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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Friends, I do not think Operation Metro Surge is over. I think there is certainly a lull, but I am waiting for the other shoe to drop. I do not want to let my guard down. I feel guilty when I realize I forgot my whistle for the second day in a row. What are we to think about all of this? I know we have prayed for an end, but I think our neighbors might still be in danger. Or at least not feeling safe, YET! I wonder what could help.

I do want to share a couple things showing up on this side of things. First, every Second Sunday we are all invited to an event or two put on by Bancroft Rise. This past second Sunday there was an informal gathering at Flamingo Cafe in the morning, and a "Fiber Arts Hangout" in the afternoon. I hope to learn more about Bancroft Rise, as I know it is a group trying to ensure the neighbors stay connected beyond the crisis we have experienced. If you know more, please let me know.

I have also had the opportunity to talk with two groups of people from the coasts about how Bethel became one of the many hubs in our city when things went off the rails. One group was a class of PhD students from MIT in Boston, and one was a trio of folks from Portland who also work on creating "public church." It was a pleasure to talk with and share stories with these folks. It is humbling that folks are coming to us to learn about how to respond to ICE, when most times we, as leaders, felt like we were just flying by the seat of our pants and doing our best. We are all learning from one another.

As such, I wanted to tell you that there are some statistics that show some of the work that had been

done at and through Bethel in the past few months. For instance, did you know that our Little Free Pantry used to be restocked three times per week, and now, to keep up with the need we restock at least eight times per week? Also, CANMN, the group that hands out free food twice a week and has been here for two years now, went from serving 300 families per week to 750 families per week. They used to deliver to 50 families, but now continue to deliver to 260 families each Saturday. If you are interested in volunteering for Bethel or CANMN, there is still room for helpers.

It has been an honor to be good neighbors these past several months. I hope you know that our community has made, and continues to make a very positive difference. Thank you to everyone who spent time, money, prayers, and love in being good neighbors. A special THANK YOU to Regan, whose social media presence for us has made a world of difference.

Yes, we continue to get boxes and bags of food delivered for our Little Free Pantry. Yes, we continue to receive donations for our pantry and go-fund-me page. Yes, things have slowed down for now. Please know we have been called into something that I hope never changes. That we are an important and vital part of this neighborhood. I hope you are honored to be so! I sure am! Thank you everyone.

Thank you for seeing Jesus in the other, and being Jesus to another.



Pastor Brenda

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS

EASTER GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS!

In April, the BOA met together with representatives from the Feasibility Team. We deferred some of our regular board business to allow for an in-depth, generative joint conversation. First, we touched base on some recent property issues -- roof insurance, the monopole/cell tower agreement, and inquiries from potential rental partners. Then, we discussed recent partnership ideas in more depth, including what we've learned from the congregation about priorities and decision factors to consider.

While we are generally open to most ideas and explorations, the BOA and Feasibility Team have identified a few key principles to inform feasibility assessments for our building and property:

- If we are going to go through the effort of making any big change, we would want it to shift property responsibilities and costs, long-term, away from the congregation.
- We would expect alignment with our values and mission in any transfer of the property (but the specific kind of alignment could be flexible--e.g., affordable housing, health, justice, community services, care for creation, education, etc.).

- We prefer, if possible, to continue to worship and meet on this site.
- We would prefer, if possible, to see our building continue to operate as a community center and gathering space for neighbors.

We will continue to refine these decision factors and considerations, so that we will be prepared for making any decisions needed in the future.

In parallel, and consistent with our congregation-wide discussion at the annual meeting recently, we recognize that planning for the future of the congregation itself is equally important to planning for the future of our building. In looking at our future space needs, we need to plan for what Bethel will be in the future, and who and how many of us will be part of it. We plan to reach out to other congregations and to the Minneapolis Area Synod for support and fellowship in this exploration.

We look forward to continuing this conversation and to bringing more questions and opportunities for input back to the entire Bethel community along the way. I'm grateful to the Feasibility Team for their hard work in exploring so many opportunities so far -- we have a wealth of information, relationships, and insight to draw on as we move forward.

