

# The Bethel Bell



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Pastor's Page

This month's Bethel Bell is FULL of all kinds of information! Lent begins this week, and we're kicking it off with a Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner and Holy Land carnival on March 1st. I am grateful for the support Bethel is offering so Eric and I can go to the Holy Land ourselves in June. Ken and Jan Sayler will be joining us so we will have a full perspective to share with you when we return.

See the other announcements about Ash Wednesday, Soup Suppers and Wednesday Lenten worship on page 4.

This Lent we will be telling some of the salvation stories that are normally told during the Easter Vigil, the Saturday between Good Friday and Easter. The early church told these stories to remember God's saving work throughout the ages, as they prepared to rejoice in God's ultimate saving act in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We can do the same in our own lives. When we find ourselves in those in-between times, when the world is confusing or dark and we are seeking a way forward, it's good to look back and recall the times God has brought new life or direction for us.

We all have those experiences, and as we remember these ancient salvation stories this season, we will reflect on God's presence in our own lives, too. But recognizing these times is only the first step. Who can we tell these stories to? When can our experience give hope to others? We hope to give you ways to connect the biblical stories with your own and see them all as God's ongoing saving activity.

I hope you will come on Wednesday evenings. Lent also reminds us to adopt spiritual practices to strengthen our faith, so perhaps these services will help you take a break from the stresses of life and immerse yourself in God's presence with our fellow worshipers. All of these services will be livestreamed, so if Wednesdays don't work for you, or you are not able to join us in person, we hope you can make time to watch online or listen in by the phone patch.

"God's word is living and active!" (Hebrews 4:12) May this Lenten season be a time to reconnect with that word and realize God's active presence with us.

Pastor Lynne

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**Bethel Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

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





### Offering of Socks—Maundy Thursday, April 14

Looking ahead to Holy Week, we are trying something a little different on Maundy Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, the service when we read about Jesus washing the disciples' feet. This year, in place of washing one another's feet in that worship service we will collect on offering of socks to serve one of our ministries to the homeless. Sturdy socks are often one of the most needed items requested at shelters. May these gifts express Jesus' command to love one another as he has love us.

### Lutheran Disaster Response Update:

As 2021 drew to a close several counties in the state of Washington were hit by atmospheric rivers. Clallam, Skagit, and Whatcom counties were hit the hardest. Roads, bridges, public water systems, and public transportation were all affected. In Whatcom County more than 100 structures were destroyed and 500 homes damaged. Many people found themselves displaced to shelters. Governments, local non-profits, and civic groups waited patiently for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to set up shop and start writing checks to assist the communities in getting back on their feet.

The State of Washington provided aid to Whatcom County. However, the combination of State, County, City, and homeowner insurance funds is not enough to meet all of the needs of the communities. Much of the damage is not covered by insurance because it is categorized as flood damage and not everyone carries flood insurance.

ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) partners with other organizations as part of Washington Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (WAVOAD). WAVOAD was tasked to help provide for some needs. More than 150 homes lost their furnace ductwork which will not be repaired until at least April, due to supply chain issues. LDR was asked to provide 125 oil-filled electric space heaters. The Southwestern Washington Synod, with funds released by Bishop Rick Jaech, provided 85 of these heaters. Our friends and partners at the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia will provide an additional 40 heaters.

The heaters were picked up last week by volunteers of Whatcom Strong, a brand-new community organization, with Whatcom Emergency Management Office overseeing the process. Catholic Community Services will be doing the case management and the heaters will be distributed out of two locations, the Adventist church in Everson and the community center in Sumas. A long-term recovery committee is being formed to get all of the unmet needs of these communities addressed.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support for these communities in need.



