



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

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Pastor's Ponderings: Listening Into Our Future

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As we transition from the end of the church year on Reign of Christ Sunday into the new season of Advent we are reminded to slow down and listen. This change of liturgical season highlights for me that Bethel is in the midst of transition too. With this time of transition in the life of Bethel, your leaders are living into the call of Advent: to slow down and listen deeply.

During Advent worship we will

ponder some questions:

- What messages did the Angel Gabriel share with Zechariah, Mary, and Joseph?
- What intrigued the Wise Ones to begin to follow a star to Bethlehem?
- What was happening-in all of creation-that God would choose to show up on our planet to make intentional and important changes for our lives now and in the future?
- What does all of this have to do with us today?
- What sort of transformation do we anticipate in our lives of faith when Jesus shows up, once again?

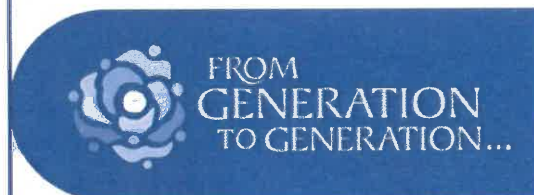


Ponder, by Hannah Garrity. Paper lace with watercolor

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The Courageous Choice, by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity, Silk painting with digital drawing and collage



Advent and Christmas and Epiphany

- Sunday ~ 11/27 ~ 10 AM ~ There's room for every story
- Sunday ~ 12/4 ~ 10 AM ~ God meets us in our fear
- Sunday ~ 12/11 ~ 10 AM ~ We can choose a better way
- Sunday ~ 12/18 ~ 10 AM ~ We see God in each other
- Saturday ~ 12/24 ~ 5:30 PM ~ We tell this story
- Sunday ~ 12/25 ~ 10 AM ~ Lessons and carols (online only)
- Sunday ~ 1/1 ~ 10 AM ~ God dwells with us
- Sunday ~ 1/8 ~ 10 AM ~ We keep seeking



In person and online



Rev. Brenda Froisland, Pastor

Pastor's Ponderings, continued

Similarly, on November 18 and 19, several of our elected, appointed, and natural leaders met for a retreat, guided by Pr. Jeanne Hartfield, pondering some questions together:

- Where God is calling us and what transitions are ahead of us?
- What are our committee members passionate about, pondering, and feeling?
- What information and ideas can we gather and share to clarify our next steps?
- What do we understand Bethel's future to be at this time?

Together we experienced how it feels to listen deeply to one another and to God. In these moments we experienced the joy of sharing something we love with another person in the group. We experienced the tension of wanting to "just do something" with the honest truth that many of us are tired and unsure of *what* to do. We held the wisdom of Fr. Richard Rohr:

"Transformation more often happens not when something new begins but when something old falls apart. The pain of something old falling apart—disruption and chaos—invites the soul to listen at a deeper level. It invites and sometimes forces the soul to go to a new place because the old place is not working anymore."
(emphasis mine)

This is just one of the examples of how Bethel is listening into our future.

In December, there will be a small group of people working to determine the next best steps. This work will include opportunities for everyone to listen into our future--that is to explore, dream, and pray together.

There is another group of Bethel folks listening into our future. This group is focused on faith formation and ministry for and with children, youth, and family. This group has met twice, and has at least one more meeting on December 4. It is this group's intention to offer recommendations on next steps for faith formation and ministry to the Mission Council and the Board of Administrators.

In our worship experiences from the end of October into November, we collected our Laments, Longings, Actions (to do), Lessons, and Blessings as a part of our "Give to Thrive" stewardship campaign. Now Bethel leadership has information *from you* as we listen into our future.

In this time of transition in the life of Bethel, we are intentionally listening into our future. Together we are rediscovering our passions, our calling from God, and our reasons for being here in South Minneapolis. Watch for more information and keep our community and congregation in your prayers.

With you, for Jesus,

Pastor Brenda

Advent 2022 at Bethel

During the Advent season this year, Bethel is using resources from Sanctified Art. These resources include art, poetry, prayers, devotion booklets, and a beautiful Advent calendar. The artwork and poetry are printed in the devotion booklet, so pick up a copy of that resource for your home. Some of the art is included in this month's Herald too, as you see to the right.

