



## April 2023 Newsletter

# Bethany Lutheran Church



### Bethany Lutheran Church

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Pastor Susan Dollinger

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### Sunday Morning Worship Time

9:30 Worship  
10:30 Coffee Hour



*"And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. 'Who is this?' they asked. The crowds answered, 'It's the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'" (Matthew 21:10-11)*

For Christian households worldwide, Palm Sunday marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where his faithful followers welcomed him with open arms. It is a joyful moment that holds deep tension. Jesus then overturns tables in the temple, further solidifying his arrest and death on the cross. There is sorrow dressed up in fanfare on Palm Sunday as we know the way the week will go for Jesus. I encourage you to participate in all of Holy Week and to not just skip from Palm Sunday to Easter. The reality is that Easter comes with Good Friday and one is not separate from the other.

Maundy Thursday is about the servitude of Christ. It is a beautiful and solemn night. We sit with Jesus at the Last Supper and stand by watching his arrest. Good Friday signifies the death of Jesus. The nights of Holy Week are difficult and also a significant part of the Jesus story that shouldn't be left out.

Easter brings about the end of the long season of Lent and hopefully the budding of a long-awaited spring; and then the rest of the year follows. We have a season in front of us filled with the newness of life, and yet our work as Christians is not done. It is still a season of people still needing prayers, needing shelter, food, protection, and safety. We still have people who are recovering from surgeries, or needing surgery, and we still have those who need an invitation to church. Many are willing to try out church on Easter and Christmas. Maybe there is someone in your life that needs that invitation and an introduction to whom Jesus is and what he has done. Maybe there is someone that needs to know that the death of Jesus and also the resurrection of Jesus is FOR YOU and for them too. We call that the Good News, news we want others to hear.

I can think of no better time than this to invite someone you know to church.

In peace,  
Pastor Susan

## SUNDAY'S MINISTRIES APRIL 2023

APRIL 2, 2023

### **Sunday Service**

### **Communion/ER/Small Seeds & Sprouts**

Greeter: DiAnn Foslien  
 Ushers: Small Seeds & Sprouts/Chris Engebo  
 Reader: Small Seeds & Sprouts  
 Communion Asst.: Pat Reistroffer & Jonah Pelster  
 Communion Setup: Pat Reistroffer  
 PowerPoint: Steve Smith  
 Financial Sec. Susan Shiu  
 Coffee Hour: Thompson/van den Driessche

APRIL 9, 2023 **Sunday Service**

### **Communion**

Greeter: Ruth Sieler  
 Ushers: Lee & Shelly Limpach  
 Reader: Lee Limpach  
 Communion Asst.: Karen Langworthy  
 Communion Setup: Dorothy Blair  
 PowerPoint: Don Wallin  
 Financial Sec. Pam van den Driessche  
 Coffee Hour: Hospitality

APRIL 16, 2023

### **Sunday Service**

### **Communion**

Greeter: Joyce Croy  
 Ushers: Bob Baldwin/Bill Zimmerman  
 Reader: Bill Zimmerman  
 Communion Asst.: Barb Wilson  
 Communion Setup: Carol Thompson  
 PowerPoint: Carol Thompson  
 Financial Sec. Susan Shiu  
 Coffee Hour: Takko/Reistroffer

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

APRIL 23, 2023

### **Sunday Service**

### **Communion**

Greeter: Bob Baldwin  
 Ushers: Tori Gosch/Karen Langworthy  
 Reader: Karen Langworthy  
 Communion Asst.: Pam van den Driessche  
 Communion Setup: Dorothy Blair  
 PowerPoint: Steve Smith  
 Financial Sec. Pam van den Driessche  
 Coffee Hour: Hubert-Smith/Obermeyer

APRIL 30, 2023

### **Lay Sunday Service**

Greeter: Ruth Sieler  
 Ushers: Chris Engebo/Jonah Pelster  
 Reader: Chris Engebo  
 PowerPoint: Don Wallin  
 Financial Sec. Susan Shiu  
 Coffee Hour: Blair/Sieler

# Bethany's Corner



Shelly Limpach is our prayer chain contact. You may contact her with your prayer concerns through email at [BethanyPrayer247@gmail.com](mailto:BethanyPrayer247@gmail.com). If you have an urgent prayer request, please call

## Continued Prayers & Healing

Takko family Custer family Gilchrist family  
 Thibodeau family Dana Hughes Krista Croy  
 Kim Isakson Barb Clausen Sarah Hancock  
 Barbara Price Thompson family Roger Lee  
 Gayle Obermeyer Dasher family