### How LDR works:

Lutheran Disaster Response is the disaster response ministry of the ELCA. LDR strives to help the church continue to be church in the midst of disaster — following Christ's call to bring hope and healing to our neighbor in need. Some key areas of work include:

- Providing emotional and spiritual care for people who have been affected by a disaster and for leaders who respond to a disaster
- Coordinating volunteers through our local affiliates
- Assisting refugees in a holistic way by meeting the varied needs of the community
- Promoting disaster risk-reduction by helping communities build their assets thereby reducing the effects of likely disasters
- Providing long-term recovery efforts by addressing the unmet needs months or even years after a disaster strikes

### LDR Impact:

Lutheran Disaster Response would not exist if it were not for the thousands, if not millions, of people who make an impact by getting involved. Whether efforts are financial support, volunteering or helping to prepare communities for disasters, lives and livelihoods are improved.

U.S. Wildfires  
U.S. Tornadoes  
Hurricane Response  
Haiti Crisis  
Afghan Humanitarian Crisis  
Asia-Pacific Disaster Response  
U.S. Severe Storms

Middle East Crisis  
Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)  
U.S. Flooding  
South Sudan Relief  
Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis  
AMMPARO: Protecting Migrant Minors

# MARCH 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.*

## ***Did you know that March is national craft month?***

I love to craft, and I have a craft closet full of supplies. I know quite a few of you at Bethel who love crafting things as well. You probably have a closet full of craft supplies too! Why do you suppose we crafters need so many supplies? I like to think it is because each item has a different purpose. There is no one craft supply that can do everything. It is important to have the right tools and supplies for the craft we are creating.

It makes me think about how the church is like God's craft supply closet. God has a lot of jobs to do, and he has given the people in His Church different gifts and talents to help Him. We are His supplies! To some, he has given musical talent to help lead others in worship. To some, He has given the talent of teaching so that they can help others to learn more about Him.

In 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, *the Bible says, "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us."*

The season of Lent is upon us and we are in the beginning stages of wondering where God is calling our congregation for our summer programs such as a Vacation Bible School. What spiritual supplies do you feel called to share to help us provide this ministry for our congregation and community? We will need your prayers and help to make it a successful ministry, whether it is a traditional VBS or something new. Please pray for us to have the staff and supplies needed for us to offer a community building ministry this summer.

It is nearing the end of winter and so it is a great time to blossom outward into thinking and praying about what each of us has to offer and how we will be able to create a meaningful summer ministry for the children in our congregation and our community. If you feel the spirit moving you, please feel free to contact me at [blcfamily@comcast.net](mailto:blcfamily@comcast.net) or Tara McCabe at [tara.mccabe@hotmail.com](mailto:tara.mccabe@hotmail.com).