It is our prayer that you will be blessed as you spend time in prayer and reflection, preparing your heart for the Christ Child who comes to us again and again in our lives.



Mary's Golden Annunciation, by Carmelle Beaugelin. Acrylic, gilding paint, canvas collage on handmade reclaimed paper

Stewardship Corner: "Give to Thrive"

Thrive is defined as "to grow or develop, to flourish or succeed." When we, as a congregation, commit to give our talents, money, energy, and influence for Bethel, then we all thrive together. We thrive in our church, our neighborhood, our community, our state and our world.

The Stewardship Committee members hope everyone enjoyed the Stewardship Sunday Pie Social and Talent Give-A-Way as much as we did! Our tradition of giving away our talents is a great way for us to share our special talents and interests with others. It is our prayer that this year's Talent Give-A-Way will lead to new friendships in our congregation, as it has also been known to do in past years.

As we do come to an end of the formal stewardship season, please return your annual promise card (if you have not done so already). Part of our responsibility as stewards is to use wisely the gifts God gives us. Let us all promise to "Give to Thrive" in 2023!

Doug Psick
Bethel Stewardship Committee



Genealogy of Christ, by
Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman.
Digital painting



Rachel's Recap

November's Recap from your Facilities Manager

As we wrap up the month of November, we've been super busy as a church building! We had the honor of partnering with the City of Minneapolis to host Early Elections. We had more than 9,000 people through our building from November 1st to the 8th. People were very happy we had a clean and safe space! There were a few crazy things that happened (like a water pipe bursting, so we had the pleasure to have Porta-Potties on our property! Don't worry, they are gone now). We will continue to host big events and stay busy through the Holiday Season!

We had beautiful weather this Fall and I am so grateful. I am also grateful for the Tuesday Guys who have been helping to winterize our building. This is my first winter as your facilities manager and there's a lot to learn! I am excited to have help from the community!

Remember to stay warm, smile and be grateful!

Rachel





Noah's Notes



Music Coordinator Noah Wright

Greetings from Bethel Music!

Thank you all for the support for the first of our Second Saturday concert series! Elena and I had a blast performing in our wonderful sanctuary and are eagerly looking forward to the upcoming shows!

Brother Timothy has a wonderful program planned for December 10th in Nazareth Hall. You can expect a thoughtful musical journey moving from light into darkness as we join Brother Timothy!

At the December concert we will start the quilt raffle sales and will continue until our final concert in March. We have four quilts to raffle with fabric themes of wide variety. Raffle tickets will be \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5. Thanks so much to the Bethel and Nokomis Quilters for donating the quilts!

With Advent here, the music team, vocal choir and handbell choir are hard at work bringing you the wonderful music of the season. I hope you are able to enjoy our musical offerings either in person or online.

Please note that Bethel's Christmas Day Lessons and Carols worship service on Sunday, December 25 will be **online only**. You will get to sing along with all of our carols with your loved ones!

Yours in Song,
Noah Wright
Music Coordinator



The Golden Cradle, by Carmelle Beaugelin. Acrylic, gilding paint, canvas collage on handmade reclaimed paper



Rev. Michelle Lewis, Grant Manager

Michelle's Message

Bethel Friends,

THANK YOU for your generous and enthusiastic support for Bethel's **Little Free Pantry** and our (Oust) **Loneliness Project**. With 39 givers, we raised \$3,595 for these two projects! (We surpassed our goal by more than \$1,000!)

What will we do next? As Pastor Brenda's article said, we are praying and discerning and listening and waiting. Often this feels dissatisfying to us, as if waiting is not *doing*. In truth, Advent is the perfect time for this listening and wondering and waiting. Yes, it is the perfect time for waiting, since Advent is all about waiting and watching to notice what God is up to in our world and in us.

If you are interested in helping with the Little Free Pantry or with the (Oust) Loneliness Project let me know! The joy and hope of next steps are coming to us, just as Christmas is coming to us.

In other news, Bethel received a grant for some additional recycling and compost bins. Currently Bethel does not have compost service, so if you are willing to take home a bag of compost for your compost bin, let Pastor Brenda or Rachel or me know! We will make a rotation of our Compost Crew!

