



# Herald

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

*Happy Dance and Thank You!*

Well, that was a fun and great weekend! Thank you, everyone, who attended and contributed to our 125th Anniversary Celebration! A special thank you to Anna O., Clarice L., and Stephanie J., who made up the committee that created those wonderful plans! A delightful time was had by all.



Also, thank you to everyone who made the building and grounds look amazing! We had so many comments about how things looked and how it is clear we take pride in our campus! Staff, Tuesday Guys, gardeners, and volunteers made this happen, and you are each greatly appreciated.

Office staff did a wonderful job with invitations, marketing, and making all look great too! The music was also amazing. Thank you,



everyone! I know many hands made this happen, and I trust you know you are of great value to our community.

There were several people here who had not stepped foot in our doors for decades, and all of them told me, or our team, what a wonderful time they had. Some were from out of town, but have family who were here for years when this building was built in the 1950s. They said that if they ever live in the Twin Cities again, Bethel would be their church. They loved the worship service and the welcome they received from so many who introduced themselves to them.

I definitely did the 'happy dance' several times throughout the weekend and I hope all of you did too!



With you, for Jesus,

*Pastor Brenda*

Pastor Brenda  
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# MICHELLE'S GRANTS UPDATE

## *Gratitude and Grief, Hope and Loss: Celebrating Ministries at Bethel and BOLD*

While Bethel was celebrating 125 years of being an organized congregation, our ministry partner Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church (BOLD) was celebrating 68 years in their building on 38th Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Both of these celebrations drew on the foundational history of the communities to ground and root them in hope for their future ministries.

BOLD was celebrating that a Deaf-owned and operated congregation built a building in a time when ASL was a hidden language and when Deaf identity was not celebrated. BOLD used its building well since it was built in 1956, and over the course of the past two years came to the decision that it is time to let go of the building in order to keep walking in faith and hope for

what the Holy Spirit will bring to them in the future. The BOLD Community is using a sign like a strong tree to indicate that their future is indeed strong.

Both Bethel and BOLD engaged in reflections and gratitude for the gifts that have been in the communities' histories, and both communities have set intentions to be open to the gifts that will come to each community. In the process for each celebration, Bethel and BOLD allowed space for all of the feelings that come up in these celebrations, so that in the end fear and doubt will not prevent us from recognizing the gifts that show up for us. Because gifts from the Holy Spirit will continue to show up!

Peace and Joy to you,  
*Rev. Michelle Lewis*

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## *More photos from our anniversary!*





# Welcome, New Members!



On June 16th Bethel welcomed 10 new members to our congregation! Please help us make these new members feel at home. We are so thankful to have them here!



## Help Sew School Bags

Are you interested in sewing school bags for  
Lutheran World Relief (LWR) distribution?

The filled school bags enable children to attend school prepared.

Contact Sharon Rodi for sewing instructions:

612-722-3324 or [nord@mninter.net](mailto:nord@mninter.net)

How many bags can we sew and fill in 2024?

# BERNIE'S MUSIC UPDATE

Thank you all for making the 125th Anniversary joyful and exciting. Thank you for making and listening to the music with your whole hearts. We were blessed to have former singers and handbell ringers join us for festival choirs, and to have a few who joined for the first time.

What is a choir? Whether singers or handbell ringers, we are a group of people who make music together. In American English, we speak of the choir as a single entity using singular verbs: the choir is, does, sings, plays, etc. This is important, because the individuals must act in unity to make music.

A choir is also a group of individuals. In British English, we would speak of them as a collection of people using plural verbs: the choir are, do, sing, play. I highlight this sense of Bethel's choirs to show each person's importance in making up the group. We need individuals to form the group.

I invite you to prayerfully consider joining one of these groups – to lend your voice or hands to carry God's Word to the congregation, and carry our prayers to God in worship. You need not be an experienced musician or



know how to read music. That is something we all continue to learn.

As the vocal and handbell choirs break for the summer, I am looking for musicians to play or sing hymns or other appropriate music for worship. If you have a vocal or piano solo, guitar piece, duet, trio, etc., to share during worship, please contact me at [music2023@bethel-mpls.org](mailto:music2023@bethel-mpls.org).

With gratitude,  
*Bernie Asher*

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## Family Camp

### CAMPER RATES

DUE TO A GENEROUS DONATION FROM THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE, CAMPER FEES WILL END UP BEING CLOSE TO \$50 PER PERSON.

*Rates include four meals, two nights lodging, and program activities.*

**FRIDAY, JULY 26 -  
SUNDAY, JULY 28**  
**CAMP ONOMIA  
NEAR ONAMIA, MN**

*Please let Pr B know ASAP  
if you want to join us:  
[pastor@bethel-mpls.org](mailto:pastor@bethel-mpls.org)*





# FEASIBILITY UPDATE

We hope you are as inspired as we are after celebrating the 125th anniversary of Bethel Lutheran Church on June 8 and 9. As your Feasibility Study Team we hold high hopes for our future and will continue to work toward finding the best path forward to being Bethel Lutheran Church in this neighborhood. Our strong roots are providing the support and encouragement we need to do this work.

