

# The Bethel Bell



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## Pastor's Page

Transitions happen all the time. We move from one day to the next, week after week, month after month, and now we have begun a new year. My big transition happened back in June when Eric and I moved here to live and serve with all of you. So, even though the year has changed, I feel like I'm in the middle of my new thing that started last summer.

Transitions like a new year or a new place or a new position in life are all times that are ripe for reflecting and making changes. In our new house, some of our old artwork has a more prominent place than it did before. In my new call here at Bethel, I am choosing to pastor in some different ways than I did in my previous call.

Some of these changes happen because our surroundings or the people we interact with are different than before. But many times we decide to make changes simply because we know we need to be healthier or more attentive and we are looking for new life in some way or another.

The good news is that God is all about bringing forth new life! Over this coming year, the Gospel according to Luke will emphasize how Jesus and his followers live out Mary's song in which she praises God for bringing about radical new life, lifting up the lowly, feeding the hungry with good things, and humbling those who are proud.

In the first several Sundays of this new year, Jesus will show us that from the waters of Holy Baptism, we are all sent forth to participate in his mission to bring sight to the blind, release to the captives, and to let the oppressed go free. Sure, most of us could stand to lose a few pounds, or maybe you want to quit some unhealthy habit. God cares about our bodies and is ready to encourage and strengthen us to make these important changes—SO THAT we can live more fully into our callings as God's beloved people! Let's open ourselves to God's good purposes for us and rely on God's power to change us for those good purposes.

God bless us in this New Year with a fresh perspective and renewed commitment to live out of the promises we have received from God.

Pastor Lynne

Bethel Lutheran Church Mission Statement

"We are called, enlightened and empowered through Christ to worship, witness, and serve."

**WHERE TO FIND  
IT IN THIS  
MONTH'S  
BETHEL  
BELL**

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## Wednesday Bible Study: Isaiah

The Wednesday Bible study group will resume on  
**January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**

as we begin our journey through Isaiah. We'll explore the role of God's prophets and learn how Isaiah proclaims words from God that serve as warning, challenge, and comfort, both in ancient times and today.



## New Member Preparation

Are you relatively new to Bethel Lutheran Church? Are you wanting to know more about what it means to be a member of this congregation or who we are as Lutherans? We will hold new member classes during the season of Lent, which begins in March. Contact the church office if you would like to participate, or see Pastor Lynne with any questions you might have.



### Assisting Minister Training, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

We would like to add to the roster of Assisting Ministers who lead some of the prayers and other worship tasks during our Sunday services.

**We will hold a training on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> following worship.**

Teens and adults are welcome to participate. See Pastor Lynne for more information.

**Pastor Lynne will be out of state on vacation from December 27<sup>th</sup> until January 4<sup>th</sup>.**



**If you need to reach the church during that time please call the office at 360-892-4231 or Judy's cell at 360-904-0271**



# TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

Pastor Lynne and Eric are excited for the opportunity to go on a tour of the Holy Land hosted by Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp (Montana) this summer! Watch for fundraisers in the coming months to help support this continuing education opportunity that will benefit both our pastor and our congregation.



The Bethel staff send their warmest thanks for the outpouring of Christmas greetings and gifts from our Bethel family!  
We are truly blessed to serve in ministry with all of you!

# JANUARY 2022

## Family Ministry

**Bethel is *Growing Together*** ~ we worship, we serve, we laugh, we cry, we learn, and we reach out to the world with love and truth. If you've been thinking, praying, searching and hoping for a place to belong, we say—all are WELCOME!

**Family Ministry** means children, youth, adults, parents, guardians, or whomever is active in their faith life learning and growing together, and it also means that you could be one person or a family of eight or more! It means you could be an infant or 99! You are always welcome to come see what Family Ministry is all about!

## Our Mission Statement

To partner with families to reach and teach them in such a way that they have the greatest opportunity to become fully developed followers of Christ.

### Deuteronomy 6:6-8

*These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and you shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*

## Happy New Year Bethel Family!

God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile. The gift of a new year is one of God's many blessings. Count your blessings as you countdown to the new year, and thank God for each one!

The Men's Group is inviting you to a special pancake breakfast on January 2 after the worship service. Come join us as we gather together to celebrate the new year! May God strengthen your bond with family and friends this New Year!

Bonnie Stauffer ~ Family Ministry Director



## SAVE THE DATE!

Watch for more information soon in the Mid-Week and Sunday Announcements!



