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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

HELLO FELLOW WORKERS FOR GOD'S KINGDOM,

Last month I told you I would tell you more regarding what I learn about voter protections. The Minnesota ISAIAH organization is very active in trying to ensure this next election is free of fear, intimidation, and threat. They (we) find this necessary because of the various stances and requests/demands that are coming from the federal government. We know from past authoritarian organizations that the threat is real.

As such, there are several things various organizations are doing to help make sure every eligible voter is able to vote during this midterm election. It is our hope that so many eligible voters vote that our election will be "too big to rig" by anyone at any level. Some of the strategies in play include:

- Democracy revival training — which you are invited to attend in order to 1. renew our courage, 2. reclaim our agency, and 3. prepare our communities to protect and practice democracy. October 1 and 3 are big days for this training in the area. Please talk with your friends and attend one of these training sessions. We will have a sign-up sheet on Sundays as well, so we can travel and work together.
- Bloomington: Oct. 1st at 6:30-9p — Democracy Revival Training at Zawadi Muslim Coalition & Hennepin County.
- North Minneapolis: Oct. 3rd at 2-5p — Democracy Revival: Black Church Power Project & Hennepin County.



- Get out the vote by utilizing voter pledge cards, helping others register to vote, and making specific plans to vote and help others to do so. This may include rides to the polls or verifying a neighbor who lives near you.
- Election night vigils and watch parties. I am currently working with the Bancroft Neighborhood to see if they could move the all-day voting party at Bancroft Meadows to our yard at 8pm to celebrate, sing, open mic, and watch results in our side yard with a bonfire, s'mores, and hot chocolate.
- Trained clergy will be available to show up at election locations should anything nefarious happen. The clergy tend to show up to deescalate the situation and become legal observers.
- These are the plans for before and during the election. There are also plans being made should official election results be challenged by local, state, and national players. More information to come on these plans.

Thank you for paying attention to your civic and faithful involvement in the elections of 2026. I would never tell you how to vote. But I ask that you do, indeed, vote as a well-informed citizen, voting your conscious and moral foundation.



With you, for Jesus,

Pastor Brenda

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS

GREETINGS FROM YOUR BETHEL BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS!

The Bethel Board of Administrators met a bit earlier than usual in September, on a Wednesday, to accommodate some schedule conflicts, and kept our agenda moving along speedily so that two in attendance could make it to choir practice on time! We were pleased to hear about a recent gift from former Bethel pastor Jim Hartsoe's estate, and to approve recommendations from the Stewardship committee to allocate special offering funds from the last year to Community Emergency Services, Lutheran World Relief disaster response, the Bethel general fund, and the Little Free Pantry. Our building and grounds continue to be active: The

farmer in the former grassy area on the northwest side of the church has been a good partner and we look forward to working with them again, and we have been glad to see new building users throughout the week.

As we prepare for fall and winter activities ahead, please look for opportunities to sign up as a volunteer to keep the Little Free Pantry stocked, and get in touch with the church office to help request Thrivent Action Team support for Bethel's upcoming community activities and outreach.

In service,
Sarah Berke
BOA President

MISSION COUNCIL REPORT

At Mission Council last night we reviewed our programming for 2027. We considered what has been successful in the past and challenges we are facing, and we are contemplating a few tweaks and new additions. I'm looking forward to seeing how 2027 pans out. Meanwhile, the logistics of Trunk or Treat, the Salad Toss Up Challenge, Balance the Budget Bingo, and the December Community Fun Night are keeping us busy!

September's Mental Health Connect presentation, "Chronic Procrastination & Its Toll on Mental Well-Being" will be repeated due to network problems during the initial program on October 26th. Please contact me for the program materials and Zoom link if you are interested in attending.

October's MHC presentation is "Tackling the Stigma of Mental Health in Our Faith Communities: Practical Ideas & Lessons Learned" to be held October 13, 2026, 7:00-8:30 PM via Zoom



Please visit: mhconnect.org/find-mhc for Zoom links and further information.

Peace to you all,
Susan Johnson
On behalf of the Mission Council

GRANTS UPDATE

HAPPY OCTOBER!

I hope everyone is enjoying the transition into the beautiful fall months here in Minnesota. While I'm not ready to bid farewell to summer, I have been enjoying cooler temps and a touch of rain.

