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The Banner

Monthly Newsletter of Bethel Lutheran Church

Live and Love Like Jesus



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Five years ago, Bethel brought Bryan Jaster into our community of faith. While he and I knew each other beforehand, I am so glad God led him into my life again. Bryan has been a confidant, a partner, and a dear friend during our time together. While Bryan is heading for a wonderful situation in Denver, I will miss him and his "shenanigans."

Bryan is one of the most faithful people I have ever met. He has inspired so many of us with his willingness to model the "Jesus life" in all manner of ways. This is what I will miss the most; the effortless way that Bryan finds God's presence in the mundane and miniscule. Nothing is beyond God's grasp and grace and this is so evident in the way that Bryan lives his life. He has blessed us with his amazing gifts and for this I am ever grateful to God.

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Even though he will no longer be with us here at Bethel, his presence will be felt for years to come. Ministries like Faith5, the DC sock drop, Cross+Gen events, Feed the Need, Bethel Week at Camp, and our burgeoning relationship with Bright Futures are all a part of his legacy here at Bethel. He always looked for ways to take Bethel “into the world” and we will strive to continue these ministries as part of our mission at Bethel.

I will miss him. I will miss our talks, our prayer time, our Mexican lunch meetings, our support of each other, his deep and creative staff devotions, and all the fun we have had together. He always reminded me that God is near, always, in ways we don't see. Most of all, I will just miss Bryan, and the way he truly strived, in every way, to “live and love like Jesus.”

God Bless and Godspeed,
Pastor Dave

Dearest Bethel Family on a Mission!

The wind blows where it chooses and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit. Jesus in John 3.

I'm simply in awe of the ways the Spirit has blown and moved the last 5 years as we Jasters have found our home in Winchester. I cannot possibly count the myriad of surprising ways that God has spoken and acted in serving and loving God alongside you all. I am going to miss you all deeply and the daily ways you have shown me Jesus.

As I look back I am so thankful for all that we have done and the honor to have been a part of: A week serving in New Jersey after hurricane Sandy, helping Bright Futures launch and care for children and youth of all Frederick County Schools, ELCA Youth Gatherings in Detroit and Houston, serving with Teens Opposing Poverty, community wide service learning experiences called “Feed the Need”, building our Youth Mission with La Escuela Integrada in Antigua, Guatemala, Vacation Bible Camps, outdoor and overnight events, leading Discipleship huddles, seeing our partnership with Caroline Furnace Camp blossom and grow year after year, glimpsing God's abundant love abide with youth through many synod youth events, and watching the “unfinished symphony of the reformation” where faith is formed by **All** sharing, reading, talking, praying and blessing take root, sprout and bloom here. It's often said that every 500 years the Spirit does a brand new thing globally. What a great time it is to be in the middle of this amazing wind storm of the Spirit!

We four Jasters begin our next steps in faith in Denver, Colorado where I'll serve as Director of Faith Formation at Bethany Lutheran Church, Amy as an Elementary School Literacy Coach, Katelyn beginning 8th and Jason 6th grade. We are excited for next steps of faith for our whole family.

Thank you dear Bethel family! Your future together is alive and vibrant in Christ!

With great love for you today,
Bryan, Amy, Katelyn and Jason Jaster

President's Message

Greetings and Happy Summer from your Bethel Council:

Thank you to all that have been continuing to come to Coffee w/Council. Every month has been bearing fruit beyond my expectations. We want you to know we continue to be here for you and want to make this YOUR Bethel. Keep coming and bringing feedback, questions and concerns. We love it! This month we started "Volunteer Appreciation Sunday" where we appreciated 12 of our Bethel Disciples - THANK YOU for volunteering your time and talents... Be on the lookout for the next 12 coming soon! Have a safe and blessed summer!

Traci Shoberg, Council President

Coffee with Council

Please join us for our monthly Coffee with Council in the Library on July 21 and August 18 at 10:45 a.m.

