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*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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Hello, Friends!

I am so glad to be with you for these few months. I look forward to getting to know you, worshipping together in person or online, and supporting you all and Pastor Brenda in this time of her Sabbath rest and renewal.

I love to drive, and I don't mind a longer commute. The drive to and from the church I served in Shoreview for many years was a gift that gave me time to think, or listen to podcasts and audiobooks, or simply enjoy the quiet of being alone in the car. Even though I love to drive, I'll admit that when we first moved to Hudson and I would drive home, there was a section of road on I-94 between Woodbury Drive and the St. Croix River that seemed to go on forever. Over time though, the route became so familiar that time would pass quickly. Sometimes I would barely notice the details and I would be surprised to discover that I was already at the river, crossing the bridge into Wisconsin.

When we adopted our daughter from China, we decided that it made more sense for her to go to daycare near church rather than near our home. When I returned to work after family leave, four-year-old Tillie also began commuting from Hudson to Shoreview. The early days were interesting because she was just beginning to learn English, so I had to figure out ways to help her pass the time.

One morning as we crossed the bridge over the St. Croix River, the sun was shining brightly and dancing off the water. It was so beautiful, so I said "Hello, water!" Tillie copied me in her sweet four-year-old voice, "Hello, water!" It was almost a prayer of gratitude. With those two words, an adventure began. We began the adventure of noticing and naming certain markers on our journey. We'd say hello to our neighbors' house: "Hello, Chris and Kristin's house!" "Hello, school bus!" "Hello, hospital!" "Hello, big boats!" "Hello, fire station!" As Tillie's capacity for the English language grew, we noticed and named more things. When we'd say hello to the two horses and a pony by the red barn, Tillie would declare, "They're a family like us!" Yes, honey, they're a family like us.

This adventure of noticing and naming became a holy curiosity for what was happening in the world around us. It was a delight to see things through Tillie's eyes. I gained fresh perspective on what had formerly been a routine drive, often on autopilot.

Psalm 23 is likely the most well-known and probably most beloved of all the psalms. It is often read at funerals, and for good reason. The phrase "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death (23:4, RSV)" was familiar to me, even as a young person.

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Sometimes, though, like on a well-traveled road, familiarity can blind us to the riches of a Bible passage. Either we think it only belongs to a particular occasion or we think we know it and so we stop paying attention to the details.

What if we approach scripture with holy curiosity, with hearts and minds ready to notice and to wonder, or imagining ourselves in the story?

Personally, I love Psalm 23. It is one of my favorites because it is so rich. Yes, it is wonderful and powerful to read at a funeral, but frankly it speaks to me in everyday life too. Hello, green pastures and still waters. Hello, restored soul. Hello, darkest valley. Lord, I fear no evil for you are with me. Hello, table and overflowing cup. Hello, goodness and mercy that pursues me all the days of my life. Lord, I shall dwell in your house with gratitude!

In what part of your life would you like to pay closer attention? How could you approach it with holy curiosity and the adventure of noticing?

How might we approach this sabbatical season with holy curiosity, attentive to the ways God's Spirit is moving in this season?

Glenn

One More New Employee

We welcome **Rachel Allison as our new head custodian**, a familiar face in a new role. Rachel worked at Bethel as an assistant custodian many years ago, and we are delighted to have her back. She began her work with us the first week of April.

In her free time, Rachel loves to bake, cook and be creative through many outlets. She loves spending time outside, walking around the many lakes we have here. Rachel has a cat named Gambit and will always look forward to sunshine!

She's going to also be learning how to play the piano soon as well. Rachel is delighted to clean, organize and help the Bethel Community however she can.



Friends, I joined the Bethel staff in mid-March 2022 to help Bethel spend some money! Grant money, that is! Bethel has two grant-funded projects that offer opportunities for Bethel to build on the foundations you have been laying since late in 2019.

The first project is called the **Loneliness Project**. If you want to help with decreasing loneliness in our neighborhood and our city, here is a great opportunity to help transform spaces on the Bethel property. We want our neighbors to experience welcome here too! We do this because it helps accomplish the values at Bethel: everyone is welcome here!