Grace and Peace,  
Bonnie Stauffer ~ Family Ministry Director

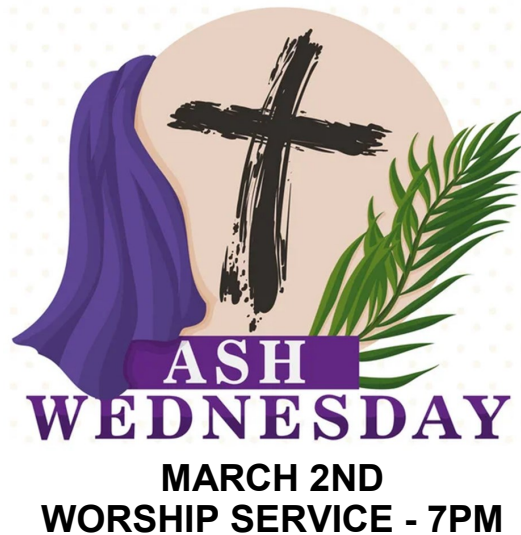




**RAFFLE TICKETS  
WILL BE AVAILABLE BEGINNING  
SUNDAY, FEB. 27TH**

**Enter to win your favorite prize  
Drawing at the  
Shrove Tuesday Dinner  
need not be present to win**

**SHROVE TUESDAY—MARCH 1**  
**PANCAKE FUNDRAISER DINNER**  
**FOR PASTOR LYNNE'S HOLY LAND TRIP**



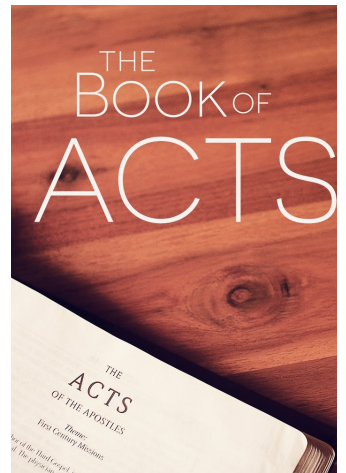
**SOUP SUPPERS  
BEGIN March 9th  
6:15pm  
SEE SIGN UP SHEET  
IN THENARTHEX**



**March 9, 16, 23, 30, & April 6  
7:00 PM**

### Wednesday Bible Study: Acts

Beginning March 9 at 10:00am the Wednesday Bible study will turn to the New Testament with an 8-week study on the book of Acts. This is the sequel to Luke's gospel which some call the 5th Gospel. It is the story of the formation of the Church of Christ. Join us!



### New Member Preparation Classes - March 13th, 20th, and 27th during the Sunday School hour

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 these three new member classes during the Sunday School hour.





# March Newsletter 2022

20 years of making an impact 2002-2022

## Will you be joining us? We hope so!

Join us for the  
**Lucky Shamrock Auction**  
20 YEARS OF MAKING AN IMPACT

*when:*  
Saturday, March 12, 2022  
Doors open at 5 pm - 10 pm  
Silent Online Auction open for bidding March 9 - 13

*where:*  
ilani Casino Resort  
1 Cowlitz Way  
Ridgefield, WA 98642

*tickets at:*  
rocksolid-teen.com

*more information:*  
360.885.2181

Presenting Sponsors



Emerald Sponsors



Luck of the Irish



Lucky Charm Venue Sponsor



**Registration Incentive!** Register early and be put into a drawing for \$100 bidding credit! Final day for this incentive is March 4th.

**Link to register:** <https://rocksolid-teen.ejoinme.org/Home22> or ask Marcy Sprecher

**Sneek Peak!** Full silent auction catalog online, March 2nd.

**Rocksolid has made many lasting impacts!** We are often asked, "How do you measure impact?" THIS is how we measure impact. When past teens drop by to say hi and tell us how much our program and staff meant to them...and the tears were real. Represented are the class of '08, '10, '20, '21. Our hearts are full!



## 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



Members Present: Linda Bieker, Candi Ehrich, Jim Fuerstenberg, Nancy Fuerstenberg, Chad McCabe, Tara McCabe, Val Moon, John Sarver, Jan Sayler, Ken Sayler, Erika Stauffer, Terry Smith  
Staff Present: Pastor Lynne Ogren, Bonnie Stauffer  
Not in Attendance: Jim Bergren, Ken Coats, Teresa Correy, Dottie Davis, Jack Graves, Chris Kast

**Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.**

Meeting opened with devotional from Ken Sayler and a prayer by Pastor Lynne. We read our council mission statement together and then broke into Boards.

Attendees reconvened for council meeting at 7:50pm.

**Treasurer's Report (Ken Sayler)**

The January report shows an income of \$27,218 with expenses of \$16,968. Ken noted the income shows higher than expected because some year-end contributions from 2021 were not able to be counted until January.

**Board of Trustees (Terry Smith)**

Terry explained that although a quote for new a heat pump was previously approved in the amount of \$45,318 for the sanctuary and RockSolid Teen Center, there have since been discussions that it may be better to replace all systems at the same time. An anonymous donor has volunteered to pay the entire balance for the job over the originally approved amount. The current bid for all the work (to include a 6-ton pump for the narthex, a 12-ton pump for the sanctuary/RSTC, separate control zones for all, and necessary code updates) totals approximately \$71,000. The trustees are working with the installation company and Clark PUD to receive some rebates for the work. Installation dates will follow.