Hope to see you there!

Summer BBQ Potluck

Everyone is welcome to gather together for a summer cookout and potluck after service on July 21.

Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish to share.



Theology on Tap

Tuesday, July 23, 7:00 p.m.
Piccadilly Pub

Bruce Lothrop, John Fredericksen, and John Gavitt will be your hosts. Come and join them on the last Tuesday of each month at Piccadilly Pub. The discussion begins at 7:00pm, but feel free to come early for dinner at 6:15.

Summer Bible Study

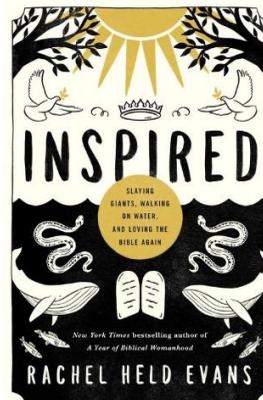
You are invited to read the book Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again throughout the month of July. Come and join in conversation on each Wednesday in July at either noon or 6:00pm at Bethel. Depending on the weather we may meet in the courtyard outside the sanctuary or in the sanctuary itself. We will meet 4 times to discuss the book:

July 10 – Chapter 1 and 2
July 17 – Chapters 3 and 4
July 24 – Chapters 5 and 6
July 31 – Chapters 7 and 8

If the Bible makes you uncertain, or if you are wondering if it has anything to say to you currently, this book by Rachel Held Evans will be a welcome gift.

I chose this book because tragically Rachel Held Evans died on Saturday, May 4. She was 37. Hers was a voice that spoke for a generation of people wrestling with their faith.

According to the NY Times, "*Mrs. Evans's spiritual journey and unique writing voice fostered a community of believers who yearned to seek God and challenge Christian groups that they felt were often exclusionary. Her congregation was online, and her Twitter feed became her church, a gathering place for thousands to question, find safety in their doubts and learn to believe in new ways.*"



Annual Yard Sale

Saturday, July 20, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Discipleship Hall

Hi all!!! YEP!! It's that time of the year again! Bring all your yard sale goods starting Sunday, July 14 to the Discipleship Hall! Taking everything except mattresses and tv's of any type. Please only bring gently used clothing, otherwise, what doesn't sell and can't be donated will only be thrown away. The Yard Sale will be July 20 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. If you'd like to help or donate, please contact Traci Shoberg (540) 303-7771 or traci@tracishoberg.com

Stay tuned for days and hours for sorting/pricing.



Musical Notes

In 2020, Bethel will celebrate 200 years of ministry to our community. For several years, our Music Ministry has dreamed of a new grand piano for our Sanctuary. Our current instrument has served us well for over 40 years, but as it has aged, it is no longer a solid instrument to support our music for worship, community concert events or teaching. As we look forward to celebrating 200 years of sharing God's Grace, 88 Keys to the Kingdom is an opportunity for all of us to contribute to a new instrument which will support our vibrant music program for many years to come.

Donors can "buy a piano key" outright or go in with a few others to buy one, perhaps in honor of or in memory of a loved one. No donation is too small as we work towards a goal of raising \$25,000 for a new piano—an investment which will enhance our music and worship for generations to come. Checks can be made payable to Bethel, with "88 Keys" as the memo. See George Donovan or Sue Correll if you would like to be a part of this 200th Anniversary Milestone!

Bake Sale

Saturday, July 20 and Sunday, July 21

Summertime means CAMP! Summertime means Yard Sale time! Summertime means BAKE SALE! Once again the youth will be having a bake sale at our church yard sale (and the following day at church).

We need some donations! Please contact Sherry Newman (sashipp@verizon.net) if you are able to donate any baked goods. ALL proceeds help our kids pay for Camp Caroline Furnace! Brownies, cakes, pies, rolls, cupcakes, candy! ANY treats would be appreciated! Youth will prepare all foods for selling. Thank you for helping send our young ones to camp!



