

The Bethel Bell



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October 2022 Bethel Bell Pastor's Page

There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place

And I know that it's the spirit of the Lord!

We have had a number of visitors come through our doors over the past several weeks. Some have been invited by our congregation, like our guest musician Lasana Kenneh and his wife. Others were travelers who found us on our website. And some visitors have been invited by some of you!

Consistently I have received similar comments from these newcomers saying they sensed a warm and welcoming presence here. I think that's something to be proud of!

When we talk about the future of the church—and our congregation particularly—we can often become discouraged. We have had a lot of funerals this year. Some of our elders and those with health concerns are no longer gathering with us. We would love to have more young people.

The number one way to attract new people to our congregation is by inviting people to come and experience this warm, welcoming spirit that we have all come to love and cherish. Sometimes it takes more than one invitation. We don't need to be pushy, but simply keeping the door open to come with us may be the gentle nudge that will eventually help someone say yes.

Sometimes it's helpful to invite others to something other than worship. Several people invited friends to the Holy Land presentation last month. Our Keenagers (that "keen" group of folks who aren't tied to work anymore) will be holding their first social gathering since before the pandemic. (See page 8)

We also have the return of the church bazaar this month, and the Thanksgiving dinner is coming up in November. Our BLCW brunches and Men's breakfasts are other easy events to invite your friends and neighbors to come to and see who we are.

Knowing that recent visitors have had a good experience may encourage us to extend those invitations to others that we intend to make but can sometimes feel shy about.

And if you meet someone new some Sunday morning, feel free to offer them a "Welcome Home" packet that tells a little more about Bethel.

You can find them on the Welcome desk in the narthex.

When we extend an invitation to our family, friends, and neighbors, we are really extending the love of God to them, because that spirit of warmth and welcome our visitors have experienced here is the Spirit of God who calls and gathers us into the Body of Christ.

In joyful ministry with you,
Pastor Lynne



**Pastor Lynne will be on vacation October 18-24.
Please contact the church office for any pastoral care needs during that time.**

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Bethel Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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

Bethel Family Ministry

Last spring vegetables were seeds in the ground, and now they are ready to be harvested and eaten! We **GROW** in faith by learning new stories about God, knowing more people who love God, and doing God's work by caring for others. Here are the stories the children will be learning in October. You are always welcome to stop in and share your stories of faith with us or join the adult class at 9:00 AM with Pastor Lynne.



OCTOBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.02.22 - 9:00 - 9:45 AM

- Lesson-A Seed of Faith Luke 17:5-10
- Kids will play a game called Faith Walk as they remember that God gives us all the faith we need.

10.09.22 - 9:00 - 9:45 AM

- Lesson-Ten Men Healed Luke 17:11-19
- Kids will practice during Sunday school time for an activity they are doing in worship on this day at 10:00 AM
- Kids will create a *Weaving Words* project to add to their Pentecost Tree.

10.16.22 - 9:00 - 9:45 AM

Today we will be having a fun project in the gym decorating gourds!

With a short lesson on-Jacob Wrestles Genesis 32:22-31 and The Widow and the Judge Luke 18:1-8) - During Pentecost we have the opportunity to explore the many ways we pray. We will talk about the opportunity to experiment with a variety of prayer practices and reminding us to be diligent in prayer.



10.23.18 - 9:00 - 9:45 AM

- Lesson-The Pharisee and the Tax Collector Luke 18:9-14
- Kids will create a Beaded Prayer Craft

10.30.2022 - 9:00 - 9:45 AM

- Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10
- Kids will participate in worship with their contribution to the **Noisy Offering** for the Rocksolid Teen Center that they have been collecting since September.



SCAN THE CODE
Bethel Website

STAY CONNECTED AND SEE
WHAT'S HAPPENING!





October Newsletter 2022

20 years of making an impact 2002-2022



Building new and healthy friendships is part of Rocksolid's Mission!

Open House!
Wednesday, Oct 12th 5:30-7pm
AT ROCKSOLID



Thank you to **ALL** who attended our ribbon cutting in honor of our 20th year! We are so grateful!