One specific way we are transforming spaces will be with informational signs around the Bethel yard. These beautiful signs will provide information and links to Bethel's website. Bring your friends and family for a tour of Bethel's beautiful yard!

The second project I will be working on with all of you is the **2022 Bethel Youth Project**. This is an opportunity for Bethel to reengage with our youth, to offer them some training and work experience, and to get their perspectives included in Bethel's media campaigns. With the CYF Team and a few others, we anticipate a paid summer Marketing Class/Internship for folks ages 13-18. If you know someone who may be interested, have them contact me!

Please note that I am very part-time; on average I will work about 5 hours a week. So, I am helping primarily with communication and helping you all build on those foundations you have laid!

Rev. Michelle Lewis

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GrantManager@bethel-mpls.org

Hello! My name is Noah Wright and I am very excited to be joining the Bethel Lutheran community as your new Music Coordinator and Director of Ensembles!

I have been involved in the church for my entire life as the child of Lutheran and United Church ministers, singing with their congregations and participating in conferences. My love for music started to develop in middle school, playing trombone and tuba in band, and grew through high school, singing in choirs and branching into small student ensembles. In University, I was accepted into the voice performance stream while taking as many choral conducting classes as possible. Transferring to my current home of Edmonton presented me with many opportunities to conduct and work with many wonderful ensembles and mentors over the last three years. These experiences instilled a sense of reciprocity in my music making and I am very excited to share this with the congregation.

Over the last few years, I have developed a keen interest in early music with a focus on baroque music and with the wide variety of sacred music written in that time. I look forward to sharing that tradition with the congregation. I am also very happy to be working alongside our talented musician Elena to showcase all of the musical talent we have in the congregation! For me, music is foremost communication and that makes it intensely human. In the church, I find the most spiritual connection through hymns and group singing.

I am very excited to share in the gift that is singing with anyone and everyone who wishes to lift their voices with us in the choir or share their musical gifts with the congregation with special music. If you have any questions or anything you would like to share with the music team, feel free to contact me at musiccoordinator@bethel-mpls.org
Yours in music, Noah Wright



Greetings! My name is Elena Dant, and I am eager to serve as your musician here at Bethel Lutheran. I will begin in June.

I grew up in a musical family, surrounded by mentors that have supported my growth as a musician and person of faith. My formal piano instruction began in kindergarten and continued for about nine years. In high school my involvement in athletics, school music ensembles, church activities, and other extracurricular took priority over my formal piano instruction. I continued to play the piano as a hobby and began accompanying my peers in concerts and competitions, substituting for keyboardists in my home congregation, and playing for school and community theatre productions.

My love of music flourished and I was captivated by the idea of a career at the piano. I enrolled at Luther College in Decorah, IA, and began studying piano formally again, focusing primarily on solo piano repertoire. Although I enjoyed challenging myself with the demands of the solo piano tradition, I felt that I had not yet found my place and remained an “undecided” major until my fourth semester. It wasn’t until I was presented with opportunities to play with other musicians in a variety of styles and productions around campus that I became certain music was what I needed to pursue. In addition to my involvement with Bethel, I plan to collaborate with a variety of musicians, schools, ensembles and organizations in the surrounding communities. I am excited to explore music and liturgies that are not found in many Lutheran services, make connections, and join together with you in song.

What is music to me? Thanks for asking! Music is for and within everyone regardless of background, occupation, or formal training. Music is uniting and healing, suitable for any situation. Music is a device for exploring and expressing identities, cultures, and emotions.

Everyone is a musician.

With joy, Elena



Riverside Innovation Hub Update

As some of you know we've partnered with the Public Church organization through Augsburg College. We've had many great conversations and grown to better understand our community and space.

Our committee would like to update you all. We are working on outreach and getting to know our community as we continue to develop. We have been busy visiting organizations, restaurants and businesses in our area to get to know them more!

We are continuing to push toward being more of a community-forward church. This means we need to continue to enhance our outdoor space. That's what RIH (Riverside Innovation Hub) is looking forward to the grant that will allow us to work on and construct the outdoor patio! Many neighbors will look forward to a welcoming public area outdoors. We want to continue to have a comfortable and community open, friendly space.

