



# August 2022 Newsletter

## Bethany Lutheran Church



### **Bethany Lutheran Church**

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### **Sunday Morning Worship Time**

9:30 Worship  
10:30 Coffee Hour



*God is love. 1 John 4:8b*

One of the privileges...and challenges of being a pastor comes from doing end-of-life celebrations. Learning about how one person had an impact on many has been life-alternating at times. We all have a circle of influence, whether large or small, around us.

What I have learned through end-of-life times, is that the circle of influence comes back. We are touched by people and people are touched by us. We carry legacies of people in our lives, hearts, and minds. I think at the end of the day, we all want to have made some difference in the world for good, or at least I pray that is the desire. Through the violence that is sadly tolerated, many are leaving heavy marks of devastation.

We also carry Jesus out into the world. We sprinkle a little bit of Jesus here or pour Jesus out over there (like when we are serving others.) Sometimes that faith pouring comes very naturally, and sometimes it feels difficult and challenging.

The thing is, for a LONG list of reasons, Christians are getting a pretty bad rap these days. Showing grace, love, and mercy in hot-headed times might feel difficult, but these are the times that they are needed the very most.

I have found that those that promoted grace, love, and kindness, have many people who want to share that with others. The same goes for hurt, pain, and demoralization. We might have had a background that was difficult, but we have a faith that teaches that Jesus is grace and love. May you all find ways to be that legacy of grace and faith in your circles and pour love into the world even when it feels difficult. It does make a difference. Amen.

Pastor Susan

## SUNDAY'S MINISTRIES AUGUST 2022

AUGUST 7, 2022

**Sunday Service**

**Communion/Neighbors in Need Fund**

Ushers: Russ Gilchrist/Gil Schauer  
Communion Setup: Carol Thompson  
Communion Asst.: Karen Langworthy  
Greeter: Ruth Sieler  
Reader: Duane Thompson  
PowerPoint: Steve Smith  
Financial Sec. Pam Van den Driessche  
Coffee Hour: Engebo/Pelster

AUGUST 14, 2022

**Sunday Service**

**Communion**

Ushers: Dan & Carol Lane  
Communion Setup: Ardyth Loewen  
Communion Asst.: Barb Wilson  
Greeter: Kathy Newton  
Reader: Shaylin Murphy  
PowerPoint: Rick Loewen  
Financial Sec. Barbara Price  
Coffee Hour: Thompson/Utto

AUGUST 21, 2022

**Sunday Service**

**Communion**

Ushers: Dave Foslien/Rick Loewen  
Communion Setup: Ardyth Loewen  
Communion Asst.: Pam Van den Driessche  
Greeter: DiAnn Foslien  
Reader: Rick Loewen  
PowerPoint: Don Wallin  
Financial Sec. Susan Shiu  
Coffee Hour: Grambo/Obermeyer

AUGUST 28, 2022

**Sunday Service**

**Communion**

Ushers: Glenn & Beth Milhiser  
Communion Setup: Shelly Limpach  
Communion Asst.: Shelly Limpach  
Greeter: Bob Baldwin  
Reader: Duane Thompson  
PowerPoint: Carol Thompson  
Financial Sec. Pam Van den Driessche  
Coffee Hour: Foslien/Newton

**\*\*Please find a substitute if you can't volunteer for that Sunday.\*\***

## Bethany's Corner



Shelly Limpach is our prayer chain contact. You may contact her with your prayer concerns through email at. If you have an urgent prayer request, please call the church office.

### Continued Prayers & Healing

Takko family Custer family Gilchrist family  
Thibodeau family Dana Hughes Pastor Les Foss  
Krista Croy Wayne Spriggle Kim Isakson  
Cheri Frye



### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

02 Butch & Pam Alexander	08 Ivan & Betty Olson
03 Glen & Beth Milhiser	14 George & Gail Obermeyer
05 Gene & Debra Zandi	

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

04 Bob Reistroffer	12 Olivia Engebo
05 Rick Loewen	13 Xander Gireth
06 Bob Baldwin	27 Eric Johnson
07 Roger Lee	29 DiAnn Foslien
10 Phyllis Cavens	

### Soap and Water Smell Great!

Several people in the congregation are very sensitive to scents.  
Please consider not wearing a fragrance on Sundays.

# FYI

## God's Work, Our Hands Community Outreach

Please sign up to join us on Thursday, September 8 (time and place to meet) with the United Way as we join their Day of Caring for our Community Outreach. (We will be reporting this to the ELCA as our God's ... Work project.) Kim will be printing name tags for us so as we meet people that day we can share the good news about Bethany and our Lord. All hands are needed—even if you cannot do heavy work—there is something for everyone. Bob Reistroffer has the sign up list and can answer your questions how it works.

