

The Bethel Bell



August 2023

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR LYNNE...

This month you are invited to attend one of our Picnics with Pastor! I will be at three different parks the last three Wednesdays of the month to visit with Bethel folks. I have two main questions for discussion, so I thought you might like to think about them ahead of time.

***What is going well at Bethel?
What do you hope for in our life together?***

I want to know what is going on in the ministry and fellowship of Bethel that you find to be life-giving. What brings you back each week? What do you look forward to doing or being a part of?

Then, secondly, in what ways might God be calling us to something new? What are we missing that you hope to see happen in the future? And most importantly, how would you like to participate in making those hopes come to life?

This is my third summer with you, and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting with Bethel members in small groups two years ago. Last summer I met for extended conversations with the church council boards. I think it's important to check in with people periodically to take the temperature of the health of our congregation, so I thought I'd keep this pattern of summer get-togethers going.

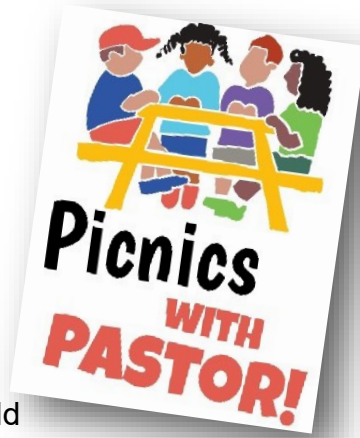
I've recently been watching a TV series on Netflix called New Amsterdam. It's about a hospital with a new Medical Director. His favorite question to ask the staff and the patients is "How can I help?" While he often solves some of their problems, he also discovers that people tend to know what they need to help them do their jobs better or to improve their lives. The director's role is simply to say, "Yes!"

You know this congregation as well or better than I do. What do we need to do or to become to be faithful to the ministry to which God has called us? I'll guess that there are plenty of interesting and creative ideas just waiting to be voiced. My role is to help you realize these dreams that God has placed on your hearts.

Come join me for some good conversation as we enjoy the beauty of God's creation! I can't wait to hear what inspiration you have to share for our life and ministry together!

Gratefully,

Pastor Lynne



SAVE THE DATES

Aug 3-5 - Christian Service Brigade Reunion (pg 8)

Aug 6 - Worship 10:00 AM

Aug 8 - Council-Board Meetings 6:30 PM

Aug 9 - Share House Quilt

Blessing-Potluck 6 PM (pg 7)

Aug 13 -Worship 10:00 AM

Aug 16, 6 PM - Picnic with pastor (pg 1 & 2)

Aug 17 - Sept Bell Deadline

Aug 20 - Worship

Aug 23, 6 PM - Picnic with pastor (pg 1 & 2)

Aug 30, 6 PM - Picnic with pastor (pg 1 & 2)

Aug 25, RSTC Concert Britnee Kellogg (pg 6)

Aug 27, 4:30 PM - Annual Picnic at Sutura's (pg 8)

Sept 7 - Keenagers (pg 3)

Sept 26 - Habitat Fundraiser (pg 4)

Bethel Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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

Picnics with Pastor

August 16, 6pm Daybreak Park (east side of road)

August 23, 6pm Salmon Creek Park, (Klineline Pond)

August 30, 6pm Lacamas Park, Camas

Sign up to attend on the Welcome Desk or via the link in the Mid-Week news.

[Or click on this link to sign up!](#)

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE SANCTUARY UPDATE MEETINGS

The sanctuary committee will be meeting soon to look over the notes taken from your discussions of what the "Challenges and Obstacles" might be as well as the "Benefits and Solutions" of each of the categories that the congregation has chosen for the sanctuary update projects. Please pray for the committee and this process as they conduct research and seek bids after reviewing all of your thoughts and notes taken from the July 9 meeting. Once they get through this process, recommendations will be presented to the council based on research and bids.



SOUTHWEST WA SYNOD NEWS

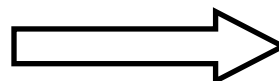
Path for Strengthening Active Lay Ministry (PSALM)

Application Process Open!

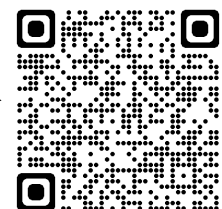
Rooted in Lutheran theological tradition and in the context of the Pacific Northwest, PSALM is a community of learners and leaders engaged in a process of conversation, reading, prayer and practice with the intention of growing in faith, clarity of mission, and skills for ministry. The PSALM cohorts meet for 4 terms over two years in October and March at Seabeck Conference Center. Cost is \$400 per term, which covers costs of retreats, books and presenters. Scholarships available, so fees shouldn't be a barrier.



