

The Bethel Bell



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Pastor's Page

This summer the three boards of Bethel's Church Council met to wonder and dream about how God might be calling our congregation to engage in ministry together. Each board brought up good questions and ideas. Please read the Council report to see which topics rose to the top for immediate, short-term and long-term action. (See page 6)

I shared in a recent sermon about the values that our priorities reflected. These shouldn't come as a surprise to many of our Bethel members. They echo what we talked about last summer when I met with you in small groups to learn more about our congregation. Here is what we affirmed about who we are:

VALUES OF BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We value encouraging and supporting the well-being of children and young people.

We value being connected to our community.

We value being in loving, supportive relationships.

All of these values are founded upon the love of God we have experienced through Jesus Christ. Bethel Lutheran Church values being a place and a community where God's love is shared.

This month individuals and families will have an opportunity to connect with one or more ministries that align with the gifts and experiences of each person. I am sure that all of us extend the love of God in many ways through various aspects of daily life. Participating in more intentional ministry in the life of the church is another way we can do that. And through these activities we are also building community with one another and with the world we have been sent to serve and love.

One of the gifts of the pandemic shutdown was that by stopping much of what we used to do, we are given the opportunity to evaluate whether to pick something up again or not, and if we do, to determine whether we might do that old thing in a new way. Having one Sunday worship service rather than two is one of the things that is similar but different than before March 2020.

We have been asked by many members when Wednesday evening activities will resume. Our Deacons and Board of Education are working now to make decisions about what might be similar and what might be different. Please be patient as we make those plans, with the hope of starting in October.

In the meantime, we invite you to pay attention to the ways you can minister to and with our young people, reach out to our neighboring community, and form deeper friendships within the life of Bethel and with those who share in ministry with us.

Joyfully,
Pastor Lynne

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Bethel Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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



Sep 18th

UPCOMING EVENT

Sep 18th

**Mark
Your
Calendars**



**Invite
Your
Friends**

Pastor Lynne Ogren presents “Journey to the Holy Land”

Brush Prairie, Washington – Bethel Lutheran Church will present “Journey to the Holy Land” at 12919 NE 159th Street, Brush Prairie, on Sunday, September 18, at 2 p.m., featuring its pastor, the Rev. Lynne M. Ogren.

Pastor Lynne Ogren, installed as Bethel’s pastor on July 18, 2021, has brought light, love and God’s eternal promise to her teaching and sermons. In that same vein, she is excited about sharing her June 2022 trip to the Holy Land through photos and unique “tastes” of traditional Israeli foods that will transport attendees to the faraway land. The community is invited to join Bethel members as they settle in to hear Pastor Lynne tell of her long-awaited journey to walk where Jesus walked.

Pastor Lynne shared, “Friends and colleagues have been encouraging me to find a way to get to the Holy Land sooner than later and I am so glad this opportunity came up! I have long treasured the words of Jesus and the ancient Hebrew writings, but they take on a whole new meaning when we notice the settings where they were spoken. I am excited to share a taste of what our group experienced this summer.”

Families are invited to this no-cost event. A free-will offering will be collected that night to support Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, the organization that hosted the trip.

Child care is available for children under age 5. Please contact the church at 360-892-4231 to reserve a spot in the nursery.

Bethel Lutheran Church, which was formed with only 32 members in 1917 as a Norwegian Lutheran congregation, is located on its original site just northeast of Brush Prairie. It is the home of Rocksolid Community Teen Center, which provides a safe haven at the end of the school day for 5th through 12th grade students from the Battle Ground and Hockinson School Districts.

Sunday morning services at Bethel are available in person, on YouTube Live and by phone patch at 10 a.m. Follow the links from our website - bethelbrushprairie.org

Sunday school classes for children through adult ages will resume on September 18 at 9 a.m.

**Pastor's Wednesday Bible Study Class
resumes on September 14th at 10am
We will begin studying the Book of Romans
All are welcome!**



**REMEMBERING
September 11th**

NOTICE - NOTICE - COUNCIL MINUTES UPDATE - NOTICE - NOTICE

At the July meeting, the Council decided to share the key highlights from our meetings in order to get the most pertinent information out to the congregation, with the full minutes available on the website and in the church office on the brochure rack. This is an experiment, and we would appreciate any feedback about this change. Our intention is to be clear and concise. As always, we are available to listen to our Bethel members!



COME TO CHURCH!