At the February 13 worship service at 10:00 AM, we will have a Souper Bowl of Caring service with a friendly food drive competition to vote for your favorite team in the Super Bowl! Please see the most wanted list of items from food bank in this newsletter.

**Souper Bowl of Caring  
February 13, 2022**

# **FOOD DRIVE**

## *Most Wanted Foods*



PEANUT BUTTER	CANNED MEATS
COOKING OIL	MACARONI
CANNED/DRIED BEANS	CANNED SOUP/BROTH
CANNED FRUITS/VEGETABLES	CANNED TOMATO PRODUCTS
SHELF-STABLE MILK	SPICES/SAUCES

**TO ENSURE FOOD SAFETY WE CANNOT USE:**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, MIXERS, OR SODA	NONCOMMERCIAL CANNED OR PACKAGED ITEMS
RUSTY OR UNLABELED CANS	PERISHABLE ITEMS
HOMEMADE ITEMS	OPEN OR USED ITEMS



# January Newsletter 2022

20 years of making an impact 2002-2022



## Win-Win!

**Donate your items at Kidz Cloz in BG**

**and Rocksolid is able to give back to their families!**

Bring your donated clothing/shoe items in, (they take adult sizes too!) and when those items sell, the money gets put on Rocksolid's account to be able to give back to those in need. Thank you Brooke Neilsen, owner, for offering this amazing resource for our program!

## -Making an Impact-



**\*Tournament Play**

**\*PIR Christmas Lights**



**\*Cookie decorating with Police Activities League**

**Parent quote:** *"Thank you guys so much for taking the kids to the PIR drive through Christmas lights. The kids could not stop talking about how great it was! Our son is having a blast and would love to go consistently to Rocksolid."*

## Community Leaders Day- January 19

### Thank you, Bethel, for giving us a home!

12919 NE 159th Street/PO Box 175 Brush Prairie, WA 98606

360-885-2181 [www.rocksolid-teen.com](http://www.rocksolid-teen.com)

Bethel December Council/Board Meetings  
14 December 2021  
6:30-8:30 pm



Members present: Dotti Davis, Bonnie Stauffer, John Sarver, Linda Bieker, Ken Sayler, Chris Kast, Laura Kast, Nancy Fuerstenberg, Heidi De Broeck, Kirsten Elson, Dave Elson, Pastor Lynne Ogren, Terry Smith, Jim Bergen, Chad and Tara McCabe, Ken Coats, Teresa Correy, Jim Fuerstenberg, Erika Stauffer

**Full Council – 6:30 pm**

Council began with a soup supper and thank you for outgoing members and incoming new members.  
Opening prayer by Kirsten Elson

**Board Meetings Breakout – 6:45 pm**

**Full Council reconvened – 7:45 pm**

**Treasurer’s Report — Chris Kast**

**December 2021**

Income	\$ 18,803
Expens	\$ 19,526
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	\$ (723)

**Pastors Report – Pastor Lynne Ogren**

Pastor Lynne has an opportunity to travel to the Holy Land in June of 2022. She would like input/opinions on whether it is appropriate to ask Bethel to assist with the cost. An informal consensus from council was favorable. As time grows closer, fund raising can be arranged. Discussion will continue with 2022 Council

Pastor asked if it was possible to close the church office on the weekdays between Christmas and New Year’s Day, allowing the staff to work from home. It is a slow time at the building and most of the staff are in need of a break. Phones will still be answered.

Dave Elson motioned that the church office be closed the week between Christmas and New Year’s Day. MSA

**Family Ministry — Bonnie**

Super Bowl of Caring is coming up. Bonnie has been planning with the Board of Parish Ed. The discussions and activities in the Sunday school lessons tie in with the activities for that day.

It’s not too early to mention VBS. They will be looking for crew leaders.  
Bonnie thanks the members of council again for the work they have done, as well as the incoming new members.

**Board of Parish Education Report – Linda**

Nursery organization is being taken on by Val Moon

Substitutes are still needed in the nursery

Milestone ministries:

Pastor Lynne is offering a communion class during Lent for the youth and the families of the youth (or anyone who wants to take their first communion

Board discussed incorporating Advent sharing details into Sunday school classes

Wednesday newsletter will incorporate a “Checking up with...” article on past Bethel youth

Adult Education: Dottie is sharing class with Pastor Lynne to allow Lynne to leave early to prepare for service. It is working well.

Nov Council Minutes (Contd.)