The water seepage repairs at RSTC are complete and paid for.

A committee has been selected for the annual financial review and will plan a date to meet.

The Trustees also discussed ideas for helping to fund Pastor Lynne's trip to the Holy Land. Airfare to Chicago has been taken care of, and \$750 from Pastor's continuing education budget is approved for use. Council discussions included looking in to Thrivent (only provides seed money); using the Wednesday Lenten offerings to help pay (not everyone was comfortable with that idea); or holding a silent auction/fundraiser (requires a great amount of work). Ultimately, it was decided that the best approach is to simply ask for donations during a small, easy event such as an ice cream social. Erika offered to work with Pastor Lynne to plan the details.

A tech solutions guest from Online Support joined the Trustee breakout to discuss IT solutions at the church. The Trustees requested approval for the following:

- the purchase and installation of a new wireless system to boost and separate WIFI as well as
- increase security – \$2400
- the setup and installation of MS365 for the entire church office – \$2600  
an ongoing service plan through Online Support including security monitoring and updates and overall monitoring of the health of the systems and equipment - \$300/mo

A question was raised about what we would be getting for the \$300 subscription fee. It was clarified that the service is monitoring only, and does not cover hardware or service calls.

Val Moon motioned to approve the expenditure of approximately \$5,000 for setup and \$300 monthly for ongoing services. MSA



### **Board of Deacons (Jan Saylor)**

Discussed Lent and Easter plans.

Ash Wednesday service will be March 2 at 7:00pm

Lent Services begin will March 9. The Wednesday schedule will be:

- 6:15pm – Soup supper
- 6:30pm – Worship team practice
- 7:00pm – Service
- 7:30pm – Bell choir practice

Palm Sunday service will include the palm processional.

Altar flowers for Easter will be potted tulips and daffodils. There will be a sign-up sheet for the flowers available the first week of March. Tulips or daffodils can be ordered “In Memory of ...” or “In Honor of ...” and the list of memorials will be included in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. The plants can be taken home by those who ordered them following the service.

It was asked whether we advertise in the Reflector or the Columbian for Easter service? We don’t have an ad currently, but Candi noted an expense item under “Advertising” in the budget. Pastor Lynne will check with Judy to determine what that was for.

Mother’s Day plans are in discussion.

### **Board of Education (Linda Bieker)**

Val Moon has taken the lead on the nursery duties. She has arranged for subs, printed handbooks, created a sign and gone through the materials. She will be holding a short orientation for nursery volunteers in March.

Pastor Lynne is still holding adult education classes on Sunday and Wednesday mornings.

Bonnie is doing in-person Sunday School and sending lessons home for kids who can’t attend. Lent plans are being worked on, including an at-home project which will be available to all families who want to participate.

Plans are being made for a walk-through story experience for all families on Easter Sunday (and possibly the public before Easter).

VBS discussions are in the works.

### **Family Ministry Report (Bonnie)**

Bonnie has been working on the Souper Bowl of Caring service, which is Sunday the 13th and will be led by the children and youth. Reminder to bring food donations.

Please let Bonnie know if there is anything you’d like to have included in the Bethel Mid-Week update.

### **Pastor’s Report (Pr. Lynne)**

Pastor will be holding a new member orientation series for anyone who needs or wants to attend. She will cover topics including “Lutheranism 101”, worship practices, ELCA basics, and synod and church details. The classes will be held at 9:00am on March 13, 20, and 27.

She will also be holding a First Communion instruction class on April 3rd.





