

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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## Re-formation and Bethel

Friends, it is no secret that change can be difficult. We also know that churches, in this day and age, struggle in a post-modern world. In light of these truths, Bethel also needs to change. We have and will continue to find new ways to “be church” in our neighborhood. In some ways this will help us delve more deeply into ministry, as well as find new and various strategies to be indispensable to our neighborhood. Indeed, this includes marketing, outreach, publicity, accessibility, invitation, and being many things to many people.

As such, about a year ago the Personnel Committee and Board of Administrators worked together with Dr. Jen Kilps to reform her job description. Her position was adjusted so that she could concentrate more directly on *outreach*. Outreach is a broad term and can be interpreted and defined in various ways. With the guidance of members of the Mission Council, CYF Committee, and staff team, Bethel has some new energy in areas of outreach, marketing, and becoming a place for our neighbors to gather. Here are some highlights:

- We have received a \$16,125 Imagination Grant from the Minneapolis Area Synod to fund the Mission Council's outreach program called The Loneliness Project. Please see Dr. Jen's article for more information. (This grant is also paying for much of what I mention below.)
- Dr. Jen has taken a class in marketing from, and continues to work with, Greater Thought Design & Marketing (Bryan Mann-Entzel is one of the owners of this company). Greater Thought is assisting Dr. Jen and Bethel's recently formed Marketing Group in areas of social media, way-finding, community connections, and in making Bethel a more tech-savvy organization.
- Bethel now has a Marketing Group made up of marketing, advertising and promotion professionals (some retired). They have already come up with a Marketing Plan for Bethel called the Young Families Initiative and a specific Marketing Plan for the Loneliness Project.
- Bethel has contracted with Proximity Project, an organization geared specifically toward assisting churches to be more visible and present in neighborhoods, to help us with ideas of how to better share our grounds and make them more inviting to us and our neighbors. You will hear more about a half basketball court, benches, expansion of the natural playground, an outdoor piano, some painted games, and a patio on the west side of the building. (See related article on page 9.)

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- Bethel has contracted with the non-profit TreeTrust (which we are connected to through the Nordine family) to help clean up and beautify the space around the parking lot in ways that are easily maintained.
- We have already gotten new banners and will be working on more signage around the grounds, as well as some virtual tours of our building on our website.
- We have begun the conversation on how to build partnerships and relationships with our community's BIPOC-owned local businesses and churches. You will be seeing fruits from this labor shortly.

The list goes on with how the Mission Council and the CYF Committee are working on outreach, together with Dr. Jen and so many more of our members. All of this is in an effort to grow the church - in whatever way that will look like. We believe that the Holy Spirit is a part of this process and is leading us in initiatives that will make us "the place to be" again, within this community. This means that members (new, short-term and long-term), friends, and neighbors will want to be a part of our community of invitation, welcome, love, and care. That our mission to amplify, nourish, reach out and build will be given new life as all this comes to fruition.

I know that some of this could feel scary or risky, and we may worry that these new ideas are outside of our means. I know that change is hard, the unknown is unsettling, and we are poking and prodding some of us outside of our comfort zones. I also know that we, as do all churches, need to find new and different ways to be a part of our communities, be that church, and ensure that we are thriving in ministry for decades to come.

What sort of questions do you have? What are your ideas? Concerns? Misgivings? What are you excited about? What gives you hope and energy? Please write this down and share it with me. Send me an email or give me a call. Come to a Zoom meeting. Come to an outdoor in-person meeting. Let's talk, my friends. Let's talk! With you, for Jesus,

*Pastor Brenda*

**Two Outreach Information and Q & A Sessions on June 13th**  
**After the service (around 11) in-person**  
**Via Zoom at 7pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87550829802>**

## SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS DAY CAMP

### Soil & Spirit June 21 -25, 2021

#### **K-entering 5th online in the morning with evening family gatherings**

- \* Meet online each morning from 9-10 AM to sing, learn, pray, and play.
- \* Spend time the rest of the day doing art with Kathrine, experiments with Dr. Dirt, and listen to fun stories in the Bible! Online, with or without a parent or sibling.
- \* Sign up for an evening event at Bethel (up to 25 families masked and distanced).
- \* Go to an event on Friday night too, at a local park for fun and some ice cream!

