



*In gratitude, Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church
amplifies God's grace, nourishes all creation, reaches
out, and builds community.*

- We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- Bethel Children, Youth and Family Ministry bridges generations to model, equip, and encourage a foundation of trust in God's story.

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Members and Friends of Bethel,

As you know, it is my honor and pleasure to serve as your pastor here at Bethel Lutheran Church. I have been blessed by this entire community in ways that I would have never imagined. I would like to stay for at least a few more years, if you will allow me such a calling. Having said that, I would like to inform you of a particular topic of discussion that I have had with the Board of Administrators and Mission Council over the last few months.

As a member church of the Minneapolis Area Synod, I am eligible for a sabbatical of up to three months after five years of continuous service at one location. At this point in our ministry together I have been here 6-1/2 years as your pastor. Therefore, I have asked the Board of Administrators and Mission Council to consider providing me with a three-month sabbatical in the spring or summer of 2020.

The sabbatical would give me the opportunity to do some focused study and step away from the daily routine of being a pastor for a while. It would also give you, the congregation as a whole, the opportunity to explore a particular area of ministry we have not yet explored, or expand on a ministry about which we are very passionate. Together, yet in our own ways, we would be able to enhance our ministry of choice and explore who we are 'on our own.'

You might wonder how this works. The short story is that we would apply for a grant to help with the finances of this project, and move forward if we receive the grant. The long story is a bit more complicated. As such, our leadership has formed a task force to work with the entire congregation, and me, in putting together a plan and submitting the grant application by April 11, 2019. For more specific information on the process, please check out <http://www.cpx.cts.edu/renewal>

We would be applying for a grant from the Lilly Foundation for Renewal of Clergy. This is a foundation that sees the importance of sabbaticals for both pastors and congregations. The Lilly Foundation has an incredible reputation for providing opportunities to enhance ministry all over the globe. As examples of projects, Calvary Lutheran recently used a Lilly Foundation grant to enhance their racial awareness, and Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church recently used a Lilly Foundation grant to be more informed about mental health issues and now have a trauma informed ministry that is succeeding quite well.

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Those were appropriate ministries for those congregations.
What would be the ministry we would start or enhance here at Bethel?
That is the question we have for you and for me.

We are more likely to receive a Lilly Foundation grant if we put together a program that enhances a ministry together, while your pastor steps aside and explores the same ministry in a different way. The grant would pay for staffing, training and materials for the congregation, and would also pay for my travel, housing, training and materials for the same ministry purpose. (Mary and I are planning to travel to Europe during this time, so I would explore the area of ministry we choose while I am across the pond.)

Some areas of ministry already suggested include: cultural sensitivity to our diverse neighborhood, spirituality and outreach, deaf culture awareness, mental health and healing, centering prayer and prayer in general, empowering lay leadership, and storytelling and the use of language.

What ideas do you have? Which of the above areas interest you? Write down your thoughts and ideas and give them to Laurie Hauge (haugelaurie@gmail.com), who will guide the task force to write the Lilly Foundation grant application.

And, as always, feel questions.

free to talk with me about your thoughts, ideas and

Pastor Brenda

Boy Scouts

In December, Bethel was approached by a 94 year old Boy Scout Pack and Troop looking for a new charter organization. After speaking with our current Girl Scouts, the leader of the Boy Scouts, and the Board of Administrators, we have agreed to be their charter organization. Details are being worked out and you will see more boys in our building, soon.



Jan. 6th

Bible Study, "The Epistle of James." Come join us as we learn about James, who teaches us what it means to love God with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength.

Jan. 13th

Join Sharon Rodi and Dr. Jen Kilps as we talk about "What does being Lutheran mean to you?"

Jan. 20th

Bible Study, "Desert Fathers and Mothers." If you thought these were social outcasts who just couldn't make it in this world, think again. They found a way to be faithful when the way was being distorted by the new institutional church.

Jan. 27th

"The King of Instruments - the voice of worship." Come join us as Phil Radtke explores with us how the organ works (including ours at Bethel!) and is built and why it became the preferred leading voice of churches around the world to lead congregations in singing.