Summer often brings a slower pace to the life of the church, but as a committee we continue to meet and make contacts with potential partners for Bethel. Our most recent contacts include El Colegio High School and the Proximity Project, a local non-profit that helps churches reimagine their property. We're also reading and discussing a book titled **Gone for Good? Negotiating the Coming Wave of Church Property Transition**.

If you have ideas for us, please let one of us know, or email us at [feasibility@bethel-mpls.org](mailto:feasibility@bethel-mpls.org).



We appreciate your prayers for this important task.

Committee members:

*Jim Lair, Laurie Hauge, Don Olson,  
Ann Allison, Andrea Allie, Gene Rodi,  
and Pastor Brenda (ex-officio)*

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## BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH *Scholarships* APPLICATIONS

**Bethel wants to encourage and support those who are seeking higher education.**

Applications for the 2024-2025 school year are due on July 30th, 2024.  
Applications can be found on our website: [bethel-mpls.org/education](http://bethel-mpls.org/education)  
Applicants must be entering their second year of post-high-school study.

For more information on our scholarship program or to apply,  
please contact the office:  
612-724-3693 or [bethel@bethel-mpls.org](mailto:bethel@bethel-mpls.org)

*Apply Now!*



# MINISTRY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
30 10:00am Bethel Worship 11:00am Fellowship Time 1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 5:00pm Girl Scout Troop 14854 5:30pm Minneapolis Jo 6:00pm A Holy Experiment	1 Bethel Office Closed 4:00pm Feasibility Study Team 7:00pm Bridge to Shore AA	2 9:00am OA HOW Meeting 10:00am NHS Exercise 10:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am NHS 500 Cards Group 6:30pm Scout Troop 7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music	3 10:00am Bldg & Grounds Mtg 10:00am NHS Women's Art G 10:00am NHS Yoga 12:00pm Hybrid Bible Study 6:30pm Continuous Action A
7 10:00am Bethel Worship 11:00am Fellowship Time 1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 5:30pm Minneapolis Jo	8 Bethel Office Closed 7:00pm Bridge to Shore AA 8:00pm Bridge to Shore AA - Meeting	9 9:00am OA HOW Meeting 10:00am NHS Exercise 10:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am NHS 500 Cards Group 11:00am Operation Love Quilters 6:30pm Mission Council 6:30pm Scout Troop 7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music	10 9:15am Ensemble Music Clas 10:00am NHS Women's Art G 10:00am NHS Yoga 12:00pm Hybrid Bible Study 4:00pm NHS Board Meeting 6:30pm Continuous Action A 6:30pm Nokomis Quilters
14 10:00am Bethel Worship 11:00am Fellowship Time 1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 3:00pm Folklore Dance 5:30pm Minneapolis Jo	15 Bethel Office Closed 4:00pm Feasibility Study Team 7:00pm Bridge to Shore AA	16 9:00am OA HOW Meeting 10:00am NHS Exercise 10:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am NHS 500 Cards Group 6:30pm Scout Troop 7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music	17 9:15am Ensemble Music Clas 10:00am NHS Women's Art G 10:00am NHS Yoga 12:00pm Hybrid Bible Study 6:30pm Continuous Action A 7:30pm Continuous Action Le  <b>Herald Deadline</b>
21 10:00am Bethel Worship 11:00am Fellowship Time 11:00pm Board of Administrators 1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 5:30pm Minneapolis Jo	22 Bethel Office Closed 7:00pm Bridge to Shore AA	23 9:00am OA HOW Meeting 10:00am NHS Exercise 10:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am NHS 500 Cards Group 6:30pm Scout Troop 7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music	24 9:15am Ensemble Music Clas 10:00am NHS Women's Art G 10:00am NHS Yoga 12:00pm Hybrid Bible Study 6:30pm Continuous Action A
28 10:00am Bethel Worship 11:00am Fellowship Time 1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 5:30pm Minneapolis Jo  <i>Family Camp</i>	29 Bethel Office Closed 8:00am Camp Breakaway Check-in 4:00pm Feasibility Study Team 7:00pm Bridge to Shore AA	30 9:00am OA HOW Meeting 10:00am NHS Exercise 10:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am NHS 500 Cards Group 6:30pm Scout Troop 7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music	31 9:15am Ensemble Music Clas 10:00am NHS Women's Art G 10:00am NHS Yoga 12:00pm Hybrid Bible Study 6:30pm Continuous Action A