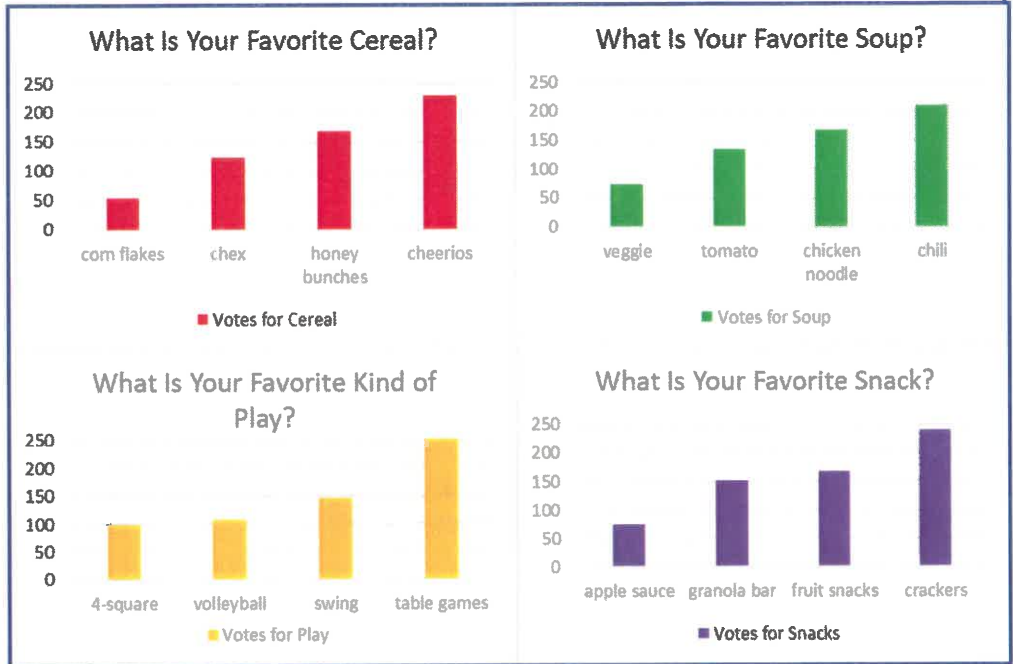
Peace and Joy to you,
Rev. Michelle Lewis
Bethel Grant Manager

Public Church

Bethel Public Church is actively engaging with our neighbors, seeking conversation and relationship. During Early Voting and Election Day, Public Church posed some questions and opportunity for folks to vote on lower stakes issues. What is your favorite? The results are shown in the charts to the right.

When you walk the halls at Bethel you will see the other topics of conversation that this group offered our neighbors.