**New Business – COVID Protocols**

Ken opened a Council discussion regarding Covid protocols. The main question is whether we need to make changes here, considering that cases are starting to decrease. It was noted that the synod can only make recommendations, and that we have mostly followed state guidelines in the past. It was agreed that starting February 20th, singing (with masks) will be added back to the service. Beginning March 1st, food and coffee hour will be reintroduced. This means that the March BLCW brunch and Lenten soup suppers would both be allowed. The council will continue to monitor the situation, and masks will be required in the church until the state lifts the indoor mask mandate.

**Closing (Ken S.)**

Next meeting will be March 8th.

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

MSA to adjourn at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by Teresa Correy with notes from T. McCabe



Join us for Worship at 10:00am on Sunday mornings  
 In person: (We’re SINGING again!!)  
 on line: follow the links from our website  
                   bethelbrushprairie.org  
 or on the Phone Patch: 360-729-0011  
 Put your phone on speaker  
 and don’t forget to hit the mute button...



<b>Worship Assistants Schedule for March 2022</b>				
	<b>Worship Asst</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Usher</b>
March 6	Charles Moon	Kirsten Elson	Geni Hammer Candi Ehrich	Craig Ehrich Dick Wolf
March 13	Heidi De Broeck	Ken Sayler	Nancii Keenan Jon Bradley	Ken Sayler Larry Kytola
March 20	Ken Sayler	Kirsten Elson	Kay Nock Claudia Bottemiller	Dennis Stauffer Neil Correy
March 27	Jan Sayler	Randy Crawley	Chad McCabe Tara McCabe	Jim Fuerstenberg Dean Vilander

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRIES

MARCH 2022

Nanci Keenan



**Irish Blessing:** May you be blessed with warmth in your home, love in your heart, peace in your soul and joy in your life.



**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** Wow, what a great bunch of Souper Bowl fans we had at church on Feb 13. Over 543 pounds of food was collected for the North County Food Bank, along with more than \$290. Way to go, helping a very worthwhile organization, AND a shout out to our youth who offered a fantastic service. Thank you to all who participated in making this Bethel event so successful.

**FAMILY PROMISE:** Bethel needs your help March 6 – 13, during their next week of service at the Battle Ground Family Promise shelter. You can assist in a couple different ways - prepare meals or serve as hosts in the evening or overnight. Contact Candi Ehrich for more information. Give your gift of time to someone living in a shelter.

**BETHEL'S QUILTING GROUPS:** If you want to learn more about the quilting groups of Bethel, come & check them out. Share House meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays - 8am to 12. Mission quilters meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays from 9am – 12. No sewing or quilting experience needed. Cotton materials, thinner blankets, and sheets are always needed to complete the quilts. So, clean out that linen closet and donate to the quilting groups. Pop in to one of these groups and create a quilt while connecting with friends.

**WINTER HOSPITALITY OVERFLOW:** The WHO is asking for volunteers to help at the family shelter at St. Andrews. Shifts are 6:30–9:30am, or 6–10 pm. Share of Vancouver will staff the overnight hours. They are also asking for help with meals. You can sign up to help or donate through their website. <http://www.salcvan.org/>



**LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES NORTHWEST:** is helping Afghan refugees here in Clark County. There are many ways you can help. If you would like more information: <https://lcsnw.org/> Volunteer coordinators: Nikki Chung [nchung@lcsnw.org](mailto:nchung@lcsnw.org) or Ghadah Nadeem [gnadeem@lcsnw.org](mailto:gnadeem@lcsnw.org)

**Irish Blessing:** As you slide down the banister of life, May the splinters never point the wrong way.

**Share House Quilters**  
Mar 14th & 28th - 8am

**Mission Quilters**  
Mar 15th & 29th - 9am

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

**Set-up for  
Sunday Fellowship Hour  
May - Naomi Circle**

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

**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.**

**Coming in April  
Celebrating the "Tuesday Guys"**

**Saturday, April 2nd  
Hostess Circle - Naomi**

**You hear the term "Tuesday  
Guys" around church all the  
time, but who are they,  
what do they do?  
Come hear their story and learn  
about this valuable  
church ministry.**

### **BLCW Brunch**

**Saturday, March 5, 10:00 a.m.**

### **Daybreak Youth Services**

**Guest Speaker: Gail Miller, Charge RN**

Join us to learn more about how this Brush Prairie neighbor (Daybreak Youth Services) brings hope to the future of youth who are struggling with substance abuse and mental health issues.