In service,
Sarah Berke

President
On behalf of the Board of Administrators



Bethel has been a part of Day Camp for over 12 years!

JOIN US MONDAY - FRIDAY, JUNE 15 - 19, 9 AM - 4 PM

**DAY CAMP PROGRAMMING FOR:
RISING KINDERGARTENER - 4TH GRADE
5TH - 6TH GRADES
7TH-8TH GRADES
HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS**

**LOCATION: DIAMOND LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
5760 PORTLAND AVE, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55417**

BERNIE'S MUSIC UPDATE

Happy Easter! Christ is risen, Christ is risen, indeed.

Alleluia!

I am delighted to announce that the Russian folk performance group, Nitka ("The Thread"), will share authentic 19th century Russian Easter songs with us at worship on Sunday, May 17, wearing 19th century peasant outfits. Thanks to Bethel member Sarah Berke, who has sung with them for many years, for bringing them to my attention. Nitka is affiliated with the Museum of Russian Art in South Minneapolis. You can find out more about them at <https://tmora.org/education/nitka/>.

The Handbell Choir also plays on May 17, so we will be treated to a lot of special music for the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

This month, as Easter ends with Pentecost, and we transition to Ordinary Time, the Bethel Choir and Handbell Choir season winds down. Thanks to Bethel's singers and handbell ringers for helping lead worship music this

season. If you appreciate their music, please take a moment to let them know. They are unauditioned volunteers, who generously donate their time to help bring God's Word and our prayers to worship. Thanks be to God.

If YOU want to join one of our choirs regularly or occasionally, please let me know. We would love to have you join us!

I am looking for people to provide special music for worship while the choirs are on break this summer. If you, a family member, or a friend would like to share music during worship, please contact me in person, or email me at music2023@bethel-mpls.org. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to worship and gain playing experience with a warm and welcoming audience.



Peace and Grace,

Bernie Asher

music2023@bethel-mpls.org

Join us for our free

COMMUNITY FUN NIGHT

POTTED PLANT POLKA PARTY

Thursday, May 14, 5:30pm-7:30pm



Free Meal at 5:30-6:15pm: Chicken and Biscuits
Activity: Make a potted plant and dance the polka!



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ELLIE'S GRANTS UPDATE

HAPPY MAY!

There are a couple things coming up in the next month or so that I'd like to bring special attention to, since they have been made possible with the help of grant funding. First is our Blood Drive and Health Fair on May 9th. Every year we apply for a \$750 mini-grant from Fairview Health to be used towards cultivating community health and togetherness. Last year's was the Paint-n-Sip in September; this year it's the blood drive. If you'd like to donate, you can find the sign up and requirements at www.bethel-mpls.org/blood-drive-health-fair. Whether or not you choose to give blood is up to you—there will also be nurses performing health checks, resources for mental health for all ages, harm reduction supplies, and more, not to mention a delicious, healthy lunch. Feel free to stop by for a snack and socialize with your neighbors. We're so grateful to Fairview for making this event possible, and I have no doubt it will be a great time for the community. With luck, we'll be able to apply for this grant again next year, so I'm always open to hearing your ideas about how we can spend this grant.

Some funding for the blood drive has also come from Thrivent Action Team Grants, which will also support our

Community Fun Night on May 14th. I believe this falls on National Dance Like a Chicken Day, as well as National Chicken and Biscuits Day, so expect some whimsy. We will have another Community Fun Night coming up in July, and there is still time to sign up for a Thrivent Action Team Grant to sponsor this event, other Community Fun Nights throughout the year, and a host of other events on our annual calendar. Please reach out to grantmanager@bethel-mpls.org or bethel@bethel-mpls.org or stop by the office if you'd like to apply. There's no additional cost to you beyond your existing Thrivent membership fees, and each grant results in an extra \$250 for our events, which means more fun for you!

As always, thank you for your support of Bethel, and I hope you have a lovely start to your summer.