Welcome!

-LIZ PHILBROOK-
STAFF ASSISTANT

We are excited that Liz has joined our team at Rocksolid!



THANK YOU!

For supporting Rocksolid!
We raised over \$13k!!



Thank you, Bethel, for giving us a home!

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September Council Meeting September 13, 2022

Members Present: Linda Bieker, Ken Coats, Teresa Correy, Sandy Egan, Candi Ehrich, Jim Fuerstenberg, Nancy Fuerstenberg, Jack Graves, Chris Kast, Chad McCabe, Tara McCabe, Val Moon, John Sarver, Ken Saylor, Terry Smith, Erika Stauffer

Staff Present: Jim Bergren, Pastor Lynne Ogren, Bonnie Stauffer

Not in Attendance: Dottie Davis

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm, by Ken S.

Meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Lynne. Ken read our council mission statement.

Ken shared that the chairs in the entry of the narthex have been replaced. These chairs were purchased using Memorial Fund donations from Jan Saylor's family, coordinated by Candi E., Val M, and the deacons. The new seating area has already been enjoyed by church visitors. The old chairs are available to a good home, free delivery is available if needed. If they don't find a home within our church family, we will be donating them to an organization that supports a mission that fits with Bethel's – such as the NW Furniture Bank.

Separated into Boards at 6:40pm.

Attendees reconvened for council meeting at 8:00pm.

Treasurer's Report (Chris)

Financial summary based on bank statements.

- August: Deposits - \$27,246, Payments - \$20,856, Difference - \$6,390
 - YTD**: Deposits - \$243,305, Payments - \$257,305, Difference - \$-14,022
- **YTD summary includes the expenses related to new heating / cooling system

Board VPs received a summary of expenses to review from Chris. We will be reviewing how some expenses are reported to ensure that pass through money from memorial funds and honorariums are applied correctly. In addition, which items are coded to certain categories are correct for the expense.

Budget planning sessions for 2023 are being planned. Be thinking about you might need for next year so we can have a good plan in place to present at the annual meeting in December.

Board of Trustees (Jack G)

The Trustees have approved extending an offer of \$500/month to a choir director, who will lead vocal and handbell choirs. Initially the focus will be on choir, and handbells to be added later.

Urgent need to find additional counters. In order to expand the possible individuals to perform the task, we are asking the team to start counting on Sundays. This will hopefully help to train people and find individuals who might not be able to help on Tuesdays. Ken and other council officers will make an ask at upcoming services to hopefully find volunteers to fill this important role.

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Council minutes cont.

Annual budget planning is being discussed as Chris shared. Planning to meet with other VPs to work on budget for 2023. Also want to put together an equipment list to identify future replacement needs for these important (and usually critical) devices.

Chad has worked with Pastor Lynne, Jack, and others to prepare a stewardship kickoff letter to send to members along with a giving statement. They are planning to send out by the end of September.

Board of Deacons (Candi)

Choir practices are scheduled to start on Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30. We will not be having any additional gathering or worship activities on Wednesdays just yet, but plans are being discussed with further updates at a future council meeting.

The Holy Land presentation by Pastor Lynne and Eric will take place this Sunday, 9/18. The community has been invited to attend and snacks that highlight foods of the region will be shared.

This year marks 20 years that RockSolid has been supporting youth in our community. We will be celebrating this ministry and exciting milestone on September 25th. Pastor Lynne and Marcy will have a 'conversational sermon' to discuss the ministry work that RockSolid does, and all are invited to enjoy cake following the service.

The Bethel Bazaar is scheduled for October 29. Soup and muffins will be offered by the deacons, but there will not be a bake sale and vendors will not be allowed to sell food items. Both of the quilting groups will be raffling off quilts to support their ministry work. Proceeds from the bazaar will be used to restripe the parking lot.

A Halloween event is being planned for October 27 at noon. Costumes are optional and all are invited to attend. Thanksgiving dinner is planned for 11/20 following service.

Candi put together a survey to obtain congregants' input about Bethel's ministries. She will be incorporating input she has received and will be leaving out on tables and the entry desk in the narthex. Hopefully a direct approach to encourage members to fill out the survey will increase participation and response.