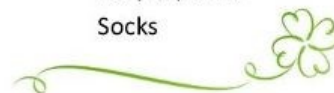
#### **WISH LIST**

Is there something on this concentrated wish list that catches your eye? Something maybe your own loved one might appreciate receiving if he was going through a tough time in his life? If so, bring one of these popular items with you when you attend the women's brunch. Your thoughtful gift can make a difference in a young man's life!



T-shirts (*plain black and white*)  
Sweatpants  
Underwear (*boxers preferred*)  
(*All in a variety of sizes*)

Acrylic paints  
Socks



#### **Women's Bible Study**



**Circles meet on Tuesday, March 15th at Bethel  
Priscilla - 9:30am  
Naomi - 1:00pm  
Hope Circle - 6:30pm**

**Priscilla: Sylvia Vilander, hostess  
Naomi: Karen Robison, hostess  
Hope: Candi Ehrich, hostess**



## An Invitation from Messiah

--Members of Messiah's Jubilee Collective community will be hosting a weekly study this Lenten season and invite you to participate. They will be reading Leigh Finke's book, *Welcoming and Affirming, a Guide to Supporting and Working with LGBTQ+ Christian Youth*, Thursdays, March 3 - April 7. Sessions will be via Zoom at 5:30p (PT). A reading and topic schedule is listed at <https://messiahvancouver.org/Messiah-Happenings/entry/Everyone-welcome-at-lenten-study-offered-by-members-of-jubilee-collective>.

*Welcoming and Affirming* is for anyone who wants to learn more about LGBTQ+ people and create space and relationships (especially with youth) that reflect the unconditional love of God and celebration of LGBTQ+ identities in a Christian context. It will also be an opportunity to familiarize oneself with LGBTQ terminology, including what that acronym itself stands for, why many LGBTQ+ folks use the term queer, why pronouns are important, how to handle difficult conversations, and how to be an ally for queer adults and youth.

Various members of the collective will lead the sessions each week. For example, pastoral intern Jae will lead a session on the bible verses historically used to ostracize and condemn the LGBTQ + community of believers. The reading will also reveal passages that affirm the presence of queer identities and relationships within the scriptures. Supplemental videos and articles will be included in the sessions, but participant conversation will be the primary goal and substance of the sessions.

Your *Welcoming and Affirming* book may be ordered from Amazon. To register your interest in attending or find out more, please contact Carie Wright, Jubilee participant and Church Leadership Team member of Messiah, at [kiddoew@yahoo.com](mailto:kiddoew@yahoo.com)

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

Please remember our Homebound Members

Life can get pretty lonely when you can't get out, and a quick note or a phone call can make a big difference in someone's day.



If you need a name or an address please call the church office.



## The 2nd Ten Commandments

1. Thou shall not worry, for worry is the most unproductive of all human activities.
2. Thou shall not be fearful, for most of the things we fear never come to pass.
3. Thou shall not cross bridges before you come to them, for no one yet has succeeded in accomplishing this.
4. Thou shall face each problem as it comes. You can only handle one at a time anyway.
5. Thou shall not take problems to bed with you, for they make very poor bedfellows.
6. Thou shall not borrow other people's problems. They can better care for them than you can.
7. Thou shall not try to relive yesterday for good or ill, it is forever gone. Concentrate on what is happening in your life and be happy now!
8. Thou shall be a good listener, for only when you listen do you hear different ideas from your own. It is hard to learn something new when you are talking, and some people do know more than you do.
9. Thou shall not become "bogged down" by frustration, for 90% of it is rooted in self-pity and will only interfere with positive action.
10. Thou shall count thy blessings, never overlooking the small ones, for a lot of small blessings add up to a big one.





