



Bethany Beacon

October 2021

Dear Bethany Members and Friends,

You don't look one day over 99!

Wow - what a Centennial Celebration. How fortunate we were to hear from Pastor Dwight, Pastor Tim, Father Larry and Harriet Elliott all recounting various points in Bethany's history. Thank you to the choir and bell choir for all of your work in speckling the service with uplifting music. Thank you to all of the laborers who accommodated over 100 people moving from the sanctuary into the fellowship hall. Thank you to Dale Etter of Low N Slow who catered a delicious luncheon, giving us a great deal. Thank you to Deb Bieganski who donated 115 of her signature cake-pops for dessert. Her father, Arlen, was even able to make it and supervise!

And, of course, a massive thank you to the Centennial Committee headed up by Janet Christensen. Your planning and creativity made the day so special. Those on the Centennial Committee were: Beth Thompson, Beth Anderson, Chris Vinson, Margie Schumacher, Mary Grife, Ron Olesen, Jenna Lyytinen and Robbie Osse. The day will live in our memory for years to come.



I know I am ready for a few "low-key" Sundays (as I'm sure many of you are!) after such a big event, but we still have a lot of special worship opportunities coming up like:

- Oct. 10th - Choir sings
- Oct. 31 - Reformation Sunday
- Nov. 7th - All Saints Sunday
- Nov. 24th - Thanksgiving Eve Service (Wed., 6:30pm) Pie to follow
- Dec. 19th - Christmas Program
- Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve Service (Friday)

I also wanted to let you know that council met on September 29th (welcoming new member Jody Anderson) and we reviewed the COVID-19 situation in our community and if any measures needed to be taken to protect the people in our church. At this point, council agrees that we will keep worship and church events as is and continue to monitor the situation in the upcoming weeks and months. Thank you to those who provided feedback and please know your voice was heard.

May this beautiful fall season give you many opportunities to stand in awe of God's work in creation and remind you of our place within the grand scope of life,

Pastor Lisa

Kid/Teen Night Dates

Below you will find the bi-weekly dates for Kid/Teen Night. Dinner begins at 6pm and we will conclude at 7:15pm. Thank you parents who provide the meals. We will continue our delve into the Hebrew Bible until the end of the year. The study topics are listed below for the Teens on each particular day.

- Oct. 13 Psalms continued...
Oct. 27 Wisdom literature (how do we grow in wisdom?)
Nov. 10 Job (why do bad things happen to good people?)
Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie afterwards
Dec. 8 Esther (why does this book never mention God?)
Dec. 22 The Rise of Rome (what happened in the world between the Old Testament and the New Testament?)

Council Structure Updated

Every year when a new person is added to church council, the officer positions are dropped and then voted on again. Council welcomes Jody Anderson and she will be officially “installed” during worship on Sunday, Oct. 10th. Sheila Rae Maki will continue for another year as President, Marty Christensen will continue for another year as secretary and Chris Vogl has stepped into the position of Vice-President.

Wedding Coordinator Needed

Only one wedding on the calendar for 2022 so far! Coordinator would be responsible for opening and closing the church for rehearsal and for the day of the wedding, helping turn on the sound system and troubleshooting as needed ONLY for the rehearsal and wedding day. Please let Pastor Lisa know if you would be interested in any of these roles.

Yoga Retreat: “Focused Mind, Calm Body”

Fri. Nov. 12 (3pm) – Sun. Nov. 14 (11am)
Hosted by Sue Harris at Eagle Nest Lodge, Program by Lisa Buchanan
\$150 includes all meals, lodging & program

This retreat will focus on the “niyamas” or observances in Deborah Adele’s book, *Yamas & Niyamas: Exploring Yoga’s Ethical Practice*, which include: purity, contentment, self-discipline, self-study and surrender. With the stress, rushing and information overload of modern living it can be difficult to be open to God’s presence. The science of yoga helps one to focus the mind and calm the body. This retreat hopes to strengthen the body, mind and spirit through: physical practice (asana), meditation, free time, home cooked meals by Sue Harris, private session with family therapist Deb Hennen-Bergman (as desired), a safe community of fellow seekers. Upon registration, you will receive Adele’s book. Please come to the retreat having read the entire book. Further packing instructions to follow. Retreat limited to 12 people. Flyers and registration forms available in church narthex or please email Pastor Lisa at bethany@paulbunyan.net to request.

Laundry Basket

There will be a laundry basket in the custodial closet off the kitchen where you can put used rags and kitchen linens. Jeannine Jensen has graciously volunteered to provide laundry service to keep everything at Bethany spick ‘n span.

Centennial Pictures



Minutes
Bethany Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 17, 2021
3:30 p.m.

- I. The meeting was called to order. Jane Sundin, Sheila Rae Maki, Christopher Vogl, Marty Christensen and Pastor Lisa Buchanan were in attendance. The meeting began with an opening prayer.
- II. Minutes from the July meeting were reviewed and approved.
- III. Old Business
 - a. Roof repair update -The roof project is complete and we have a beautiful new roof
 - b. Centennial Planning – Plans are well under way for the celebration. The Committee has a caterer lined up, banners are on order, and a logo created. The Council increased the Committee’s budget to cover the majority of the food.
 - c. Fireside room furniture – The new furniture has been ordered but it could take up to eight months for it to arrive.
- IV. New Business
 - a. Lisa’s school year schedule- Lisa will be adjusting her hours to coordinate with two children in kindergarten.
 - b. COVID considerations for fall – Youth programs at Bethany will follow the guidance of the school system.
 - c. Stipend for funeral coordinator- Jody Anderson has agreed to become the new funeral coordinator. The Council agreed on a stipend of \$150 per funeral. For congregation members this fee will come out of the church budget. For nonmembers using the facility, the fee will be added to the funeral cost.
 - d. Council Retreat- a tentative date of December 10/11 was agreed to.
- V. Financial Statement. The Council reviewed the financial statement. The statement was unanimously approved.
- VI. The next meeting is scheduled for WEDNESDAY, September 22, 2021 at 3:45 p.m.
- VII. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s prayer.

Marty Christensen
Secretary

Please send your
Bethany news to:

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Sunday Service Schedule



Date	Greeters/ Ushers	Reader	Fellowship	Communion
10/10/21	Darin & Cindy Shevich	Sandie Anderson	Rich Anderson Barb & Bob Baker	Cindy Shevich
10/10/21	Craig & Lael Storlie	Anne Webber	Jean Mattila Janet & Marty Christenson	
10/17/21	Ron Drake	Beth Anderson	Pat Tarbell Robbie & Don Osse	Beth Anderson
10/24/21	Steve Jensen	Lynnette Schmidt	Jeannine & Steve Jensen Sandra & Dale Wick	
10/31/21	Andy & Paula Shaw	Ann Hedquist	Jill Nelson Shirley & Larry Nixon	
11/7/21	Pat Tarbell	Diane Loudon	Chris Vinson Liz & Chuck Elton	Diane Loudon



Volunteers appreciated! If you would like to take a turn serving coffee for fellowship, greeting, ushering, reading or assisting with communion, please let Diane Nelson know so you can be added to the list

October Birthday Wishes!



Anniversary Wishes

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