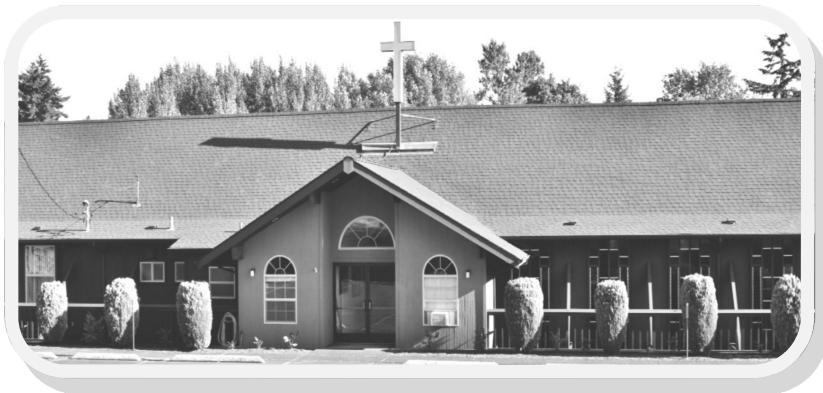




February 2023 Newsletter

Bethany Lutheran Church



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Pastor Susan Dollinger

Bethany website: www.bethanylongview.org

Office Hours Tuesday through Thursday 9:30am - 3pm

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Pastor email: pastor@bethanylongview.org

Sunday Morning Worship Time

9:30 Worship

10:30 Coffee Hour



*As we forgive those who trespass against us...
Lord's Prayer*

Ah, a moment has arrived in my life to practice what I preach. As you know, my little, red car was stolen, it was taken a few days after my wallet and keys were stolen.

Both of these events happened in our driveway; one during the day, and one at night. I am much more shaken up about that, than the car. I am bummed about my car, and it definitely makes my life inconvenient, but there is an unsettling space within me of the trespassing.

After hours of phone calls to various agencies, I finally had a chance to sit still. I put on my "pastor hat" and asked myself what I would say to someone else in this situation. I had many thoughts: thoughts about calming down, taking deep breaths, being thankful that it wasn't worse etc., but eventually, my pastor-self said, "forgive."

We hear the word "forgive" often and it is a big topic in seminary. I also did public speaking on forgiveness, and certainly, I have preached on it.

Today, I can forgive, but I am aware that there might be days when this will re-surface and I will have to go through the act of forgiveness again. Forgiveness isn't always a one-and-done; it is something that gets easier each time we work through it... but not always.

Our call is to forgive when we can and try again (and again) where we cannot. With Jesus, we end up in a cycle of forgiveness. Jesus forgives from the cross and forgives our sins, and then we must find a way to forgive others the way we were forgiven. Some days this is too hard, too fresh; but you come back to the cross and try again tomorrow.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Pastor Susan

SUNDAY'S MINISTRIES FEBRUARY 2023

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Sunday Service

Communion/ER/Small Seeds & Sprouts

Greeter: Ruth Sieler
 Ushers: Tori Gosch & Karen Langworthy
 Reader: Small Seeds & Sprouts
 Communion Asst.: Pam van den Driessche
 Communion Setup: Carol Thompson
 PowerPoint: Carol Thompson
 Financial Sec. Barbara Price
 Coffee Hour: Blair/Newton

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Sunday Service

Communion

Greeter: Ruth Sieler
 Ushers: Bob & Pat Reistroffer
 Reader: Pat Reistroffer
 Communion Asst.: Barb Wilson
 Communion Setup: Dorothy Blair
 PowerPoint: Don Wallin
 Financial Sec. Pam van den Driessche
 Coffee Hour: Milhiser/Obermeyer

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Sunday Service

Communion

Greeter: Susan Shiu
 Ushers: Joyce Croy & Chris Engebo
 Reader: Chris Engebo
 Communion Asst.: Shelly Limpach
 Communion Setup: Shelly Limpach
 PowerPoint: Lee Limpach
 Financial Sec. Susan Shiu
 Coffee Hour: Price/Schauer

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

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

Sunday Service

Communion

Greeter: Clarence & Kathy Newton
 Ushers: Lee & Shelly Liimpach
 Reader: Lee Limpach
 Communion Asst.: Karen Langworthy
 Communion Setup: Dorothy Blair
 PowerPoint: Steve Smith
 Financial Sec. Barbara Price
 Coffee Hour: Cavens/Clausen

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 Krista Croy
 Kim Isakson Tracie Gonsolis Sarah Hancock
 Lynne Dalleck Barbara Price Susan Nance



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

13 Harry & Dorothy Blair

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Debra Zandi	09 Robert Price	21 Pat Reistroffer
Trudy Custer	15 Steve Smith	Dan Lane
02 Nancy Skora	18 Wayne Spriggle	Pastor Susan Dollinger
07 Dennis Sieler	20 Penny Gilchrist	

We received a thank you card from Connie Foss...
 Bethany Members, Barbara Clausen, council president.