## Subject: Can you help in March?

Greetings!

Our service week has rolled around once again. Bethel will be serving at the Battle Ground Community United Methodist Church from Sunday, March 6, through the morning of Sunday, March 13 (see SignUpGenius link below). There are three evenings open for evening and overnight volunteers (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday). One person is needed to help with Tuesday night as well. I'll be sharing this information with Judy and Bonnie for the newsletter and Mid-Week News, as well, but I wanted to give you an opportunity to sign up for any evening that might work for you.

Dinner is needed for most of the evenings at this point. Jean Brown, from the Methodist Church, is generally able to fill the holes as we get closer to the date, but any help from Bethel is always appreciated. I understand they are at capacity regarding family members, which is 14 or 15. Meals need to be proportioned for three separate families (I believe). If any of you are interested in helping with this, I can provide more details.

Jean is also asking for help with van drivers. There is one member from her church who has taken every early morning and evening shift during other service months. Jean would like to give her a little bit of a break. Drivers needs to be under age 75. No special endorsement is needed to drive the vehicle.

Please let me know if you have questions. As always, I appreciate your help!

Candi  
360-521-6209

Candi



### **Bethel has another opportunity to serve the week of March 6-13.**

Sign-up options are available to make dinner for the guests, host the early evening hours (5 to 9 p.m.), and/or serve as the overnight hosts (9 p.m. to 7 a.m.). Overnight hosts should bring their own pillow and bedding for a comfortable evening (cots provided). Meals need to be proportioned for three separate families (14 or 15 people).

Our host congregation, Battle Ground Community United Methodist Church, is asking for help with van drivers. There is one member from their church who has taken every early morning and evening shift during other service months, and she would appreciate having some relief drivers share the responsibility. Drivers need to be under age 75. No special endorsement is needed to drive the vehicle.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact Candi Ehrich at 360-521-6209 or by email at [candi-ehrich@comcast.net](mailto:candi-ehrich@comcast.net) for more information.



Signup is quick and easy at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4cafaf2ba7fec16-family2>.

## THANK YOU FROM FAMILY PROMISE

From: Family Promise <info@familypromiseofclarkco.org>  
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 12:07 PM

To: Family Promise <info@familypromiseofclarkco.org>  
Subject: 2021 Christmas Sponsor Recap

Friends,

The team here at Family Promise of Clark County didn't want to get too far into the new year without taking the time to express our sincere gratitude for your donations and support during our 2021 Christmas Giving event. Thank you for your generous gifts to families in need in our community. You went above and beyond at bringing our families joy and Christmas cheer during the 2021 holiday season, despite the challenges and hardships that the year harbored. Because of you, we were able to provide a wonderfully festive Christmas to families in need across Clark County and beyond.

On Monday, December 20, FPCC staff spent the day personally delivering every family's presents. We made sure to inform families of the incredible support of our volunteers and donors that made everything possible. We were able to give gifts to more families than ever before because of your support. Here are some highlights:

- ☐ 24 families received beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts ☐ 62 children and their families got to open presents Christmas morning
- ☐ Over 50 meals were provided

The gifts that you donated meant so much to our families; the response was tremendous. Here are some of the comments we received:

- ☐ "Thank you so much! I wasn't expecting a gift for me... only for my kiddo. Your present was my only one under our tree. I wasn't expecting a gift this year so I'm feeling a bit giddy!"
- ☐ "Hi there I just wanted to let you know that the presents were amazing! Thank you so much!"
- ☐ "The girls couldn't be happier than this. They said Dave was cute in his Santa's gear. We wish you a merry merry Christmas. Please relay to the helpers our best greetings."