Application materials are due August 15, 2023.



SCAN THE CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION



You can pick up a copy of the July Council Minutes in the church office or you can click on the link below.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Congratulations!



Blessings to Chris and Laura Kast on the celebration of Cameron and Karlie's wedding on July 22.

Who remembers when they played Mary and Joseph in the Christmas program a few years ago when they were dating?

Pray for them to feel God's love in their marriage and to have many years ahead that are filled with love and happiness!

Summer Projects with the Tuesday Guys!



Ken Saylor, John Sarver and others have been working hard this summer to keep up with all the projects around the building and grounds! Thank you Tuesday Guys!



Keenagers ♦ September 7

Join us for a noon potluck at Keenagers on Thursday, September 7, to learn more about the free service Community in Motion is providing for residents with its new North County Shuttle Service. The North County Shuttle is available on a weekly basis to residents of five service areas in North Clark County, serving one specific area each day of the week (Monday through Friday). Community in Motion is a local non-profit whose mission is to connect neighbors with access to reliable transportation options that support healthy, independent living. Spread the word, or better yet, bring a friend who might benefit from this service.



Community Outreach Ministries

August 2023



BABIES IN NEED: Every month about 35 of the 550+ babies born in Clark & Cowlitz Counties need help when their families find themselves struggling to provide the basics for their care. Babies in Need works with local social workers to ensure that every newborn in Southwest Washington has essential clothing, bedding and car seats. This work is possible as an all-volunteer ministry because of the love and generosity of people near and far who share their vision and commitment. For more information, see <http://babiesinneed.org>



EVERGREEN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Save the date the annual Raising the Roof Benefit Breakfast - you won't want to miss it this year! The annual breakfast is the biggest fundraising event providing an educational program on current projects and future plans. This year, contributions will go towards current new construction and rehabilitation projects and the Habitat Home Trust that focuses on preserving affordable housing stock in Clark County through permanent affordability.

Tuesday, September 26th

Doors open: 6:30am | Breakfast Served: 7:15am | Program: 7:30am-8:30am
Vancouver Hilton | 301 W 6th St.

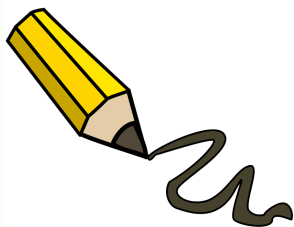
RSVP now to save your seat at a table by calling Kelsey Castrey at 360-737-1759 or email Kelsey@ehfh.org

Shop the Habitat Anniversary Sale

It's officially been a year since taking over management of the Clark County Habitat Store and a big celebration is planned. Shop in the Store on **Friday, August 11 from 10am - 6pm**. Special store discounts going all day and a chance to spin the wheel to save even more! **Gift cards to the first 50 shoppers!** Plan on attending the exciting anniversary of the new and improved Clark County Habitat Store!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- ROCKSOLID Community Teen Center Volunteer
- Keeping In Touch Outreach Volunteer - Visits to the Homebound
- Help Maintain and Beautify Our Building, Property, and Grounds
- Make & Deliver Meals to Fellow Congregants in Need



This & That

from

Pat

Thank You!

A Note From Lutheran Community Services Northwest

Thank you so much for the generous donation from Bethel Lutheran to LCSNW! We are grateful for this support and your partnership in our mission of health, justice, and hope. I know that Peter was glad to have the opportunity to come share about our work with your congregation in May.

Your gift will help us continue to provide life-changing services to refugees and immigrants in the Northwest. Here is a [recent article](#) that features a refugee family we resettled in Vancouver. We also celebrated World Refugee Day last month, and we created this [video](#) to share the story of another family's journey to safety. These kinds of success stories are only possible because of support from partners like you!

Jennica Stephenson (*she/her/hers*)
Senior Advancement Manager
Lutheran Community Services Northwest



THANK YOU TO ALL THE WONDERFUL BAKERS!

The deacons really appreciated everyone who was able to share their delicious cookies and treats for all the summer concert receptions!

Thank you, Charles and Val Moon for providing the truck and trailer for our Bethel Float at the Harvest Days Parade and to the Deacons and Bethel Members who participated in the parade!





August Newsletter 2023



Celebrating Summer!



sponsored by: **Amerigroup**
Rocksolid Auction Donors!



DAY 1: Laser Blasters, Glow Golf, and Disc Golf at Kiwanis Park!