BAKE SALE

Church Office Hours

Historically, the Office has been open Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Office Hours" are defined as the published days and times when at least one staff member is normally present in the office. Most of our part time staff members work on a conglomeration of days and schedules due to their various positions and responsibilities but are more likely to be physically in the office in the mornings versus the afternoons.

As one of changes announced in Council's April 1, 2019 letter concerning Staff and Organizational Changes, effective July 1, 2019, Terri Hollingsworth, current Director of Office Ministries, will reduce her work hours from 24 to 15 hours per week, Monday through Thursday.

A recommendation has been made to Council and approved that effective July 1, 2019, Bethel's official office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It should be noted that during non-office hours, incoming callers may always leave a general message or direct it to a specific staff member's voice mail.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact Pat Shields at administrator@bethelwinchester.com

Dear Friends at Bethel,

Please accept our most heartfelt appreciation for your gifts to Operation Bootstrap Africa. Your donation creates opportunities that can change lives for generations to come.

In service to the people of Africa,
Jason Bergmann
Executive Director

Your Gifts Bearing Fruit!



Global Mission News

Youth and Adults on the move. . . A team of five high school students (Sophie Garner, Connor Lothrop, Noah Young, Ryan Rosen, and Lexi Gramala,) one college student (Darby Garner,) and four adults (Heidi David-Young, Beth Garner Stephanie Mahan, and Bruce Lothrop) will be traveling to Antigua Guatemala July 14 through July 22. A team from Bethel visited the city in 2016, and we look forward to catching up with old friends, meeting new ones, and sharing God's love and blessings. We will be working with students from Escuela Integrada, a school that educates poor children in the area, and support their families. You can learn more about Escuela Integrada and how to support them here: Wearegraces.org

You can follow our daily adventures on our blog at:

bethelyouthmission2019.blogspot.com

Dear Pastor David,

I trust that you are well. My name is Neema Landey, an alumni of Maasae Girls' Lutheran Secondary School in Monduli, Tanzania. I am really happy to find your contact as this church sponsored my education from Form One to the University where I did Bachelor of Science with Education. I went through the church website and saw my story too when I was here for a Mandela Washington Fellowship program in Pittsburgh which led, a year later, to admission for Masters of Science in global Health policy and Management at Brandeis University in Massachusetts. I graduated last year and I was able to secure a one year contract at the same school where I worked as a research associate and volunteer as a teaching assistant to some classes. I will never forget the good work that Bethel Church has done in my life and the lives of so many Maasai girls.

5 Blessings, Neema

Facility Safety and Security

Effective June 1, 2019, on Sundays, as an initial step of our Bethel Safety and Security Program, we implemented the following policy:

Only the two Narthex exterior lobby doors are to be unlocked for entry from the outside. Once the doors are unlocked, at least one adult must be in the Narthex at all times until the doors are again locked. One Greeter shall be at each Narthex door to greet arrivals. As worship begins, at least one Usher is to remain in the Narthex area in view of both doors during the worship service to observe anyone who enters.

We have heard of no issues in conjunction with this change. The Safety and Security Team is now ready to implement a second step, which has been approved by Council. Effective July 1, 2019, the following modifications to the initial policy for Sundays will be in effect:

The assigned Opening Building individual for Sunday morning will arrive approximately one hour before the scheduled worship service is to begin and initially check that *all* exterior doors at Bethel are locked. He/she will then *only* unlock the two Narthex exterior doors and remain there until relieved by assigned Greeters and/or Ushers, all of whom are to arrive thirty minutes prior to worship. One assigned Greeter shall be at each Narthex exterior door to welcome arrivals for worship. Ushers will assist families and individuals in locating seats in the Sanctuary.

Fifteen minutes following the beginning of worship, Greeters may join the service in the Sanctuary. Ushers will re-lock the two exterior Narthex doors. This will provide a greater level of security during worship from potentially undesirable actions of an outside person or persons.