Let's continue to build genuine and authentic relationships with neighbors and community members!

Questions or Comments feel free to reach out. public@bethel-mpls.org 612-306-9807

~Rachel Allison, RIH



FAITH Formation

Sundays, 9:15 AM Fireside Room

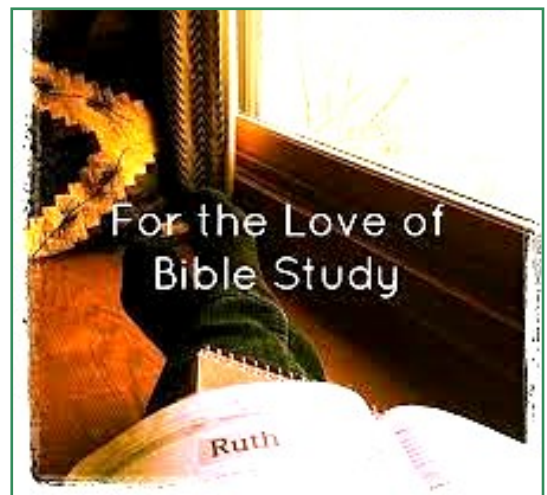
Date	Name	Topic
May 1	Anna Olsen	Flowers in the Bible
May 8	Ann Allison	Synod Assembly Report
May 15	Libby Krogh	Minnesota Native American Tribes
May 22	Ryan Kjesbo-Johnson	Prepare and Prosper

Bible Study, Wednesdays at 12 Noon on Zoom!

**Bible Study AND readings for discussion
and for the following Sunday worship
Bible Study Wednesdays
12 Noon on Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81542792093>

May 4	<u>John 10:22-30, Revelation 7:9-17</u>
May 11	<u>Psalms 148, John 13:31-35</u>
May 18	<u>Acts 16:9-15, John 14:23-29</u>
May 25	<u>Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26</u>



Stewardship Corner — Jerry Johnson

With my turn to submit a writing for Stewardship Corner, I just started thinking about stewardship and personal loss. I found the blog post below written by Greg Finley. He explains how he became a steward for his own grief over the loss of his brother-in-law Rusty. It gives a perspective I didn't think of.

“A Stewardship of Grief”

Greg wrote this over Christmas time – he really didn't want to write it, let alone finish it, as it could bring people down during what should be a joyous occasion. “What's prompted me to actually finish, however, is the Christian concept of being a steward of one's grief. The idea of being a steward is to watch over or protect or keep undefiled something that belongs to another. It took me some time to fully grasp that my children were a stewardship of mine. They are God's, and it's my job to watch over them, to protect them, teach them, until they are in a sense “given back” to God (not that they were ever out of his sight).

“So to look at grief as a stewardship, I must acknowledge that it has been given to me in some sense. This is hard. We want to think of grief as something random, as something that has just been dropped in our laps, or as something we've just ended up with, not something that may have been delivered by a benevolent God.

“I believe to properly steward my own grief I must accurately give you an account for the hope that is in me (I Peter 3:15). To do so, however, is painful. It requires an honest look at the object(s) of my affections and the object of my faith and how these often take my focus away from where they should be.

“But graciously, the painful look at where I've fallen short takes me by grace back to where the focus must be redirected. Such an assessment causes me to cling to that which is unseen. It helps me to recognize that what is seen is transient—a vapor—but what is unseen is eternal (II Corinthians 4:18).

“This weekend I realized how much I miss my brother-in-law and how I'd really like to understand and explain his life and death. But I don't believe, this side of eternity, that I'll be able to do that. And if I'm honest with myself, I know that doing so is not of lasting significance. Even less significant is the management of my own personal sorrow. What is paramount is extolling the virtues of the One True Creator and Redeemer.

“As I said previously, I thought writing about this might not be appropriate for Christmas. But what I've realized is this is the absolute best time to write about it. In I Timothy 1:15 the Apostle Paul says: ‘This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.’

“So Jesus, from birth, was on a mission. The story of Christmas cannot be separated from the story of Easter. Because of the curse of all men through Adam, sin entered the world and sin led to death (Romans 5:12). But Jesus Christ came, as a baby, then lived the life that we could not live and died the death that we should have died. This is the gospel, and it is my only hope to make sense out of anything. It is the only way I can steward my grief.

