CASA Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Virtual Staff Meeting <b>12:30 PM</b> Virtual Text Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Virtual Mission Council <a href="https://zoom.us/j/586746042">https://zoom.us/j/586746042</a> <b>7:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Casa Music Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> Scout Troop Meeting	<b>14</b>
<b>18</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School Story <b>10:30 AM</b> Virtual Bethel Worship <b>11:30 AM</b> Virtual Fellowship Time <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85032958485">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85032958485</a> <b>1:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Casa Worship <b>1:30 PM</b> MN CASA Worship <b>2:00 PM</b> MN BoyChoir Ice Cream Social	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Virtual Staff Meeting <b>12:30 PM</b> Virtual Text Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Virtual Board of Administrators <a href="https://zoom.us/j/214132846">https://zoom.us/j/214132846</a> <b>7:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Casa Music Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> Scout Troop Meeting	<b>21</b> <b>12:00 PM HERALD DEADLINE</b>  <b>Deadline to sign up win talents</b>  <b>Bethel</b>
<b>25 REFORMATION SUNDAY PROMISE SUNDAY</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School Story <b>10:30 AM</b> Virtual Bethel Worship <b>11:30 AM</b> Virtual Fellowship Time <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85032958485">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85032958485</a> <b>1:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Casa Worship <b>1:30 PM</b> MN CASA Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Virtual Staff Meeting <b>12:30 PM</b> Virtual Text Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Casa Music Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> Scout Troop Meeting	<b>28</b>
<b>Bethel Parking Lot will be a Ballot Drop Off</b>			

**Stewardship Talent Give-Away**  
 Let Pr B know the talent you want to share.  
**Deadline: Oct. 7th**  
 Sign up for the talents you would like to win.  
**Deadline: Oct. 21**  
 Results will be shared at  
**PROMISE SUNDAY, Oct. 25**




**MAKE A  
 PLAN TO  
 NOV 3**

**VOTE**

# 2020

Have you invited Pr Brenda to  
bring Holy Communion or to  
just visit with you yet?  
Call: 651-270-4960

She's waiting!

Thursday		Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Virtual Coffee Time <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83547751768">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83547751768</a> <b>6:00 PM</b> MN CASA Service		<b>2</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Worship <b>7:00 PM</b> Bethel Movie: Harriet <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3866435298">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3866435298</a> 	<b>3</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Cub Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Virtual HAPPY HOUR Jr & Sr High parents & Youth <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83547751768">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83547751768</a>
<b>8</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Virtual Coffee Time <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83547751768">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83547751768</a> <b>6:00 PM</b> MN CASA Service Brenda will be in Arizona Oct 7 thru the 12th. Or Jen will be on call during that time.		<b>9</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Worship	<b>10</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Cub Scouts <b>4:30 PM</b> Virtual HAPPY HOUR Parents of Elem & Younger Kids <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83547751768">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83547751768</a>
<b>15</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Virtual Coffee Time <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83547751768">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83547751768</a> <b>6:00 PM</b> MN CASA Service		<b>16</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Worship <b>7:00 PM</b> Bethel Movie: I'M NOT YOUR NEGRO <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3866435298">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3866435298</a> 	<b>17</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Cub Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Virtual HAPPY HOUR: Bethel Peeps <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83547751768">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83547751768</a>
<b>22</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Virtual Coffee Time <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83547751768">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83547751768</a> <b>6:00 PM</b> MN CASA Service		<b>23</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Worship	<b>24</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Cub Scouts
<b>Parking Lot will be a Ballot Drop Off Site Oct 20th thru Nov. 3rd</b>			
<b>29</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Virtual Coffee Time <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83547751768">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83547751768</a> <b>6:00 PM</b> MN CASA Service		<b>30</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Worship	<b>31</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Cub Scouts <b>5:00 PM Trunk or Treat</b> Daylight Savings Time ENDS Set clocks BACK 1 Hour before Bed 
<b>f Site Oct 20th thru Nov. 3rd</b>			

BETHEL'S RACIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

## ZOOM MOVIE NIGHT



The extraordinary tale of Harriet Tubman's escape from slavery and transformation into one of America's greatest heroes, whose courage, ingenuity, and tenacity freed hundreds of slaves and changed the course of history.

### FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER @ 7PM

+ discussion

JOIN ZOOM @

[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/3866435298](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3866435298)





### Anniversaries

Janet & Dean Anderson	Oct 3
Brock & Lorraine Hanson	Oct 9
Heidi & Matt Nordine	Oct 11
Regan Saunders & Jeff Iblings	Oct 27



*If your birthday or anniversary is missing or incorrect please let the office know so we can update our records!*



### Birthdays

Erin Gaines	Oct 1	Clarice Lovstuen	Oct 19
Sophia Warwick	Oct 4	Stan Rosby	Oct 19
Ruby Burgess	Oct 8	David Sunde	Oct 19
Jim Nesheim	Oct 9	Franklin Wohnoutka	Oct 23
Joyce Hughes	Oct 11	Darrell Dahl	Oct 24
Trent Rosby	Oct 14	Jim Lair	Oct 24
Les Johnson	Oct 15	Anna Wohnoutka	Oct 24
Norris Lovstuen	Oct 18	Olivia Wohnoutka	Oct 25
		Anna Olsen	Oct 31



### Pr Brenda is going on the road with Holy Communion

Holy Communion in your yard?!