Warmly,
Ellie Erb

Bethel Grant Manager
grantmanager@bethel-mpls.org



Help Sew School Bags

School bags are urgently requested from Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

School bags are sewn with sturdy cloth and filled with basic school supplies. How many can we sew and fill with requested school supplies?

30? 40? 50?

Contact Sharon Rodi for sewing instructions:

612-722-3324 or nord@mninter.net

How many bags can we sew and fill in 2026?

FEASIBILITY UPDATE

Please read – or re-read – the Board of Administrators' article in this edition of the Herald. Sarah Berke has shared the discussion points of a joint meeting between the Feasibility Study Team and the Board of Administrators. We appreciated the opportunity to meet with the board, and together we've laid out some important things to consider as we move forward in finding the right partner for our property. We are also encouraged to report that we've recently met with two

groups that may be interested in working with us. One is a real estate developer/consultant team, and the other is a group looking for a place for a community center for their members. As things evolve, we will let you know more.

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

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BETHEL'S BUILDING AND OFFICE *Wish List*

Purchase using the QR code,
or go to our website:
bethel-mpls.org
click "Bethel's Building and Office
Wish List" at the top of the page.





Do you want to help support Bethel by purchasing a specific product that we need? Now is your chance!

We have created an Amazon Wish List for our Building and Office needs! Purchase napkins for Bethel's events, floor wax to keep our floors shiny, rugs for the entrances, and more! Items will automatically be removed from the list once the quantity we need has been purchased.

Thank you in advance for your support!

