

July 2025

# COMMUNICATOR

A PUBLICATION OF BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

## "The Poles and the Defense of Freedom"

"General Kosciuszko... is as pure a son of liberty as I have ever known, and of that liberty which is to go to all, and not to the few or rich alone." Thomas Jefferson

The Poles have made significant, largely unnoticed, contributions to American and Christian freedom. On September 11 (9/11), 1683, King Jan III Sobieski of Poland led a coalition of Christian forces, including 30,000 Polish troops, in defeating the Ottoman army in their siege of Vienna. The Battle of Vienna resulted in the halt to the expansion of the Muslims into Europe and marked the beginning of the Ottoman Empire's decline.

In August of 1920 Marshal Jozef Pilsudski led Polish forces at the Vistula River in the Battle of Warsaw against the Russian Communists. The Polish victory resulted in the stop of the spread of Communism further into Europe, at least for a time.

In 1776 Thaddeus Kosciuszko showed up in Philadelphia armed with training from a military academy in Warsaw and a civil engineering education in Paris. He desired to enlist in the Continental Army to fight for the cause of freedom. John Hancock appointed him to be a colonel, and Kosciuszko set to work on establishing the defenses of several American forts.

Perhaps his greatest contribution came at the Battle of Saratoga. British General Burgoyne was unable to penetrate the defenses which Kosciuszko set up and suffered significant casualties. General Gates and Benedict Arnold finished off the British army. The American victory is credited with convincing the French to enter the war on the side of the Colonists. General Gates later wrote, "The great tacticians of the campaign were hills and forests which a young Polish Engineer was skillful enough to select for my encampment."

In modern times Poland gained its freedom from the USSR in 1989. Lech Welesa and comrades in the Gdansk shipyards were credited with successfully resisting the Communist government. As in most Western democracies there has been a struggle going on in Poland in recent years between secular and humanist values on the one hand and values more aligned with Christian principles on the other hand. A few weeks ago elections were held in Poland for the office of president.


Rafal Trzaskowski is the mayor of Warsaw. He is favorable toward the EU and other European organizations. He has favored same-sex marriage and laws promoting abortion. He has received support from American George Soros.

Karol Nawrocki is a historian who did his Ph.D. dissertation on the dangers of Communism. He campaigned on a platform of Polish patriotism, Christian values, and distrust of international organizations exercising authority beyond national borders. In February 2024 Russia announced that it was filing criminal charges against him for the removal of monuments commemorating the presence of the Red Army on Polish territory in the years 1944–1989. Nawrocki won the election with 50.89% of the vote and will take office in August. May the gospel and freedom continue to flourish in Poland.

Pastor Kurt



# JULY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	2 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11 am	3 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	4 	5 Care centers Services 9:45 am
6	7	8 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	9 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11 am	2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	11	12 Men's Breakfast 8am
13	14	15 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	16 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11 am	17 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	18	19
20	21	22 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	23 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11 am	24 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	25	26 Hike 8am JFOJ 10:30am
27 Hoving Home Visit	28	2 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	30 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11	31 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit		

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Sunday:

Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study @ 11:15 a.m.  
Bible Study @ 6 pm

**Wednesday:** Ladies' Book Club 10:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting - 11:00 a.m.

## July Birthdays

8th Cynthia Wunsch  
15<sup>th</sup> Bonnie Kooker  
16<sup>th</sup> Scott Hedlund  
30<sup>th</sup> Eva Chapman  
31<sup>st</sup> Donald Moberger  
31<sup>st</sup> Don Scott



## July Anniversaries

17<sup>th</sup> Jerry & Sue Wilbur  
22<sup>nd</sup> Dan & Eva Chapman  
26<sup>th</sup> Mike & Marti Barth





# Happy 4th of July

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** Guys, join us on Saturday, July 12, at 8 AM for a hearty breakfast, great fellowship, and a stimulating Bible study in Emmaus Hall on the church campus.

**CHURCH HIKE** On Saturday, July 26, at 8 AM we will meet in the church parking lot for our monthly hike. In this warm weather we go to one of the trails on Mt. Charleston. We provide a lunch for all of the hikers.

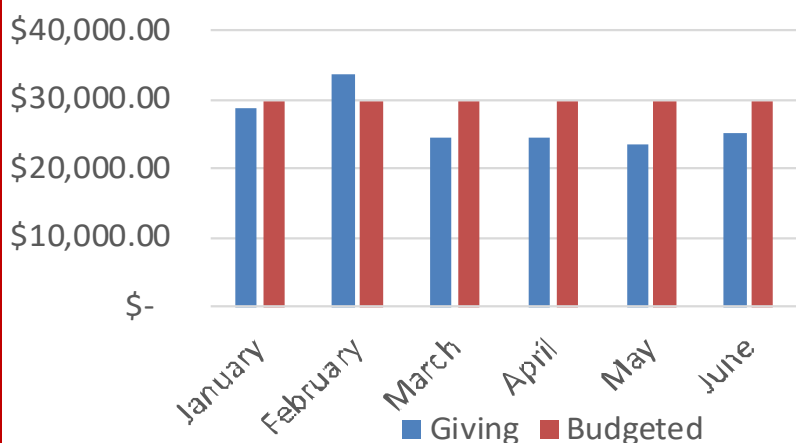
**Joy for our Journey** - July 26, 10:30, Joy for our Journey meeting:

## *Bethany's Vision Statement*

We desire to develop a loving, mature body of believers that is based on the teaching of God's Word, reflected in meaningful relationships with God and man and focused on reaching God's world.

IF YOU LOVE ME  
KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS  
IF YOU LOVE  
DO AS I SAY  
IF YOU LOVE ME  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER  
IF YOU LOVE ME  
TRUST AND OBEY

## Bethany Financials



Bethany's 2025 budget was based on receiving offerings averaging \$29,843.36 each month.

Year to date budget requirement was \$179,061.66 Year to date giving, through April, totaled \$160,535.95. Difference is (18,525.71)

Bethany Baptist Church  
210 Wyoming Street  
Boulder City, NV 89005

Happy July 4th

**S  
T  
A  
F  
F**

**Senior Pastor** - *Kurt Hedlund* - kurt@bethany.lvcoxmail.com  
**Admin Assistant / Music Director** - *Don Scott* don@bethany.lvcoxmail.com  
**Youth & Families Director** - *Daniel Chapman* danielvernonchapman@gmail.com

**B  
O  
A  
R  
D  
S  
&  
C  
O  
M  
M  
I  
T  
T  
E  
E  
S**

**2025 Boards**

**Board of Elders** - *Mike Barth, Chairman*  
**Board of Deacons** - *Daniel Chapman, Chairman*  
**Board of Deaconesses** - *Patti Childress, Chairwoman*  
**Christian Education Board** - *Eva Chapman, Chairwoman*  
**Property Maintenance Board** - *Eric Eskam, Chairman*  
**Missions Board** - *Rob Hedlund, Chairman*

**SERVICE TIMES**

***Parking Lot Service*** 8:00 am  
***Worship Service:*** 10:00 a.m.  
***Sunday School:*** 11:15 a.m.

**Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

***Telephone:*** 702.293.1912  
***Web Site:*** www.bcbethany.com

The ***Communicator*** is published monthly as a ministry of Bethany Baptist Church.  
For birthday and anniversary additions; changes in address; or removal from our mailing list;  
please contact the church office at 702-293-1912 or e-mail don@bethany.lvcoxmail.com.