Join us for these interesting Faith Forums. All are welcome!



From the desk of Dr. Jen Kilps, Engagement Coordinator

Greetings to you in this Christmas season!

Many of you know that I am a pastor's kid, or as we like to call ourselves, a PK. My dad is a jovial pastor, not unlike our own Pastor Brenda, but he is more strict about certain things. One of his pet peeves is that many ignore the fact that Christmas *begins on Christmas Day and lasts for twelve days, period*. Thus trees, Christmas jingles, and decorations should not be decorated, played, or put up until the 25th.

Of course in a household of two daughters and a wife who plays the organ, he fought a losing battle. We listened to Christmas hymns and carols as soon as the Thanksgiving leftovers were finished and had our tree up all of Advent. But he tried.

Christmas, indeed, STARTS on the 25th of December and finishes on the 5th of January. But to me and my family, as is true for probably MANY families, Christmas seems to end after dinner on Christmas Day. With all the hubbub and shopping and decorating and baking that happened during December, there doesn't seem to be much Christmas left for Christmas.

In the Lutheran tradition the Twelve Days of Christmas are referred to as Christmastide. It includes Saint's Days and traditions we have pretty much forgotten about. There is St. Stephen's Day, The Feast of the Holy Innocents, the day of Pope Sylvester, the circumcision of Jesus (maybe not the most exciting day to celebrate) and more. In the past, this was the time for caroling, for eating Christmas cakes (which traditionally took weeks to prepare). And Twelfth Night was often the biggest celebration of all with parties and the exchange of gifts.

Obviously we are not going to turn our own family traditions on their heads at this late date. But it is never too late to consider our Lutheran tradition to center us for this coming year. We can reflect on how we spent our time and energy. How did we focus during Advent? What has our Christmas consisted of?

I do not mean to bring up remonstrations. We are all guilty of the seductive trappings of a secular Christmas. My tree has been up since Thanksgiving. But it is not too late to regroup ourselves in the Christmas season. We still have days left. Let us take time and remember the spectacular miracle that is the birth of the Christ child in our broken world. The light that shines through the darkness. The Savior that has come to save us all. Merry Christmas, still!

Solar garden update from Novel Energy:

"I am pleased to report that we are pulling the needed building and electrical permits as we speak. We intend to start decommissioning the project on Wednesday, December 26th. Tobias Brown, our construction director will have primary responsibility for oversight on this project.

For your benefit, our current construction plan – highly dependent on winter weather is:

- ~ December 26th – project start and decommission of project (dismantling the system).

We expect this to take 2 days.

- ~ January 2nd – Start re-installing the racking, modules (panels) and inverters. We anticipate 10 working days to re-install.

I wish you the very best this Christmas season. If you have additional questions, please contact me.

Kurt Thompson | Chief Risk & Senior Operations Officer"

YOU'RE INVITED

Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church

3rd Annual Fundraiser

Saturday, February 16, 1:00—4:00 p.m.

2901 38th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55406

Get cranked to join in the Third Annual BOLD Festival: "1956 Bash." With fab food, gangbusters games, and silent auction items that will scream out the door, we will have a blast!

Come, expand your horizons, eat good food, laugh, and get to know our congregation. No worries if you don't know Sign Language, we are patient and kind, excellent communicators, and we will have interpreters available!

*What a fun Christmas Pageant!
Great job everyone!*

*Gretchen, Katie & Phil,
Thank you for all your work!*



Greetings, my friends,

I know that I typically don't write in the newsletter. However, I have the extra space, and I have been having an amazing year. I thought I would share some of it with you.

As many of you know, I was able to take my dream trip to my grandfather's home in Ireland this summer. It was more incredible than I could even have dreamed. I met my cousins and some nephews that I didn't know I had. I not only saw the house in which my grandfather lived, I was able to go in and hear stories about "those early days." This trip will remain with me forever. I am even working on obtaining my citizen status. At least at the moment, I am able to have dual citizenship.



Me with Mary & Jim Shannon in front of my grandfather's childhood home

As wonderful as that was, the more significant experiences I have had this year were in a Lay Leader course I took called "Listening for God's Call in a Changing World." This course, along with several trips to the Arizona / Mexico border, have provided a great deal of reflection and contemplation.