**BIG THANKS TO THE TUESDAY GUYS FOR STAYING ON TOP OF
THE HEAT PUMP PROJECT!
WE APPRECIATE YOU... AND THE COOL AIR!**

A call out to restock the kitchen. We need the basics:

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|---------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Coffee - regular and decaf | tea bags | single serving coffee creamers |
| single serving sugars/ and sugar substitute | small plates | powdered lemonade mix |
| coffee stirrers | napkins | gallon and quart size storage bags |

Bethel Family Ministry
JOIN US
FOR
FALL KICK-OFF
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
AT 10:00 AM

Back-To-School Blessing During Worship



Stop by the Ministry
Opportunity Display
During Coffee Hour



Register For Fall Sunday School

- Register on the web at bethelbrushprairie.org - Just scan the bar code above with your phone camera and it will take you right to our website! You can also find the link in the link in the Mid-Week E-News

Classes resume September 18 at 9:00 AM

• September Schedule

9.11.22 - 10:00 AM

- FALL KICK-OFF BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING IN WORSHIP at 10:00 AM Back-to-School Fair – Mini Ministry Fair During Coffee Hour
- Congregation is invited to participate in being Prayer Partners with our kids and youth
- Backpack Tags will be given to the kids at the time of the Back-To-School Blessing during Worship
- Visit Bethel's Ministry Opportunities Display at the Coffee Hour for ALL Ages

9.18.22 - 9:00 - 9:45 AM

- Lesson-Two Masters Luke 16:1-13
- Kids will create a Pentecost Tree Bulletin Board with the theme of Sharing and Caring

9.25.22 - 9:00 - 9:45 AM

- Lesson-The Parable of the Rich Man Luke 16:19-31
- Kids will be creating Heart and Hand Ornaments to add to our Pentecost Tree Bulletin Board to remind them that we need to open our hands and open our hearts to others.
- Kids will visit The Rocksolid Community Teen Center after the ornament activity – ~ Bethel shares with RSTC and RSTC shares with the community~
- We will celebrate RSTC's 20 years during Worship at 10:00 AM and at the Coffee Hour at 11:00 AM



September Newsletter 2022

20 years of making an impact 2002-2022

Welcome Back!

KIDS! Join us for our opening week!
September 6-9th lots of fun activities planned!



Celebrating 20 years
OF MAKING AN IMPACT

Old friends and new... come celebrate with us on September 9th at 4:00 pm!

Rocksolid Teen Center 12919 NE 159th St. Brush Prairie, WA (360) 885-2181

Designed in collaboration with
BATTLEGROUND CINEMA
PRESTIGE THEATRES

**BETHEL CELEBRATES
ROCKSOLID**



**Sunday,
September 25th
@10am service**



Throwback!
2002 Grand Opening!

LtoR: Kari Otos, Larry Wolters (in back)
& Gene Foster

Welcome!

-SHANNON CORBIN-
TEEN CENTER MANAGER

We are excited for Shannon to join our team at Rocksolid!



September 22

24 hours of online giving!

**VOLUNTEERS
WELCOME-360-885-2181**

GIVE MORE 24!
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

**GENEROSITY
RISING**

Thank you, Bethel, for giving us a home!

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August Council Meeting August 9, 2022



Council Meeting Highlights - August 2022

- Sandy Egan was unanimously confirmed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Deacons. Candi Ehrich will be the VP for the Board of Deacons.
- Council Boards each met separately with Pastor Lynne over the last few months to participate in small group discernment sessions. After reviewing the summary from each board meeting, the council agreed that our Bethel values are embodied in supporting and developing: children and youth, community connections and relationships.
 - ◆ Though there were many good ideas and visions shared for Bethel, the council has prioritized the following three:
 - ◆ Short-term vision planning: Revive the Wednesday evening gatherings, possibly to include food, choir and / or education time.
 - ◆ Mid-range vision planning: Explore youth ministry staffing plan.
- Longer range vision planning: Form a sanctuary task force to identify and propose a change to the worship space.

The full minutes may be found in the brochure rack in the office.



Mark Your Calendars for October 5

(tentative start date)

Plans are in the works to revive our soup suppers this fall that we have all enjoyed over the years. Stay tuned for more information in the weeks to come.



BLCW Potluck Brunch

September 10 @ 10:00



What is Family Promise

all about and how is Bethel involved with these families in our community? Come and learn more about one of our many ministries that helps change the lives of those we serve.

Hope Circle is hosting this month's brunch. As a reminder, the decision was made earlier this year to convert this event to a potluck style brunch, so bring whatever breakfast hot dish, pastry or fruit that suits your fancy.



Quilting begins
in September
Share House Quilters
2nd and 4th Monday
at 9am

Mission Quilters
2nd and 4th Tuesday
at 9am

NO experience
necessary



Set-up for
Sunday Fellowship Hour
September - Hope 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.



Pick up the
phone and call
someone.
You just might
be the brightest
spot in their day!

**September
Women's Brunch
Sept 10th - 10:00am
Hostess: Hope Circle**



Learn more about Family
Promise of Clark County, how it
serves families in our community
and how Bethel's quarterly
support helps families build a
better future.

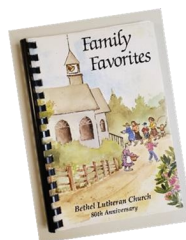
Everyone's invited!

Bring a dish to share and bring a friend!