At least one Usher is to remain in the Narthex area in view of both doors for the remainder of the worship service to observe and to determine whether to open a door to admit an individual or individuals seeking to enter the building.

Again, it should be completely understood that all exterior doors of Bethel can always be opened from the inside of the building for exiting purposes without unlocking any locks.

Please do not prop open the narthex doors before or after the service.

If you have any comments or questions, please email me.

Pat Shields
administrator@bethelwinchester.com

Women's Book Club

Thursday, July 25 @ 6:30pm
Join us at Panera

All women are invited for this book club event. Stay tuned as Diane picks the new book for July and August. A special email will go out to the Bethel Women to let you know the book! Should you have questions regarding this event, please contact Diane Milburn (540-664-1365 or tdmilburn@comcast.net). Read the book before the gathering in order to discuss and come with an open mind!

Youth Dates!

**Bethel Week @
Camp Caroline Furnace**
July 28 – August 2
(Children and youth ages 5
years old and up!)

High School Graduates Quilt Sunday

Sunday, August 4, 9:30 a.m.

Parents and youth – please
email **Pat Blevins**

ptblevins12@gmail.com

when your son or daughter
has made a future plan ☺.
Thank you to the whole quilt
making team for the great gift
of this ministry to help wrap
these young adults with God's
love for life!

Women's Ministry

First Friday Fellowship – Friday, July 5, 9:30 a.m. at Firefly Café.
We share our stories with one another and delight in our friendships.
Please join us! No commitment required. Call Barbara Simmons for
any questions @ 540-664-1965.

Girls Night Out

Tuesday, July 16, 6:00 p.m.
Bethel Yard Sale Organization

We'll have pizza and help set up for the yard sale. Everyone needs
to bring some money for pizza. Contact Diane Milburn to RSVP at
(540-664-1365, tdmilburn@comcast.net).

In **August**, we will be at Traci Shoberg's house by the pool. Traci will
provide burgers. Everyone needs to bring a side dish or dessert to
share. Please contact Traci to RSVP at traci@tracishoberg.com.

September- Fall Gathering of Bethel women! Stay Tuned!

Join us on Facebook: Bethel Wild Women of Faith!

Men's Ministry

Men's Breakfast & Devotions – July 6, First Saturday each
month at 8:30 a.m. at Backseat Bar and Grill (104 Full House
Drive)

Youth Ministry

Bethel Week at Camp

July 28 – August 2, 2019

REGISTER NOW: carolinefurnace.org for Potomac River,
Horse Camp, Survivor Camp and much more. We have a
great group registered already of 6 through 16 year old
disciples. Join us!

AND: Thank you to Bethel's generosity through the 2018
annual yard sale, we have funds available to offer partial
camper scholarships this summer!

New Logo Coming Soon!

At the beginning of 2019, the Logo/Branding team (Mel Siebert, Liz Whitaker, Pastor Dave) invited the congregation to respond to a survey asking for three words to describe Bethel. These words helped us shape the direction of our logo. The three leading themes were **Worshipful, Welcoming, and Giving**. As it happens, these three words wonderfully express the *New Day Initiative* that Pastor Dave has already shared with you in our April Newsletter and will be doing so more fully in the fall.

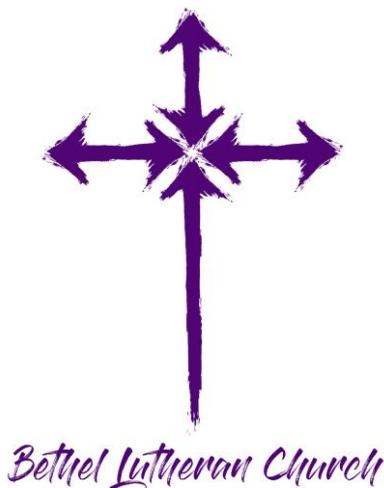
In short, the New Day Initiative invites the congregation to engage both personally and collectively the three-dimensional life of Jesus – using the language of **UP, IN, and OUT**. In Luke 6: 12-19, Jesus grows his relationship with the Father by climbing a mountain and spending the night in prayer with God (UP); He then grows his relationships by calling the 12 disciples and building community (IN); and finally He and the disciples come down the mountain and serve those in need (OUT). This three-dimensional life of Jesus, buoyed by the three leading themes that came from you in our survey, have helped to shape the new logo options.