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Office Manager

**January Herald
Deadline:**

**MONDAY
December 19
12:00 Noon**

MINISTRY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>27 November</p>  <p>10:00am Bethel Worship</p> <p>Advent 1</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship Time 1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 1:30pm MN CASA Worship</p>	<p>28 November</p> <p>Bethel Office Open 8 am-1 pm 9:58am Gym Class</p>	<p>29 November</p> <p>Bethel Office Open 8 am-1 pm 9:00am OA HOW Meeting 9:58am Gym Class 10:00am NHS Exercise 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:30pm NHS Knitting 6:45pm Scout Troop 7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music</p>	<p>30 Nov</p> <p>Bethel Office Op 9:51am Gym Cl 10:00am NHS A 12:00pm Hybric us02web.zo 6:00pm Bell Ch 6:00pm Contin 6:15pm Girl Scc 7:30pm Bethel C</p>
<p>4</p>  <p>10:00am Bethel Worship</p> <p>Advent 2</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship Time 11:30am Faith Formation Discernment Group 1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 1:30pm MN CASA Worship 5:00pm Pentecostal Casa Event</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Bethel Office Open 8 am-1 pm 9:58am Gym Class</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Bethel Office Open 8 am-1 pm 8:00am –12:00pm Greater Thought Team Mtg 9:00am OA HOW Meeting 9:58am Gym Class 10:00am NHS Exercise 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:30pm NHS Knitting 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #14854 Patrol Meeting 6:15pm Cub Scout Pack 38 planning 6:45pm Scout Troop 7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Bethel Office Op 9:51am Gym Cl 10:00am Buildir 10:00am NHS A 12:00pm Hybric us02web.zo 6:00pm Bell Ch 6:00pm Contin 7:30pm Bethel C</p>
<p>11</p>  <p>10:00am Bethel Worship</p> <p>Advent 3</p> <p>11:30 am Blue Christmas @ BOLD</p> <p>1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 1:30pm MN CASA Worship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Bethel Office Open 8 am-1 pm 9:58am Gym Class</p>	<p>13 Bethel Office Open 8 am-1 pm 9:00am OA HOW Meeting 9:58am Gym Class 10:00am NHS Exercise 10:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am Operation Love Quilters 1:30pm NHS Knitting 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #14854 6:30pm Mission Council 6:45pm Scout Troop 7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Bethel Office Op 9:51am Gym Cl 10:00am NHS A 12:00pm Hybric us02web.zo 6:00pm Bell Ch 6:00pm Contin 6:15pm Girl Sco 6:30pm Record</p>
<p>18</p>  <p>10:00am Bethel Worship</p> <p>Advent 4</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship Time 1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 1:30pm MN CASA Worship 5:00pm Pentecostal Casa Event</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Bethel Office Open 8 am-1 pm 12:00pm Herald Articles Duel!</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Bethel Office Open 8 am-1 pm 9:00am OA HOW Meeting 10:00am NHS Exercise 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:30pm NHS Knitting 6:30pm Board of Administrators 6:45pm Scout Troop 7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Bethel Office Op 10:00am NHS A 12:00pm Hybrid us02web.zo 6:00pm Bell Ch 6:00pm Contin 7:30pm Bethel C 7:30pm Contin</p>
<p>25</p> <p>10:00am Bethel Worship</p> <p>Christmas Day -- ONLINE ONLY</p> <p>1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship</p> <p>1:30pm MN CASA Worship</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Christmas Holiday Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Bethel Office Open 8 am-1 pm 9:00am OA HOW Meeting 10:00am NHS Exercise 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:30pm NHS Knitting 6:45pm Scout Troop 7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Bethel Office Op 10:00am NHS A 12:00pm Hybrid us02web.zo 6:00pm Bell Ch 6:00pm Contin 6:15pm Girl Sco 7:30pm Bethel C</p>

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>December</p> <p>8 am-1 pm</p> <p>ss</p> <p>Group</p> <p>Bible Study https://m.us/j/81542792093</p> <p>Rehearsal</p> <p>us Action AA</p> <p>Troop #18896 Mtg</p> <p>Rehearsal</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Bethel Office Open 8 am-1 pm</p> <p>9:00am NHS Foot Care</p> <p>9:30am NHS Nurse Is In/BP</p> <p>9:51am Gym Class</p> <p>10:00am NHS Exercise</p> <p>11:00am NHS Health Education</p> <p>11:00am NHS Chair Exercise</p> <p>6:30pm MN Casa</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Bethel Office Closed to Public</p> <p>6:00pm Pentecostal Worship</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00am AA Amigos</p> <p>9:00am Cub Scout Pack Mtg</p> <p>11:00am Cookie Walk with BOLD</p> <p>11:00am Daisy's Baby Shower</p> <p>11:15am Public Church Group Mt</p>
<p>8 am-1 pm</p> <p>ss</p> <p> & Grounds Mtg</p> <p>Group</p> <p>Bible Study https://m.us/j/81542792093</p> <p>Rehearsal</p> <p>us Action AA</p> <p>Rehearsal</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Bethel Office Open 8 am-1 pm</p> <p>9:30am NHS Nurse Is In/BP</p> <p>9:51am Gym Class</p> <p>10:00am NHS Exercise</p> <p>11:00am NHS Chair Exercise</p> <p>6:30pm MN Casa</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Bethel Office Closed to Public</p> <p>6:00pm Pentecostal Worship</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00am AA Amigos</p> <p>6:00pm 2nd Saturday Concert</p>
<p>8 am-1 pm</p> <p>ss</p> <p>Group</p> <p>Bible Study https://m.us/j/81542792093</p> <p>Rehearsal</p> <p>us Action AA</p> <p>Troop #18896 Mtg</p> <p>Christmas Day Worship</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Bethel Office Open 8 am-1 pm</p> <p>10:00am NHS Holiday Party</p> <p>6:30pm MN Casa</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Bethel Office Closed to Public</p> <p>6:00pm Pentecostal Worship</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00am AA Amigos</p> <p>9:00am Cub Scout Pack Mtg</p>
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December Birthdays

