

Bethany Lutheran Church

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“... nourished in the Word ...”



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September Newsletter 2019

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September Worship

Sundays

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Sunday School Begins

Sept. 8th, 9:15 AM

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Fall Ministry Start Dates

WEEKLY

<u>Bell Choir Practice</u>	Thursday, Sept. 12 th , 6:45 PM Weekly on Thursdays
<u>Choir Practice</u>	Monday, Sept. 9 th , 7:00 PM Weekly on Mondays
<u>Evening Bible Study</u>	Wednesday, Sept. 4 th , 7:00 PM Weekly on Wednesdays
<u>Lord & Ladies Bible Study</u>	Tuesday, Oct. 1 st , 10:00 AM Weekly on Tuesdays
<u>Luncheon Bible Study</u>	Monday, Sept. 9 th , 12:00 PM Weekly on Mondays
<u>Sunday School</u>	Sunday, Sept. 8 th , 9:15 AM Weekly on Sundays

MONTHLY

<u>Bethany Connect</u>	Sunday, Sept. 15 th , 11:30 AM Monthly, TBD
<u>Bethany Quilters</u>	Thursday, Sept. 12 th , 9:00 AM Monthly, 2 nd Thursday
<u>Council Meetings</u>	Tuesday, Sept. 10 th , 7:00 PM Monthly, 2 nd Tuesday
<u>Property Meetings</u>	Tuesday, Sept. 3 rd , 11:00 AM Monthly, 1 st Tuesday
<u>Senior Social</u>	Thursday, Sept. 19 th , 12:00 PM Monthly, 3 rd Thursday
<u>Yahweh Yarners</u>	Sunday, Sept. 15 th , 9:15 AM Monthly, 3 rd Sunday

New Address

Many of you remember Mildred Henricksen, long-time Bethany member who moved to assisted living last year. Mildred has now moved back to North Dakota to be closer to family. Former member Noreen Wright is only about 30 minutes away and they've already had a visit! Mildred's son picks her up to attend church with the family each week and she is getting all settled into her new community. Her new address is: 1621 5th ST NE, Apt. 15, Devil's Lake, ND 58301-2836; phone #: 701-544-0183, if you'd like to send a card or call.

Senior Social

Greetings from the Lunch Ladies! Over 5 years ago, an idea sprung forth to begin a new ministry. The Lord has blessed this ministry in so many ways. The Senior Social is a time to gather each month, share a meal, share our faith stories and have some fun! The third Thursday, September through June, we gather at noon in Litzer Hall. All are welcome. Please consider coming to have lunch and enjoy the fellowship. The Lunch Ladies are in the process of planning the next several months' menus and look forward to seeing you all!



Original Garden Founders

Calendar of Monthly Events

Property Meeting

Tues. Sept. 3rd, 11:00 AM, Library

God's Work, Our Hands

Sun. Sept. 8th, 9:00 AM, Cougar Mountain

Council Meeting

Tues. Sept. 10th, 7:00 PM, Litzer Hall

Bethany Quilters

Thurs. Sept. 12th, 9:00 AM, Litzer Hall

Yahweh Yarners

Sun. Sept. 15th, 9:15 AM, Library

Bethany Connect

Sun. Sept. 15th, 11:30 AM, Rm. 8/9

Senior Social

Thurs. Sept. 19th, 12:00 PM, Litzer Hall

Confirmation

Sun. Sept. 29th, 11:45 AM, meet in Litzer Hall

Worship & Music Meeting

Mon. Sept. 30th, 6:00 PM, Office

Food Bank Focus

The "urgent need" for September is peanut butter. It is especially helpful for children, homeless and senior clients. Thank you!



Annual Picnic

Luncheon Bible Study ~ Lola Putnam

This fall our church will gear up once again with small groups - be they Bible Studies (with at least 3 to choose from!) music (with two choices) Council, Sunday School, or other ministry groups. I believe it is important to connect with other people and small groups are a great way to connect. Jesus thought so, too. (He must have liked the number 13!)

As we've gone through life, Jesus has allowed us to pick "family" from the various places we've lived. Some were just for the moment, some for a lifetime. "Small groups" can become a family - folks who know you and love you anyway!

A small group of ladies meets on Mondays at noon at Kathy Mettler's home. The first hour is enjoying a salad luncheon (and we all bring a part of that) and catching up on the week with each other. The second+ hour is a Bible Study and time of prayer. And that prayer has changed lives!