In modern logo design an arrow is associated with positive movement and the keywords from the congregation (combined with the UP, IN, and OUT visual) are conveyed through the directions of the arrows. We also felt that our logo needed to easily reflect that we are, first and foremost, a church.

- Worshipful** Designated through UP arrows, we lift our eyes, our hands, and whole selves in praise toward God
- Welcoming** When we welcome people to our homes, we often say “come in”. The arrows pointing IN suggest this aspect of our lives.
- Giving** Reaching OUT (arrows pointing out) through our time, talent and treasure to help heal a hurting world

There are two logo choices – we hope you are as excited as we are about this new image for our congregation. Friends and members of the congregation will have the opportunity to vote for the new logo either online or via paper ballot July 6-25. Voting instructions will be published in the Sunday Bulletins and “This Week at Bethel”.

Logo A



Logo B



Healthy Notes

July is a time to get outside and enjoy the beautiful rays and the golden sun-kissed skin that comes with it. But, while in the midst of summer, its important to take proper precautions to protect yourself from the dangers of ultraviolet (UV) radiation. The skin happens to be the body's largest organ and is responsible for protecting us from infectious organisms, bacteria, viruses, parasites, and more. July is UV Safety Month, and it is my goal to provide you with knowledge on the harms of the various UV rays, as well as provide you with tips on how to protect yourself during this radiat time.

- **Wear proper clothing:** Long sleeve shirts and pants are ideal but are not always feasible when the heat index begins to rise and the sun is beaming full force. Thin linens and cotton are the usual choices for comfortable clothing during this hot month. Wearing a sun hat that protects your face, ears, and neck is also a great way to stay safe.
- **Go for the shade:** Avoid prolonged sun exposure when you can. Spend time underneath a tree or umbrella when available to help reduce the harm from UV rays. According to the Centers for [Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), the hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Daylight Saving Time are the most hazardous for UV exposure outdoors in the continental United States, so be sure to take extra precaution during this time.
- **Apply sunscreen:** [Sunscreen](#) is composed of several ingredients that help prevent UV rays from damaging the skin.
- **Protect your eyes:** Wearing UV protective sunglasses and being aware of these [risk factors](#) can help keep your eyes safe and your vision keen.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmedhealth/PMH0072439/>

Camp Follow the Leader

July 22 - 26, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

High School Youth and College Students can sign up to be a “Buddy”
Go to: valleyhealthlink.com and search “follow the leader”

Being a Follow the Leader Camp Buddy offers a unique service opportunity. Teenagers and college students can volunteer as buddies, join the fun and learn from kids with special needs.



Card Team Report

Debbie Lee is asking for anyone who is aware of persons needing a card sent to please contact her or the office so nobody falls through the cracks.

Also, there is always room for more people to help with **Intercessory Prayers**, contact Urve Crowder or Shirley Strosnider.

The Bethel Quilters

We remain busy with senior quilts coming up in August. We took the month of June off due to VBS.

Our total number of quilts have increased this year and I am thankful for all the hard work done by the quilters. We can always use sheets for backing or financial donations to help purchase items. Any size flat sheet will work.