Thank you so much for... your cards and kind words, the lovely flowers at Les' service, your donations in his memory, most of all, your prayers for me, my children, and grandchildren.

Sincerely, in Christ,

Connie Foss.

The card is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

FYI

Pastoral Office Hours:

Pastor Susan is available most Thursdays for any drop-in concerns from 11:00-1:00. If you ever need anything, please let Pastor Susan know. She is happy to come for a visit, break bread together over lunch/coffee, or meet at Bethany.

WE'VE GOT HOSPITALITY!

Honoring Ministry of the Month for February: Hospitality Committee members Joyce Croy, Tori Gosch, Karen Langworthy, Barb Wilson, and Dan Lane

The word "hospitality" means the friendly, generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, and strangers. Examples of their work that come to mind are the wonderful outdoor picnic, the Octoberfest with fun activities, the Easter brunch, cake and ice cream for special occasions and more. The work that goes into organizing, planning for decorations, purchasing supplies, setting up, cooking, serving, and cleaning up IS immense.

One activity that stands above all others is the 60th Annual Smorgasbord that the hospitality committee prepared. They not only did a fund raiser to pay for the extras, but then prepared fabulous decorations for the Advent season in blue, provided catered appetizers with a wine toast, and entertainment by our returning Castle Rock Men's Choir. We greeted old friends, shared fellowship, and remembered stories from Bethany's rich sixty-year history. This an over-the-top special event that epitomizes their fabulous efforts on behalf of Bethany! We are thankful for the Hospitality this committee provides to Bethany.

Security and Your Home

The council is working with the Longview Police Department to schedule a one-hour presentation on how to better protect your home, phone, internet, credit cards, and bank account! Avoid scams and know what is happening locally that you can avoid! We will let you know as soon as the date has been set.

Small Seeds and Sprouts

Small Seeds and Sprouts will meet on the 1st Saturday of the month from 1-3pm at Bethany. This is a fun-filled time of learning for our children and youth at Bethany. This is a great opportunity to invite other children, and bring grandchildren to our program. Confirmation material will be incorporated this year. Please pray for the youth as they enter into a new phase in their faith education. This month the meeting will be on Saturday, February 4th, 2023. with Small Seeds & Sprouts Sunday, February 5th, 2023.

Coffee Hour

First of all thanks to all who do Coffee Hour and provides us with yummy goodies. FYI to all who do it, new members and seasoned members.

Duties of Coffee Hour Hosts:

1. turn on the dishwasher when you arrive. Directions are on the wall.
2. Place plates, napkins and or cups out for service
3. wash all tables off after coffee Hour
4. make sure all dishes are cleaned and put away
5. sweep floor in kitchen and fellowship hall
6. take out all the garbage. Put new bags in them. Bags are in cabinet by glass doors
7. clean out all coffee pots
8. wash out all sinks and clean out the dishwasher. Directions are on the wall
9. take home any wet towels & dish rags and dirty tablecloths that need to be laundered
10. turn off all lights.

Bob Baldwin & Rick Loewen will be making coffee. There may be times when they are gone. So check when it's your turn.

Coming up in February...

February 10th/12th—Bible Study

**February 15th—Lower Columbia Lay Leaders Meeting
Shrove Fest Potluck Dinner**

February 22nd—Ash Wednesday

Ashes to Go @ LCC 8:30—10:00

Soup Supper @ 5:30

Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:15

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

Women's Bible Study

We will meet in the Faith room and on Zoom
Tuesdays at 10:30am.

February Women's Bible Study

Feb. 7, Feb. 14, Feb. 21 and Feb. 28

Topic: The Ten Commandments

Rhythms and Respect (3rd and 4th commandments)

March Women's Bible Study

March 7, March 21, March 28

Topic: The Ten Commandments

Sanctity of Life and Love (5th and 6th Commandments)

You may download the study for free at
www.gathermagazine.org/biblestudy

Feel free to join in on Zoom:
contact Kathy Newton to be on the update list.



Thank you so much for the generous gift you gave me for Christmas. It was very appreciated. There will be some upcoming deductibles and expenses with the car situation, so I am planning to save it for such a time as needed. I marvel at the timing.