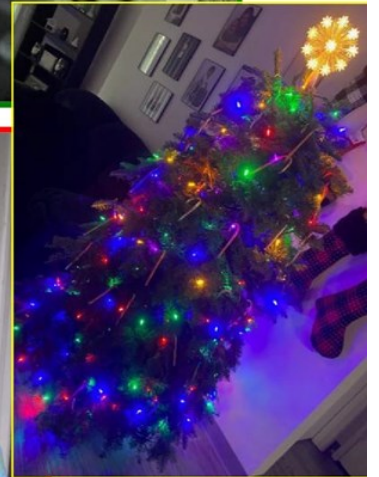
On the next page you will find a collage of pictures we took over the Christmas season that demonstrate what an impact your donations and support had on our community.

Thank you for your continued support of Family Promise of Clark County - we appreciate you!  
Sincerely,

The Family Promise of Clark County Team



# FAMILY PROMISE CHRISTMAS



THANK YOU





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



Today we ask for prayer for Donna Crawley, Chuck Staavas, Myra Wilkinson, the family of Carol Taylor, Judy Sutera, Nancy Fuerstenberg, George Land, Ella Remmick, Mary Webber, Sandi Kytola, Jody Huffstutler, Lucille Gukeisen, Cheryl Bellomy, Sheryl Elder, the family of Ken Towles (Charles Moon's brother who had been worshiping with us this winter), 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.

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April 2022  
Bethel Bell  
Newsletter Articles  
are due by Mar 22nd

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



Thank you Bethel for your continued financial support.  
Even in these difficult 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  
Vax up - Booster up  
Keep safe






**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 - March 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.



John Bomar	03/01
Robert Huffstutler	03/03
John McAllister	03/05
John Schroeder	03/08
Madalyn Moon	03/08
Dennis Stauffer	03/12
Allison Sprecher	03/13
Myra Wilkinson	03/14
Grace Wetter	03/17
Dustin Zumwalt	03/21
Judy Sutera	03/22
Janice Shepard	03/28
Harper Paveglio	03/28
Jan Kleven	03/30

Les & Jody Huffstutler	03/06/1982
Charles & Gail Carbajal	03/08/1974
John & Cindi Schroeder	03/08/1980

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!

March 2022							April ▶
◀ February	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Shrove Tuesday 6pm Pancakes in the Gym Fundraiser?? 5:30pm	<b>2</b> Ash Wednesday 7:00pm Worship 7:30pm Handbell Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> BLOW Brunch 10am
<b>6</b> 9:00am Faith Connection Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:15am Praise Team Rehearsal for Lent Music	<b>7</b> RSTC Kitchen 3-6:30pm (LAST DATE)	<b>8</b> 6:30 Board meet 7:30 Council meets  Mission Quilters 9am	<b>9</b> 10:00am Bible study 6:15 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Worship 7:30pm Handbell Choir	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>13</b> 9:00am Faith Connection Sunday School 9:00am New Member Class 10:00am Worship	<b>14</b> Share House Quilters 8am	<b>15</b> Priscilla Circle 9:30 Naomi Circle 1:00pm Hope Circle 6:30	<b>16</b> 10:00am Bible study 6:15 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Worship 7:30pm Handbell Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Men's Breakfast 9am	
<b>20</b> 9:00am Faith Connection Sunday School 9:00am New Member Class 10:00am Worship	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Mission Quilters 9am	<b>23</b> 10:00am Bible study 6:15 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Worship 7:30pm Handbell Choir	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	
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## *Christ Welcomes All*

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

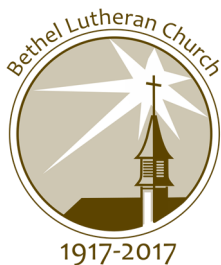
There are many ways for you to keep up with what's going on here at Bethel..  
You may visit us **on the web** at [www.bethelbrushprairie.org](http://www.bethelbrushprairie.org)

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**Instagram** <https://www.instagram.com/blcfamily/>



**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!**