Justice League- June 29th Meeting- Minutes

The Justice League of Bethel Lutheran Church seeks to follow in the words of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

As a group, The Justice League seeks to promote:

* Conversation about immediate and ongoing issues of justice in our community
* Connection to organizations, people, and ministries that are already doing the work of justice around us
* Collaboration with other organizations/people/ministries to best understand and support our community's needs
* Community building inside and outside our walls to promote justice, mercy, and healing

-Opening Prayer- Beth

-Check-in with each other- how are we doing?

Old Business:

* Bethel supported the Showing Up for Racial Justice Pro Democracy Community Picnic in May by prepping and cooking 150 servings of Mac n Cheese. Money raised from the lunch will be donated to the three organizations that participated (Coming to the Table, Rainbow Ridge Social Club, and League of Women Voters).
* Members of Bethel have been supporting ARE in their efforts to renovate their building for the new LGBTQ Center, RISE, through painting and laying ﬂooring, as well as creating a library at the center. Open House was Monday 6-30-25. Bethel Lutheran is listed as a Founding member on the Members Plaque in RISE.
* Members attended the Gather and Grow get-togethers and WWFF meetings, as well as the No Kings Rally in June and the Community Kindness Fair in May.
* Logo- Mel Seibert continues to work on a logo for our group

New Business:

→ Opportunities to collaborate

# NAACP and voter registration-

We agreed that this could be a doable project for us to collaborate with NAACP. Contact Jerry Stollings at jerrystollings@gmail.com if interested in participating. Voter registration training can be found at this link [https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/registration-drives/voter-registrat](https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/registration-drives/voter-registration-training/) [ion-training/](https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/registration-drives/voter-registration-training/)

As well as on the League of Women Voters website: https://my.lwv.org/virginia/event/virtual-voter-registration-training

* Frederick Douglass Park Club- need volunteers for **Community Flea Market 7/19** and **Family Day Weekend 8/1-8/3** -contact winchesterfamilyday@gmail.com if available
* John Copenhaver shared that the **Valley Interfaith Council and the Interfaith Alliance for Climate Solutions** are collaborating on some upcoming rallies- talk to John if interested.
* **Latin Festival organized by Just Neighbors on Sept. 20th**- looking for sponsors.
* Mel shared that some Bethel members are interested in forming an **LGBTQ+ Bible Study/Social Group**. Anyone interested please reach out to Mel Seibert.

Future Events:

* Good Trouble Rally- July 17th from 6 to 8pm on the Winchester Walking Mall
* Safe Zone training- ARE Center on July 22nd from 6 to 8pm
* Gather and Grow get together- July 30th at Vibrissa in Winchester 6- 8pm
* Winchester Pride- Oct. 4th- Bethel booth, sign up ready in September

# We agreed to meet on the Fourth Sunday of each month after church. Next meeting will be July 27th.

Closing Prayer- John Copenhaver