Circles meet on Tuesday, Sept 20th, at Bethel
Priscilla - 9:30am - Naomi - 1:00pm
Hope Circle - 6:30pm

October - Naomi Circle

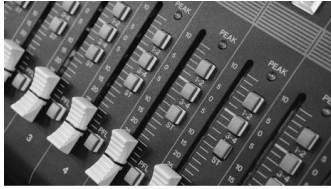


"YOUR FAVORITE RECIPE"
Bring and share your favorite recipe
(or a few) to the brunch
including special family recipes
or ones that you use from past
BLCW cookbooks

Our hope is to create a new BLCW cookbook

**(Please check the directions and ingredients
before submitting)**

SOUND OPERATOR NEEDED - ARE YOU THE ONE???



Join The Audio Visual Ministry Team!

Come join the tech team sending worship services and God's word into the homes of our congregation and out into the world each Sunday. Our tech team consists of video camera, broadcast audio, PowerPoint and sound system operators. For more information, please see Jim Bergren



Join us In person:
for Worship at 10:00am on Sunday mornings
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...

Masks are welcome, but optional, according to your comfort level



Worship Assistants Schedule for September 2022

	Worship Asst	Reader	Greeter	Usher
Sep 4	Dottie Davis	Terry Smith	Geni Hammer Maureen Smith	Terry Smith Dick Wolf
Sep 11	Eric Ogren	Ken Saylor	Nanci Keenan Jon Bradley	Ken Saylor Larry Kytola
Sep 18	Jim Bergren	Candi Ehrich	Claudia Bottemiller Kay Nock	Dennis Stauffer Neil Correy
Sep 25	Charles Moon	Randy Crawley	Chad McCabe Tara McCabe	Jim Fuerstenberg Dean Vilander



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



Today we ask for prayer for Terry Smith, Ken Saylor, the Crawley family, Grace Wetter, Chuck Staavas, Judy Sutera, Nancy Fuerstenberg, Ella Remmick, Sandi Kytola, Jody Huffstutler, Lucille Gukeisen, Denneva Coats, Sheryl Elder, 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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visit us on the web at
bethelbrushprairie.org

Thank you Bethel for your continued financial support.

Your offerings further the mission of Christ through our congregation.



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.
go to TITHE.LY/GIVE to set up an account.

Masks are optional but encouraged at Bethel. Stay well!



October 2022
Bethel Bell
Newsletter Articles
are due by Sept 23rd

Office hours:
Regular hours
Mon-Fri 9AM-3:30PM
Please call if you have questions.
Office: 360-892-4231

"pray without Ceasing"
1 Thessalonians 5:17



"Always pray and never give up"
Luke 18:1

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...

September 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.



HAPPY Anniversary

Rachel Fleming	09/01
Jon Bradley	09/01
Nanci Keenan	09/05
Ron Gullickson	09/07
Merrili Sprecher	09/07
Kirsten Elson	09/15
Jeff Kytola	09/18
Katie Aguilar	09/18
Calen Bergren	09/19
Ken Bergren	09/22
Marie-Jeanne Presthus	09/23
Robert Scott Baker	09/25
Laurie Roach	09/25
Adam DeBroeck	09/27
Earl Freimuth	09/27
Beth Hylton	09/29

Ken & Denneva Coats	09/01/2008
John & Michelle McAllister	09/10/2005
Chad & Tara McCabe	09/10/2006
Jim & Nancy Fuerstenberg	09/11/1961
Robert & Amber Moon	09/14/1996
Robert & Janice Shepard	09/19/1992
David & Rachel Fleming	09/22/2012
Doug & Joy Frahm	09/30/1972

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, serving at Fort Carson, Co.

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

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

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, Capt., nephew of Eric & Lynne Ogren, stationed in Utah.

Regan Heppe, USAF, Lt. , stationed in Mississippi

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!

September 2022							October ▶
◀ August	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2	3 11am Funeral Service for Donna Crawley
4 10:00am Worship	5 Labor Day	6	7 Birthday Celebration For Ron Gullickson and Merril Sprecher 5:30pm in the Narthex	8	9	10 BLCW Brunch 10am Learn about Family Promise	
11 10:00am Worship with Back to School Blessing	12 Share House Quilters 9am	13 9:00am Mission Quilters 6:30 Board meet 7:30 Council meets	14 10am Pastor's Bible Study	15	16	17 Men's Breakfast 9am	
18 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 2:00pm – Pastor Lynne's Journey to the Holy Land	19	20 Priscilla Circle 9:30 Naomi Circle 1:00pm Hope Circle 6:30	21 10am Pastor's Bible Study	22	23	24	
25 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee Hour to celebrate 20 years of ROCKSOLID making a difference!	26 Share House Quilters 9am	27 Mission Quilters 10am	28 10am Pastor's Bible Study	29	30	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....

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

Like us on Facebook! Click the LIKE button to stay on top of all the
current news and photos! www.facebook.com/bethelfamilyministry

You can also follow Bethel on:

Pinterest <https://www.pinterest.com/bethelblessings/> and

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 and the Mid-Week (on line)
for Coming Events!**