#### **Middle and High School in-person 1-4 PM in Bethel's backyard**

- \* Disc golf and prayer
- \* Landscaping and art
- \* Guest activity coordinators and service
- \* Ice cream and gardening
- \* Faith connections and more great treats
- \* Laughter and crazy-fun!



**Please sign up as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly.**

**<https://sites.google.com/view/southminneapolisdaycamp2021/registration?authuser=0>**



## Here is the latest on our plans for worship this summer!

In an effort to be more inclusive of our littlest ones and to keep everyone as safe as possible the Board of Administrators has decided to continue to plan **OUTDOOR WORSHIP** and **ONLINE WORSHIP at 10 AM** from now through July 4, 2021. *(On June 15, they will meet again to discuss the next section of summer.)* **Worship will be located in the south lawn off the parking lot.**

- ◆ Please wear a mask\*.
- ◆ Bring your own chair/blanket.
- ◆ Be sure to socially distance yourself from people outside your family.
- ◆ Do not come if you do not feel well.
- ◆ There is not much shade on our property due to new tree plantings, so you may want to bring an umbrella or hat for shade. And maybe some sunscreen.

*\* We know that masks are not necessarily required outside, however, since our littlest members cannot yet get a vaccine, we would rather err on the side of safety and inclusion for each of them and their families.*

Bulletins, Holy Communion, and Goldfish Crackers will be handed out as you enter our worship area from the parking lot. We will also collect your offering in a box at the same location.

There will be no official fellowship time after worship. Please be sure to stay as safe as possible with one another before, during, and after worship. Thank you!

If the weather prevents us from being outside, we will attempt to inform everyone by 9 AM. We will send out an email and call people not online. *Worship will also always be ONLINE every Sunday regardless of the weather.*

We will not worship in-person and inside the building until further notice. The kitchen remains closed for any communal cooking.

**Small** group, masked, distanced, and herd-immunity vaccinated meetings will be considered with requests made through the office. Please fill out the appropriate paperwork if you would like to have such a meeting inside our building. You may also ask for outdoor, masked/unmasked, herd-immunity, and distanced meetings.

Thank you. Please remain vigilant and safe. God blesses you!



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

# HOW, WHAT, WHY?

I hope you are familiar with the phrase “The Loneliness Project” by now. Since we were awarded the \$16,125 grant from the Synod last summer, I have been trying to share the vision of what this could mean for Bethel. But I think I need to do a little more explaining.

The Loneliness Project grant was written from an outreach perspective for Bethel. Please note that the ideas for the Loneliness Project and the grant were written BEFORE the pandemic, but this past year has only confirmed the need for it.

The idea behind it is that people are lonely. This is being recognized the world over. We are lonely. Technology and social media don’t necessarily bring people closer, but they can help. With the pandemic, I think we can agree that loneliness is ubiquitous.

We, at Bethel, have a great gift. We have a beloved community of people who love God and each other and care for the people in our community. As Christians, we want to share this gift with our neighbors. We want them to feel invited and welcomed into our community. We want to share the love of Christ with them.

The idea behind the Loneliness Project is that we need to build bridges to welcome our neighbors. We need to create space and activities to welcome them in and to. This is what the Welcome and the Children, Youth and Families Committees and Mission Council have been working on for years and years. Inviting our neighbors to Bethel events and activities.

We have another great gift at Bethel—that is our grounds outside (not to mention our wonderful inside spaces like the gym, theater, kitchen). Our grounds are beautiful, they reflect our care for Creation as Christians and are an amazing example of our stewardship. They can also be used as a resource to help people find Bethel.