One of the volunteers

One of the most impactful trips to Arizona was working on and in one of the emergency shelters that was set up in response to ICE (Immigration & Customs Enforcement) dumping hundreds of migrants on the streets of Tucson and Phoenix in October. Setting up the systems necessary to take in 40 people at a time was mind boggling. We had volunteers sign up and be trained. We had a crew of cooks who prepared fabulous, healthy, familiar meals to the guests. We had a Bodega where the guests could find clothes and shoes that had been donated and organized by size/type. We had an area for laundry. The guests could put their laundry in the area, a volunteer would take it all home and wash it and return it later that day. These volunteers came from everywhere in the city, (and Mpls.) All denominations, professions, and backgrounds. It felt like people had been waiting for something tangible they could in these harsh times.
I was honored to be among them!

All that went into being prepared for the guests to arrive was incredible. And, nothing was more powerful than being able to witness the slow, cautious change of these tired, hungry and frightened people.

We greeted them as they were dropped off by ICE. We escorted them into the Fellowship Hall where they were given water and food and were greeted with smiles and open arms.



Escorting guests.



Getting to know the guests and hear their stories

By the time the next group of 40 arrived, the first group was much more comfortable and able to help the new guests feel at ease. What a gift to welcome the stranger, feed them, clothing them, and walking with them until we sent them on their journey to their sponsors.

As I write this, ICE continues to dump people on the streets, with no money, no food, and no way to know the next step. The emergency shelters continue to be the hands, and feet and heart of Jesus in this world. Indeed these are holy families in need and deserve love and care.

*I have forever been changed.
I will do it again.*

*"The kingdom of God is Good News for all of people, not just a few.
The kingdom of God is critical presence where there is critical need..."*

~Rev. Dr. Delle McCormick

May it be so!

Susie George
Your Office Manager





January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Church Building and Office CLOSED 6:30 PM Pentecostal Music Practice	2 10:00 AM NHS Art Group 10:00 AM NHS Yoga 6:00 PM Girl Friday Product 6:00 PM Improv Group 6:30 PM AA Group 7:00 PM Bethel Choir Rehea
6 9:15 AM Faith Forum 9:30 AM Confirmation 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Bethel Worship 1:00 PM Pentecostal Casa Worship 1:30 PM MN Casa Worship	7 9:00 AM NHS Senior Cards 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Open Gym	8 9:30 AM Operation Love 9:30 AM Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 AM NHS Exercise Class 10:30 AM Staff meeting 12:30 PM Ecumenical Text Study 1:30 PM NHS Knitting Class 6:00 PM Girl Scouts Troop Meeting 6:30 PM Mission Council 6:30 PM Pentecostal Music Practice	9 9:30 AM Pre-School Playgroup 10:00 AM NHS Art Group 10:00 AM NHS Yoga 6:00 PM Improv Group 6:30 PM AA Group 6:30 PM Open Gym 7:00 PM Bethel Choir Rehea
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January



Anniversaries

Cheri & Jim Olausen	Jan. 2
Mary & Ed Sunde	Jan. 11
Matewos Beraki & Guenet Haile	Jan. 20



Meet the newlyweds.
David & Kate Sunde
Married Dec. 22, 2018

Birthdays

Brock Hanson	January 1
Peter Laursen	January 1
Jaiden Lindgren-Mudek	January 1
Jade Talbot	January 1
Pearl Nelson	January 3
Jay Lovstuen	January 4
Pat Gramentz	January 5
Joan Dahlman	January 8
Karen Ramerth	January 9
Doug Psick	January 10
Grace Simons	January 10
Isla MacCallum	January 11
Alana Young	January 12
Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers	January 17
Jalen Jaspers	January 17
Sheila Nelson	January 17
Kristina Lair	January 19
Rita Moen	January 19
Kamden Riley	January 20
Barb Wandberg	January 21
Kingston Smedstad	January 22
Jeff Kevelin	January 24
Mario Rolack, Jr.	January 24
Bree Rice	January 26
Noreen Greer	January 27
Beverly Berg	January 29
Eric Soderberg	January 29
Cole Bresina	January 30
Jon Melson	January 30



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Pursuant to Article VII, Section 3,
a Meeting of Bethel Evangelical Lutheran
Congregation
is being called on
**January 27, 2019 following
worship.**

The agenda of this meeting includes:
the 2019 budget, elections, old business & the
annual report.