Pr Brenda is happy to come to your home to offer Holy Communion in person. Simply email or call her to set up an appointment. She's seen at least a dozen of you and would like to see more. Give her a call.

She will meet you outside your home, be masked, set up communion, and then serve it from a distance. Hopefully there will be a little visit included!

651.270.4960. [pastor@bethel-mpls.org](mailto:pastor@bethel-mpls.org)

### "Spoon to Ladle" Our Annual Stewardship Drive



**PROMISE SUNDAY ~ October 25, 2020**

**NOVEMBER 1, 2020**





## Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 31, 5-6:30 PM (with safe distancing, masks, tongs, and awards)

The CYF Committee invites you to bring your car, your dressed-up self, treats, and some long kitchen tongs to our parking lot on Saturday, October 31!

**We would like to offer a safe and careful trick or treat opportunity for our neighborhood kids, as well as our congregation kids!**

Those with cars will be required to wear facemasks (in addition to your Halloween mask), gloves, and use long kitchen tongs to give out individually wrapped treats to the trick or treaters. Your temperature will be taken and you should not come if you feel sick in any way that day.

We will set up the parking lot BEFORE 5 PM.

Trick or treaters will start at a sign-in table, get their temperature taken, and be asked NOT to reach for treats, **but wait for a treat to be placed in their bag/bucket.** Families will take turns in approaching each trunk. They will also be asked to judge their FAVORITE trunk decorations and characters connected to said truck. **A prize will be given to the most favorite trunk!**

Watch for opportunities to sign-up to join the fun.



## Talent Give-Away and Stewardship Theme

This week you will all be getting a letter in the US Mail regarding the 2021 Stewardship campaign, **"Spoon to Ladle."** You may be wondering what this theme really means. I offer a story in response. This past Tuesday I was sitting outside of our 17th Ave door on a Zoom meeting. (It was a beautiful day.) While I was there, a woman came to our Little Free Food Pantry with a bag of groceries, placed most of the items on the shelves and left with a few things in her bag. I thanked her and she went on her way. About 30 minutes later, the same woman came to the Little Free Food Pantry with a box of food. She placed more things on the shelves. This time, as she left, we talked. I thanked her again and asked why she came back. Her response was a great example of our "Spoon to Ladle" theme of stewardship. *She told me that this was her neighborhood and she really appreciated having this place to help all of our neighbors. She said that when she was here earlier she noticed that there was no canned meat in that section of the Little Free Pantry. "Well, I was going grocery shopping anyway, so I just picked up some extra canned meat so I can share it with my neighbors in need."*

This woman knew that she has what she needed to get by in these trying times, she has her own spoon with which she is able to feed herself. AND, she is also "other" focused, using her proverbial ladle to serve others what they need. Our theme challenges each of us to remember that, as we benefit from our ministries, we too are called and sent out to minister and share with others. The ladle is an instrument with which we are able to serve others. Thank God for our neighbor's use of her "ladle" last Tuesday.

Another part of our Stewardship campaign is our **Talent Give-Away.** Please check out the letter you receive and **let me know what talent (COVID-19 safe talent) you are willing to share with your community this year.** I will be taking your information until Wednesday, October 7, and then everyone will be able to sign up for what they might win starting Sunday, October 11. **Talent winners will be announced on Promise Sunday, October 25.** I look forward to seeing your creativity!  
Thank you! Pr B





# PRAYER REQUESTS

## TOGETHER WE WILL PRAY

### PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers  
Rosie Smith & Family  
John Dahl  
Mike Simons  
Mark & Jan Walker  
Gloria Condon  
Pikkarainen Family  
Warwick Family  
Paige Best  
Trudy (Gert) Carlson  
Larissa Hoover  
Shirley Elavsky  
Marjorie Hauge  
Dave & Libby Krogh  
Hundt Family  
Marilyn Romsaas  
Tom Keating

Sharon Warwick  
Sheila Nelson  
Bresina Family  
Karen McBride  
Ryan Summer  
Elaine Vogel  
Teondre Martinez  
Crystal Vaughn  
Lynn Vaughn  
Jim Haraldson  
Audrey Campbell  
Jeff Fossum  
Mel Olson  
Joan Dahlman  
Puckett Family  
Teddy Gaines  
Andy Martinson  
Doris Christianson

### MEMBERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Robert Hundt  
Karel Bishop (Pr Brenda's nephew)  
Adam Froisland (Pr Brenda's nephew)  
Dwana Froisland (Pr Brenda's niece)  
Brian Hansen (Kaka Day's husband)  
Aaron Larson (Rosie Smith's grandson)  
Sean Young (Pr Brenda's godson)

### Our Mission Partners

- ❖ Bancroft Neighborhood Association
- ❖ Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church BOLD
  - ❖ Casa de Oracion - MN
  - ❖ Casa de Oracion - Pentecostal
  - ❖ Mpls Area Synod
  - ❖ Nokomis Healthy Seniors
- ❖ ReconcilingWorks ❖ Sheridan Story

### RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Steve (Pr B's brother)  
Anya (Candy Hickenbotham's granddaughter)  
Cherril (Candy Hickenbotham's friend)  
Jane Kilps (Dr. J's mom)  
Kristian (Pr B's bestie)  
Susan & Dale (Wendy Ledesma's parents)  
Sue & Wayne (Karen Warwick's parents)  
Gretchen (Larissa Hoover's mom)  
Sam Cheaney (Sheila Nelson's friend)  
Rhonda (Sheila Nelson's friend)  
Kevin (Sheila Nelson's friend)  
Joni (Sheila Nelson's cousin)  
Rosy Fieker (Libby Krogh's sister)  
Rev. Ron Schuette (Dave's father)  
Steve Elavsky (Shirley Elavsky's son)  
Denann Karels (Jan & Mark Walker's friend)  
Joanne Wilberg (Marge Hauge's sister)  
Keith Shaubach (Jan Walker's brother)  
Jean Phillips (Chris Phillips' mom)  
Pamela Christi (Sharon Phillips' sister)  
Gabe Ness (Julie Hundt's husband)  
John Hundt (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)  
Paula Morgan (Romell White's sister)  
Cheryl (Karen McBride's sister)  
Ann Baskett (Crystal Vaughn's grandmother)  
Claire Tarr (Margaret Johnson's godchild)  
Meghan (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' friend)  
Andrea (Mona Falk's daughter)

### MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

Indigenous, Black and Brown Lives  
People of Minneapolis and St Paul  
Medical Workers, Essential Workers  
Government Leaders, Supply Drivers  
Migrants & Asylum Seekers  
Victims & Survivors of Fires and Floods  
All of Us Regarding COVID-19

## Board of Administrators

Happy October all! As I write this, I am in Colorado on the way to Utah. I am tired of this pandemic as I know we all are. However, that doesn't mean I disregard all I know re: doing what I can to care for myself and others while this continues to rage. As a public health nurse, it saddens and angers me that this basic health issue has become political. But, I'm not here to go into that hot topic!

It was wonderful to see members and friends at our drive-in service a couple weeks ago! It had been so long!

The Board continues to meet to plan the church business. No big news to share with you. Please continue to send in your pledges and donations! Our staff is busy doing all they can to care for each of us. Please let us know if you need anything.

Ann Allison, President

### **Natural Playground - Thank you. Carter and Crew!**



## Mission Council

The Mission Council is pleased to say that the Natural Playground has been built and is already being used. The Boy Scout who took on this project, Carter, had a work day with his troop, family, and friends on September 19 to put in the playground. It is very rewarding to have watched this idea first form several months ago and now it has become a reality. We are very grateful for Carter, who completely took care of the costs and manual labor for this project as part of his work toward becoming an Eagle Scout.

We are still enjoying our Friday night Racial Justice Initiative movie nights and discussions. Our next two offerings will be Harriet on October 2 and I Am Not Your Negro on October 16. Please do join us! Watch for the Zoom link from either Pastor Brenda and/or Dr. Jen the week of the movie.

We are just beginning our discussion on how we will spend the money we received from the Imagination Grant. Watch for more information on that in the coming months.

-Stephanie Johnson, Mission Council Chair

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### **NOV Deadline:**

Approved Article, Advertisement and  
Calendar deadline is:

**WEDNESDAY**  
**21st at 12 Noon**



# BETHEL HERALD

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A Halloween-themed poster for a 'Trunk or Treat' event. The background is black with a large orange full moon in the center. A white ghost is at the bottom. The text 'Trunk or Treat' is in a large, stylized font, with a spider on the 'Trunk'. To the right, it says 'Halloween Eve October 31 5 - 6:30pm'. Two red boxes contain the text 'rain or shine' and 'watch out for sign up via email'. At the bottom, it says 'DRESS UP! DECORATE YOUR CAR!' followed by 'MASKS REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE', 'PREPACKAGED CANDY ONLY', and 'CARS BRING GLOVES'. The church name and address are at the very bottom.

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