**Deacons Report** — Heidi

Deacons completed candles in preparation for Christmas Eve service  
Audio Visual equipment request that comes from the Deacons budget was approved

**Trustees Report** — Ken

Pastor Lynne brought a bid from an IT support company to the Trustees. Rocksolid Teen Center is using this company for their internet changes. Bethel needs to iron out a number of computer issues and will need to hire someone. Chris Kast is investigating the bid further and will update next meeting.

**Heat Pump Update**

Three bids received ranging from 25K to 45K.  
One more bid incoming  
Sanctuary heat pump is first priority  
Air transfer system may be necessary to meet current code  
Possibility of exceeding budgeted amount may require a fund-raising effort

Noisy Offerings - need a schedule and to give the decision of who gets the offering to the correct people (Deacons)

**Staff reviews**

In January  
Reviewed by Pastor, VP of the Trustees and VP of the Board that is relevant to the employees position

**COVID Discussion - Dave**

Arrival of the Omicron variant hasn't brought any changes in protocol at the state level yet. Continue until January when changes are expected to be announced if needed.

Closing with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,  
Kirsten Elson  
Secretary



**Thank you for giving!**

Thank you, Bethel Family, for ensuring it will be a merry Christmas for 1 of the 23 families involved in the Family Promise program! You always go above and beyond when it comes to giving and meeting the needs of others. Extra monetary gifts offered allowed us to purchase not two but three \$50 gift cards, in addition to all the wrapped gifts for our family of four (dad, 41; mom, 31; and daughters, 7 and 4).





# COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRIES



JANUARY 2022

Nanci Keenan

My prayer this day, "What can I do? Show me the way." The whisper came in my ear. "Volunteer"

**THANK YOU:** To all who helped with the 'homebound' project – baking and delivering fresh baked goodies to our homebound members of Bethel. We had 17 homes visited by 8 volunteers. As they reported back to me, the volunteers felt it was a blessing for them to visit with someone they hadn't seen in a while, and those at home loved being remembered. Thank you. Hint, hint..... if you really enjoyed visiting with those who are now homebound, Bethel has the gratifying experience for you. It's called KIT. {read next line down}

**KIT** – Did you know that we have many homebound people right here at Bethel? They aren't able to attend church any longer. A visit, a phone call, or sending a card could really make their day. Keeping in Touch (KIT) would appreciate your time by visiting Bethel members. Call Linda Bieker 360-606-4005 or [ljbieker@comcast.net](mailto:ljbieker@comcast.net)

**WINTER HOSPITALITY OVERFLOW:** Bethel collected \$411.77 for the noisy offering on Dec 12 to help with the WHO. Thanks for helping this worthwhile cause, which provides shelter throughout the winter. A special Thank You to Carter and Oliver who graciously accepted the task of walking throughout the church to gather the offerings.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** Bethel also helped Family Promise by donating gifts and money to our Giving Tree, providing a nice Christmas to a family. A big Thank You to all who contribute to this project.

**ROCKSOLID:** Did you know that you can support RockSolid every time you use your Fred Meyer card or shop at Amazon? Through their rewards programs, you can simply sign up through the following websites. It costs you nothing, doesn't affect your shopping in any way, and both these organizations will contribute a percentage of what you buy to RockSolid. The teen center receives approximately \$200 per quarter from Fred Meyer and about \$350 from Amazon Smiles program.  
Fred Meyers Community Rewards: <https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>  
Amazon Smile: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-4634695>

**COMMUNITY IN MOTION:** Human Services Council is changing their name to Community in Motion. Bill Baumann is the mobility coordinator [BillB@CommunityinMotion.org](mailto:BillB@CommunityinMotion.org). (360-735-3680). They are looking for volunteer drivers to help get seniors and disabled persons around in the community. Check out their website if you can help. <https://communityinmotion.org/> Drivers are reimbursed for mileage while driving a person. If you need rides, you can also check how this organization can assist you.

**LIVING STONES PRISON CONGREGATION:** Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee (NWWA) and Bishop Rick Jaech (SWWA) drew the winning tickets of the annual prison raffle on November 23. Grand Prize: - \$2021 to Dorothy Wyatt, Centralia; \$221 to Susan Kavanaugh, Olympia; Handmade tote bag to Annette Andrews-Lux, Clinton; Christmas apron to Karen Dicken, Stanwood; Saint Patrick quilt to Fir Conway, Mount Vernon; Easter quilt to Jacob Nolte, Shoreline. The men of Living Stones created the non-cash prizes. Congratulation to all.

