

2018 Annual Ministry Reports



Bethel Lutheran Church

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A community growing deeper in faith and wider in love.

Bethel Lutheran Church Leadership

Council Members for 2019

President – Traci Shoberg
Vice President – Julie Shanabrook
Secretary – Tom Milburn
Treasurer – Rose Pierce

Michael Asmussen
John Fredericksen
Beth Garner
David Griffin
Vonda Wilt

Ministry Board Chairs for 2019

Worship Board – Pastor Dave
Servant Board – Beth Garner
Learning Board – Michael Asmussen

Congregational Life Board – David Griffin
Prayer and Care Board – Vonda Wilt
Ministry Support Board – John Fredericksen

Staff Email Addresses

Pastor David Young
Director of Youth & Faith Formation (Bryan Jaster)
Directors of Music Ministries (Sue Correll)
Director of Office Ministries (Terri Hollingsworth)
Director of Finance (Kim Williams)
Director of Facility Management (Cliff Crowder)
Director of Information Management (Pat Shields)
Parish Nurse (Edie McGoff)
Director of Custodial Services (Patty White)
Director of Nursery Care (Gretchen Meade)

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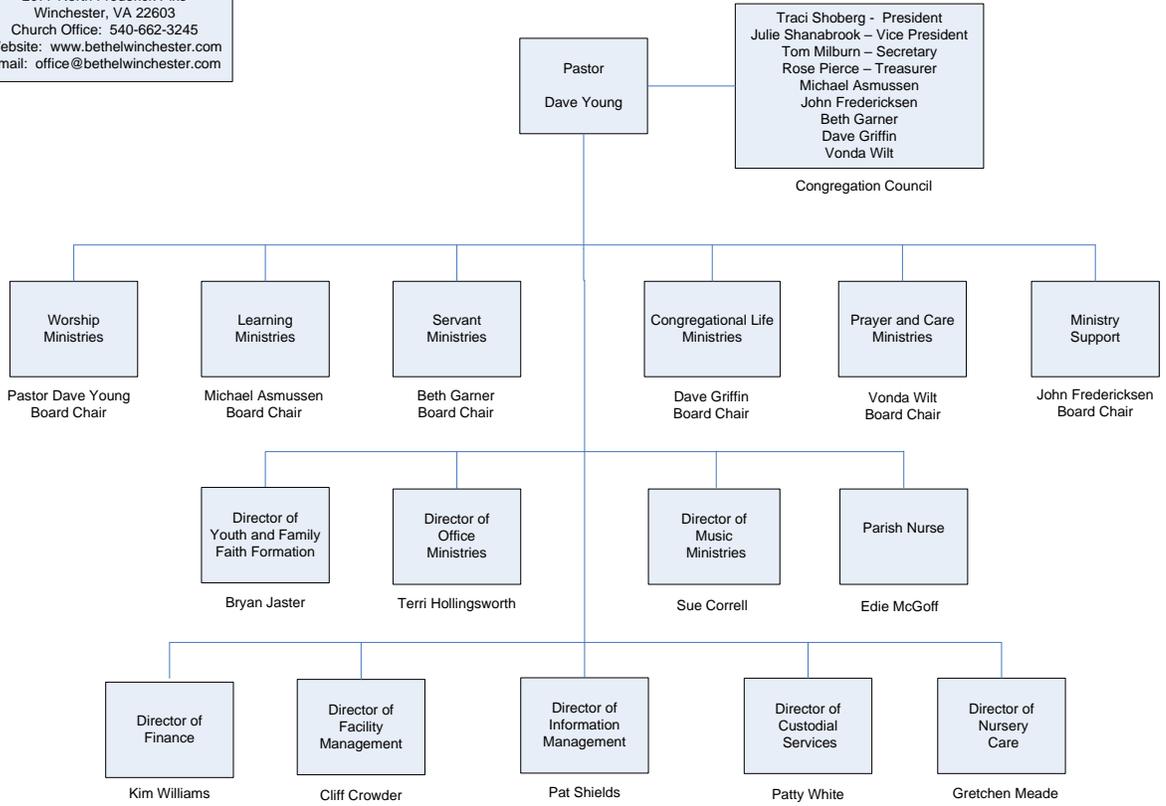
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Pastor David Young	Pastor	105
Bryan Jaster	Youth and Family Faith Formation	104
Terri Hollingsworth	Director of Office Ministries	100
Sue Correll	Director of Music Ministries	102
Kim Williams	Director of Finance	103
Cliff Crowder	Director of Facility Management	106
<i>Additional Phone Locations</i>		
Conference Room		112
Kitchen		113
Student Center "Underground"		116