“The gospel is not simply a crutch or spin, but is the message that undergirds everything. And, as author Jerry Bridges once said, it is the only essential message in all of history. I believe this message, although sometimes difficult, is the answer to Rusty's life and death and to my life and death as well. Christ Jesus came to redeem a fallen and broken world.” Greg Finley

Thanks for reading, Jerry Johnson



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Lila Allgood	2
Destiny Young	2
Kevin Lovstuen	4
Mary Chilvers	7
Mike Condon	9
Jim Gaines	12
Alex Thomforde	14
Jazzel Williams	15
Ted Allison	17

David Hauge	19
Gloria Condon	20
Cameron Young	20
Doris Christianson	21
Simon Kile	21
Christopher Rodi	22
Janelle Jones	24
Bob Wandberg	25
Henry Warwick	26
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Joni & Dave Hodgman	5
Mike & Anna Wohnoutka	18
Ted & Ann Allison	23
Sarah & Pat Kaiser	25
Marilyn Romsaas & LeRoy Johnson	28

**Bethel is a place
to play games in
the front yard!!**

**Bethel
LUTHERAN
South Minneapolis**

**SUNDAY, MAY 15
AFTER WORSHIP**

May Sunday Servers

May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
3rd Sunday of Easter	4th Sunday of Easter	5th Sunday of Easter	6th Sunday of Easter	7th Sunday Of Easter
Scripture Readings John 21:1-19 Acts 9:1-20 Assisting Minister Laurie Hauge Lector Jerry Johnson Acolyte Jerry Johnson Ushers Hospitality Clarice Lovstuen Sacristy Stephanie Johnson Live Streaming Ted Allison	Scripture Readings John 10:22-30 Revelation 7:9-17 Assisting Minister Ann Allison Lector Sharon Rodi Acolyte Ann Allison Ushers Stan Rosby Norris Lovstuen Hospitality Romell White Sacristy Marilyn Newborg Live Streaming Gene Rodi	Scripture Readings Psalm 148 John 13:31-35 Assisting Minister Laurie Hauge Lector Dean Anderson Acolyte Dean Anderson Ushers Dean Anderson David Sunde Hospitality Janet Anderson Sacristy Clarice Lovstuen Live Streaming Olivia Wohnoutka	Scripture Readings Acts 16:9-15 John 14:23-29 Assisting Minister Norma Lanning Lector Anna Wohnoutka Acolyte Wohnoutka Family Ushers Susan Potratz Jerry Johnson Hospitality Ann Allison Sacristy Live Streaming Franklin Wohnoutka	Scripture Readings Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17,20-21 John 17:20-26 Assisting Minister Lector Anna Olsen Acolyte Ushers Dave Krogh Jim Haraldson Hospitality Mike & Anna W. Sacristy Live Streaming Dean Anderson

Little Free Pantry South Minneapolis ~ You rock!

The seasons are once again changing. For the Little Free Pantry, moving into spring means we can move all the food outside again. (During the cold winter months we had freezable items inside.) All of it being outside provides access to everything all the time.



People are still in need of our groceries. If you can, please continue to bring non-perishable food to the pantry. We need canned meat items! Items like canned tuna or chicken are appreciated.

***Everyone - please stop by and take what you need ... and leave what you can!
This is what neighbors do for each other!***



Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart.”

Acts 1:24, NRSV

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Mike & Grace Simons	Gert Carlson
Simons-McDaniel Family	Laurel Jorgensen
Warwick Family	Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers
Pikkarainen Family	Kevin Hoover
Susan Potratz	Gloria Condon
Marilyn Romsaas	Marge Hauge
Darrell Dahl	Hundt Family
Lynn Vaughn	Bresina Family
Crystal Vaughn	Teondre Martinez
Jan Walker	Jeff Fossum
Tom Keating	Mel Olson
Sheila Nelson	Puckett Family
Karen McBride & Jon	Andy Martinson
Dave Schuette	Doris Christianson
Sharon Phillips	

