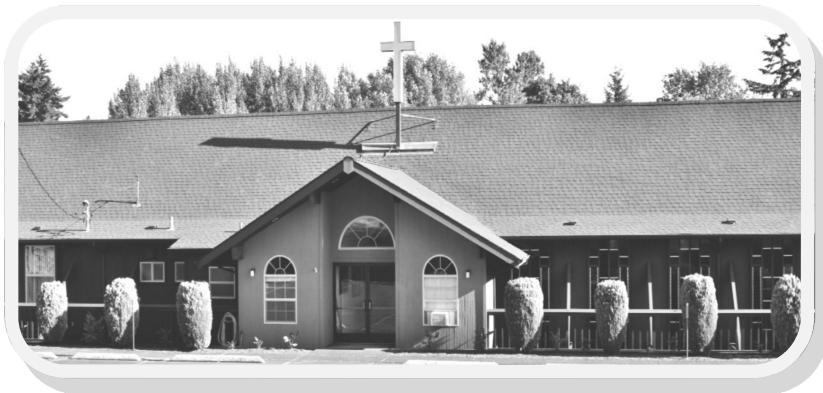




March 2023 Newsletter

Bethany Lutheran Church



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Pastor Susan Dollinger

Bethany website: www.bethanylongview.org

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

Secretary office email: secretary@bethanylongview.org

Pastor email: pastor@bethanylongview.org

Sunday Morning Worship Time

9:30 Worship
10:30 Coffee Hour



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

Dear Bethany,

We have entered the time of Lent. During Lent, we journey with Jesus as he makes his way to the cross. It is a powerful season of reflection and faith.

I am curious if any of you give things up or add things in during Lent. Usually, Lent is a time to do more or to do less. It can be a time of fasting when we give up something like chocolate, social media, or shopping, it can also be a time to add in generous extra offerings by giving to a charity or donating time. For me, Lent is a time of deep reflection and prayer. I journal more and wake up early to spend time in the Word. I invite you into this time. Spend this time how you need for you, but I hope that you will not just let it pass by.

Lent places liturgical churches, into a season, a rhythm that we know somewhere in our souls, and it creates a calendar not recognized by the secular world. There is a bit of quietness that settles in.

During the forty days of Lent, I pray in a different way. I ask people to give me the one prayer that really weighs heavy on their hearts. I will pray over that one prayer during the forty days. If you have such a prayer request, I hope you will allow me to hold that prayer for a while. (See me privately, or send me an email, and all, of course, are held in confidence.)

We are now on a journey with Jesus to the cross. Our faith leads us there.

May God Bless you each and every day. May you find this time meaningful and beautiful. May you find time for Jesus to enter into your hearts in new ways.

In God's peace,

Pastor Susan

SUNDAY'S MINISTRIES MARCH 2023

MARCH 5, 2023

Sunday Service

Communion/ER/Small Seeds & Sprouts

Greeter: Ruth Sieler
 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: Cavens/Grambo

MARCH 12, 2023

Sunday Service

Communion

Greeter: Joyce Croy
 Ushers: Tori Gosch/Barb Wilson
 Reader: Barb Wilson
 Communion Asst.: Karen Langworthy
 Communion Setup: Ardyth Loewen
 PowerPoint: Rick Loewen
 Financial Sec. Pam van den Driessche
 Coffee Hour: Croy/Langworthy

MARCH 19, 2023

Sunday Service

Communion

Greeter: Barb Wilson
 Ushers: Bob & Pat Reistroffer
 Reader: Pat Reistroffer
 Communion Asst.: Barb Wilson
 Communion Setup: Dorothy Blair
 PowerPoint: Don Wallin
 Financial Sec. Susan Shiu
 Coffee Hour: Gosch/Wilson

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

MARCH 26, 2023

Sunday Service

Communion

Greeter: Ruth Sieler
 Ushers: Don Wallin/Bill Zimmerman
 Reader: Bill Zimmerman
 Communion Asst.: Shelly Limpach
 Communion Setup: Shelly Limpach
 PowerPoint: Lee Limpach
 Financial Sec. Pam van den Driessche
 Coffee Hour: Foslien/Newton

Bethany's Corner



Shelly Limpach is our prayer chain contact. You may contact her with your prayer concerns through email at 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 Barbara Utto Thompson family



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

22 Kim & Marilyn Isakson

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

01 Susan Johnson	16 Leonard Bean	26 Alice Snyder
03 Pam Van den Driessche	Barbara Utto	31 Ruth Sieler
10 Joyce Croy	18 Suzanne Arnits	
Kaytlynn Croy	Perry Fiscus	
15 George Obermeyer	20 Susan Nance	

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

Lenten Project Homeless Bags:

During the first part of the month, please gather items on sale to fill bags for the homeless. Then bring items between Sunday, March 12-15th and place them in the labeled boxes in the Fellowship Hall. On Wednesday evening March 15th at the Soup Supper, we will eat our soup and fill the bags for the homeless prior to moving to the sanctuary for the Lenten service. As you leave, please take 2-3 bags and as you see homeless people around our county, feel free to give them a bag.