Bethel Lutheran Church Organizational Structure

January 2019

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Annual Pastor's Report

*I pray that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith,
as you are being rooted and grounded in love," Ephesians 3: 16-17*

Some significant events from 2018:

- 1) Much of the year was spent organizing, leading, and implementing our intentional time of visioning, **Bethel Reforming**. Through cottage visits in parishioners' homes, we came out with three areas of intentional emphasis: **Implementing God's Mission for Bethel** (i.e. developing an organizational structure and staff that is flexible for today's world), **Supporting God's Mission for Bethel** (i.e. identifying strengths and strategies for ministry within the congregation and creative ways to financially support our mission), and **Sharing God's Mission from Bethel** (i.e. developing ways to "brand" our ministry in the community as well as engage the ministry of our community that is already happening). These areas of intentional emphasis are shaping our **2020 Vision**.
- 2) We again participated in the **ELCA National Youth Gathering** in Houston. Our youth were amazing as always through our service and our learning to live and love like Jesus.
- 3) During the summer, our **congregational BBQs** were a huge hit for our congregation. Finding time to be with one another and learn with and from one another was a great gift this year. We look forward to more of the same in 2019. Likewise, for the first time in many years, Bethel hosted a **"Beach Week" at Kure Beach** Lutheran retreat center. We hope this will continue to be an amazing fellowship opportunity for our congregation.
- 4) We began a wonderful new relationship with **Bright Futures** and their commitment to making food available for school children in our area. We are looking to build upon this serving relationship with greater emphasis in 2019.
- 5) Our quilting ladies were able to offer **over 100 quilts** to Lutheran World Relief in 2018. An amazing achievement!

Some statistics: We received **22 new members** in 2018, including 7 baptisms (**4 adults**). Our average worship attendance was **217** (Sundays with 2 services). During the Summer, we averaged **159** at our one 9:30 service. On Easter we had **369**, on Stewardship Sunday we had **166**, and on Christmas Eve we had **over 600** between Christmas in a Barn and our Candlelight communion service.

I am so appreciative of our staff. **Bryan Jaster, Terri Hollingsworth, Kim Williams, and Pat Shields** are gifted and faithful and through their ample talents keep the office and ministries of Bethel running efficiently and joyfully.

I am so thankful for **Sue Correll** and, upon his return to Winchester, **George Donovan** who have been instrumental in making our worship and music ministry continue to be a highlight of each Sunday morning.

Finally, **Patty White, Cliff Crowder** and **Gretchen Meade** are valuable team members whose efforts behind-the-scenes help to make Bethel thrive! We couldn't do what we do without them.

I would also like to thank our Bethel Council for their leadership this year. **Tom Milburn** has served as President for 3 years now and is a strong and calm presence whose faithfulness has been a great gift to our congregation and to me personally. Our executive team of **Traci Shoberg, Julie Shanabrook, and Rose Pierce** have been faithful leaders and wise counselors. I am very excited about this group, in a different configuration, leading us again in 2019.

Our other council members served as Board Chairs and they have been so helpful. **Dave Griffin** (Congregational Life) and **Beth Garner** (Servant) have gone above and beyond, **Pat Blevins** (Prayer and Care) and **Mike Asmussen** (Ministry Support) were active and steady hands, and **Trevor Brazelton** (Learning) brought his own colorful leadership too! I appreciate each of them for their efforts and value their faithfulness.