What does this mean? I am going to use an example Phil gave me. Take the Little Free Pantry. It is located AT OUR 17th AVENUE DOORS and even INSIDE our doors in the winter. If someone comes to donate or use the Little Free Pantry, they have to walk up to our doors to pick up a can of soup. This is, in a real way, building up a muscle memory and relationship with Bethel, wherein when someday, if they find a need for a church, well, they are already familiar with walking up to, and through our doors.

The grant money for the Loneliness Project will be used to help people feel invited, welcomed and more comfortable with us as a church. We are using this money to fix up the landscaping around the parking lot. We want to build a patio at the front doors to not only make it more attractive, but to have a space where our neighbors will feel comfortable hanging out. More grant money will be used for signs around the property explaining the rain garden, natural playground, the labyrinth (etc.) and what they mean to us.

These projects are helping us set the stage for what we will use the rest of the grant money for, namely activities to invite people to. The money will be used for things like subsidizing regular coffee truck (or ice cream truck) visits. Picture a 10 cent coffee Wednesdays. This will happen on our patio where we will also have games for kids. We can hold outdoor plays on the patio, Bible Studies, classes, a pet fashion show, community theater, gatherings of any kind. And think, psychologically, how close to our neighbors that space is. How close to the front doors of our sanctuary.

We have a wonderful picnic area by the rain garden and community garden. BUT, you have to walk around and feel comfortable enough to use them.

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We are trying to help our neighbors be EVEN MORE comfortable at Bethel! We want people to SEE an outdoor worship. (Don't worry, we will still have some in the courtyard! But people can't SEE the courtyard from the street. Which has its pros and cons.) We want people to hear us singing on Sunday morning. We want to MEET our neighbors over coffee or ice cream. We want people to feel comfortable at our front doors.

If I were going to visit a church, I would walk up to the front doors to get in. Not the office doors. Are our front doors saying welcome?

We want to be a VISIBLE church, a friendly church, an inviting and a welcoming church.

The Synod found this idea interesting enough to give us this \$16,125.

We are working on projects this summer to help make Bethel more attractive and user-friendly. The first thing you might notice is that Tree Trust (a non-profit landscaping organization that works with Bachman's) will be beginning work on sprucing up the parking lot on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have some other projects to work on throughout the summer. I hope you will take part in helping us use this grant money in the best ways possible!

Please contact me, anyone from the Mission Council or Pastor Brenda if you have any questions about the Loneliness Project or what we are doing at Bethel.

This is an exciting Outreach opportunity! I hope you are excited too!

Peace in Christ, Dr. Jen Kilps 



## What is Phil up to?

I wanted to take a moment here to update everyone on what has been keeping me busy lately, especially since I am not building worship services ahead of every Sunday now. Before we started to live-stream services, worship leaders would gather on Thursday afternoons to film much of the service. I would film music at separate times due to the arduous task of moving mics and cameras and recording vocal tracks. Then it was on to piecing all the service together. That has all changed now. We are now live on Sundays with live music and live preaching which has felt great for the cohesiveness of the service at that time. However, I'm left with a conundrum. With minimal music to provide on only piano or keyboard outside, and no ensembles, virtual or in-person, I feel a gaping hole in my calling to be a music director. Just as many people find themselves back at work, more into an in-person routine, I find myself in-person yet further away from my calling, which has been challenging and frustrating.

This expanse of time has allowed me to do other things as well, though. I have been working on larger organ masterworks which I am not normally afforded the time to do during typical years. I am also piecing together larger and smaller works and hope to play at one of the many organ concert-series that happen around the Twin Cities (I'll update everyone once I know the dates). I have also found more time to be outside hiking – a new favorite pastime I started up last year. Recently, I went on a 19-mile hike only to discover that I can put on sunscreen six times and still turn out as red as a tomato the next day... I continue to make music and post it on YouTube trying to reach more and more people through the notes I sing or play.