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

People of Ukraine
 All of us regarding COVID-19
 Victims of natural and human disasters
 Black and Brown Lives
 Indigenous Lives
 Asian Lives
 Refugees, Migrants & Asylum seekers
 Palestinians in Gaza

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Bill Chilvers (Mary’s dad)
 Froisland Family (Pr B’s family)
 Della, Drew & Junior (Roberta Horning’s family)
 Laura Chovan (Lisa’s sister)
 Wayne (Karen Warwick’s dad)
 Ian Cook (Pr B’s friend)
 Cherril (Candy Hickenbotham’s friend)
 Rev. Ron Schuette (Dave’s father)
 Trent & Michelle Halvorson (Norma’s family)
 Steven Keating (Tom’s son)
 Bill Shy (Assistant Custodian)
 Gretchen (Larissa Hoover’s mom)
 Kristian (Pr B’s bestie)
 Bob (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers’ uncle)
 Ray (AnnE Keating’s brother)
 Darlene (Jeff Alberts’ mom)
 Susan (Mike Condon’s sister)
 Rhonda (Sheila Nelson’s friend)
 Gabe Ness (Julie Hundt’s husband)
 John Hundt (Kathy Hundt’s brother-in-law)
 Andrea (Mona Falk’s daughter)

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
- ❖ Casa de Oracion - MN
- ❖ Every Meal
- ❖ Mpls Area Synod
- ❖ ReconcilingWorks
- ❖ Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church BOLD
- ❖ Casa de Oracion - Pentecostal
- ❖ Nokomis Healthy Seniors

BOARD of ADMINISTRATORS

Greetings, all.

I hope by the time this is published, we are having some nice May weather and done with what feels like an endless winter!

The biggest news from our April meeting is that we are dropping the mask mandate. While this is exciting news for many of you, we need to keep in mind that it is not for everyone. For example, if you have a medical condition that doesn't create a good immune response to vaccines or if you have a loved one with a medical condition, this announcement may cause a sense of dread. Because we want ALL PEOPLE to feel welcome in our church, we are going to still require masks during our Bethel Lutheran congregation services. We do not want ANYONE to feel unsafe or worried about catching or spreading the COVID virus simply by coming to church. We will wear masks to protect them.

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please reach out to me or any board member.

Ann Allison 612-382-6894
President, Board of Administrators

MISSION COUNCIL

We are getting very close to having our new signs printed and placed around our grounds. As a reminder, these signs will be placed at the various features such as the Natural Playground and the labyrinth. The signs will name the feature, give a bit of information, and include a QR code that will direct users to a page about the feature on our website. Mission Council is helping to gather information about each feature for the website. These signs should be a nice way to draw people to our website and give them more information about us. There will also be two signs that are maps of all of our outdoor features.

We are planning to play patio games after church on May 17th on our Public Patio space, if weather is permitting. This is the area under the "Oh Land" sign. We have a small collection of patio games, such as washer toss and bean bag toss. Join us for some fellowship-time fun! You could even play with a coffee in one hand.

We have other updates to our grounds that are coming in the next couple of months. These include, but are not limited to, a nice By the Yard bench going in at the Natural Playground, a new tree in the labyrinth and a basketball half-court on our parking lot. Lots to look forward to this spring and summer!

-Stephanie Johnson,
Mission Council Chair

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**June Deadline
WEDNESDAY
Wed., May 22 at
12:00 Noon**

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Please Review your Quarterly Giving Statement
that was emailed or in the regular mail. If you see an
issue, let Susie know so it can be fixed. **Thanks.**

A photograph of four children playing in a sun-dappled forest. One child in a green shirt is jumping high to catch a yellow ball. Two other children in blue and red shirts are also jumping, and a fourth child in a blue shirt is on the left, looking up. The forest floor is covered in green grass and the background is filled with tall, thin trees.

SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS DAY CAMP

**Building Beloved Community
June 27 - 30, 2022
IN PERSON!!**

Registration website is now open!

<https://sites.google.com/view/south-minneapolis-daycamp-2022/home>

Please register your children by June 1.
It really helps for planning purposes.
Questions? Contact Pastor Martha Bardwell,
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