A Fresh New Year! Let's start 2022 by remembering those who can use our help. Check out the volunteer opportunities at Bethel or in the community and make a commitment to help. Make a difference this year.



**Share House Quilters  
Jan 10th & 24th - 9am**

**Mission Quilters  
Jan 11th & 25th - 9am**

**NO experience  
necessary  
you're welcome  
at either or both groups!**

**Set-up for  
Sunday Fellowship Hour**

Members of the Circle will set up the coffee for Sunday morning and schedule helpers for clean-up at the close of services.

December Hostess - Naomi Circle

Hostess Circles are NOT responsible for providing goodies for coffee hours.

All Bethel families are invited to help with food as well as serving & clean up.

Sign-up sheet in the Narthex

***BLCW Brunch Program  
January 8, 2022 - 10am***

***“AGING GRACEFULLY”  
(\*or the best we can do)***

***presented by  
Naomi Circle***

**our guest speaker will be  
Sandy Egan  
who will tell us about her experi-  
ence as a Activity Director  
in an Assisted Living Community**

**Be prepared to experience the  
humor in aging with as much  
grace as we can muster!**

**Naomi will supply hot dishes  
Others are asked to bring  
fruit or breads  
and please bring a friend along!**

**Women's Bible Study**



**January Circle Meetings  
January 18th**

**Hope - at the church - 6:30pm  
Linda Bieker, hostess**

**Naomi - at the Church - 1:00pm  
Gloria Johnson**

**Priscilla at Bethel - 9:30am  
Hostess - TBD**



***Happy New Year  
to Everyone.***

**Glory to God in the  
highest heaven and peace  
to us on earth.**



## HUNGRY?? MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Men's Group will be serving a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 2nd following our Worship Service!  
You Don't Want to Miss This

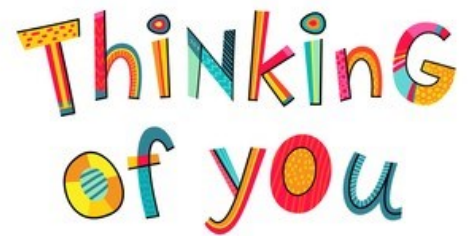
## ????GOT 10 MINUTES????

Please remember our Homebound Members

Life can get pretty lonely when you can't get out, especially at this time of year..

A quick note can make a big difference in the day.

If you need an address please call the office.



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There will be a training class on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am for Assisting Ministers

If you've thought about serving Bethel in this way or just have a question, please let Pastor Lynne or the office know

## 2022 Bethel Sunday Morning Streamed Services Reader Schedule

### Scripture Readers

Jan 2	Terry Smith
Jan 9	Ken Saylor
Jan 16	Kirsten Elson
Jan 23	Randy Crawley
Jan 30	Jack Graves

Phone Patch: 360-729-0011  
Put your phone on speaker and don't forget to hit the mute button... or follow the links from: [bethelbrushprairie.org](http://bethelbrushprairie.org)



Got some important Bethel news? You can send updates, or get information to us by e-mailing:

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**February 2022**  
**Bethel Bell**  
Newsletter Articles  
are due by Jan 22nd

Office hours: Currently as needed. Please call if you have questions.  
Office: 360-892-4231  
Normal Office Hours  
Mon-Fri 9AM-3:30PM



Today we ask for prayer for Chuck Staavas, Carol Taylor, Judy Sutera, Nancy Fuerstenberg, George Land, Ella Remmick, Mary Webber, Sandi Kytola, Jody Huffstutler, Woody Wood, Lucille Gukeisen, Sheryl Elder, Melanie Winters, and Sandy Egan. We pray for the financial & spiritual health & growth of Bethel and for all who struggle with illness and economic issues. We ask God's guidance and protection on our military, our leaders and our country.



Thank you Bethel for your continued financial support. Even in these strange times we have to keep the lights on.

Have you considered setting up automatic giving through your bank? It's usually done at no charge. Our Tithe.ly account is also an option but does charge a small fee.

**Help Beat Covid**  
**Mask up**  
**Wash up**  
**Keep safe**






**Prayer Chain**

**Are you a part of Bethel's Prayer Chain?**

If not, and you'd like to be, please contact Judy Bergren (phone chain) 360- 666-9134 or Judy Wood (email chain) 360-892-4231 or 360-904-0271. All we need is your name and email address, or your phone number if you don't use a computer...