Phil Radtke,  
Music Director



# JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
<p>ALL worship services will remain on-line for anyone not wanting or not able to attend in person! All in-person worship is <b>weather-permitting</b>. If it is raining, please stay home and watch us on YouTube.</p>		<p><b>1</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> OA How Meeting  <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting  <b>12:30 PM</b> Virtual Text Study  <b>6:30 PM</b> Girl Scout Troop Meeting  <b>7:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Casa Music Practice  <b>7:00 PM</b> Scout Troop Meeting</p>	<p><b>2</b>  <b>11:00 AM</b> V  <a href="https://us02v">https://us02v</a>  <b>6:30 PM</b> Co</p>
<p><b>6</b>  <b>10:00 AM</b> Bethel Worship on-line and in-person  <b>1:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Casa Worship  <b>1:30 PM</b> MN CASA Worship</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> OA How Meeting  <b>9:30 AM</b> Operation Love Quilters  <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting  <b>12:30 PM</b> Virtual Text Study  <b>6:00 PM</b> Girl Scout Troop Meeting  <b>6:30 PM</b> Virtual Mission Council  <a href="https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84515895120">https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84515895120</a>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Casa Music Practice  <b>7:00 PM</b> Scout Troop Meeting</p>	<p><b>9</b>  <b>11:00 AM</b> V  <a href="https://us02v">https://us02v</a>  <b>6:30 PM</b> Co</p>
<p><b>13</b>  <b>10:00 AM</b> Bethel Worship on-line and in-person  <b>11:00 AM</b> Outreach Q &amp; A Session In person  <b>1:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Casa Worship  <b>1:30 PM</b> MN CASA Worship  <b>7:00 PM</b> Outreach Q &amp; A Session via Zoom  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87550829802">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87550829802</a></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> OA How Meeting  <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting  <b>12:30 PM</b> Virtual Text Study  <b>6:30 PM</b> Board of Administrators  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88432252374">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88432252374</a>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Casa Music Practice  <b>7:00 PM</b> Scout Troop Meeting</p>	<p><b>16</b>  <b>11:00 AM</b> V  <a href="https://us02v">https://us02v</a>  <b>6:30 PM</b> Co</p>
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<p><b>27</b>  <b>10:00 AM</b> Bethel Worship on-line and in-person  <b>12:00 PM</b> Book Group: DEAR CHURCH  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89739620562">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89739620562</a>  <b>1:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Casa Worship  <b>1:30 PM</b> MN CASA Worship</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b>  <b>8:30 AM</b> OA How Meeting  <b>10:30 AM</b> 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</p>	<p><b>30</b>  <b>11:00 AM</b> V  <a href="https://us02v">https://us02v</a></p>

## Bethel Staff Update

**Thank you, Chris Hoover.** We were informed this week that Chris has chosen to resign from his position as Assistant Custodian. We will have a time of thanksgiving for Chris soon to thank him for his many years of work at Bethel. Chris, you have been a blessing.

**We welcome Michael Hauge** as a new Assistant Custodian on our staff. Michael has been a member since birth and looks forward to assisting us, especially on weekends. Now our custodian staff now consists of Katie Simons, Bill Shy, and Michael Hauge. Time will tell if we need to hire additional staff.



# 2021

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Virtual Bible Study <a href="https://web.zoom.us/j/81542792093">web.zoom.us/j/81542792093</a> Confirmation Class	<b>3</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> MN CASA Service	<b>4</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> el Colegio Graduation <b>6:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Worship	
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Virtual Bible Study <a href="https://web.zoom.us/j/81542792093">web.zoom.us/j/81542792093</a> Confirmation Class	<b>17</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> MN CASA Service	<b>18</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Worship <b>7:00 PM</b> Movie Night: <u>Two Distant Strangers</u> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83898066592">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83898066592</a> Discussion to follow	<b>19</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Day Camp Bag Pick-Up
Mpls Day Camp for Elementary Virtual Bible Study <a href="https://web.zoom.us/j/81542792093">web.zoom.us/j/81542792093</a> <b>HERALD DEADLINE</b> Mpls Day Camp for Middle School Our Savior's Evening Day Camp Outside	<b>24</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Mpls Day Camp for Elementary <b>1:00 PM</b> S Mpls Day Camp for Middle School <b>6:00 PM</b> MN CASA Service <b>6:30 PM</b> Evening Day Camp Celebration @ a Park	<b>25</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Mpls Day Camp for Elementary <b>9:00 AM</b> Cub Pack 38 <b>1:00 PM</b> S Mpls Day Camp for Middle School <b>6:00 PM</b> Pentecostal Worship	<b>26</b>