Thank you for the kindness you have shown me during this recent situation with my car and identity theft. It has been a lot to process, and the kindness from all of you has deeply affected me. Your support has meant the world. Thank you.

With gratitude and love,

Pastor Susan

thanks

Bible Study on the Book of John

Zoom-only option on Fridays, beginning February 10, at 11:15

In-person-only at 11:15 beginning February 12, 11:15

Bible studies are multi-layered. Layer 1: Come because you want to learn and be a part of the study. Layer 2: Do the homework (read two to three chapters a week) and participate. Layer 3 – answer questions, ask questions, and take notes. **Step 1: Talk to Pastor Susan about participation.** Homework: Feb. 10/12 Read ch.1 of John with special attention to John 1:1-16. Invite a friend! Bible needed. Study Bibles welcome.

Lower Columbia Conference of the ELCA

Lay Leaders Meeting

On February 15th at noon, there will be a meeting of the local church council officers and ELCA women leaders at Bethany in the Fellowship Hall. The goal is to share/plan any events each church is doing or trade any ideas and what we would like to do together. This meeting is open to anyone who wants to attend. Please RSVP as a light lunch will be served.

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.

Fellowship Dinners

We are planning a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall for February—Wednesday, February 15th to have fun together and get to know folks better. This is the Christian period of preparation before the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent.

Shrovetide, Pre-Lenten, or Forelent are other names for this time period. In New Orleans, they celebrate Fat Tuesday, with a great feast and final parade. So join us for our own “Fat Wednesday”!

Potluck, Jazz, fun, and fellowship. Wear a hat, beads, and/or fun mask. 5:30. Bring a friend.

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.



FISH

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

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

All contributions gladly accepted.

Thank you ~ Bethany's FISH Team

FYI

Emergency Preparedness Coming Soon ~ Mark Your Calendars

Usher Training will be **Sunday, March 12th** after Coffee Hour to refresh our memories and make sure we are prepared for different emergencies. We will be reviewing responsibilities for fire drills, health emergencies, and lockdowns at this training. Let Barb Clausen know if you cannot attend so she can plan a makeup training session.

Then there will be an Active Shooter Lockdown followed by a Fire Drill on **Sunday, March 26** before the start of service. We want to all be prepared and hope we never have to use either of these!

Mutual Ministry

Did you know that there is a mutual ministry team?

It is for the purpose is for problem-solving when needed. Pastor Susan is always available for conversation and private matters which are held confidential. This team is to help with conflict among the Bethany community or with difficult matters that may require different perspectives.

The Biblical way of handling conflict is – if possible, approach the person you have a conflict with and talk with them first. If that does not work bring someone with you as a witness to talk with the other person. If that does not work then you bring it to the church (the mutual ministry team) for mediation. While this way is encouraged.

We understand that it can not always work out this way and you may come to the mutual ministry team at a different interval.

This team is to help the balance and harmony at Bethany.

God's peace.

HELP NEEDED

Our FISH volunteer team will be missing 4 members for the next FISH set-up and distribution days, March 13th & 14th. We would greatly appreciate anyone & everyone who would be willing to offer any assistance. ~ Thanks, Pam & Shelly

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 Living Stones Prison Ministry. If you are mailing in your donation, please write Emergency Fund on the Memo line.

February-Living Stones Prison Ministry
March- Emergency Support Shelter for Abused Women & Men
January Emergency Fund:

Thank you, Bethany, for your generous second-mile giving. Total collected was to the Cold Weather Shelter. After the 20% was added to the Pastor Discretionary Fund, a check for 168.80 will be mailed to them.

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.

Planning Your Summer Trips?



Save the dates of June 26-29th for Bethany's Vacation Bible Study. Invite your children, grandchildren, and neighbors. We will have a great time!

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



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!



Serving with Bethany continued...

Upcoming Youth Opportunities:

- VBS planning coming soon.
Please contact Pastor Susan



Upcoming Education Opportunities:

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

Contact Kathy Newton.

- Bible Study on John Fridays online, Sundays in-person (see information in newsletter on p. 8).



Upcoming Worship Opportunities:

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

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
Jan	TOTAL
1	44
8	57
15	50
22	56
29	47
Avg	51

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.

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. For now 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.