# NDAR - JULY 2024

Monday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
g group  A	4 <b>BETHEL CLOSED</b> 	5 6:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship	6 9:00am AA Amigos 2:00pm Ethiopian OTC Event
s group  A	11 9:30am NHS Nurse Is In/Blood Pressure 10:00am NHS Exercise 11:15am NHS Lunch and Bingo 3:00pm CANMN Distribution	12 10:15am Ensemble Music Class 6:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship	13 9:00am AA Amigos 11:00am CANMN Distribution 3:00pm Folklore Dance
s group  A Leadership Meeting  <b>12:00pm</b>	18 9:30am NHS Nurse Is In/Blood Pressure 10:00am NHS Exercise 11:00am Diabetes Support Group 11:00am NHS Let's talk About Loss 3:00pm CANMN Distribution	19 10:15am Ensemble Music Class 6:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship	20 9:00am AA Amigos 11:00am CANMN Distribution
s group  A	25 9:30am NHS Nurse Is In/Blood Pressure 10:00am NHS Exercise 11:00am NHS Caregiver Support Group 3:00pm CANMN Distribution 6:00pm BNA Ice Cream Social (All are welcome)	26 10:15am Ensemble Music Class 6:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship  <i>Family Camp</i>	27 9:00am AA Amigos 11:00am CANMN Distribution 11:00am Vendor Fair  <i>Family Camp</i>
s group  A	1 9:00am NHS Foot Care 9:30am NHS Nurse Is In/Blood Pressure 10:00am NHS Exercise 11:00am NHS Roundtable Discussions 3:00pm CANMN Distribution 7:00pm BNA Board Meeting	2 10:15am Ensemble Music Class 11:30am Camp Breakaway Check - Out 6:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship	3 9:00am AA Amigos 11:00am CANMN Distribution

# BIBLE STUDY WITH PR BRENDA

*Wednesdays at 12pm*

Online meeting room:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81542792093>



And in-person in the Fireside Room.

7/3	Mark 6:1-6 Mark 6:7-13
7/10	Psalms 85:8-13 Ephesians 1:3-14
7/17	Mark 6:30-34 Mark 6: 53-56
7/24	John 6:1-9 John 6:10-21
7/31	John 6:24-36

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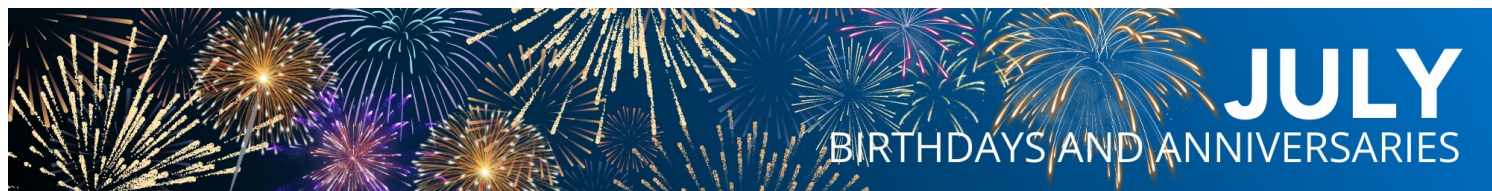
For a full list of our  
staff and leadership  
members, please  
visit our website:



## SUNDAY SERVERS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Cantor	Sacristy	Ushers	Streaming	Hospitality	Altar Guild
7/7	Kristin Cleary	Jerry Johnson	Bernie Asher	Stephanie Johnson	Tom	Gene and Ted	Clarice Lovstuen	Sharon and Joyce
7/14	Ann Allison	Sharon Rodi	Janet Anderson	Marilyn Newborg	Dean and Dave S	Gene and Ted	Romell White	Sharon and Joyce
7/21	Anna Olsen	Anna Wohnoutka	Dean Anderson	Clarice Lovstuen	Susan and Jerry	Gene and Ted	Janet Anderson	Sharon and Joyce
7/28	Susan Johnson	Anna Olsen	Kristin Cleary	Marilyn Newborg	Dave K and Norris	Gene and Ted	Ann Allison	Sharon and Joyce





## Birthdays

Michelle Kevelin	4
Marshall Cannon	7
Bruce Gramentz	8
Sam Hoover	8
Doug Contoski	11
Ann Allison	15
Jayson Spence	15
Mary Thone	15
Cole Mann-Entzel	16
Romell White	16
Alice Evenson	19
Braxton Pikkarainen	22
Sharon Phillips	23

Jill Hult	24
Barb Saunders	25
Colby Simons McDaniel	28
Ella Soderberg	29
Kay Newborg	30
Teddy Gaines	31

## Anniversaries

Jill and Myron Engle	3
Jill and David Hult	12
Mike and Gloria Condon	12
Les and Becky Johnson	13
Sue and David Dorumsgaard Ayers	31

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



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We will add you to the mailing list!