This past month, Bethel kicked off the start of Sunday School and the school year with Rally Sunday. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we were able to pack 59 backpacks equipped with notebooks, rulers, pencil sharpeners, scissors, pencils, crayons, erasers, and pens for Lutheran World Relief. Additionally, with the help of several Thrivent Action Teams grants, we were able to notify the community of this event as well as provide food and shaved ice! I hope everyone who attended had a nice time.

Coming up in October, we will be hosting Trunk or Treat on October 25, 2026 from 5pm-6:30pm. You can expect candy and bounce house fun brought to you by more Thrivent Action Teams grants! We're looking forward to this spooky and kooky little event and hope to see you there!

Our Little Free Pantry continues to support our neighbors through our Food Shelves grant as well as donations from our amazing community. If you would like to contribute, please feel free to explore

the pantry wish list linked at the top of our website! Please also feel free to contact me with inquiries for high-need items. Additionally, thank you to our dedicated volunteers for keeping the pantry stocked. If you're interested in volunteering, there is a sign-up form at the bottom of our website.

Many of our events here at Bethel are made possible by Thrivent members and associate members who graciously choose to support us. If you're a Thrivent member, you have the ability to apply for two Thrivent Action Teams grants per year, both amounting to \$250. This opportunity is included for full members and is at no extra cost. If you would like to contribute without becoming a full benefits member, please consider becoming an associate Thrivent member! With an annual fee of \$19.95, you would be given the ability to apply for one Thrivent Action Teams grant amounting to \$250. If anyone has questions about how to utilize this service, please feel free to email me at grantmanager@bethel-mpls.org. You're also more than welcome to swing by the office during office hours! We have several upcoming events that could use your help!



With warm regards,

Abby Johnson

grantmanager@bethel-mpls.org

Bethel's LITTLE FREE PANTRY



Use this QR code to access our Amazon wishlist to see some of our current needs for the Little Free Pantry. Thank you for helping us keep our community fed!



BERNIE'S MUSIC UPDATE

On Rally Sunday last month, Pr. Brenda asked how we see God show up in the world. Nothing occurred to me, maybe because I didn't have enough coffee, or because my thoughts were occupied with our choral anthem: did I misjudge how many voices we had to sing at the end of summer? Could we sing "Down in the River to Pray" as fully as it deserved? Could I have planned better? That morning, we rehearsed, someone joined at the last minute, and the choir sang musically, with feeling, with the wonderful support of our pianist, Anne Phillips. After worship, I realized that I had just witnessed God active in the world: the Holy Spirit brought us together and breathed through us to sing a hymn of prayer and praise.

A former pastor of mine, Erik Strand, used to reassure those preparing for worship, "It will all be OK." Later, a member of one of my former choirs remembered that story, and gifted me a watercolor

of a songbird, with the quote: "Everything is going to be OK. Amazing even." It occurs to me that this little songbird, which I see on my desk, symbolizes the beauty of song, the Holy Spirit as a bird descending from the sky, and God's reassurance that God is with us.

So, if you have wanted to give Bethel Choir or Handbell Choir a try, or you want to try supporting worship with hand percussion or an instrument of your own, please contact me after worship, or email me at music2023@bethel-mpls.org.

And, as you sing in worship, I invite you to remember that God is with us, the Holy Spirit breathes through us, and we are invited and called by God to sing in prayer and praise, and with full hearts and voices. "Everything will be OK. Amazing even."



Peace and Grace,

Bernie Asher

music2023@bethel-mpls.org



JOIN BETHEL'S *Handbell and Vocal Choirs*

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

We want you to:

- Sing in the choir
- Play handbells
- Play an instrument during worship

Handbell Rehearsals — Mondays, 7pm starting 8/24
Choir Rehearsals — Wednesdays, 7pm starting 8/26

If you are interested in singing in the choir, playing in the handbell choir, or if you would like to play another instrument during worship, contact Bernie at music2023@bethel-mpls.org

FEASIBILITY UPDATE

We are continuing to work on the monopoly situation, and will be getting some help from a lawyer (pro bono) soon. There's some confusion about our contracts with the users of the cell tower that we need to clear up.

We are also learning more about OurSpace, their wishes for a community center, and how Bethel's space might fit their needs, so that they could partner with us.

Please continue to keep Bethel and our committee members in your prayers. If you have questions or ideas for Bethel's future let us know.