Virtual Bible Study  
[web.zoom.us/j/81542792093](https://web.zoom.us/j/81542792093)

## Our elected leadership changes this month.

Our elected leadership teams are greatly appreciated all around and officially start or continue their terms on June 1, 2021. We will pray over all of them on Sunday, June 6, at/in worship. For a full list, please see page 11 in this Herald.

*Thank you to Pat Gramentz for her hard work for the last four years as our elected treasurer. In case you do not know, Pat is really great at this position. She has graciously agreed to help Paul Kile learn the position as he takes over. Welcome to the Board of Administrators, Paul.*

We also want to thank Larissa Hoover for her commitment and ideas with Mission Council for the last two years; Norma Lanning will take her place on Mission Council. Finally, thank you for Michael Hall who is stepping down from Children, Youth and Family, while Franklin Wohnoutka has been elected in his place.

# June



Katherine Frederick	2	Dave Krogh	16
Ellie Thomforde	3	Sarah Psick	17
Beverly Kevelin	4	Canon Resendez	19
Anne Kile	4	Zach Mitcham	20
Beth Soderberg	4	Marilyn Romsaas	20
Sara Rudy	4	Ronan Kitzman Wilke	22
Casey MacCallum	5	Jeff Fossum	23
Jessica Alberts	6	Karen Tennis	26
Ken Puckett	9	Mel Olson	27
Kathy Burk	13	Marge Hauge	30
John Dahl	15	Liliana Resendez	30

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

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

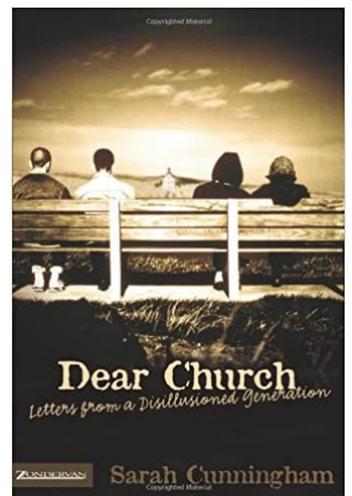
Norma & Jerome Lanning	1
Jayson Spence & Lisa Chovan-Spence	10
Katherine & Rick Frederick	12
Katie & Chris Phillips	13
Eric & Beth Soderberg	13
Don & Darlene Olson	16
Sharon & Leonard Phillips	16
Erin & Jim Gaines	26
Julie & Gabe Ness	29
Mike & Sarah Thomforde	29