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

02 Dan & Martha Sharp  
 12 David & Dana Hughes  
 28 Russ & Karen Gilchrist

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

02 Lynne Dalleck 11 Gene Zandi  
 03 Renee Pelster 12 Bill Zimmerman  
 07 Larry Jackson 25 Mirabella Murphy  
 08 Beth Grambo 28 Karen Gilchrist  
 09 David Hughes

## 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.

# FYI

## Planning Your Summer Trips?

**VBS** Save the dates of June 26-29<sup>th</sup> for Bethany's Vacation Bible School. Invite your children, grandchildren, and neighbors. We will have fun!

It's time to start meeting for VBS. We need lots of volunteers for our Happy Camping theme. The first meeting to begin planning for VBS will be April 27<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. See Pat or Bob R., or Pastor Susan

## Ministry of the Month

This month we are honoring the many hands caring for our building and preparing it for worship! Saying thank you hardly covers the many hundreds of requests from big to little things that the Duct Tape Crew fixes for our building. We have been blessed with their work on the furnace, the water damage, the portable roof wind damage quick temporary fix, moving the sand cross in/out, the Christmas decorations, duct tape spots, and the list goes on... Duct Tape is led by Rick Loewen and Dave Foslien with the help of many members—we thank you!

In addition, we would like to thank Ardyth Loewen for faithfully contacting people and setting up the large list for every Sunday who will make our worship service run smoothly—lectors, ushers, coffee hour, technologists, and more! We also thank Carol Thompson for all she does to keep the liturgical seasons changing from one to the next. She changes the altar, banners, and piano covers, and places the side banners that hang above our heads. We are thankful for your service! We are thankful also for the many hands care for communion, both prep and clean up. Bless the hands that prepare for this special personal moment with our Heavenly Father!

## 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. There are events for the year that focus on activities that can easily include an invitation to a neighbor or friend. Thank you so much.

# FYI

## **Quarterly Meeting Coming April 20th ~ 5:30 ~Fellowship Hall**

This is our regular meeting of all members who wish to attend to share ideas! If you are thinking of a new project or have something to share, here is the place to come! This is a great time to hear the plans for upcoming events as well.

*ALL committees should bring a list of active members and a list of dates for the next four months. After our discussion items, we will be doing the calendar.*

## 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

## Earth Day/Mother's Day Children's Project

For Earth Day, Bethany Lutheran church will be hosting a children's event in our lower parking lot for the children in grades K-2 at Columbia Heights Elementary school. We will be doing this right after school on Tuesday, April 18th from 3:30 until 4:30. We will need adult volunteers to help. You need to fill out paperwork for a background check so please sign up sooner rather than later. If you already have a current, school-certified background check, you don't need to do another one. Please see Pastor Susan, or Pat Reistroffer if you can help. We will be hosting a different Mother's Day event, we also need volunteers for. Stay tuned for details.



### **Emergency Fund ~ FIRST SUNDAY**

Due to the emergency in Turkey and Syria earthquake, the March Emergency Fund was changed by council to ELCA Lutheran World Relief after the newsletter submission deadline. Therefore, this month with the campaign at the Emergency Support Shelter in full swing, we are doing second-mile giving to the ESS for April.

### **Emergency Fund - Emergency Support Shelter:**

The Pastor's discretionary fund and Emergency Support Shelter (ESS) for Abused Women & Men in Longview are the focus of our emergency giving this month. The ESS annual fund raiser kicked off on March 27th. (For three years we have not sponsored a table at the breakfast, because of COVID. This time it is because their director is fighting breast cancer—please keep her in your prayers.) The Shelter provides counseling, parenting training, help with anxiety in traumatized abused families, shelter in hotels for men, and in-house for females and their children. This year the shelter has served 770 victims of domestic violence, 185 people were sheltered, 252 victims of crime (child/elder abuse, hate, etc.), and 598 victims of sexual abuse or assault. Checkout their video testimonials on Facebook and on their website at [emergencysupportshelter.com](http://emergencysupportshelter.com). (Annie's testimonial is really worth watching!) If you wish to do second-mile giving, please write on memo of your check "April Emergency Fund." There is a match for individual donations up to \$50,000. Members may also choose to drop-off gently used twin bed sheets, pillows, blankets, or personal toiletries at the location on 11th in Longview as well.