### Communion - January 2022



Communion will be served to those who attend in-person services at Bethel this month.

Communion elements for home use are available at the Bethel office. Call and arrange to come and pick yours up.



Warren Bieker	01/01
Maureen Smith	01/01
Audrey Fossum	01/03
Sandra Kytola	01/08
Barbara (Bobbie) Johnson	01/10
Marlyne Olson	01/13
Cameron Kast	01/18
James Fuerstenberg	01/19
Celine Bennett Ruffalo	01/21
Claudia Bottemiller	01/25
Hunter Lindberg	01/27
Laura Kast	01/27

Gerald & Judy Wood	01/05/1958
John & Gloria Johnson	01/25/2003
Ken & Jan Saylor	01/27/1968
Jack & Cindi Graves	01/30/1971

If you had a birthday or anniversary and are not listed, OR if dates are incorrect or incomplete, PLEASE call the church office at 360-892-4231 so we can get it right next time!  
Thank you....



**Keep our Servicemen and women in your prayers..**

**SPC Alec Rohrer**, US Army, grandson of Jack & Cindi Graves, currently serving at Fort Benning, Georgia.

**Johnathan Cook, USAF** , grandson of Kay Nock, stationed in Florida

**Chief Petty Officer, Ryan Fontenot**, stationed Texas. Grandson of Milt and Jan Kleven.

**Autumn McAllister, USAF**, daughter of John & Michelle McAllister, stationed at Clovis. N.M.

**Brandon Morgan, USAF Sp. Forces Para rescue**, grandson of Milt & Jan Kleven, stationed in Tucson, AZ

**Zackery Scott Noorlun, USAF, TSgt** , great-grandson of Clarice Noorlun, serving as an avionics technician at Royal Air Force Lakenheath in the UK.

**Ingrid Flores, E-4 US Combat Medic**, who returned safely in July 2020 from a year of service in Jordan. Great niece of Craig and Candi Ehrich, who continues to serve with the Army National Guard.

**Nick Otos, USAF**, nephew of Kari Otos, stationed at Okinawa, Japan

**Luke Terry - US Air Force**, stationed in Germany.

**Lonnie Terry - US Air Force**, stationed in New Mexico.

**Derrick Wolf, USN**, grandson of Dick & Charlene Wolf. Derrick is on recruiting duty in Virginia.

**Chandler Heppe, USAF**, Lt. nephew of Eric & Lynne Ogren, stationed in Utah.

**A soldier said: "When I die do not play taps over my grave. Instead play reveille, the morning call, the summons to arise."**

If you have an update for this list, please let the office know.. Thanks!



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## Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone??

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to Kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go.... hmm... where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing.

Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

Makes you stop and think "where are my priorities?"

And no dropped calls!

When Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of YOU!

January 2022							February ▶
◀ December	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
							<b>1</b> New Year's Day
<b>2</b> 10:00am Worship Pancake Breakfast	<b>3</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Trash pu	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> BLCW Brunch 10am
<b>9</b> 10:00am Worship	<b>10</b> Share House Quilters 8am		<b>11</b> 6:30 Board meet 7:30 Council meets Mission Quilters 9am	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10:00am Worship	<b>17</b>		<b>18</b> Priscilla Circle 9:30 Naomi Circle 1:00pm Hope Circle 6:30	<b>19</b> Trash pu	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Men's Breakfast 9am
<b>23</b> 10:00am Worship	<b>24</b> Share House Quilters 8am  RSTC Kitchen 3-5pm		<b>25</b> Mission Quilters 9am	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 10:00am Worship Noisy Offering???	<b>31</b>  RSTC Kitchen 3-5pm	Martial Arts Mon-Thurs-Fri 6:30-8:30pm-gym Boy Scout Troop 475 Tues 6:30-8:00pm-gym Bergren Softball Sat-Sun 9:00am-2:00pm Wed 4pm -9pm gym					

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## *Christ Welcomes All*

### **Stay Informed....**

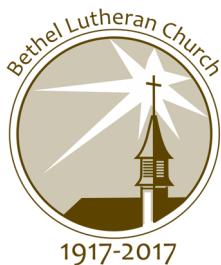
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**If you're unable to join us in-person please  
won't you join us virtually??**

**Sunday Service Hours**

**In-person 10:00am**

**Streaming Service - YouTube**

**Phone patch - 360-729-0011**

**Watch the Bethel Bell for Coming Events!**