## Ministry of the Month!

Six days a year, Bethany Lutheran participates in the FISH of Cowlitz County food pantry program in our community. When it's our turn, our amazing team of volunteers gathers donations, and sets up to become a food pantry for a day for those in need. We are so thankful to be part of this program, and we couldn't do it without our FISH team volunteers. Our next FISH dates will be in September!  
Thank you for all you do!

The council has completed the annual reviews. Pastor Susan has met with both Kim and Dor and has collaborated together on the reflections/reviews and their goals for next year. President Barb Clausen and Vice President Tori Gosch have collected the individual pastoral reviews, met with Pastor Susan, and discussed both her and the council's reflections. She has been successful in reaching out and getting to know members as well as community outreach. We recommend the council approve the pastor's new two goals: continuing with Life/Balance and Management. She will be working to learn the calendar flow of events and responsibilities. We so appreciate the wonderful job she has done jumping immediately into Lent, COVID, and staff emergencies, as well as single-handedly taking on our first Vacation Bible Study in years. We are thankful for Pastor Susan and her family!

## Breakfast Group



Our Breakfast Group is meeting on Tuesday morning at 8:00am at the Corner Cafe located at 796 Commerce Ave. Suite 103 in Longview.

What a great opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship!

# HELP WANTED

## Duct Tape Crew

The Duct Tape Crew meets on Thursday mornings at 9am and are the "fix it" crew at Bethany. This group of men and women repair, clean, install, mow and do many other things to keep our church beautiful and up and running. If you have ever used duct tape and like donuts, you are highly qualified.

## Communion Preparation People Needed

*We are needing some people to help on Sundays with communion preparation. It involves coming early to prepare the bread and the wine and bring it to the sanctuary before service and washing the communion cups after service. We appreciate your help with this important task.*

## Family Promise

Bethany Lutheran is seeking volunteers to be liaisons between our church and the Family Promise leaders. Until the pandemic is over, we will only be helping with meals, but we need people to organize and deliver them. If you would be interested in helping in this way, please contact a member of church council.

## Kitchen Coordinator Needed

Bethany Lutheran church is in need of a person who would be willing to be in charge of the kitchen for the next year. Duties would include...

- Making sure we have clean towels.
- Contacting Duct Tape if something needs repair.
- Coordinating volunteers for regular kitchen cleaning.

If you are interested in helping in this way, please contact a member of Hospitality.

*Newsletter articles must be submitted before the 20th of the month prior in order to be published. While all efforts are made to keep original submissions, article submissions are subject to editing for accuracy, spelling, grammar and formatted to fit in the space allowed.*

# Growing in Faith & Knowledge

## Online Worship

Sundays at 9:30am, Streaming on Facebook, and Zoom. Uploaded to YouTube the following Tuesday.

### **Zoom – Video & Phone**

Using Zoom, you can login to worship with us via your computer, phone, or even by calling in to listen. Join the call as early as 15 minutes prior to our worship start time for fellowship with your Bethany Family.

Join Zoom Meetings:

<https://zoom.us/j/6153119848>

Or to call in:

+1 253 215 8782 US

Meeting ID: 615 311 9848

Password: 2900

## **Small Seeds & Sprouts Children's Ministry**

Small Seeds & Sprouts Saturday – We will be taking a break over the summer months.

We will be looking at ways to continue to serve our kids in the future. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please share them with a member of our Youth & Service Committee.

## Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet the first two Tuesday's of each month during summer. We will meet in the Faith room and on Zoom. Join us 15 minutes early for fellowship and conversation. You may download the study for free at [www.gathermagazine.org/biblestudy](http://www.gathermagazine.org/biblestudy) Feel free to join in on Zoom: contact Kathy Newton to be on the update list.



# FYI

## Quarterly Leader Meeting

Members of our church got together to discuss upcoming events and exchanged ideas on needs, expansion and growth for Bethany Lutheran Church.

### **August**

- 2:WOB
- 3, Exec council meeting
- 9. WOB
- 11. Council, Committee for talking about the 60th anniversary
- 18. Holy Conversations by Richard Price book starts (TBA)

### **September**

- 5-6 FISH
- 7 Exec Council
- 8 Council? (Time will need to change)
- 10. WELCA - Zoom, Eastern Star Event
- 11. Rally Day Kick-off Brunch
- 15. Quarterly Meeting
- 18. Stewardship starts (possibility)

Our next meeting will be held **September 15th at 5:30**. Please join us in conversation about any topic, idea or concern you may have.