### **March Emergency Fund:**

Thank you, Bethany, for your generous second-mile giving. Total collected was \$199.00. After the 20% was added to the Pastor Discretionary Fund, a check for \$159.20 will be mailed to ELCA Lutheran World Relief fund.

### **Care Bags for the Homeless**

Remember to pick up a care bag for the homeless. You can find them in the Narthex. These bags are filled with basic hygiene products, snacks and clothing items, designed to share God's love and provide comfort for those who are living on our streets. The bags also include a list of resources in our area.

## **Growing in Faith & Knowledge**

### **Holy Week**

**April 2nd : Palm Sunday**

Small Seeds & Sprouts Worship

**April 6<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday Communion Service**

6:00pm @ Bethany Lutheran

**April 7<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Worship**

6pm @ Bethany Lutheran

### **Celebrate Easter with Us**

*Special Sunday Worship & Easter Brunch*

**April 9<sup>th</sup>: Easter Sunday**

**Time:** 9:30 Worship

10:30 Easter Brunch

Worship with us Sundays at 9:30 in person and online, call for more information 360-577-8240

### **Small Seeds and Sprouts**

Small Seeds and Sprouts will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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, April 1st, 2023. with Small Seeds & Sprouts Sunday, April 2nd, 2023.

### **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.



### Women's Bible Study

April study dates will be each Tuesday at 10:30 am. We meet in the Faith Room or on zoom. We gather for prayers, cares, concerns, challenges, and celebration. April study will be on the 6th thru 10th Commandments. Our Gather Magazines have not yet arrived but the study can be accessed on the website. [www.gather.org](http://www.gather.org)

contact Kathy Newton to be on the update list.

### Bible Study on the Book of John

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

**In-person-only on Sundays at 11:15**

Mar 29/April 02 chapters 11,12, 13

April 07/09 Off (Good Fri/Easter)

Apr 14/16 chapters 14, 15,16

April 21/23 Off (Pastor has a meeting on Sunday)

### Next Bible Study: Book of Ruth:

The next Bible study will be on the book of Ruth (June 2/4 and June 9/11). Ruth is a fantastic little book in the Bible that will help you understand some of the concepts of the Old Testament much better. A physical Bible (not kindle) is preferred. Invite a friend! Fridays will be online-only, and Sundays in person-only.

### 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.

## **Bethany Lutheran Church**

The Call of A

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the end  
out with good courage, not know where we go, but only that your hand is leading

Vision

"We are a Christ-centered church that reaches out in our community

Mission

"Bethany Lutheran Church is a family sharing love and caring for one another

Northstar

We are seekers extending an invitation to all

**Goal:** To extend our spiritual outreach and increase our witness

Date	Action
1. Market the church to create more visibility	Create brochure Business cards for members Chamber notices Posters for events Easels/outdoor banners PSA events TDN public events Door knob flyers BLC Name tags when volunteering outside event
2. Create a welcoming statement	Create and use the welcoming statement on social media, in print, etc.
3. Develop Grandparent Group	Build on faith/how to nurture faith in young Communication Prayer Activity ideas near/far Intergenerational dinner
4. Offer events of interest to the public	Create 2-3 public events Market widely throughout the community Provide church brochures, etc. for attendees Suggested ideas included: singalong of hymns & pie social Controversial subjects-homelessness, abuse, gender equity/identity Estate planning panel discussion & help

## 2023 Goal & Action Plan

Abraham

ding, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go  
ing us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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ease our event participation by at least 5%.

	People	Accountability
	Pastor Barb Clausen Kim Moran	Report # completed activities in council & newsletter
	Pastor will be putting together a com- mittee soon.	
		Report # participants and com- pleted activities in council & newsletter
	Council with help from others	Report # participants and com- pleted activities in council & newsletter

## 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. The first meeting will be April 27th at 4:00pm.



## **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

## **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.

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
MARCH	TOTAL
5	53
12	49
19	42
26	50
Avg	49

<u>Lent Attendance</u>	
MARCH	TOTAL
1	28
8	23
15	18
22	12
29	18
Avg	22

## 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.



# March Council Minutes

## Bethany Lutheran Church

### Council Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2023 5:30 pm – Faith Room

#### Devotions and Prayer – George Obermeyer

Attendance-Tori Gosch, Barb Wilson, Joyce Croy, George Obermeyer, Pastor Susan Dollinger, Barbara Clausen; Absent-Beth Grambo.