January Council Minutes

Bethany Lutheran Church Council Meeting Agenda – January 4, 2023 5:00p.m. Faith Room

Devotions and Prayer –Pastor Susan Dollinger

Call to Order and President's Report – Barbara Clausen called to order at 5:26pm

Affirm decisions made between Council Meetings: none

Agenda Change: Added Synod Assembly to New Business

Devotions for Feb. 9-Joyce Croy

Secretary of State & Dept. of Revenue Update-revisions in progress

Pr. Foss Memorial flowers from Memorial Fund. People's Foss donations-requested be dedicated to Sound System Upgrades--will be considered by the Memorial Committee

Would like to have memorials consider a Servant Leader plaque that lists pastors and their years of service for our 60 years and beyond

Fellowship Dinner planning sign up—decided to modify the plan & do dinner in February

Secretary's Report – John Pelster

Approve December minutes as printed

Treasurer's Report – Barb Wilson

Emergency Fund Report-checks for Schools Dec. L- 226.51 & Col Hts \$115.69

Attendance average for December 40 (calculated on 4 weeks due to ice/closures)

Review of expenditures and account status

December 2022 Financial Report of Expenses and Income Summary: December 2022 budget expenses of \$10,961.46 exceeded December 2022 budget income of \$7359.00 by \$3,602.46. The church loan balance was unavailable at the time of printing. Designated Funds/Savings as of December 31st are \$40,316.21. 2022 YTD offerings of \$133,418.67 exceeded YTD expenses of \$129,683.98 by \$3,734.69. 2021 YTD budget offerings were \$123,225.64 and YTD expenses were \$98,116.78.

Ministry Reports –

Hospitality – Joyce Croy

Committee-Karen Langworthy, Tori Gosch, Barb Wilson, Joyce Croy, Dan Lane;

Purchased new serving utensils, repaired refrigerator, electric kettle, & all heavy-duty paper products (picnic);

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

Treats for Pr. Foss memorial service;

Anniversary dinner-90 people fabulous success & lots of clean up help!

Friendship Force dinner-large outside group was very successful, made money for wine and appetizers for anniversary;

Annual Meeting-brunch food plans;

Memorial – Request to pay Pr. Foss service flowers;

Committee-Gail Obermeyer, Joyce Croy, and Karen Langworthy;

Paying for flowers for Foss funeral;

Worship/Music – Pastor Susan Dollinger Meet on Jan.

Committee-Dor McMillan, Geo. Obermeyer, June White, Chris Cotten,

Pr Susan, Roger Lee, Renee Pelster;

Update compatible lapel mics and upgrade sound system-researching

Pastor did Advent services, including one Comfort & Hope service, as well as Sundays. (Christmas Eve 4:00 was online & 11:00 cancelled due to freezing ice) Christmas morning was a lay-lead Christmas service. January 1 was a carol and communion service.

Youth/Service –Small Seeds/Sprouts - Sunday will be Jan. 8

Committee-Pat Reistroffer, Bob Reistroffer, Barb Clausen, & Pastor Susan;

Checks were delivered to Columbia Heights and to Lexington. The angel tree wrapped gifts will be delivered December 19th to schools & Family Promise.

Family Promise (Sara Wallace will keep Bethany informed when emergency meals are needed.)

FISH will be Jan. 5-6;

Next meeting-Feb. 9 1:00 to begin planning for schools & VBS;

Duct Tape Crew – Rick Loewen

Committee-Rick Loewen, Dave Foslien, Bob Baldwin, Carol Thompson, Bill Zimmerman, Russ Gilchrist, Sandra Smith-Hubert, Gail Obermeyer, George Obermeyer, Clarence Newton, and Dan Lane;

We've been operating pretty much as a skeleton crew this last month with people off for travel, medical, and family obligations so we've only tried to keep up with janitorial work.

We had quite a time with blowing fuses on the sanctuary Christmas tree.

There were too many lights plugged into one string. We ran an extension cord half-way up the tree to temporarily solve the problem.

When we take the tree down this week we'll leave it out and reattach the strings correctly and mark them.

In the next couple weeks we'll have Alex Jessen (the painter who gave us the quote) cover the 2 woodpecker nest holes on the west end of the building to keep them from reusing them. He said he would do it for \$25.

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

Stewardship-Barb Wilson No report

Committee-Carol Lane, Barb Wilson, and Pastor Susan

Mutual Ministry- Barb Clausen Next meeting-January with a couple members.

Committee-Harry Blair, Barb Clausen, & Beth Milhiser, and Pastor Susan;
Thank you Barb W for your service;

• **Minister's Report** – Pastor Susan

Work/Life Balance: December was a very busy month that held many wonderful moments. Vacation Days Dec. 27-30;

Outreach: Attended Synod Bishop's Eucharist.