MINISTRY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>26</p> <p>Bethel Choir Sings</p> <p>9:30am Our Role in Community</p> <p>10:00am Bethel Worship</p> <p>10:00am BNA Garage Sale Info Table</p> <p>10:15am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship Time</p> <p>11:30am Bethel's Spring Cleaning</p> <p>1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship</p> <p>5:30pm Minneapolis Jo</p> <p>6:00pm La Voz de Dios</p> <p>7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Bethel Office Closed</p> <p>12:00pm Senior paint on Mondays</p> <p>2:30pm Feasibility Study Team</p> <p>7:00pm Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00pm Bridge to Shore AA</p> <p>7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00am AA Meditation</p> <p>9:30am NHS Coffee Time and Cribbage</p> <p>9:30am OA HOW Meeting</p> <p>9:30am The Curiosity Crew School</p> <p>10:00am NHS Exercise</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:00pm NHS Counseling</p> <p>5:30pm Minneapolis Jo</p> <p>6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones</p> <p>6:30pm Scout Troop 38</p> <p>7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p> <p>7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00am NHS Women's Art Group</p> <p>10:00am NHS Yoga</p> <p>12:00pm Hybrid Bible Study</p> <p>3:00pm NHS Counseling</p> <p>6:00pm La Voz de Dios</p> <p>6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones</p> <p>6:30pm Continuous Action AA</p> <p>7:00pm Bethel Choir</p> <p>7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>
<p>3</p> <p>10:00am Bethel Worship</p> <p>10:15am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship Time</p> <p>11:00am Gertens Plant Sale Pick-up</p> <p>1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship</p> <p>5:30pm Minneapolis Jo</p> <p>6:00pm La Voz de Dios</p> <p>7:00pm A Holy Experiment - at Atonement</p> <p>7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Bethel Office Closed</p> <p>9:45am Watercolor Theory Class</p> <p>10:00am CANMN Intake</p> <p>12:00pm Senior paint on Mondays</p> <p>7:00pm Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00pm Bridge to Shore AA</p> <p>7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00am AA Meditation</p> <p>9:30am NHS Coffee Time and Cribbage</p> <p>9:30am OA HOW Meeting</p> <p>9:30am The Curiosity Crew School</p> <p>10:00am NHS Exercise</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:30pm Minneapolis Jo</p> <p>6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones</p> <p>6:30pm Scout Troop 38</p> <p>6:30pm Scout Troop 38</p> <p>7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p> <p>7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00am NHS Women's Art Group</p> <p>10:00am NHS Yoga</p> <p>12:00pm Hybrid Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm La Voz de Dios</p> <p>6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones</p> <p>6:30pm Continuous Action AA</p> <p>6:30pm Nokomis Quilters</p> <p>7:00pm Bethel Choir</p> <p>7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Bethel Choir Sings</p> <p>10:00am Bethel Worship</p> <p>10:15am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship Time</p> <p>1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship</p> <p>5:30pm Minneapolis Jo</p> <p>6:00pm La Voz de Dios</p> <p>7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Bethel Office Closed</p> <p>12:00pm Senior paint on Mondays</p> <p>2:30pm Feasibility Study Team</p> <p>7:00pm Bell Choir</p> <p>7:00pm Bridge to Shore AA</p> <p>7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p> <p>7:00pm Troop 38 Committee Meeting</p> <p>8:00pm Bridge to Shore AA - Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00am AA Meditation</p> <p>9:30am NHS Coffee Time and Cribbage</p> <p>9:30am OA HOW Meeting</p> <p>9:30am Operation Love Quilters</p> <p>10:00am NHS Exercise</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting</p> <p>1:00pm NHS Grief Support Group</p> <p>5:30pm Minneapolis Jo</p> <p>6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones</p> <p>6:30pm Scout Troop 38</p> <p>7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p> <p>7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00am NHS Women's Art Group</p> <p>10:00am NHS Yoga</p> <p>12:00pm Hybrid Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm La Voz de Dios</p> <p>6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones</p> <p>6:30pm Continuous Action AA</p> <p>7:00pm Bethel Choir</p> <p>7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Handbells Play</p> <p>10:00am Bethel Worship</p> <p>10:15am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship Time</p> <p>1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship</p> <p>5:30pm Minneapolis Jo</p> <p>6:00pm La Voz de Dios</p> <p>7:00pm A Holy Experiment at Bethel</p> <p>7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Bethel Office Closed</p> <p>9:45am Watercolor Theory Class</p> <p>10:00am CANMN Intake</p> <p>7:00pm Bridge to Shore AA</p> <p>7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00am AA Meditation</p> <p>9:30am NHS Coffee Time and Cribbage</p> <p>9:30am OA HOW Meeting</p> <p>10:00am NHS Exercise</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting</p> <p>4:00pm NHS Board Meeting</p> <p>5:30pm Minneapolis Jo</p> <p>6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones</p> <p>6:30pm Mission Council</p> <p>6:30pm Scout Troop 38</p> <p>7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p> <p>7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music</p> <p>Herald Deadline 12:00pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00am NHS Women's Art Group</p> <p>10:00am NHS Yoga</p> <p>12:00pm Hybrid Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm La Voz de Dios</p> <p>6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones</p> <p>6:30pm Continuous Action AA</p> <p>6:30pm Minnesota Nature Photo</p> <p>7:00pm Bethel Choir</p> <p>7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p> <p>7:30pm Continuous Action Leader</p>
<p>24/31</p> <p>Bethel Choir Sings 5/24 only</p> <p>10:00am Bethel Worship</p> <p>10:15am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship Time</p> <p>1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship</p> <p>5:30pm Minneapolis Jo</p> <p>6:00pm La Voz de Dios</p> <p>7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Bethel Closed --MEMORIAL DAY</p> <p>7:00pm Bridge to Shore AA</p> <p>7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>7:00am AA Meditation</p> <p>9:30am NHS Coffee Time and Cribbage</p> <p>9:30am OA HOW Meeting</p> <p>10:00am NHS Exercise</p> <p>10:00am Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:30pm Minneapolis Jo</p> <p>6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones</p> <p>6:30pm Scout Troop 38</p> <p>7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p> <p>7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:30am Erin & Judy's Release Day</p> <p>10:00am NHS Women's Art Group</p> <p>10:00am NHS Yoga</p> <p>12:00pm Hybrid Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm La Voz de Dios</p> <p>6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones</p> <p>6:30pm Continuous Action AA</p> <p>7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>