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# PRAYER list...

## PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Libby Krogh	Karen McBride
Ted Allison	Sharon Phillips
Warwick Family	Gert Carlson
Pikkarainen Family	Laurel Jorgensen
Larissa Hoover	Kevin Hoover
Sue Dorumsgaard	Gloria Condon
Ayers	Hundt Family
Mike and Grace	Teondre Martinez
Simons	Puckett Family
Cannon Family	Andy Martinson
The Walker Family	Doris Christianson
Lynn Vaughn-	Darrell Dahl
Arradondo	Marge Hauge
Sarah Psick	Crystal Vaughn's Family

## MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- Victims of natural and human disasters
- People of Ukraine, Israeli Citizens, and Palestinians in Gaza
- All of us regarding COVID-19, RSV, Flu, Mpox
- Black and Brown Lives
- Indigenous Lives
- Asian Lives
- Refugees, Migrants and Asylum Seekers
- People dying due to gun violence

## PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND

Steve (Pr B's brother)  
 Michael (Marilyn Newborg's brother)  
 Laura (AnnE's sister)  
 Angela (Tom and AnnE's granddaughter)  
 Donovan (Angel Cannon's father)  
 Ian (Pr B's friend)  
 Amy Lynn D (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' sister)  
 Amy Lynn H (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' friend)  
 Laura (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' friend)  
 Rita (Sharon Phillip's friend)  
 Calvin (Angel Cannon's godfather)  
 Sandie (Anna Wohnoutka's aunt)  
 Kristian (Pr B's friend)  
 Laura (Lisa Chovan Spence's sister)  
 Wayne (Karen Warwick's dad)  
 Trent and Michelle (Norma's Family)  
 Darlene (Jeff Alberts' mom)  
 Susan (Mike Condon's sister)  
 John (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)  
 Andrea (Mona Falk's daughter)  
 Kathy (Krogh Family friend)

## MEMBERS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Alec M. Cullen (Tom Keating's nephew)  
 Katrel Bishop (Pr B's nephew)  
 Adam Froisland (Pr B's nephew)  
 Dwana Froisland (Pr B's niece)  
 Sean Young (Pr B's godson)  
 Evan Harrison (Pr B's great nephew)

## BETHEL'S MISSION PARTNERS

❖Bancroft Neighborhood Association ❖Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church (BOLD)  
 ❖ReconcilingWorks ❖Casa de Oracion - Pentecostal  
 ❖Mpls Area Synod ❖Nokomis Healthy Seniors ❖CANMN

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# STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Hi Folks,

Time just seems to fly by these days. Already last week Bethel had its 125th Anniversary. At the 100 year Anniversary the saying was "God's Grace – Our Heritage and Hope." Now at 125 years, with the many changes that have happened and are happening now at our church, the stewardship committee's thoughts are all about "God's Grace – Remember and Reimagine."

In the next few months leading up to Stewardship Sunday – Nov. 10th this year, the stewardship committee will be focused on what we mean by "Remember and Reimagine." As we've been recently looking at the past and all the great things that have made Bethel Lutheran special, we're also looking at the future and all the great things that are coming Bethel's way.

Please stay tuned to Stewardship Corner for the next bunch of months as we countdown to Stewardship

Sunday. We'll be sharing with you our thoughts and ideas on what these things mean to us and hopefully to everyone else at Bethel.

We also have events that we'll be planning at Bethel like we do every year. Thanks so much to Sharon as always – the school bags event will be happening soon. And we also have plans for another cook-off (working out the details) and plenty of other things. We will keep you all posted. If you ever have a question, don't hesitate to ask one of us. We might not have an answer right away, but we will get you one ASAP.

Thanks!

*Jerry Johnson*

## SAVE THE DATE

*for these events at Bethel*

### JULY

25 BNA Ice Cream Social  
26-28 Family Camp

### AUGUST

19-23 Day Camp at Diamond Lake Lutheran  
Collecting School Supplies for Backpacks

### SEPTEMBER

8 Rally Sunday

### OCTOBER

5 Bethel's Fall Festival / Blessing of the Animals  
27 Trunk or Treat

### NOVEMBER

9 2nd Saturday Concert  
10 Stewardship Sunday  
21 Give to the Max  
Collect Coats and Hats  
Stewardship Meal (TBA)

### DECEMBER

12 Community Fun Night  
14 2nd Saturday Concert

*Stay tuned for more information on these events.*





# Herald

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.
- Why a Public Church? To impact and enhance community so that everyone feels a sense of love and belonging.

## WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Bethel has been able to survive in this community for 125 years because of support from people like you. We need your support now more than ever to continue our mission for another 125 years.

Please consider making a donation today!

# Thank you

DONATE 



Checks can be mailed to:  
Bethel Lutheran Church  
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