This upcoming year, 2019, will be an adventure! At least I hope it is. I hope that we take the time to adventure into the future, not always certain what the future holds, but confident that God holds that future, whatever it may be. We will be trying some new things, leading in some different ways, and seeking to be a church for the 21st century. I am committed to listening for where God is present with us here at Bethel but truly excited to see where God is calling us to go. And this is what I hope will be our mantra for 2019 – Go!

Go in mission Go in service Go in faith

Finally, a sincere and heartfelt **Thank you** for all the ways that you have gone above and beyond to help support Bethel as we strive always to be *a community growing deeper in faith and wider in love!*

In Christ, Pastor Dave

MINISTRY INCOME

REGULAR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Envelope & Loose Offerings	\$435,741	
SUBTOTAL TITHES & OFFERINGS:		\$435,741

FACILITY USE INCOME

Other Facility Use	\$21,570	
SUBTOTAL FACILITY USE:		\$21,570

OTHER INCOME

Interest & Investment Income	\$ 672	
Thrivent Choice	\$9,378	
SUBTOTAL OTHER INCOME:		\$10,050

TOTAL MINISTRY INCOME: \$467,361

MINISTRY SPENDING

COMMITMENT TO THE WIDER CHURCH

Virginia Synod Benevolence Commitment	\$12,000	
SUBTOTAL WIDER CHURCH:		\$12,000

WORSHIP

Altar & Sanctuary Care Ministries	\$239	
Music Ministries	\$5,076	
Resources & Publications	\$2,123	
Special Events-Christmas in a Barn	\$447	
Other	\$2,177	
SUBTOTAL WORSHIP:		\$10,062

LEARNING

Curriculum & Supplies	\$3,079
Annual & Special Events	\$138
Vacation Bible School	\$1,005
Other	\$373

SUBTOTAL LEARNING: \$4,595

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Youth	\$1,892
F3-Children's Group	\$55
Adults	\$196
Annual & Special Events	\$3,597

SUBTOTAL CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: \$5,740

SERVANT

WATTS	\$0
Feed the Need	\$0
Other	\$657

SUBTOTAL SERVANT: \$657

CARE

Welcome Baskets	\$0
Greeting Cards	\$60
Funeral Receptions	\$116
College Care Packages	\$48
Faith Community Nursing	\$0
Other	\$49

SUBTOTAL PRAYER & CARE: \$273

STEWARDSHIP

Leadership Development and Recruiting	\$3,007
Communication	\$2,802
Devotional Materials	\$271
Supplies and Materials	\$1,735
Other	\$0

SUBTOTAL STEWARDSHIP: \$7,815

STAFF PAYROLL

Salaries	\$224,015	
Taxes & Benefits	\$85,258	
SUBTOTAL STAFF PAYROLL:		\$309,273

ADMINISTRATION

Office Supplies	\$2,413	
Shipping & Postage	\$1,224	
Copier Lease and Printing	\$5,356	
Equipment Repairs & Upgrades	\$1,195	
SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION:		\$10,188

UTILITIES

Alarm Monitoring	\$731	
Electric	\$15,328	
Gas	\$25,832	
Telephone/Internet Access	\$6,196	
SUBTOTAL UTILITIES:		\$48,087

FACILITY

Repairs & Materials	\$13,300	
Lawn Care & Snow Removal	\$9,755	
Trash Removal	\$2,383	
Pest Control	\$829	
Cleaning Supplies	\$1,555	
Insurances & Licenses	\$12,369	
Hospitality Ministries	\$2,870	
Other	\$966	
SUBTOTAL FACILITY :		\$44,027

MORTGAGE LOAN EXPENSE

Mortgage Loan Payments	<u>\$16,663</u>	<u>\$16,663</u>
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TOTAL MINISTRY SPENDING:	<u>\$469,380</u>
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INCOME (LOSS):	<u>(\$2,019)</u>
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MORTGAGE LOAN

Principle remaining as of December 31, 2018	<u>\$208,971</u>
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Contributions needed each year to pay monthly mortgage	\$25,644
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JUBILEE CAMPAIGN RESULTS