Nancy	Meligan	12/2
Meika	Smedstad	12/10
Mary	Rosby	12/11
Chris	Phillips	12/15
Senay	Matewos	12/15
Diane	Jackson	12/19
Jim	Cleary	12/19
Michael	Hauge	12/21
Madalyn	Bresina	12/22
Theodore Jay	Helgren	12/24
Teondre	Martinez	12/25
Andrew	Martinson	12/27
Gail	Hanson	12/31

December Anniversaries

Ken and Leanne Puckett	12/18/1976
Stanley and Mary Rosby	12/19/1964
Dave and Katie Sunde	12/22/2018
Gretchen and Daniel Mitcham	12/27/2008
Paul and Ann Kile	12/30/2000

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



Dance of the Soul, by Hannah Garrity
Paper lace with watercolor



Saturday, December 3, starting at 11 am in the Bethel Narthex

In partnership with Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church.

Buy a cookie box for \$10, fill it with up to 2 dozen cookies of your choice. It's that simple!

Homemade cookies and sweets provided by Bethel and BOLD folks!
(No store-bought allowed!)

There will be all sorts of sweets to choose from!

Bethel Bible Study

<p>Bible Study with Pastor Brenda. Wednesdays at 12 pm. Online meeting room: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81542792093 In-person in the Fireside Room. Poems are in the Advent Devotional Booklet. Pick one up at worship or in the office.</p>	12/7	Poem: "Love Comes Running"; Luke 1:39-45, 56-58
	12/14	Poem: Instructions for a Hard Choice"; Matthew 1:18-25
	12/21	Poem: "Where I Saw God Last"; Luke 1:46-55
	12/28	Poem: "Every Year"; Luke 2:1-20



How God Shows Up, by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity Silk painting with digital drawing and collage

December Sunday Servers

December 4 Advent 2, 10:00 am	December 11 Advent 3, 10:00 am	December 18 Advent 4, 10:00 am	December 24 Christmas Eve, 5:30 pm	December 25 online at 10:00 am (recording on December 14)
Assisting Minister	Assisting Minister	Assisting Minister	Assisting Minister	Assisting Minister
Susan Potratz	Ann Allison	Sharon Rodi	Kristin Cleary	Anna Olsen
Lector	Lector	Lector	Lector	Lector
Norma Lanning	Libby Krogh	Darlene Olson	Sharon Rodi	Laurie Hauge
Cantor	Cantor	Cantor	Cantor	Cantor
Noah Wright	Janet Anderson	Kristin Cleary	Noah Wright	Dean Anderson
Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Norris Lovstuen, Stan Rosby, & Tom Keating	Dean Anderson & Dave Sunde	Susan Potratz & Jerry Johnson	Jim Haroldson & Dave Krogh	Online only worship
Hospitality	Hospitality	Hospitality	Hospitality	Hospitality
Alice Evenson	N/A	Joan Bargman	N/A	N/A
Sacristy	Sacristy	Sacristy	Sacristy	Sacristy
Stephanie Johnson	Marilyn Newborg	Clarice Lovstuen		N/A
Live Streaming	Live Streaming	Live Streaming	Live Streaming	Recording
Ted Allison & Gene Rodi	Ted Allison & Gene Rodi	Ted Allison & Gene Rodi	Ted Allison & Gene Rodi	Ted Allison & Gene Rodi

ALTAR GUILD: Sharon Rodi and Joyce Hughes

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Cherie Olausen, Bethel member and dear friend of Ruth, died suddenly of a stroke last weekend. Please keep her family in your prayers. Celebration of Cherie's life will happen at a later date.