*Laurie Hauge, Ann Allison, Gene Rodi,
Don Olson, Pastor Brenda, and Jim Lair*

feasibility@bethel-mpls.org

BUILDING UPDATES

Mi Casita Day Care has been taking care of little ones each weekday in our toddler room and nursery. It is fun to have them here as we await approval from Hennepin County for them to stay. Our two home-school programs have returned again on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year. If you want to plan a meeting at Bethel, it is best to avoid these daytime hours, as basically our entire building is being used those days. Tuesday and Thursdays are also the busiest days for Nokomis Healthy Seniors. It is a joy to have guests of all ages using our building at the same time each week! Thank you for sharing our space with so many neighbors!

Pastor Brenda

On behalf of the Building and Grounds Committee



MINISTRY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
4 10:00am Bethel Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11:00am Fellowship Time 11:00am Blessing of the Animals 1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 5:30pm Minneapolis Jo 6:00pm La Voz de Dios Worship 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA 	5 Bethel Office Closed 7:00am Mi Casita Daycare 10:00am CANMN Intake 12:00pm Women of Watercolor Group 7:00pm Bridge to Shore AA 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA 7:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6 7:00am AA Meditation 7:00am Mi Casita Daycare 9:30am Curiosity Crew 9:30am NHS Coffee Time and Cribbage 9:30am OA HOW Meeting 10:00am NHS Exercise 10:00am Staff Meeting 5:30pm Minneapolis Jo - Dave Cross 6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones 6:30pm Scout Troop 38 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA 7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music	7 7:00am Mi Casita Daycare 8:00am Voting IT Onsite 9:30am Ensemble Music 10:00am NHS Women's Art G 10:00am NHS Yoga 12:00pm Hybrid Bible Study 5:45pm Continuous Action A 6:00pm La Voz de Dios 6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones 6:30pm Nokomis Quilters 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar A
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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BIBLE STUDY WITH PR BRENDA

Wednesdays at 12pm

Online meeting room:

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



And in-person in the Fireside Room.

10/7	Matthew 21:33-46 <i>(Pr B will be gone, but can set you up to read and talk together)</i>
10/14	Psalms 96:1-9 Matthew 22:15-22
10/21	Psalms 33 Inclusive
10/28	Psalms 33 First Nations Micah 6:8

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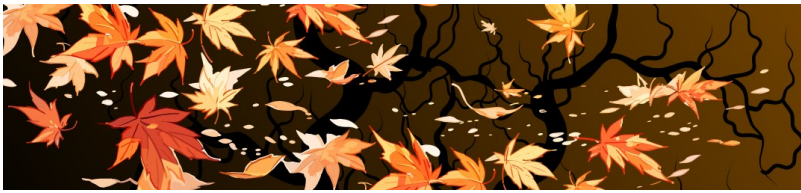
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For a full list of our staff and leadership members, please visit our website:



SUNDAY SERVERS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Cantor	Sacristy	Ushers	Streaming	Hospitality	Altar Guild
10/4	Ann Allison	Don Olson	Dean Anderson	Stephanie Johnson	Sarah and Doug	Gene and Ted	Laurie Hauge	Janet and Norma
10/11	Kristin Cleary	Laurie Hauge	Janet Anderson	Marilyn Newborg	Dave S and Dean	Gene and Ted	Sharon Rodi	Janet and Norma
10/18	Anna Olsen	Libby Krogh	Sarah Berke	Clarice Lovstuen	Susan and Jerry	Gene and Ted	Joan Bargman	Janet and Norma
10/25	Sharon Rodi	Norma Lanning	Kristin Cleary	Marilyn Newborg	Dave K and Norris	Gene and Ted	Stephanie Johnson	Janet and Norma



OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Erin Gaines	1
Sophia Warwick	4
Joyce Hughes	11
Trent Rosby	14
Les Johnson	15
Norris Lovstuen	18
Clarice Lovstuen	19
Stan Rosby	19
David Sunde	19
Franklin Wohnoutka	23
Darrell Dahl Precht	24
Jim Lair	24

Anna Wohnoutka	24
Olivia Wohnoutka	25
Karen Ramerth	26
Anna Olsen	31

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

Wedding Anniversaries

Janet and Dean Anderson	3
Brock and Lorraine Hanson	9
Heidi and Matt Nordine	11
Molly and John Fleming	27
Regan Saunders and Jeff Iblings	27