Principal Balance at December 31, 2012	\$797,768
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Principal Balance at December 31, 2018	\$208,971
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Overall Decrease in Principal Balance	<u>\$588,797</u>
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DESIGNATED MINISTRIES as of December 31, 2018

FOR THE WORLD

World Hunger Appeal	\$4,596	
Tanzania Missions	\$2,015	
The Philippines Missions	\$2,702	
Guatemala Missions	\$105	
India Missions	\$50	
Global Auction	\$913	
General Missions	\$183	
Global Christmas	\$6,690	
CCS Sponsorships	\$5,570	
Harvest Sunday	\$1,817	
Hurricane Relief	\$70	
Wildfire Relief	\$225	
Nets for Nets	\$255	
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	SUBTOTAL:	\$25,641

FOR THE COMMUNITY

CCAP	\$3,923	
Good Samaritan	\$2,290	
Bright Futures	\$500	
Faith in Action	\$75	
WATTs	\$302	
Lenten & Advent Food Drives cash	\$70	
Jones/Joyner Music Fund	\$4,332	
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	SUBTOTAL:	\$11,692

FOR THE BETHEL COMMUNITY

Student Mission Scholarships	\$690	
Mortgage Principal Payments	\$27,895	
Youth (Easter, other)	\$3,656	
Seminarian Fund	\$1,900	
Bethel Park & Scatter Garden	\$9,317	
Memorials	\$1,357	
Endowment	\$0	
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	SUBTOTAL:	\$44,815

TOTAL DESIGNATED:

\$82,148

Youth and Family Ministries

Stories of the mission and ministry of youth and families forming faith together in 2018....

Word of the Year → **Vibrant!** God created New, Vibrant life in our community in 2018!

Vibrant Faith is Forming our every night, every home revolution at a slow, evolutionary pace launched by high school youth called Faith5 continues to grow in the character and competency of Jesus. Our holy little enrichment of sharing, reading, talking, praying and blessing has caught on at our home away from home Camp Caroline Furnace in every cabin summer 2018 and our freshmen sing, play, art, and hear faith nightly in families in our Confirmation journey called Living the Faith. Favorite blessing of our youth: *God bless this mess!*

Vibrant youth events are a huge gift to our youth and congregation. New this year was a youth Fall Kickoff Retreat at Camp Caroline Furnace which gathered new youth into our community and took us horse back riding. The play, laughter, faith filled art creations, singing, worship and hiking together were priceless gifts. Our synod youth events continue to be vital up on the mountain at Eagle Eyrie. This year's 7th Day, Lost and Found and Winter Celebration were glorious and "life changing".

Exploding Stars, Dead Dinosaurs and Zombies! High youth school went on a new 5 week adventure learning about the great gifts science has to our faith. We got to make some explosions, hear from science giants of old, and learn from a current science nerd. "I never knew how important science and faith are to each other" was heard often.

Our year of **Confirmation** continues to be a vibrant gift freshman students, families and mentors who learn the information, imitation and innovation of making disciples of one another. Confirmation camp and the story of Luke were tremendous through the leadership of Pastor Dave, Bryan Jaster and many synod pastors. Youth remarked "Jesus really cares for the poor more than we do!" ☺ The closing gathering around the labyrinth, meal and worship on reformation is powerful, holy time. Our 5 youth sharing faith on reformation Sunday captivated our community.

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING! July 2018 over 30,000 ELCA Youth and Adults gathered with 21 from Bethel who journeyed for a week serving, learning and celebrating life as Jesus' people together. We served and learned with Fuller Institute rebuilding homes in Southeast Houston for 3 days and heard stories of flooding, crisis and rebirth. We continue to find God's grace Changing Everything and learn from the holy time our Youth Gathering brings! New this year were 2 events supporting the ministry of our youth: "Love Changes Everything" – a fancy, valentine's themed dinner and "Mother's Day Cake Auction". They were hits and we plan to do again in 2019!