Family of Cherie Olausen Candy Hickenbotham Jerome and Norma Lanning Sharon Warwick Marilyn Romsaas Mike & Grace Simons Tom Keating Marge Hauge Warwick Family Pikkarainen Family Darrell Dahl Lynn Vaughn Crystal Vaughn	Jan Walker Sheila Nelson Karen McBride and Jon Sharon Phillips Gert Carlson Laurel Jorgensen Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers Kevin Hoover Gloria Condon Hundt Family Bresina Family Teondre Martinez Jeff Fossum Puckett Family Andy Martinson Doris Christianson
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PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

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

PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Adams Family (Allison family cousins)
Raven Day (Wia's sister)
Steve & Arlene (Pr Brenda's brother & sister)
Della, Drew & Junior (Roberta Horning's family)
Laura Chovan (Lisa's sister)
Wayne (Karen Warwick's dad)
Ian Cook (Pr B's friend)
Rev. Ron Schuette (Dave's father)
Trent & Michelle Halvorson (Norma's family)
Bill Shy (Assistant Custodian)
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
Katrel Bishop (Pr Brenda's nephew)
Adam Froisland (Pr Brenda's nephew)
Dwana Froisland (Pr Brenda's niece)
Sean Young (Pr Brenda's godson)
Evan Harrison (Pr Brenda's great nephew)

BETHEL'S 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

**Blue Christmas at BOLD,
Sunday December 11,
11:30 am**

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

A joint worship service with our partners

Sunday, December 11 @ 11:30AM @ BOLD Lutheran Church

2901 38th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55406

A time for comforting all who are grieving and struggling to find joy and hope during the season.

Board of Administrators

The Board's November meeting started with a brainstorming session focused on recognizing and developing Bethel's use of its building and grounds to benefit the neighborhood. This subject will be covered at the November 18 & 19 leadership retreat.

The Board approved the Endowment Committee's request that it renew a \$10,000 CD and augment it with \$20,000 from its checking account (leaving a balance of some \$10,000).

The Personnel Committee is meeting to make recommendations for staff salaries for 2023. Two applicants for the office manager position have been interviewed, with two more applicants to meet yet. There have been no applications for the open assistant custodian position.

The Board passed a motion to pay Ann Allison and Laurie Hauge as office "co-managers" who volunteered not knowing the full extent of the job.

Early voting took place with only minor problems. Bethel received \$10,000 for use of the building for early voting. The Board is in favor of Bethel hosting it again should the city ask us to do so.

The carpet has been installed in the Parlor and library. Shopping for (used) furniture is planned.

The Board recommended Tom Keating, as a member of the Tuesday Crew, to train our custodial staff in the maintenance of our lawnmowers and snow blowers, to ensure that Bethel's equipment is taken care of well.

Gene Rodi has been documenting the myriad of details he attends to in maintaining Bethel's property. He says this project is almost done.

The Tuesday Crew extended wifi coverage into the parking lot to support surveillance cameras to be installed there.

The Board approved the plan to record the Christmas Day service for streaming.

The task force charged with updating Bethel's membership rolls has sent out the second and final batch of letters to members not seen for a long time. Those members will have until December 31 to respond before the Board takes action on their memberships.

Candidates for the Budget Committee have been named.

A pump motor which serves the entrance space heaters needs to be replaced and maybe the pump, too. This will cost at least \$4,000. The Board will determine funds to pay for this. Les Johnson was tasked with getting the equipment replaced.

Dean Anderson, At-Large Board of Administrators member

Bethel Mission Council

The Bethel Mission Council met on November 9 with a small group. In last month's Herald, the Mission Council reported that the Little Free Pantry would be closed for several weeks due to the abuse by one or more persons. We are pleased to report that the pantry is open again, but will be totally inside for the winter season (last year it was partially inside and partially outside).

You may contribute non-perishable food again by bringing it to the church or you may contribute money and designate it for the Little Free Pantry.

The pantry was also a designated recipient of the Give to the Max fund drive; with online and offline donations, we raised \$3,595 for the Bethel Little Free Pantry and our project to (Oust) Loneliness in our neighborhood! **Thank you for your generosity!**

In the next few months, we plan to focus our meeting discussions on what our next goals and projects will be as part of the Loneliness Project. We hope that the Leadership retreat which was held on November 18-19 may help us with ideas and objectives as we look to the future mission of Bethel Lutheran Church.

Janet Anderson, Mission Council Chair



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