Blessings,
Pat Blevins, Team Leader

July Birthdays

- 03 - Ann Brancato
Steve Skewes
- 05 - Meredith Sigler
- 06 - John McAllister, Jr.
Sterling Grooms
- 08 - Matthew Cesnik
- 09 - Alice Matvay
- 10 - Rex Ritchie
- 13 - Rachel Carlson
- 15 - Andrew Grove
- 16 - Tracy Hulver
- 17 - Tess McAllister
Madison Barnes
Luke LaFollette
- 19 - Genevieve Asmussen
Jonathan Bellingham
- 20 - Kaleb Nguyen
- 21 - Mark Dodson
Sandee Pangle
- 22 - John Tilelli
- 23 - Dianna Barnes
Lillian Huff
- 27 - Liz Bagley
Danny Balser
- 28 - Wayne McCaughey
- 29 - Sally Marsh
Dale Nichols
John Fredericksen
Weston Whitacre
- 30 - Sheila Betit

July Anniversaries

- 05 - Howard and Earlene Kemnitz
(50 Years)
- 07 - Bill and Patti Hood
- 08 - Jack and Jane McAllister
Gene and Sheila Betit
- 09 - Matt and Windra Bowman
- 11 - Earl and Irene Cockerham
- 16 - Billy and Leslie Hoover
- 19 - John and Lisa McAllister
- 22 - George and Liz Bagley
- 25 - Bill and Becky Hall
- 28 - Forrest and Jenny Grooms
- 31 - Cory and Rachel Carlson
Allen and Rose Pierce

Around the Congregation...

Congregational sympathy is extended to the family of Gerry Nienstedt on her passing in June. A memorial service will be held at Bethel on Saturday, July 6, 11:00 a.m.

Thank You!

A big **THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers that helped with making the Hoe Down happen. We had 28 Bethel members attend! NW works attendance was extremely low this year, but communication with them has been initiated to assure next year we will return to our normal attendance level. Thanks again to all who give generously of their time and resources to support this wonderful cause!

Dana Francis, Team Leader

Thank you so much for allowing me to use your church for my spring piano recital.

Betty Cunningham



Facts & Figures

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

. . .for your generosity, support, and partnership in ministries here at Bethel, to our community, and to God's world.

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us." (2 Corinthians 9:11)

Average Worship Attendance

May

173

Designated Offering Thru May 2019

For the World:

World Hunger Appeal
\$391

Global Missions
\$4,035

For the Community:

CCAP
\$259

Jones/Joyner Music Fund
\$670

Good Samaritan
\$175

For the Bethel Community:

Student Missions
\$215

Jubilee/Mortgage Principal
\$5,330

Principal Balance on Mortgage as of December 3, 2012	Principal Balance on Mortgage as of May 21, 2019	Overall Decrease in Mortgage Principal (Jubilee Campaign)
\$802,407.55	\$194,790.91	\$607,616.64

	Actual <u>May 2019</u>	Actual <u>Year-to-Date</u>
Actual Income	\$27,622.21	\$179,941.34
Actual Expenses	\$37,445.09	\$198,285.73
Balance (Shortfall)	\$(9,822.88)	(\$18,344.39)

For more detailed information, please visit www.bethelwinchester.com. The most current financial update will be located under the "Publications" headline.

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Upcoming Events in August. .

Graduating Sr. Quilt Sunday
August 4

Harvest Sunday
August 11

Congregational Potluck BBQ
August 11

**Youth Fall Retreat at Camp
Caroline Furnace**
August 23-24

Council for 2019

President – **Traci Shoberg**
Vice President – **Julie Shanabrook**
Secretary – **Tom Milburn**
Member - **Rose Pierce**
Worship Board – **Pastor Dave**
Prayer and Care Board – **Vonda Wilt**
Learning Board – **Michael Asmussen**
Congregational Life Board – **Liz Whitaker**
Servant Board – **Beth Garner**
Ministry Support – **John Frederickksen**

Non Voting Members:
Treasurer – **Kim Williams**
Parish Administrator – **Pat Shields**
Youth Representative – **Ella Carlson**
Director of Youth/Family – **Bryan Jaster**

**The deadline for articles for the
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is 3:00 p.m., Monday, July 22.**