Bethel Week at Camp – Our relationship with Camp Caroline Furnace is Vibrant! In June we raised over \$3,000 toward summer camp camperships. We had 20 children and youth from Bethel go to camp for "This Changes Everything" based on Ephesians 2:8. This year our youth memorized a hip hop dance song and led it every day at camp! Everyone serves, worships, prays, listens, loves, heals, plays, and learns at camp! Our youth director serves as camp chaplain for the week.

Vacation Bible School – "Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus" 2nd week July brought over 50 kids, 15 youth and 15 adults together for a glorious week learning about how God rescues us in daily life. We went OUTSIDE taking advantage of the amazing Bethel park for a wondrous week. We partnered with Bright Futures for food needs and Lutheran Family services to supply the summer therapeutic day treatment program with science and math educational materials.

Service Learning – Disciples serve and learn the ways of Jesus. Youth cook and serve meal for WATTS. White Sock Drop with Teens Opposing Poverty gives us all a glimpse at the daily challenges for those living on the streets. We prepare with 7 congregations for an all day adventure serving on the streets of Winchester in 2019!

Youth Mission in Guatemala – In August our youth committed toward returning to our school La Escuela Integrada in Antigua, Guatemala in the summer of 2019 to listen, serve, purchase "estufas" for families, bring food to people during home visits and return home with the story of Jesus. This is a vibrant, unique relationship that is helping many youth discover Vocation as we with the many children and families of the school. It is a Vibrant time to be church together! Let us love and live like Jesus together in 2019!

In the hope of the empty tomb,
Bryan Jaster

Servant Board Report 2018

BRIGHT FUTURES- Team Leaders, Bryan Jaster

- Children gathered specific food and educational supplies most needed during Vacation Bible Camp week July 8-13
- Youth and Families served at Bright Futures Warehouse four times with Summer Supper Service Church
- Youth Director served on Bright Futures Frederick County team which organizes events, back to school stuff the bus campaign and helps plan for long term needs.

HARVEST SUNDAY- Team Leader, Julie Shanabrook

Harvest Sunday 2018 involved 15 hours prep time for our team and more hours for the church members who brought goods to sell. I used the Thrivent seed money to purchase most of the baked goods and some of the produce, and also received donations of produce from 3 area farm stands (Marker Miller, Klines, West Oaks). Over \$1800 was raised to donate to Lutheran World Relief for its work in West Africa in Niger.

In addition, we celebrated together as a church with members staying for over 2 hours at Harvest Sunday. Scheduling the event on the same day as the August potluck went great. We also didn't have to move the tables as far! Recommend still using the tent to separate the events. Would be nice to have live music out there...

Goals for 2019: get more members to bring in homemade goods (ask personally), generate enthusiasm for the event (children's sermon, print veggie heavy recipes on back of reminder card and hand out 2 weeks in advance) educate congregation more about the recipient(s) of the proceeds over the 3 weeks leading up to the event, consider foodKIND as an alternate recipient of at least part of our donation. This event will take place August 11 for 2019.

HOEDOWN- Team Leader, Dana Francis

The Hoe Down continues to be a well-attended, and much appreciated activity at Bethel. The shift over the past few years has been the addition of group home clients as well as families of the clients. The flexibility of having indoor and outdoor space to hold the event, and the ability to change at the last minute, is a big benefit. This past year, the event was held outdoors with beautiful weather. Every few years, the Hoe Down conflicts with a NW works camp. This was the case for this past year. Our numbers were a bit lower than normal. I feel that keeping the date consistent is more important than trying to shift the date to accommodate NW works on the occasional times there is a conflict. We continue to have a good response of support from the Bethel community (we have 12 volunteers signed up for 2019). I feel this ministry remains important to the greater community and I remain willing to organize it for 2019 –Dana

GODS WORK OUR HANDS (new ministry team)- Team Leader, Shari Fletcher

This is a Synod Wide dedicated day of service, gathering to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. We assembled over 60 sandwiches and 150 laundry kits for CCAP clients and gave brownies and giant thank you cards to three local fire departments and local police stations. This was a great intergenerational program that we hope to expand in 2019 to benefit more community organizations and to include a community action team as well as a blood drive. This event will take place on September 8 in 2019. This ministry needs a team leader for 2019.