Other: Having the bishop come on December 4, Bethany's 60th Anniversary, with the children doing the readings and the children's message, followed by the Castle Rock Men's Choir with an amazing smorgasbord by Hospitality, was really a highlight

Due to the severe ice storm, I needed to move the Christmas Eve services online, which was a difficult decision.

Education – Pastor Susan is working on a Bible study.
Committee-None;

Unfinished Business:

Sound System Improvements - Beth Grambo to contact Seth B.

Living Lutheran Congregational- No Homebound feedback as it started in Dec

Calling Directory & Pictures-Directory updated & submitted for late January publication. Pictures not taken may be submitted now to be included;

Usher Training Re-schedule-Barb Clausen Dates are Sunday, Feb. 12th*
11:00 Faith Rm

Emergency Practice Lock Down and Drill-Barb Clausen & Pastor Susan
Sunday, Feb. 19th, beginning of service

Transition walk-through with Rick-Pastor Susan schedule to be scheduled Will work on Tickler list of what needs to be done when for maintenance;

Facility Use Policy Insurance- Barbara Clausen A revised policy will be submitted by February for consideration after input from Quarterly Leaders.

Annual Meeting Planning Update-Barbara Clausen

(Music, 2 microphones, set up, clean up, ballots, sign in, etc.)

New Business:

Nomination Committee- will nominate George Obermeyer for council;

Elected Committee- Suzanne Arnits, Pat Reistroffer, George Obermeyer (resigned), and Tori Gosch and Barb Clausen from council;

Synod Assembly-May 4-5 in Auburn. We need to have the congregation elect one man and one woman to accompany Pastor Susan. Brainstormed who to ask.

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

Staff Report – Kim Moran -no report;

Facility Use – no requests;

Meeting recessed for budget development

Re-convened meeting at 8:10pm

Goal is to move money out of Designated Funds that were miscellaneous and into the budget it was designated for. This will reduce our designated funds footprint in keeping with our non-profit status. Eliminated Care Team as pastor is visiting Homebound and anyone requesting a visit. Merged Custodial supplies and maintenance as the Duct Tape does both. Developed a separate Capital Improvement budget for large improvements, large maintenance, and large capital outlay. Starting with \$1,033.55 from portable rest room that is not feasible and \$3,000 Rumage sale proceeds. (Note: Will ask council for an electronic vote to move the remaining sum in savings from the sale of the north property to this account. This will begin to cover cost of the building painting.) It was decided to use Designated Funds/Savings Thrivent Choice to cover the Synod Assembly/Bishop Convocation 2023 expenses. Separated Evangelism and Education for purpose of clear expenditures. As the standing motion from previous congregational meetings, we will move the remaining monies in the Designated Funds Building Fund to the loan payment when the 2022 books close.

Motions:

It was moved, seconded, & passed to move \$4,000 of Thrivent Choice monies into the General Fund to meet our budget needs.

It was moved, seconded, & passed to recommend the 2023 budget as drafted to the congregation for their consideration.

A special thank you to John Pelster for his three years of service on council and for serving as our council secretary! Your insights and service is deeply appreciated!

Announcements and Adjournment – Barb Clausen Adjourned at 8:18pm.

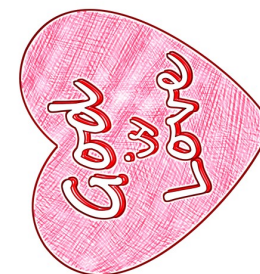
Beth Adams will be at our February 9 meeting to discuss foundations, etc.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Executive Committee – Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023 – 12:00 pm

Council – Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023 – 4:00 pm

Offering to date (December)	
2021	2022
\$123,225.64	\$133,418.67
Expenses to date (December)	
2021	2022
\$98,116.78	\$129,683.98

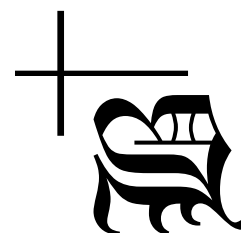


Newsletter articles must be submitted before the 20th of the month prior in order to be published.

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.

2023 Bethany Lutheran Church Council Directory

Name/Position/Term
1. Joyce Croy (2024)
2. Barbara Clausen (President, 2024)
3. Barb Wilson (Treasurer)
4. Phyllis Cavens (2025)
5. George Obermeyer (2026)
6. Beth Grambo (Secretary, 2024)
7. Tori Gosch (Vice President, 2024)
8. P. Susan Dollinger (Pastor)



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FEBRUARY 2023

God's Blessings to . . .