DAY 2: OMSI Planetarium and ORCA exhibit



DAY 3: Portland Lan Su Chinese Garden

Next Camp
August 14-18



DAY 4: Oregon Forestry Museum



DAY 5: Fort Vancouver and the Yard Milkshake

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BRITNEE KELLOGG

A BENEFIT FOR ROCKSOLID COMMUNITY TEEN CENTER

AUGUST 25TH, 2023

ROCKSOLID COMMUNITY TEEN CENTER | POMEROY CELLARS | YACOLT, WA



PRESENTED BY:



Get Tickets!

WWW.ROCKSOLID-TEEN.COM

Volunteers welcome for fall!

CALL THE TEEN CENTER 360.885.2181

Thank you

Jim and Nancy Fuerstenburg!

for your dedicated weekly volunteering to RSTC for over 15 years! You will be missed by all!

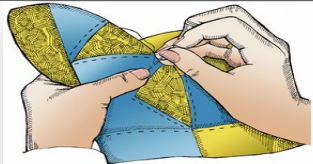


Thank you, Bethel, for giving us a home!

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INFORMATION FOR AND ABOUT
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN
August 2023



QUILTING GROUP

Join one of the quilting groups in the fall.

Share House Quilters
2nd and 4th Monday
at 9:00 AM

Mission Quilters
2nd and 4th Tuesday
at 9:00 AM

**NO experience necessary
only willing hands!**

Come join us this fall!



Set-up for
Sunday Fellowship Hour
August Host: Hope

Members of the Circle will set up the coffee for Sunday morning and schedule helpers for cleaning up afterwards.

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

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.

BLCW
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN
Wednesday
August 9 at 6 p.m.

SHARE POTLUCK

Join us to support the Share Quilters' annual contribution of quilts in support of Share's many programs and services, which have been accessed by those in need throughout Clark County for the past 44 years.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
... men, women and children of all ages.
The more the merrier!

Share

**AUGUST HOSTESS:
HOPE CIRCLE**

Mark your calendar for the **September 9 BLCW Brunch at 10:00 AM**

Note the date change due to Labor Day weekend.

The Theme will be Grandparent's Brag Day!

Bible Studies resume Sept 19

Join a Women's Bible Study Circle This Fall!



Connect with a Women's Circle on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

SEPTEMBER BLCW HOSTESS: NAOMI

Glass plates and cups are free to anyone!

Check it out on the cart in the fellowship area!



Announcements

Join us for Worship At Mallard Landing

AUGUST 13 at 3:00 PM

You're Invited to celebrate our faith with the residents of Mallard Landing on Sunday, August 13 at 3:00 PM.

Doug and Elizabeth Smith will lead us in hymns, readings and prayers. Please join us and meet some of the residents of Mallard Landing.

Mallard Landing is located at [813 SE Clark Ave, Battle Ground](#).

**ARE YOU LOOKING
FOR A PLACE TO SERVE?**

Offering counters are needed.

Contact the church office at
360-892-4231

or

blcoffice@bethelbrushprairie.org



if you are interested in learning more about how to serve as an offering



**CSB Reunion
August 3-5, 2023**

Grab your fishing pole, pack your hiking boots, bring your family to join in the fun, and get ready for a full weekend of adventure and catching up with old friends at the CSB 6610 reunion this summer.

Bethel will be the base for all activities, which begin at 9:00 on Thursday morning. A day of fishing is planned at a prime location east of Cougar. Explore 81 acres of mature forest and open meadows on easy to moderate trails in the Salmon-Morgan Creeks Natural Area on Friday. The three-day event will culminate on Saturday, August 5, at 5:00 with a wrap-up dinner and evening program at Bethel.

For planning purposes, please RSVP to John Johnson at jjemail@copper.net or by phone/text at 360-909-4406.



**ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC
AT SUTERAS' AUGUST 27**

All Bethel members, families, and friends are warmly invited and encouraged to attend this annual event at the Suterases'!

- ⇒ Arrive at 4:30 PM
- ⇒ Begin eating at 5:30 PM
- ⇒ Bring your favorite dish to share
- ⇒ Be ready for fun and fellowship
- ⇒ Plates, utensils, some beer and wine, and nonalcoholic beverages will be provided

Contact Dean at 360-823-3426
dsutera45@msn.com
if you have any questions.



Musician Position Open: Worship Pianist

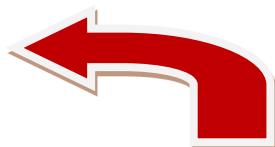
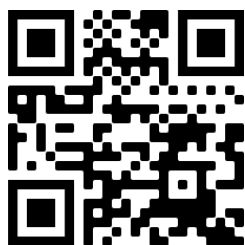
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Bethel Lutheran Church is seeking an experienced pianist to lead congregational singing for worship, 1-2 Sundays per month. Contact the church office for a complete job description and application information.