### Book Club Discussion on Zoom or in person Sunday, June 27 at 12 PM

#### **Dear Church: Letters from a Disillusioned Generation**

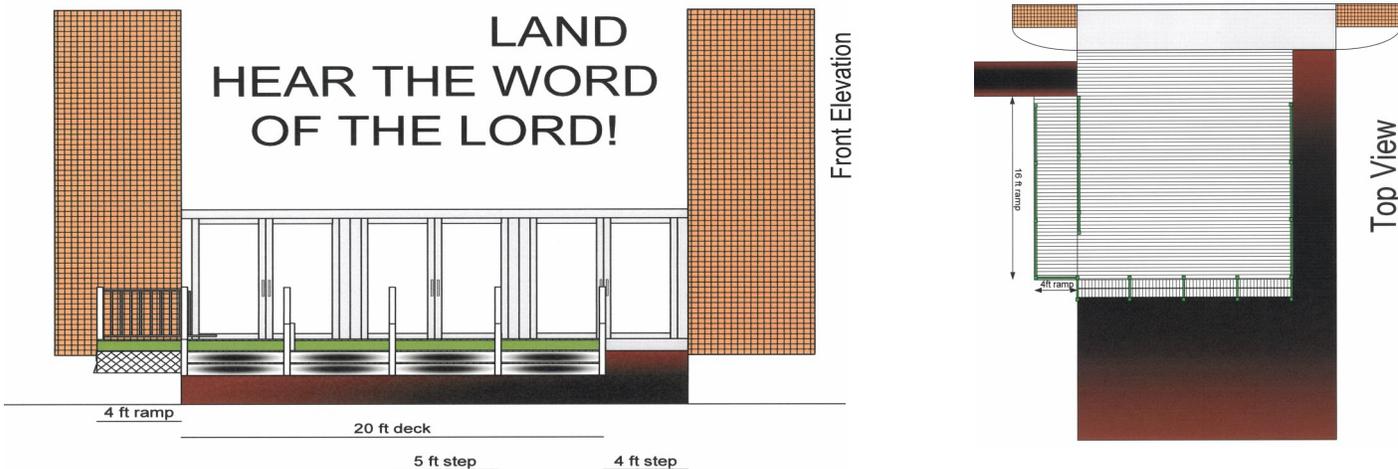
By Sarah Raymond Cunningham

Dear Church is a series of letters from a twenty-something to the global church she's not always sure she wants to be a part of. The author's story awakens the voice of a younger generation whose attendance in the church is dropping, yet she encourages the church that their Christian faith is still alive and well. In the end, Dear Church tells a story that will be familiar to every age group: the story of overcoming disillusionment and staying the course.



## O Land, Land, Land

In the past month you may have heard about the idea of building a deck or a patio on the west side of the building under the large inscription, “O Land, Land, Land...” Indeed, the Mission Council, Tuesday Guys, and staff are talking about this idea. The idea has been large and small, expensive and inexpensive, and shared correctly and incorrectly. Allow us to be clear. This is a part of The Loneliness Project and is an attempt to enhance that particular entrance to our building in ways that make it more inviting, aesthetically pleasing, and welcoming. It will not only be used by members of Bethel and our ministry partners, but also be available for Loneliness programming and ministry. This programming may include community education classes, listening hours, art and drama groups, small group music lessons, etc. Here is what we are considering:



The current pavement would be sealed and the area still visible would have playground games painted on it. Something like these photos:

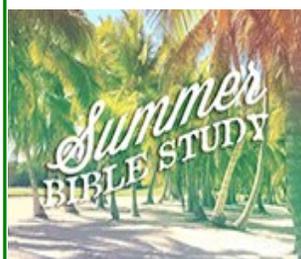


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### Outreach Information and Q & A Sessions on June 13th

After the service (around 11) in-person

Via Zoom at 7pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87550829802>



### Bible Study

Our Wednesday morning Bible study continues throughout the summer. Every Wednesday at 11AM - we meet online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81542792093>

In June we will explore the gospel readings for the following Sunday.

June 2	<a href="#"><u>Mark 3:20-35</u></a>
June 9	<a href="#"><u>Mark 4:26-34</u></a>
June 16	<a href="#"><u>Mark 4:35-41</u></a>
June 23	<a href="#"><u>Mark 5:21-43</u></a>
June 29	<a href="#"><u>Mark 6:1-13</u></a>



# Let us Pray

## PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Margaret Johnson  
Sharon Warwick  
Marilyn Romsaas  
Mark & Jan Walker  
Ann Allison  
Mary Thone  
Judith Day  
Mike & Grace Simons  
Trudy Carlson  
Audrey Campbell  
Sheila Nelson  
Warwick Family  
Pikkarainen Family  
Laurel Jorgensen  
Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers  
Rosie Smith & Family