Board of Education (Linda B)

The nursery coverage plan is close to be finalized. There will be a list of who is scheduled to cover each Sunday posted. Ushers and greeters should share with members and guests who have young children that the nursery is available during worship if needed.

Education classes for adults and youth are scheduled to start this Sunday – 9/18. To help the youth connect more with their giving, they will be provided with their own 'bank' to collect change in. On noisy offering Sundays they will be encouraged to share their 'tithes' with the ministry that we are supporting that week. The first ministry that will be supported with the youth participation will be RockSolid.

Pastor's Report (Pr. Lynne)

Pastor Lynne shared that we have seen many visitors over the last few months. She has heard from many who shared that '*a warm spirit is felt here*'. They all feel welcome and enjoy our congregation.

We will be placing Visitor Cards in the pews and encouraging visitors to fill these out so we can connect with them following their visit.

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Council minutes contd.

The notes from our visioning and planning discussion that we had at the August Council meeting were posted on the bulletin board near the classroom. Pastor would like to plan to revisit them at future council meetings.

Closing (Ken)

Next meeting will be October 11th.

MSA to adjourn at 8:57pm and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Teresa Correy



ROCKSOLID IS CELEBRATING 20 YEARS AT BETHEL

If you'd like to give them a present consider donating to their annual school supplies drive... Here are some of the items on their "want list"

- Napkins
- Paper towels
- Kleenex
- Snack size paper plates
- Plastic silverware
- Paper cups (8 -12 oz)
- Black garbage bags (33 gal)
- Ziplog bags - all sizes
- Foil and Saran wrap
- Cleaning supplies - Clorox wipes, Windex, dish soap, dishwasher soap
- grocery store gift cards

And while you're shopping... our Bethel kitchen needs a little help too.. Some basic supplies we are running low on..

- Coffee - regular and decaf
- single serving coffee creamers
- powdered lemonade mix
- napkins

- tea bags
- single serving sugars/ and sugar substitute
- small plates
- gallon and quart size storage bags

October Quilting
Join one of the groups
in the fall.

Share House Quilters
2nd and 4th Monday
at 9am

Mission Quilters
2nd and 4th Tuesday
at 9am



Set-up for
Sunday Fellowship Hour
October - 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.



Pick up the phone and call someone. You just might be the bright spot

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October
Hostess: 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

Be thinking about where you might serve!



Nominations open for 2023 Officers



Circles meet on Tuesday, Oct 18th, at Bethel
Priscilla - 9:30am - Naomi - 1:00pm
Hope Circle - 6:30pm

Priscilla: Sylvia Vilander, hostess
Naomi: Tara McCabe, hostess
Hope: Candi Ehrich, hostess



KEENAGERS COSTUME PARTY POTLUCK

JOIN THE KEENAGERS-ALL ARE WELCOME!
FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN FELLOWSHIP



OCTOBER 27 AT 12:00



CONTACT

MAUREEN SMITH - 360-798-3166

OR GENI HAMMER - 360-931-7199



BETHEL BAZAAR



OCTOBER 29 | 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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BRUSH PRAIRIE, WA 98606

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SOUP AND PASTRIES WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE IN THE BETHEL KITCHEN

~QUILT RAFFLE~

THERE IS MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON ON THE QUILT RAFFLES
Both quilting groups are raising money for their quilting supplies.

THE BAZAAR TABLE FEES AND MONEY RAISED
FROM THE SOUP AND PASTRIES WILL GO TOWARDS
THE COST OF RESTRIPIING BETHEL'S PARKING LOT

Happening Soon

The Bethel Choir will begin practices on Wednesdays at 6:30pm beginning October 5th



Fall Stewardship

Watch your mailboxes for the annual Stewardship letter in the next couple of weeks.

If yours hasn't arrived by mid October give the office a call/.



THANKSGIVING DINNER

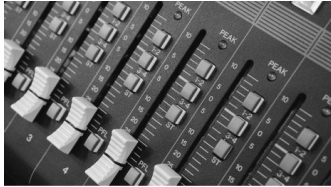
Our Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday November 20th at noon.