SCAN THE CODE ON YOUR DEVICE TO FIND THE JOB DESCRIPTION



**Join us for Worship at 10:00 AM
on Sunday Mornings!**

- ⇒ **In Person:** 12919 NE 159th Street Brush Prairie, WA
- ⇒ **YouTube Livestream:** The link can be found on the home page of our website at bethelbrushprairie.org
- ⇒ **Phone Patch:** Dial this number 360-729-0011. Put your phone on speaker and don't forget to hit the mute button.

Worship Assistants Schedule for August 2023

| DATE 2023 | USHER | USHER | GREETER | GREETER | READER |
|-----------|------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 6-Aug | Jim Fuerstenberg | Dick Wolf | Marlyne Olson | Maureen Smith | Ken Saylor |
| 13-Aug | Ken Saylor | Larry Kytola | Nanci Keenan | Jon Bradley | Candi Ehrich |
| 20-Aug | Dennis Stauffer | Neal Correy | Claudia Bottemiller | Kay Nock | Rick Hauser |
| 27-Aug | Jim Fuerstenberg | Ray Sell | Chad McCabe | Tara MaCabe | Randy Crawley |
| 3-Sep | Terry Smith | Dick Wolf | Marlyne Olson | Maureen Smith | Ray Sell |

| DATE 2023 | ASSISTING MINISTER | VIDEO | SOUND | POWER POINT | BROADCAST AUDIO |
|-----------|--------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 6-Aug | Eric Ogren | | Ken Bergren | John Sarver | Dustin Zumwalt |
| 13-Aug | Ken Saylor | Jim Bergren | Dustin Zumwalt | Bill Meisner | Ken Bergren |
| 20-Aug | Jim Bergren | Chris Kast | Eric Ogren | Laura Kast | Ken Bergren |
| 27-Aug | Charles Moon | Rob Moon | Ken Bergren | Amber Moon | Dustin Zumwalt |
| 3-Sep | Eric Ogren | Jim Bergren | Dustin Zumwalt | David Fleming | Ken Bergren |

| DATE 2023 | FLOWERS | |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 6-Aug | Nancy Fuerstenberg | Honor of Bethel Quilters |
| 13-Aug | | |
| 20-Aug | Eric and Lynne Ogren | 40th Wedding Anniversary |
| 27-Aug | Judy Bergren | |

AUGUST SCHEDULE
Thank you for serving!



Do you have important Bethel news?

You can send updates, or information to us!

Parish Admin: Bonnie Stauffer
blcoffice@bethelbrushprairie.org

Pastor: Lynne Ogren
blcpastor@bethelbrushprairie.org

A/V Ministry: Jim Bergren
blcav@bethelbrushprairie.org

Email Prayer Chain: Judy Wood
wildwood1@aol.com

RSTC Director: Marcy Sprecher
Marcy@rocksolid-teen.com

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SEPTEMBER 2023

Bethel Bell Newsletter Articles are due by August 17

Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs 9AM-3:00PM

Please call if you have questions.

Office: 360-892-4231



Today we ask for prayer for Judy Sutera, Marion Hume, Jody Huffstutler, Lucille Gukeisen, Denneva Coats, Sheryl Elder and Laurie Haynes.



We also 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.



Have you considered setting up automatic giving through your bank or credit union? It's usually done at no charge.

e-mail prayer.chain



Are you a part of Bethel's Prayer Chain?

Judy Wood will continue serving Bethel with the BLCW Email Prayer Chain Ministry.

You can contact Judy Wood at 360-904-0271 or by email at wildwood1@aol.com for your prayer chain requests.

Or Contact Judy Bergren for the phone prayer chain at 360- 666-9134 if you do not use email.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9:00—3:00
MONDAY—THURSDAY





August BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| Arvid Johnson | 08/01 |
| Matthew Elson | 08/01 |
| Emery Fowler | 08/02 |
| Aaron Willman | 08/05 |
| Larry Wolters | 08/08 |
| Anapreet Gill | 08/12 |
| Lynne Ogren | 08/15 |
| Robert Moon | 08/21 |
| Linda Bieker | 08/25 |
| Cindi Graves | 08/25 |
| Chuck Stavaas | 08/27 |
| Lois Donaldson | 08/30 |
| Morgan DeBroeck | 08/31 |



August ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Ron & Sue Gullickson | 08/16/1963 |
| Lynne & Eric Ogren | 08/20/1983 |
| Milt & Jan Kleven | 08/26/1960 |

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 update our list. 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

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

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. niece of Eric and Lynne Ogren, 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

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Christ Welcomes All

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