## FISH

At this time, we are stopping potato meal boxes, rice meal boxes, and pasta meal boxes. Kraft Mac'n Cheese is still on of our staples.

We will continue to provide canned chili, spaghetti sauce, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dish soap, laundry soap, sugar, feminine hygiene products, diapers (all sizes), and flour.

All contributions gladly accepted.

Our next date is September 6th and we appreciate your continued support for Bethany's FISH program.

Thank you ~ Bethany's FISH Team



## **Emergency Fund ~ FIRST SUNDAY**

Your council (with input from the Quarterly meeting) has selected a flexible list for the Emergency Fund donations. 20% each month will go to Pastor Susan's discretionary fund to help neighbors and members in need. The remaining will be distributed to the selected agency on the list. This month we are featuring and doing *second-mile* giving to the ELCA World Hunger. Just put your check or cash in the separate basket at the back of the sanctuary and the check will be sent at the end of the month.

**August** - ELCA World Hunger

**September** - Family Community Resource Center

**October**-Salvation Army

### **July Emergency Fund:**

The Emergency Fund giving for Bread for the World totaled \$130.00 and a check for \$104.00 will be mailed to the Bread for the World will be mailed to them after August 1st. Thank you, Bethany, for your generous second-mile giving.

### **August Emergency Fund: ELCA World Hunger**

"Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." -Romans 5:5

God richly provides for our daily bread- the earth can produce enough to feed everyone. Yet many still go hungry. ELCA World Hunger has made a huge impact on hunger world-wide and serves people in sixty seven countries, but hunger persists in the world's poorest communities and here in the United States one in six Americans are not always sure where their next meal is coming from. As Christians our work is not done until all are fed.

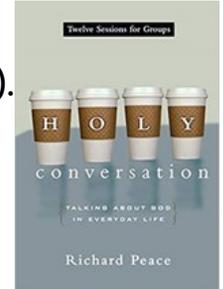
Bethany's August second mile giving in the Emergency Fund will go partially to the Pastor's discretionary fund and the remainder will go to the ELCA World Hunger Fund. Ending hunger is not just about food, it is about access, it is about justice, it is about caring for creation and for each other, it is the hope for a hunger-free world. God is at work and is calling all of us together to be part of the solution.

## **Adult Education Book Study**

**Dinner Book group starting!**  
*Holy Conversations*  
By Richard Peace

Available at Amazon on Kindle or paperback.

(The book is a workbook so you might consider getting the paperback version).



If you need any assistance in buying the book please let Pastor Susan know.

Start date Aug. 25. Coming to a pizza place near you. (Look in the announcements for details).

## **Longview Grocery Outlet Share Program**

Did you know Longview Grocery Outlet donates 5% of your purchase to Bethany Lutheran? I was reminded last week when I went to pick up the check. And it's so easy too! We have cards that you would hand to the cashier prior to your items being rung up. They will scan the card and give it back to you and give Bethany 5% of your purchase amount. If you don't have a card, call the church office and we will mail one to you. Forgot your card? You can just let them know you would like to support Bethany Lutheran Church and they can type in the code. Please call the office if you have any questions.

## **Columbia Heights Box Tops**

We are collecting Box Tops with this logo. If you would put your clipped tops in the box decorated with pansies on a table in the narthex by the Faith Room, it would be appreciated. The school PTO "buys" wonderful items for the school with these items, your participation is appreciated.



## **Bethany Planning for the Future!**

We still need more volunteers. Please pray about ways that you can help. It is also important to invite people as we can. The events for the year focus on activities that can easily include an invitation to a neighbor or friend. Thank you so much.

### **2022 ACTION PLAN**

**Mission:** “Bethany Lutheran Church is a family sharing love and care, where all are welcome as Christ has welcomed us.”

**Vision:** “We are a Christ-centered church that reaches out in our community building connections through loving service.”

<b>Action</b>	<b>Date</b>
Invite: Sunday “Rally” Fall Kick off Brunch “God’s Work: Our Hands”?	Sunday, September 11
Invite: Octoberfest with program (polka, corn hole, etc.)	Saturday, October 1
Small Group: In-home dinner evenings w/ members & friends	November Wednesdays?
Bethany’s 60 <sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Dinner & Program	Sunday, December 4

**“NorthStar”:** To keep the church open in any capacity we can!

**Lens:** Lutheran beliefs

**Goal:** To engage Bethany Lutheran church with 75% involvement of our current members (in-reach) and to seek new members (out-reach) in planned activities for the year.

### **“Mary” opportunities throughout August**

Come be Mary (instead of Martha) and dwell in the Word (for men and women). Tuesdays by the lake at 1:30.