**COME FOR WORSHIP
& THE MEETING.**

JANUARY 2019 Sunday Servers

Jan. 6	Jan. 13	Jan. 20	Jan. 27
Epiphany	Justice Sunday	Baptism of Jesus	Fourth Epiphany
Worship ~ Kneeling Communion	Worship ~ Communion by Intinction	Worship ~ Communion by Intinction	Worship ~ Communion by Intinction
Scripture Readings	Scripture Readings	Scripture Readings	Scripture Readings
Isaiah 60:1-3	Luke 3:7-15	Romans 5:9-11	Isaiah 61:1-3
Matthew 2:1-12	Luke 3:16-22	Matthew 12:15b-21	Luke 4:14-21
Assisting Minister	Assisting Minister	Assisting Minister	Assisting Minister
Sharon Rodi	Susan Potratz	Lenore Bevis	Gene Rodi
Communion Assist	Communion Assist	Communion Assist	Communion Assist
Romell White	Bruce Gramentz	Les Johnson	Libby Krogh
Jen Kilps	Darlene Olson	Larissa Hoover	Kay Newborg
Aaron Warwick	Don Olson	Becky Johnson	Teondre Martinez
Lector	Lector	Lector	Lector
Stephanie Johnson	Matt Nordine	Chovan-Spence Family	Wendy Ledesma
Acolyte	Acolyte	Acolyte	Acolyte
Franklin Wohnoutka	Cyenna Resendez	Lizzy Kile	Lily Resendez
Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Ted Allison	Dean Anderson	Jerry Johnson	Dave Krogh
Darlene Olson	Mary Sunde	Susan Potratz	Jim Haraldson
Larissa Hoover	David Sunde		Stan Rosby
Tom Keating			
Toddler Care	Toddler Care	Toddler Care	Toddler Care
Paul Kile	Wendy Krogh	Chris & Katie Phillips	Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers
Hospitality	Hospitality	Hospitality	Hospitality
Becky Johnson	Romell White	Michael Hall &	Ann Allison
Sacristy	Sacristy	Sacristy	Sacristy
Stephanie Johnson	Paige Best	Becky Johnson	Romell White
Finance Team	Finance Team	Finance Team	Finance Team
Jim & Kristin Cleary	Don & Darlene Olson	Doug Psick	Les Johnson
Dan Hauge	Romell White	Ted Allison	Marilyn Newborg
		Dean & Janet Anderson	Kay Newborg
Altar Guild Team 4: Sharon Rodi, Karen McBride			



PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Joan Bargman	Jim Haraldson
Erin Gaines	Sue Dorumsgaard
Pikkarainen Family	Ayers
Bresina Family	Carrie Melhus
Sharon Warwick	Shirley Elavsky
Mary Sunde	Jeff Fossum
Jim Blomgren	Jerry Johnson
Karen McBride	Mel Olson
Ryan Summer	Dody Schlottke
Elaine Vogel	Joan Dahlman
Marshall Fossum	Puckett Family
Sheila Nelson	Ella Soderberg
Mike Simons	Teddy Gaines
Lenore Bevis	Joan Hurtovenko
Larissa Hoover	Janet Peterson
Jim Lair	Andy Martinson
Mark Walker	Pearl Nelson
Jan Walker	Audrey Campbell
Crystal Vaughn	Doris Christianson
Lynn Vaughn	

MEMBERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Robert Hundt
Katrei Bishop (Pr Brenda's nephew)
Emily Dorumsgaard (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' niece)
Adam Froisland (Pr Brenda's nephew)
Dwana Froisland (Pr Brenda's niece)
Brian Hansen (Kaka Day Hansen's husband)
Aaron Larson (Rosie Smith's grandson)
McLain Merical (Kathy Hundt's nephew)
Miles Napue (Barb Noethe's grandson)
Sean Young (Pr Brenda's godson)