Gloria Condon  
Larissa Hoover  
Marge Hauge  
Hundt Family  
Tom Keating  
Bresina Family  
Teondre Martinez  
Crystal Vaughn  
Lynn Vaughn  
Jeff Fossum  
Mel Olson  
Joan Dahlman  
Puckett Family  
Andy Martinson  
Doris Christianson

## MEMBERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Robert Hundt  
Katrel 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)

## MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

Black and Brown Lives  
National Leaders  
All of us regarding COVID-19  
Indigenous Lives  
Asian Lives  
Migrants & Asylum seekers  
Palestinians in Gaza

## RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Bill Shy (Assistant Custodian)  
Manda (Dr. Jen's sister)  
Marvin (Bryan Mann-Entzel's dad)  
Nini & Brenda (Christian Ledesma's  
uncle & aunt)  
Betty (Christian Ledesma's mom)  
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)  
Steve (Pr B's brother)  
Cherril (Candy Hickenbotham's friend)  
Susan & Dale (Wendy Ledesma's parents)  
Sue & Wayne (Karen Warwick's parents)  
Rhonda (Sheila Nelson's friend)  
Joni (Sheila Nelson's cousin)  
Rosy Fieker (Libby Krogh's sister)  
Rev. Ron Schuette (Dave's father)  
Joanne Wilberg (Marge Hauge's sister)  
Gabe Ness (Julie Hundt's husband)  
John Hundt (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)  
Ann Baskett (Crystal Vaughn's grandmother)  
Andrea (Mona Falk's daughter)

## OUR MISSION PARTNERS

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

## BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS

The Board of Administrators has met monthly virtually throughout the pandemic, and each month we discuss if it is safe to open up the church. While staff have been back in the building for quite a while, distancing and masked, it is much more difficult to determine how safe it is for members and community groups to gather inside the building.

In May both the CDC and the State of Minnesota loosened their guidelines for getting together in small and large groups, and more changes may have been announced since this article was written. COVID-19 cases are decreasing. Yet the Board feels it is too soon to let our guard down. While many of our older members have been fully vaccinated, the youngest among us are not eligible for the vaccine at this time.

So for now – and we will discuss this again next month at our meeting – the Board feels that gathering *outside* is safe as long as we are distanced and masked. We'll be worshipping *outdoors* on Sundays when the weather allows. We're eager to be together again and we hope to see you there!

We also wish to publicly thank Pat Gramentz, our elected treasurer, whose term on the Board ended May 31. Pat has put in many hours very attentively overseeing Bethel's financial position. **Thank you, Pat.**

Laurie Hauge, Vice-President  
Board of Administrators

## MISSION COUNCIL

We want to thank Larissa Hoover for her two years on the Mission Council. I also want to say thanks to our other continuing members for their work over the last year. It has been an interesting but very productive year. Norma Lanning will be replacing Larissa as a duly elected member. Thanks, Norma, for agreeing to join us officially.

Our movie and discussion night for June will be for our Racial Justice Initiative. On June 18 we will be watching the short film *Two Distant Strangers*. This film just won the Academy Award for Best Live Action Short Film last month. We will watch the film (about 30 minutes) together over Zoom and then we will have a discussion right after. You will be able to find the Zoom link for the movie and discussion on the Bethel website.

We have started to get some submissions for our Creation Care Cookbook. The link to the submission form was not working for a while, but it is up working now. You can also send me the recipe by email if the form does not work for you. Thanks to those who have already submitted.

-Stephanie Johnson, Mission Council Chair

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### JULY Deadline:

Approved Article, Advertisement and  
Calendar deadline is:

**WEDNESDAY,  
June 23 at 12:00 Noon**

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BETHEL LUTHERAN'S RACIAL JUSTIVE INITIATIVE PRESENTS

# ZOOMMOVIE NIGHT



In this Oscar-winning short film, a man trying to get home to his dog becomes stuck in a time loop that forces him to relive a deadly run-in with a police officer.



**FRIDAY JUNE 18TH @ 7PM**

**+ DISCUSSION AFTER**

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