Blessing OF THE Animals AT BETHEL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

11:00AM IN THE PARLOR AT BETHEL



PRAYER list

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Candy and Richard Hickenbotham	Laurel Jorgensen
Margot Lair	Gloria Condon
Mason Cannon	Hundt Family
Jan Walker	Puckett Family
Marilyn Newborg	Darrell Dahl
Stella Warwick	Walker Family
Christopher Rodi	Warwick Family
Dave and Libby Krogh	Pikkarainen Family
Larissa Hoover	Gert Carlson
David and Sue	Joyce Hughes
Dorumsgaard Ayers	Leonard Phillips

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- People struggling with mental illness and their loved ones
- Victims of natural and human disasters
- People in war-torn places
- Black, Brown, Indigenous, and Asian Lives
- People without homes
- Refugees, Migrants and Asylum Seekers
- People affected by gun violence

MEMBERS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Katrel Bishop (Pr B's nephew)
Adam Froisland (Pr B's nephew)

PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Theresa (Pr B's sister)
Barb Passow (Pr B's friend)
Ivy Potratz (Susan Johnson's stepmom)
Sherri Johnson (friend of Bethel)
Kris Hayes (Ann Allison's sister)
Marvin (Bryan Mann-Entzel's father)
Virginia (Jerry Johnson's mom)
Bill (Barb Wandberg's brother)
Beth (Dan Hauge's sister)
Andrea and Sage (Candy Hickenbotham's family)
Ethylmae Ross (Gloria Condon's aunt)
Ian (Pr B's friend)
Eric (Pr B's and Mary's family friend)
Julian (Jan Walker's friend)
Kristian (Pr B's friend)
Michael (Marilyn Newborg's brother)
Donovan (Angel Cannon's father)
Rita (Sharon Phillips' friend)
Calvin (Angel Cannon's godfather)
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)

BETHEL'S MISSION PARTNERS

❖ReconcilingWorks ❖Casa de Oracion - Pentecostal
❖Mpls Area Synod ❖Nokomis Healthy Seniors ❖CANMN
❖Iglesia Evangelica Luz Alas Naciones ❖Iglesia Evangelica La Voz de Dios
❖Bancroft Neighborhood Association ❖Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church (BOLD)

You can now submit a Prayer Request on our website.
Please visit bethel-mpls.org and scroll towards the bottom
of our main page to locate the form.

For additions or revisions to the Prayer List, please contact
Pastor Brenda: pastor@bethel-mpls.org
or the Office: office@bethel-mpls.org
(612) 724-3693

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

For the past few months, the stewardship committee has been talking about stewardship and justice and joy. With all the turmoil in the world these days, people deserve God's love, his justice and joy more than ever.

As we come up to All Saints Sunday we remember and honor those loved ones who came before us. These Saints invested their time, talents and treasure to ensure the church remained a beacon of God's grace. Our stewardship today guarantees that the table is set for future generations.

We are the answers to the prayers of the Saints who preceded us. They left us a legacy of faith. Stewardship is our turn to pass the torch. We give joyfully to ensure that the justice ministries they continued will thrive long after us.

Going back to Psalm 33/Justice filling the Earth: God loves justice and the earth is full of God's love. The saints were people who recognized this divine love and acted on

it. When we pledge our resources, we fund ministries that actively bring God's justice to our local congregation and the world.

Proverbs 21/The Overjoyed Upright: Doing justice creates a chain reaction of joy. Generosity isn't a somber duty; it is a joyful response to God's goodness.

When we pledge our stewardship, we pull the chairs out wider at God's table of justice and joy. In doing so, we honor the Saints who paved the way, while securing a vibrant, faithful legacy for all who will follow.

Look for upcoming information on the upcoming events for Stewardship Sunday — hope everyone will be there.

Thanks for reading,

Jerry Johnson

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee

SALAD CONTEST

**Sunday, Nov. 15
After Worship**

*As we gather together on Promise Sunday,
let's also have some fun with our annual
potluck contest!*





Herald

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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 the community so that everyone feels a sense of love and belonging.

TRUNK *or* TREAT



Two Ways to Participate:

1. Decorate a car and pass out candy
contact pastor@bethel-mpls.org to register
2. Bring kids to trick-or-treat

**OCT.
25**
5:00 TO
6:30PM

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