We will look at the Gospel lesson for the week and talk about it, or come and just hang out. (Cancelled if it reaches 86 degrees or higher or if it is raining.) I will be near Kessler and 25<sup>th</sup> (there is a squirrel bridge there. Look for my red car.) Bring a chair, I will be somewhere in the shade.

## **Serving with Bethany**

Throughout our newsletter you can see upcoming events and opportunities for service, fellowship, worship, and more. As we continue to grow, we recognize how important it is to invite others into service with us.

We are also always looking for new ways to serve our Lord and our neighbor together, if God has put a project on your heart, fill out an event proposal!

Many of the upcoming events and opportunities you can read about are still in need of volunteers for planning, and for the day of the events! We invite you to pray about the ways God might use you to serve our Lord and serve our neighbor together!

### **Upcoming Service Opportunities:**

- FISH Food Pantry Distribution  
Contact Pam Van den Driessche
- Duct Tape Maintenance Volunteering (Thursdays 9am-12pm)  
Contact Rick Loewen or Dave Foslien
- Office Help Volunteering (Thursday Mornings)  
Contact Kim Moran
- Caring Ministries (Cards, Phone Calls, Visits)
- Church Council, Committees, and Finances  
Contact Pastor Susan, Tori Gosch, or Barb Wilson



### **Upcoming Youth Opportunities:**

- TBD  
Contact Pastor Susan

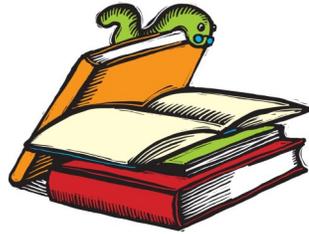


# Serving with Bethany continued...

## Upcoming Education Opportunities:

- Every Tuesday...Women of Bethany Bible Study at 10:30 am. All are welcome.

Contact Kathy Newton.



## Upcoming Worship Opportunities:

- Praise Team (Sunday mornings)
- Worship Ministries (Ushering, Reading, Communion assisting/setup, PowerPoint, etc.)

Contact Ardyth Loewen



Do you have your own idea for an exciting ministry God is putting on your heart? Let us know! Event proposal forms are available in the office or on the bulletin board.

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
<b>July</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Avg</b>	<b>45</b>

# No Council Minutes

## No Council Meeting in July

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Executive Committee – Wednesday, August 3, 2022 - 12:00 pm  
(Tori leading)

Council – Thursday, August 18, 2022 – 5:30 pm (Barb leading)

<b>Offering to date (June)</b>	
<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>\$59,035.91</b>	<b>\$62,914.97</b>
<b>Expenses to date (June)</b>	
<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>\$55,305.92</b>	<b>\$54,117.55</b>

### 2022 Church Council

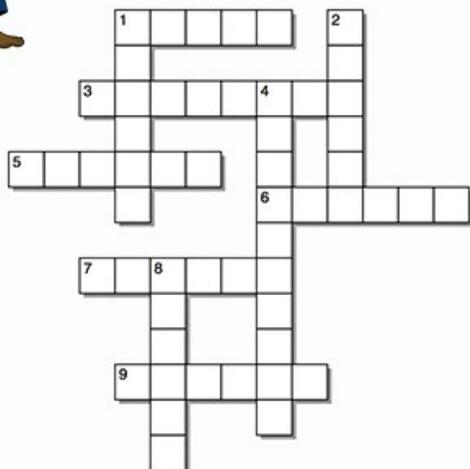
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# Bible Pathway Adventures

CROSSWORD

## JACOB



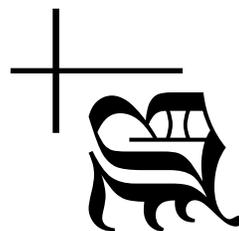
### ACROSS

- 1) Name of Jacob's father. (Genesis 27:21 ESV)
- 3) "Jacob was left alone, and a man came and \_\_\_\_\_ with him." (Genesis 32:24 ESV)
- 5) Israel loved \_\_\_\_\_ more than any other of his sons. (Genesis 37:3 ESV)
- 6) Jacob had twelve sons who became the \_\_\_\_\_ tribes of Israel. (Genesis 49:28 ESV)
- 7) Jacob married Leah and \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 29:28 ESV)
- 9) Jacob dreamed he saw angels going up and down to Heaven on a \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 28:12 ESV)

### DOWN

- 1) The new name God (Yah) gave Jacob. (Genesis 32:28 ESV)
- 2) Rachel hid her father's idols in her camel's \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 31:34 ESV)
- 4) Esau sold his birthright to Jacob for a bowl of \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 25:34 ESV)
- 8) Jacob and his family lived in the land of \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 37:1 ESV)

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