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Day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>30</p> <p>8:30am Gertens Plant Sale Drop Off 9:00am HEDFEX School 9:30am NHS Nurse Is In/Blood Pressure 10:00am NHS Exercise 11:00am NHS Senior Project 12:10pm HEDFEX School Gym Time 2:30pm CANMN Set-up 5:00pm CANMN Distribution 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA 7:00pm Up the Creek AA</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:00am Gertens Plant Sale Pick-up 6:00pm La Voz de Dios 6:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am AA Amigos 11:00am CANMN Deliveries 6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>
	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am HEDFEX School 9:00am NHS Foot Care 9:30am NHS Nurse Is In/Blood Pressure 10:00am NHS Exercise 11:00am NHS Senior Discussion Group 2:30pm CANMN Set-up 5:00pm CANMN Distribution 6:00pm BNA Board Meeting 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA 7:00pm Up the Creek AA 8:00pm Up the Creek AA Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00pm La Voz de Dios 6:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00am Spring Grounds Clean-up 8:30am Pack 38 Meeting 9:00am AA Amigos 11:00am Blood Drive and Health Fair 11:00am CANMN Deliveries 6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p> <p><i>Spring Clean-up</i> </p>
	<p>14</p> <p>9:00am HEDFEX School 9:30am NHS Nurse Is In/Blood Pressure 10:00am NHS Exercise 11:15am NHS Lunch and Movie 2:30pm CANMN Set-up 5:00pm CANMN Distribution 5:45pm BNA Board Meeting 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA 7:00pm Up the Creek AA</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Troop 38 Spring Plant Sale 6:00pm La Voz de Dios 6:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00am Troop 38 Spring Plant Sale 9:00am AA Amigos 11:00am CANMN Deliveries 6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>
<p>Club</p> <p>Worship Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am HEDFEX School 9:30am NHS Nurse Is In/Blood Pressure 10:00am NHS Exercise 11:00am NHS Support As We Age 12:00pm NHS - Caregiver Happy Hour 2:30pm CANMN Set-up 5:00pm CANMN Distribution 7:00pm Board of Administrators 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA 7:00pm Up the Creek AA</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:00pm La Voz de Dios 6:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00am AA Amigos 11:00am CANMN Deliveries 6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>
<p>Camp</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00am HEDFEX School 9:30am NHS Nurse Is In/Blood Pressure 10:00am Building and Grounds Meeting 10:00am NHS Exercise 11:00am NHS Community Connection 12:30pm NHS Diabetes Support Group 2:30pm CANMN Set-up 5:00pm CANMN Distribution 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA 7:00pm Up the Creek AA</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:00pm La Voz de Dios 6:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am AA Amigos 11:00am CANMN Deliveries 6:00pm Luz Alas Naciones 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>

BIBLE STUDY WITH PR BRENDA

Wednesdays at 12pm

Online meeting room:

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



And in-person in the Fireside Room.

5/6	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 John 14:15-21
5/13	Acts 17:22-31 John 17:1-11
5/20	Acts 1:6-28
5/27	Psalm 8 Matthew 28:16-20

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SUNDAY SERVERS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Cantor	Sacristy	Ushers	Streaming	Hospitality	Altar Guild
5/3	Anna Olsen	Don Olson	Kristin Cleary	Stephanie Johnson	Norris and Jay	Gene and Ted	Clarice Lovstuen	Laurie and Anna
5/10	Susan Johnson	Laurie Hauge	Bernie Asher	Marilyn Newborg	Jayson and Grayson	Gene and Ted	Romell White	Laurie and Anna
5/17	Sharon Rodi	Libby Krogh	Dean Anderson	Clarice Lovstuen	Susan and Jerry	Gene and Ted	Janet Anderson	Laurie and Anna
5/24	Susan Johnson	Norma Lanning	Janet Anderson	Marilyn Newborg	Mary and Marshall	Gene and Ted	Ann Allison	Laurie and Anna
5/31	Ann Allison	Jerry Johnson	Sarah Berke	Marilyn Newborg	Don and Darlene	Gene and Ted	Wohnoutkas	Laurie and Anna