Bethel will provide Turkey - Dressing - Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Others are asked to bring sides, salads, and desserts.

This would be a great time to invite a guest!





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 for worship

In person 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 October 2022

| | Worship Asst | Reader | Greeter | Usher |
|--------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Oct 2 | Heidi DeBroeck | Terry Smith | Geni Hammer Maureen Smith | Jim Fuerstenberg Dick Wolf |
| Oct 9 | Ken Sayler | Ken Sayler | Nanci Keenan Jon Bradley | Ken Sayler Larry Kytola |
| Oct 16 | tbd | Ron Gullickson | Claudia Bottemiller Kay Nock | Dennis Stauffer Neil Correy |
| Oct 23 | Dottie Davis | Randy Crawley | Chad McCabe Tara McCabe | Jim Fuerstenberg Dean Vilander |
| Oct 30 | Eric Ogren | Jack Graves | John Johnson Gloria Johnson | Craig Ehrich Ken Coats |



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, Grace Wetter, Chuck Staavas, Judy Sutera, Nancy Fuerstenberg, Sandi Kytola, Jody Huffstutler, Lucille Gukaisen, 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.

Parish Admin: Judy Wood
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Pastor: Lynne Ogren
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Director of Family Ministries
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A/V Ministry: Jim Bergren
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RSTC Director
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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. go to TITHE.LY/GIVE to set up an account.

Masks are now optional at Bethel. Wear or not - according to your own comfort level.

Stay well!



November 2022
Bethel Bell
Newsletter Articles
are due by October 21st

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

Communion October 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.



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| Rachele Lindberg | 10/06 |
| John A Johnson | 10/07 |
| Les Huffstutler | 10/07 |
| Susan Barton | 10/07 |
| Harley Ray Sell | 10/08 |
| Sandy Egan | 10/09 |
| Eric Ogren | 10/09 |
| Christopher Kast | 10/17 |
| Carolyn Bergren | 10/18 |
| Carolyn Bomar | 10/21 |
| Elena Ferguson | 10/22 |
| Milt Kleven | 10/23 |
| Marcy Sprecher | 10/27 |
| Roger Webb | 10/28 |
| Samuel Kytola | 10/29 |
| Candice Ehrich | 10/29 |

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|------------------------|------------|
| Dan & Lori Lindberg | 10/01/1988 |
| Dick & Charlene Wolf | 10/05/1979 |
| Don & Audrey Fossum | 10/06/1950 |
| Earl & Paula Freimuth | 10/10/1982 |
| Eric & Marcy Sprecher | 10/16/1993 |
| Larry & Sandra Kytola | 10/28/1961 |
| David & Georgia Kramer | 10/29/2016 |

If you had a birthday or anniversary and are not listed, OR if dates are incorrect or incomplete,



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. 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.. Thanks!

| October 2022 | | | | | | November ▶ |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------|-----------|--|
| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
| | | | | | | 1 BLCW Brunch 10am 1pm Ella Remmi Service |
| 3 | 4 | 5 10am Pastor's Bible Study Class 6:30pm Choir practice | 6 | 7 | 8 | |
| 10 Share House Quilters 9am | 11 6:30 Board meet 7:30 Council meets Mission Quilters 9am | 12 10am Pastor's Bible Study Class 6:30pm Choir practice | 13 | 14 | 15 | Men's Breakfast |
| 17 | 18 Priscilla Circle 9:30 Naomi Circle 1:00pm Hope Circle 6:30 | 19 10am Pastor's Bible Study Class 6:30pm Choir practice | 20 | 21 | 22 | |
| 24 Share House Quilters 9am | 25 Mission Quilters 9am | 26 10am Pastor's Bible Study Class 6:30pm Choir practice | 27 12 noon Keenagers Halloween Pot Luck Cosume Party | 28 | 29 | Bethel Bazaar 9am - 4pm |
| 31 | 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

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You may visit us **on the web** at www.bethelbrushprairie.org

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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!**