#### Call to Order and President's Report –President Barbara Clausen at 5 :35pm

Decisions made between Council Meetings: Emergency Fund & Girls Scout Cookie Collection

Lenten special offerings for FISH and Disaster Relief were noted.

April 13 Devotions – \_\_\_\_\_

#### Secretary's Report – Beth Grambo

Approve February 9, 2023 Minutes-filed

#### Treasurer's Report – Barb Wilson

Bank Signatures Red Canoe (Tori, Barb, Barb W) completed!

Secretary of State/IRS Update 30-40 day—in process

#### February Expense Report/Summary- February 2023 Financial Report of Expenses and Income:

February 2023 budget expenses of \$11,467.13 exceeded February 2023 budget offerings of \$8,710.00 by \$2,757.13. The Church loan balance as of February 28th is \$33,751.73 and Designated Funds / Savings as of February 28th are \$46,472.92.

February 2023 YTD offerings of \$29,430.42 exceeded YTD expenses of \$25,294.50

February 2022 YTD offerings of \$ 25,168.00 exceeded YTD expenses of \$21,245.67.

*Emergency Fund:* Total collected was \$130.00 . After the 20% was added to the Pastor Discretionary Fund, a check for \$104.00 will be mailed to Living Stones Prison Ministry.

#### Ministry Reports –

- Education: Bible Study Zoom Fri. 11:15 and Sunday 11:15 in person– Book of John (attendance about a dozen on the two options)
- Stewardship/Fundraising – Barb Wilson Rummage Sale on June 9 & 10 (Fri./Sat.) **Motion**

Hospitality –Easter Continental Brunch at 10:30 Committee provides!

Kitchen faucet has temporary fix—Hospitality will replace.

- Worship/Music – Pastor Susan Completed planning for the Lenten services. Next March 26th

Ashes at LCC 8:30-10:00

Lenten services: Feb. 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

## Council Meeting Minutes Continued

Holy Week: Palm April 2, Maundy Thursday April 6, Food Friday April 7, & Easter April 9; (Some will be in F. Hall with the big sand cross and candles, etc.)

Recommended to council Lenten special offerings for FISH and Disaster Relief (earthquake)

No February meeting—moved meetings to last Sunday of the month

Youth/Service – Barb Clausen

FISH Setup: March 13 Distribution: March 14—Help needed

Small Seeds-moved to March 11 due to illness

Homeless Bags for Lenten Service Project on March 15 with soup supper;

Duct Tape Crew - Provided by Rick Loewen

From Barb C: Wind damage loss on the portable was \$2568.43, deductible was \$1,000, and they sent us a check (not an estimate!) for \$1,568.43. **Moved and seconded to approve a contract to complete the repair. Motion carried.**

Authorization to contract with Alec Jessen (painter) to prep and paint the west wall for under \$3,000 from Capital budget (\$7,871.80).

**Moved and seconded to approve the contract with insurance and bonding to pain the west wall. Motion carried.**

Re-lighted some exit signs.

Replaced 2 sloppy electrical outlets in the fellowship hall.

Turned the hot water tank for the kitchen down to 120 deg.

(recommended) from 140 deg factory setting. We also made the kitchen sink faucet swing less easy from sink to sink.

Mower is being repaired by us because of a blade and brake connection issue. We'll change the oil too.

Working on the Women's restroom wall repair as time and talents permit.

Still working on replacing/repairing ceiling tiles in the portable as time permits.

Will look at mailbox lock problem

#### Minister's Report – Pastor Susan

Life Balance: February was the beginning of Lent which is always a big season. There are a lot of extra church events. It is also a busy season in Lent. Recovery from Covid was a little harder than I had thought. Still dealing with stolen car issue.

Management: Weekly: Bulletins, Powerpoint, monthly: Setting up Small Seeds/Sprouts, council retreat (help), setting up Wednesday services, working with Dor and Chris to work through music for Lent season. Yearly: Participated in council retreat – Thank you council for your creativity and energy and for your service to Bethany.



## Council Meeting Minutes Continued

### **Unfinished Business:**

Women of Bethany-Shrovefest Update Feb. 15 Approx. 30 attended with potluck and FUN fellowship times!

Lay Leaders' Lower Col. Conference Lunch Update- Feb. 15 noon @ Bethany-Pastor/Tori

Sound System Update-Pastor Susan Currently, adjusted better for zoom, so waiting;

Security Protecting Your Home and Self-March 8 4:00-5:00 Officer Ripp- Barb C Notes will be available in the April Newsletter. *28 people attended (1 guest but many asked!)*

Girls Scouts Service Project-Pastor Susan Girls Scouts will be asked to do some exterior clean up prior to Easter.