GLOBAL MISSIONS- Team Leader, Bruce Lothrop

The Global Mission Team had a good year in 2018. A few highlights follow:

2018 Global Christmas totals raised were as follows:

CCS \$1,200.00

MGLSS \$1,195.00

Selian Lutheran Hospital/Plaster House \$1,370.00

Bethania Kids \$1,475.00

La Escuela Integrada \$1,715.00

In addition, the Global Missions silent auction in November raised \$913.00 and an additional \$183.00 in congregational giving. In conjunction with Bethel Youth, there will be a trip to Guatemala in July 2019. It is especially gratifying to see the enthusiasm of four students who will be returning for their second trip to visit Escuela Integrada (Sophie and Darby Garner, Connor Lothrop, and Payton Grooms.) It is a blessing to be able pass a passion for Global Mission on to a new generation.

OUR FAMILY- Team Leader, Mack Cain

Our Family continued to actively use the Discipleship Hall space for their weekly gatherings in 2018. We provided gift cards to the participants as part of their Christmas celebration. Sadly, Our Family is moving to the Northwestern CSB campus in Front Royal in January 2019. They will be missed and we wish them all the best.

RETURNING THANKS- (Need Team Leader for 2019)

We gathered twice this year- once on Good Friday and again on the second Saturday in November. On Good Friday, we had a great group of volunteers provide indoor cleaning and yard work to our own Bethel brother and sister in Christ, Charlie and Carolyn. Karen Nguyen, Jim Shipp, Pete and Lori Milam, Stephanie Mahan, Kyle Duff, Sophie and Beth Garner, and Jerry Stull did a fantastic job doing yard work and house work and then we all gathered with the Moyers for a quick lunch of soup and sandwiches and then worshipped together for Good Friday service. In November, we decided that we had enough in-house projects to stay quite busy. One group- Carol Pyle, Rose Pierce, Terri Hollingsworth, and Beth Garner spent about five hours cleaning and organizing the kitchen and pantry. The other group- Shawn Garner, Mike Branham, Kyle Duff, Pete Milam, Cliff Crowder, and Bob Hollingsworth- hauled everything out of the Underground and transported it to the dump. For 2019 we will gather on Friday April 19th and a Saturday in November (stay tuned for official date)-we need a team leader for 2019.

WATTS- Team Leader, Judy McKiernan

WATTS @ Bethel continues to be a powerful ministry for all involved. Each night in 2018, we were at or near capacity. The demographics have trended to be a younger group with more women. Our partnering churches continue to be a huge support through meals and volunteer hours. We enjoyed a growing group of Shenandoah U students thanks to Jacob Pembleton. It takes a few "Lead" volunteers to make this work. The leadership by Susie and Molly Beyer was invaluable.

Respectfully submitted,
Your Servant Board Chair, Beth Garner

Prayer and Care Board Report 2018

The Quilt Ministry - Team Leader, Pat Blevins

We continue to make Mission Quilts for ELCA, with an average of 5-7 attendees each month. We made and blessed 106 quilts and they were taken to the warehouse in New Windsor. We made 7 senior quilts and they were blessed and presented in Aug. We held a raffle for chances to win a quilt , which was won by Cherie Lauck. The proceeds from the raffle will be used for supplies.

Intercessory Prayer - Team Leader, Urve Crowder

Two members meet weekly and pray for all the prayer requests in the Prayer Box from the narthex. This ministry is on going for those in need in our congregation, their families and friends, the needs of our country and the world. Special healing services are held throughout the year for all the congregation and their prayer needs.

No Reports from

Centering Prayer
Funeral Receptions
Greeting Cards
Prayer Shawls
Shut-in visits
Welcome Baskets
Health and Wellness

Respectfully Submitted,
Prayer and Care Ministry Board Chair, Pat Blevins

Congregational Life Board Report 2018

The Congregational Life Board is a mixture of many teams who work within the Bethel community of faith to strengthen the lives of members by helping our church family connect with each other. Congregational Life's mission is to promote new relationships and strengthen existing relationships within our congregation. The congregational life board prayerfully plans and oversees events, fellowship groups, and care ministries to serve our congregation in this mission. Below is a short summary of the success stories for 2018 from the Congregational Life Board.