Birthdays

Gabe Chovan Spence	1
Kevin Lovstuen	4
Mary Chilvers	7
Mike Condon	9
Jim Gaines	12
Alex Thomforde	15
Ted Allison	17
David Hauge	19
Gloria Condon	20
Christopher Rodi	22
Bob Wandberg	25
Henry Warwick	26
LaVonne Nesheim	28

Anniversaries

Joni and Dave Hodgman	5
Mike and Anna Wohnoutka	18
Ted and Ann Allison	23
Sarah and Pat Kaiser	25

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



MOTHER'S DAY HOSPITALITY

Join us as we celebrate all different types of Mothers after worship. If you consider yourself a Mom of a human or fur baby, we want to celebrate you! We will have a special hospitality that all are welcome to attend. Come and celebrate "Mom" with us!

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026 AFTER WORSHIP

PRAYER list

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Stella Warwick	Karen McBride
Christopher Rodi	Laurel Jorgensen
Bob Wandberg	Gloria Condon
Meredith LaCount	Hundt Family
Anna Olsen	Puckett Family
Dave and Libby Krogh	Darrell Dahl
Barb Saunders	Walker Family
Hoover Family	Cannon Family
Leonard Phillips	Warwick Family
David and Sue	Pikkarainen Family
Dorumsgaard Ayers	Gert Carlson
Joyce Hughes	

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- People struggling with mental illness and their loved ones
- Victims of natural and human disasters
- People of Ukraine, Israeli Citizens, Iranian Citizens, and Palestinians in Gaza
- All of us regarding COVID, RSV, Flu, Mpox
- Black, Brown, Indigenous, and Asian Lives

MEMBERS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Katrel Bishop (Pr B's nephew)
Adam Froisland (Pr B's nephew)
Evan Harrison (Pr B's great nephew)

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)

PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Marvin (Bryan Mann-Entzel's father)
Virginia (Jerry Johnson's mom)
Bill (Barb Wandberg's brother)
Lennon (Cole and Bryan's niece)
Sonia (Gene Rodi's sister)
Beth (Dan Hauge's sister)
Vince and Carrie (Kelly Chilvers' friends)
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)
Kevin Johnson and family (Les' brother)
Kristian (Pr B's friend)
Steve (Pr B's brother)
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)

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
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MISSION COUNCIL REPORT

HI EVERYONE,

I hope everyone is enjoying these lovely spring days! Many of us at Bethel went to the Palm Sunday Faith Action Procession and Service at the State Capitol. It was a beautiful day and a beautiful experience that brought peace to my heart. We at Bethel continue to seek to do what we can to ensure the well-being of others and our creation, as Jesus asked us to do. I want to say a big thank you to all the donors who have stepped up to help feed and otherwise assist our neighbors when they were in need.

We have a busy May coming up. I hope everyone can attend the May 9 Blood Drive and Health Fair from 11:00am - 4:00pm. Spring Grounds Clean-Up is on the same day from 8:00am - 2:00pm. We will be serving healthy food, so get some exercise outside, learn about opportunities for better health, give some blood and

recover with some good food! The May 14 Community Fun Night promises to be fun. Paint a pot and plant a plant, enjoy some music and dancing if you wish. The meal will be chicken, biscuits, and gravy. The Mission Council is starting to plan the July 9 Community Fun Night; the tentative plan is BBQ and dancing.

April's Mental Health Connect presentation "Nature as Therapy" was very good. A link to the recording of the presentation will be emailed to Bethel members. If you did not receive it, let me know and I will send you the link.

Peace to you all,
Susan Johnson

On behalf of the Mission Council

Bethel's

HEALTH FAIR & BLOOD DRIVE

♥ Memorial Blood Centers
FAIRVIEW



MORE INFO:



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MAY 9, 2026

FROM
11AM - 4PM
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- 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.

Bethel's Spring Cleaning Events

SUNDAY, APRIL 26
AFTER FELLOWSHIP
INDOOR CLEANING

SATURDAY, MAY 9
8AM - 2PM
OUTDOOR CLEANING