We'll begin September 9th, which will be the conclusion of last spring's study on the minor prophets. Read Malachi in the Old Testament and join us! We'll start the book of John on September 23rd. There is room at the table for more women, so we encourage you to join us!

All Church Dinner & Auction

Through generous gifts and previous auctions, the Heating and Air System fund is growing and now is over \$10,000. To keep the momentum going toward our goal of \$25,000, there will be an All Church Dinner and Auction on **Saturday, October 12th**. The Property Committee is seeking help with the implementation of this event, most importantly, your gifts and talents of donations. Handmade items are always greatly sought out and bidding can go into a frenzy and the fun begins! Theme baskets are also a fun item. Dinners cooked by members or desserts for a year have been very successful... the ideas are endless. New items only, please.

Thank you to Clay Ching for agreeing to be our Auctioneer, and Carrie Ching for coordinating the auction set-up. We still need help with food prep, the finance table, and decorating. The month of October was chosen, and the theme is Oktoberfest. If you have always wanted to cook an Oktoberfest meal... now is your chance. Creig Kuwitzky has traveled to Germany a few times and experienced the food and fun of Oktoberfest. He has agreed to help.

This is Bethany's event, and we pray that you will be called to be part of this special time. All proceeds will benefit the Heating and Air System fund. For questions or to volunteer to help, talk to anyone on the Property Committee: Garry Olson, Kirk Woodward, Kerry Harris, Greg Johnson, Dewaine Selzler, Gary Pollock; or your Council liaison to the Property Committee, Nancy Woodward.



Rededicating the Garden

In the Garden

On Sun. Aug. 25th at the Annual Picnic, our garden was rededicated, and a plaque was put up commemorating Pastor Galen Gallimore's founding of the garden in 2012.

This year the garden has supplied the Spanaway Food Bank with crookneck and yellow squash, cabbage, kohlrabi, cucumbers, red and green peppers, peas, bok choy, lettuce, and tomatoes from the garden this year. Pumpkins are next! Thank you to all who have weeded, watered, planted, harvested, and taken produce to the Food Bank.

Financial Update

	July	
	Anticipated	Actual
Beginning Balance		\$10,303.45
Receipts	\$19,851.00	\$18,513.47
Disbursements	(\$18,968.00)	(\$17,990.72)
Ending Balance		\$10,826.20
	August	
	Anticipated	Actual
Beginning Balance		\$10,826.20
Receipts	\$17,351.00	\$15,242.26
Disbursements	(\$20,093.00)	(\$17,983.84)
Ending Balance		\$8,084.62

Budgeting

The Budget Committee will be starting work on next year's budget soon. All committees/ministries are asked to help by submitting budget requests to the office by Nov. 1st. If you need a copy of last year's budget and/or an accounting report for this year, please call the office.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who gave to our Back to School drive. We have helped many children have a better school year!

Thanks to everyone who donated a prayer shawl! Please make sure that you signed a card with your name in it and put the card in the baggie with your shawl. Cards are on the shelf with the shawls, by the sign-out sheet.

We Pray For ...

- Georgiana Wills – broken hip
- Family of Bonnie McGuire – as they mourn
- Dean McDonald – cancer diagnosis
- Teresa VanOrman – recovering from brain surgery
- Lisa Olson – recovering from heart surgery
- Marc Olson – ongoing treatment of ALS
- Beulah Parsons – home on hospice
- Lew Samdal – broken ankle
- Leanne Wells – vascular parkinsonism

Council Members

April 2019-March 2020

Nori Cash

President

Nancy Woodward

Vice-President

Wendy Smitherman

Secretary

Inez Hollmann

Treasurer

Cathy Keyes

Lisa Olson

Frank Putnam

Pastor Janeen Smith

Loaned Book

Quite some time ago, Sally Williams loaned out a book called, "Grandma Gatewood's Walk." She can no longer remember who it was loaned to, but she'd love to have it back!

Help Needed

I need help with lawn care, and would like to hire a youth member, if possible. You will need to have knowledge of operating a riding lawn mower, a regular push mower, and a weed eater. You will also need to be able to pull the cords to start the push mower and weed eater, as well as lift/empty the bags from the riding mower when they are used. Ear and eye protection provided. There may be some other smaller yard work jobs as well. Pay is at least minimum wage, but I'm generous if you do well. There are only a few months left for this season, and it would be every other week - starting asap! We can discuss the future. You will need to provide your own transportation. ~ Candice Crosetto (my number and address are in the church directory)