### **New Business:**

Council Goals and Action Plans-Barb C Council reviewed the draft, made minor adjustments, and approved by consensus for congregational feedback in April.

Critical Action Response / Plan Next Steps- Barb W Council reviewed the notes and the subcommittee will meet to develop a full draft for the May meeting.

Financial Review Policy Draft-Barb C Will be reviewed next meeting.

Facility Use Policy Draft-Barb C Will be reviewed next meeting.

**Staff Report** – Kim Moran

Facility Use-Eastern Star with lunch by Hospitality August 26 2023

**Moved and seconded to approve facility use. Motion Carried.**

Facility Use-Foster Student Exchange/Debrief (Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary June 23-4) Pastor Susan will seek more information. *Tabled to next meeting.*

Rummage Sale-June 9-10 for sale (set up all week) **Moved and seconded to approve facility use. Motion carried.**

**Announcements, Adjournment, Prayer** – Barb Clausen Adjourned at 6:38pm

Women of Bethany Soup Suppers- Starting Feb. 22 5:30 Sign up reminder

Emergency Calling List - Update (Snow, etc.) — Did it work okay?

Emergency Preparedness Training-Barb C Reminder

Ushers Training March 12<sup>th</sup> 11:00 Sanctuary

Active Shooter & Fire Drill March 26<sup>th</sup> 9:30am

2023 Committee List-Any corrections/additions?-Barb C Please send to her.

### **Next Scheduled Meetings:**

**Executive Committee – April 5, 2023 - 12:00 pm Zoom**

**Council – April 13, 2023 – 5:30pm Faith Room**

## Protecting Your Home and Self

Security Around Your Home Summary  
from LPD Calvin Ripp Presentation

(This in no way represents Officer Ripp) ~

just Barb Clausen's notes for those who wanted information!)

**Home**-keep doors/windows locked when home or not day and night; use window stops on sliding windows and doors; deadbolt outside doors; garages should be closed/locked at all times and as possible the door into the house; using 3" door hinge screws will slow down entry.

**Outside**-keep shrubs and plants trimmed from blocking street view of doors and windows (camouflage for burglars); If you see a stranger at a neighbor's house and they are gone, immediately call 911—better to be safe than sorry;

**Cameras/Lighting**-surveillance signs even without a system is a deterrent; lighting at the driveway, front porch, and side/back will stop most burglars as they are looking for easy spots;

**Rights of Home Invasion**-as soon as you hear something, shout out a verbal challenge that you are calling 911—it could be a relative, etc. and you do NOT want to harm them; If breaking into a house, you have the right to shoot—better not if it is the garden tool shed;

**Scams Person/Phone**-home improvement people that knock on your door should be avoided. Ask friends for references before you choose. Scammers collect a down payment and then never come back to do the work—or ask for more money than the quote to finish; Never give personal information when someone calls you—your bank will NEVER call. Instead, hang up and call your trusted number for your bank. Smart phones have apps to screen for known callers in your contacts.

**Common Crimes**-violent crimes are uncommon in our area; More often it is property damage, malicious mischief, vehicle prowling, etc. Catalytic converter theft is still common—especially on vehicles that sit outside for lengthy time—see if a lock is available on your converter; Stolen vehicles-1980-90's Hondas were easy to steal, but now they are using a modified (shaved) key;

**Latently Ford** 150 trucks are more common; Portland Airport Long Term parking is a common place for car theft;

**Theft-Burglary**-lock your sheds and shops; In WA you do not have to have your registration in the car (confirmed also with Pemco Insurance for WA & OR) Your proof of insurance can be just in your wallet; owning a dog is the best security!

**LPD**-has five policemen on duty at all times for 40,000. They have 55 officers--total. If the response time is longer, it is because they are on more violent or urgent calls. If you get car/house robbery, etc. you can call, then go online and complete the form.

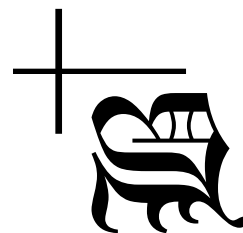
Offering to date (February)	
2022	2023
\$25,168.00	\$29,430.42
Expenses to date (February)	
2022	2023
\$21,245.67	\$25,294.50

*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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**APRIL 2023**

*God's Blessings to . . .*