Prayers of sympathy for
the family and friends of

Eula Johnson

Eula's Memorial service will be at Bethel
on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019 11:30 AM

RELATIVES & FRIENDS OF BETHEL MEMBERS

James Potratz (Susan's uncle)
David Potratz (Susan's brother)
Jane & Grant Kilps (Jen Kilps' parents)
Yi-Shioung (Hsu-hui Wang's father)
Joanne Wilberg (Marge Hauge's sister)
Keith Shaubach (Jan Walker's brother)
Joan Knox (Mark & Jan Walker's friend)
Jean Phillips (Chris Phillips' mom)
Tim (Pr B's Friend)
Ronald Moen (Shirley Elavsky's brother)
Sue & Wayne Woodard (Karen Warwick's parents)
Pamela Christi (Sharon Phillips' sister)
Marvin Entzel (Bryan Mann-Entzel's father)
Arlene Froisland (Pr B's sister)
Frank Gaines (Jim's dad)
Eunice Hellevik (former member)
Eloise Zenanko (Roberta's mom)
Dan Clausen (Sharon Warwick's brother-in-law)
Sharon (Hsu-hui's sister-in-law)
Gretchen & Louis (Larissa Hoover's parents)
Medaria Arradondo (Crystal Vaughn's cousin)
Susan & Dale Miller (Wendy Ledesma's parents)
Gabe Ness (Julie Hundt's husband)
John Hundt (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)
Ben & Nicole Blomgren family (Jim's family)
Paula Morgan (Romell White's sister)
Vi & David (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' mom/friend)
Sharrie Hansing (Norma Lanning's friend)
Cheryl (Karen McBride's sister)
Gwen Bity (Larissa Hoover's aunt)
Ann Baskett (Crystal Vaughn's grandmother)
Claire Tarr (Margaret Johnson's godchild)
Meghan (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' friend)
Andrea (Mona Falk's daughter)

Please call regarding pastoral visit requests.

Privacy rules do not allow hospitals and
care facilities to share information with us.

We depend on you to keep us informed.

Thank you!

612-724-3693 bethel@bethel-mpls.org

Daily Devotions for Lent



Faith Journeys from members
Bethel Lutheran Church

Thanks to everyone who signed up to write a reflection for our **Lenten Daily Devotion Booklet.**

Please remember that your text should be short – 300 words or less.

It should be emailed to susan_potratz@hotmail.com no later than **January 20** or you can turn in a handwritten copy to the office before that date.

Mark your Calendars for Bethel Lutheran's **1st Annual Tri-Wizarding Tournament** **January 26th at 3:00 PM**



Bethel's Tri-Wizarding Tournament will feature the houses of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in an afternoon of fun games that can be played by Wizards of ALL ages!

If you haven't been sorted yet,
this is your chance!

This will be a light afternoon potluck.
Expect signup sheets at a later date.

See you here!

Urban Arts Academy Preschool Extension

Some of you may know that the Urban Arts Academy has been housed at Calvary Lutheran Church for many years. This year we were approached by Urban Arts Academy to extend their preschool program with one classroom here at Bethel.

After looking at many questions and concerns regarding having children here, we are about to engage with Urban Arts Academy to provide a preschool location here at Bethel.

There are still a few questions regarding the fire safety of the building, which we hope to answer and remedy in January. And they may have the first part of a preschool starting as early as February 2019, in room 7 and 8 and at the nursery.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to talk to me.

Thank you. Pastor Brenda.

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C Y & F Committee:

Gretchen Mitcham, Chair

Wendy Krogh

Tom Keating

Katie Phillips

Anna Wohnoutka

**FEBRUARY
Publication Deadline:
Friday
Jan. 18th—12:00 PM**

BETHEL HERALD

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church



Free Movie and Snacks

A big-dreaming donkey escapes his menial existence and befriends some free-spirited animal pals in this imaginative retelling of the Nativity Story.

**Saturday, January 5
at Bethel Lutheran Church
3:00 PM Bring your friends!**