Care Package Team - This team prepared care packages to our young adults who are taking the leap to higher education, military service, or a new job out of the area and for many, the final step out of the nest as a Beacon from Bethel. This team is a regular reminder that these young adults remain a part of our Bethel Family and community of faith. This team provides various contacts and care packages sent at different times during the year. This team pulled together and did amazing things in 2018.

Faith Boxes - The boxes are provided to our parishioners (young or old) during their first sacramental ceremony at Bethel. They then have a special space to hold the items that represented milestones in their faith journey, such as the baptismal certificate and candle, pictures, a first communion chalice, or a copy of the faith statement from confirmation. This team is celebrating 17 years of service to Bethel.

F3 - This is Faith, Fellowship and Fun gatherings for family children, focusing on living faithfully as families together and as a part of the greater Bethel family. Fellowship, Kite Flying, Sara Smith's Pool, Lake Holiday topped the most popular of the 2018 year's activities. The team is looking for a leader for 2019.

Fellowship Team - We returned four outdoor cookouts/potlucks to the fellowship during the spring and summer. These events often coincided with additional outdoor events at Bethel. Hundreds of burgers, dogs and bratwursts were served up with some of the congregation's best home cooking. The team also sponsored potlucks for Bethel reforming and other events. John Gavitt began the operation of the coatrack coffee corner in the Narthex before and between services. This conversation starter was a much-appreciated addition to the fellowship team.

Kure Beach - A small group from Bethel returned to Kure Beach after a 7 year hiatus. This Lutheran retreat center is a perfect location for a Bethel family vacation. We are returning again this year – but you must sign up right away!

Men's Ministries - 2018 found Men gathering the first Saturday of each month for breakfast at the Backseat Bar & Grill with some compelling discussions and studies. These continue through 2019 and men of all ages are welcome. In addition, a close cadre of seven men and Pastor Dave attended a weekend retreat at Grave's Mountain Lodge in the brisk fall weather of November under the Theme of "How to Read the Bible."

Octoberfest - Bethel continued the Octoberfest party for 2018. This team was led by Ray Meeker, with a kids bounce house, an inflatable battle ground and a massive slide. An Ompa band entertained while Greg Brondos wearing his lederhosen served frothy mugs of beer. Vonda Wilt led a beer stein competition, and horseshoes and corn hole competition were sizzling, as was the bratwurst and food, along with sculpted ice cream made to order. This was a congregational gathering like no other. Dave Shoberg also spun amazing tunes and folks chose their favorite of Martin Luther's 95 thesis and nailed them up on the Wittenberg Castle door.

Receptions - Under the Team Leadership of Kathryn Carpenter this remarkable team hosted congregational receptions for new members, first communion, graduates, and confirmation as well as for the congregational/stewardship meeting.

Shrimp Boil - This legendary annual event is a great Bethel gathering. This amazing congregational life Board team presents a big southern style cooking of shrimp, corn, sausage, potatoes, onions and seasonings and we gather round, dump it on the table, add piping hot hush puppies and dig in. Despite record breaking rain moving this indoors for the first time, Will Sigler led a terrific team and we had a phenomenal event. No one left hungry. Stay tuned as the team puts on the event again in September of 2019.

Woman's Ministries - The Bethel Women's Ministry exists to build up the body of Christ among Bethel women so we can know Jesus and make Him known. Spearheaded by Karen Nguyen, 2018 activities included monthly formal bible studies on the second Tuesday of each month, First Friday Fellowship for intentional Christian fellowship. Bethel Women Walks on the second Saturday of the month, summer activities, and the August ELCA Convention at Bethel. The women also gathered for a Christmas dinner.

Yard Sale Committee - Team members worked during the week to organize and price items prior to and assisted customers during the sale. Unsold items were boxed for donation to other organizations, including the Greenwood Fire and Rescue for their yard sale event the following week. A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the yard sale.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.
J. David Griffin, Congregational Life Board Chair