Items needed: (The church will provide extra-large gallon zip lock bags to hold it all)

Hygiene-toothbrush, toothpaste, razor, wash cloth/hand towel, sanitizer/wipe packets, comb/brush, soap/shampoo, 3-4 band aids in zip lock;

Food: Cup of soup, protein bars (easy to chew), wrapped cookies, crackers/cheese or peanut butter (individual wrapped pkg), etc., apple cider/cocoa mix/instant coffee, spoons & napkins, non-perishable fruit snacks;

Clothing: men's socks (small fit women), adult stocking hats, scarves, gloves, plastic ponchos/rain gear, hand warmers;

Dollar stores and our discount at the Grocery Outlet would be good sources.

Protecting Your Home & Self:

Officer Ripp of the Longview Police Department will be joining us at **4:00-5:00 on Wednesday, March 8th** prior to Soup Supper and Lenten Service to share security tips for your home, internet, phone, etc. He has been asked to tell us what the local area crime trends are and what we can do to better protect ourselves. Join us for this interesting discussion and get your questions answered. Guests welcome but please RSVP to the office so we will have enough soup



Daylight Savings March 12th

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead!

We want to see you at worship service!

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, March 4th, 2023. with Small Seeds & Sprouts Sunday, March 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.

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 March...

March 1st—Healing of the Nations Lenten Service

March 8th—Longview Police Presentation/Godly Play Lenten Service

March 12th—Usher Training

March 13th—FISH Setup

March 14th—FISH Distribution

March 15th—Bags for the Homeless

March 22nd—Service Around the Cross Lenten Service

March 26th—Lockdown Drill

March 29th—Laying of Hands/Healing and Prayer Lenten Service

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.

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.

COUNCIL RETREAT

The council will be having their annual retreat on **Saturday, March 4th from 9:00-3:00** in the Fellowship Hall. If you have an idea for our vision for the future, thoughts about priorities or goals you would like to see us have for the next year, please let Pastor Susan and Barb Clausen know.

Soup Supper and Worship Services

Dates: February 22nd, March 1st, March 8th, March 15th, March 22nd, March 29th

Time: 5:30 Soup Supper

6:15pm Worship

Holy Week

April 2nd : Palm Sunday

Small Seeds & Sprouts Worship

April 6th Maundy Thursday Communion Service

6:00pm @ Bethany Lutheran

April 7th Good Friday Worship

6pm @ Bethany Lutheran

Celebrate Easter with Us

Special Sunday Worship & Easter Brunch

April 9th: 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

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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!

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.

Bible Study on the Book of John

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

In-person-only on Sundays at 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.** Invite a friend! Bible needed. Study Bibles welcome.

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

Our next FISH distribution day will be Tuesday March 14th with setup happening on Monday March 13th. Both days beginning at 9:00. Four people from the usual volunteer list will be gone so please consider helping out. Volunteers will be needed both days. Until then, they are taking donations of tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, chili, jam or jelly, bar soap, tooth-brushes/toothpaste, toilet paper and margarine.

~ Thanks, Pam & Shelly

FYI

CALLING ALL USHERS

We are reviewing our usher procedures with all the ushers this month and, more importantly, preparing ushers for emergencies. This will cover medical emergencies, fire drill procedures, and what to do in a lock down or evacuation. We hope to never use these but in order to be good stewards to our members, we should be prepared. Plan to attend the training on Sunday, March 12th at 11:00 in the sanctuary. (If you plan to usher in the future and cannot attend the training, please email Barb Clausen at barbjclausen@comcast.net to find an alternative time.)

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.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES SUNDAY

We will be practicing a lockdown and fire drill on **Sunday, March 26th**. The Active shooter lockdown and fire drill will be at 9:30am prior to the service. We want to have it at a time when the most people will be in attendance so everyone knows what they would do. (This will give ushers a chance to practice what they have learned.) We are hoping this will not impact your worship and coffee hour, but get the drill done. Please come and participate.

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 **Emergency Support Shelter for Abused Women & Men**. If you are mailing in your donation, please write Emergency Fund on the Memo line.

The Emergency Support Shelter (ESS) for Abused Women & Men in Longview provides many services for abused adults and their children. Members may also choose to drop-off gently used twin bed sheets, pillows, blankets, or personal toiletries at the location on 11th in Longview.

**March- Emergency Support Shelter
April- Cowlitz Chaplaincy
May-Habitat for Humanity
June-Family Promise**

February Emergency Fund:

Thank you, Bethany, for your generous second-mile giving. 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.

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.

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

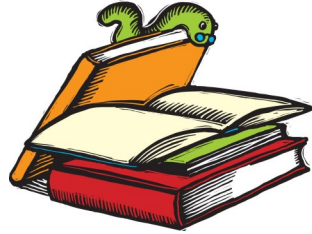
Our Breakfast Group is meeting on Tuesday morning at 8:00am at the Corner Cafe located at 796 Commerce Ave. Suite 103 in Longview. What a great opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship!



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



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>	
FEB	TOTAL
5	46
12	49
19	47
26	48
Avg	48

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.

February Council Minutes

Bethany Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes - February 9, 2023 5:30 pm – Faith Room

In attendance: Phyllis Cavens, Tori Gosch, George Obermeyer, Barb Wilson, Joyce Croy, Barb Clausen (Zoom) and Pr. Susan Absent: Beth Grambo

Devotions and Prayer – Joyce Croy

5:30-6:15 Presentation on Foundation Possibilities-----Beth Adams presented options for member estate planning, development of a foundation, and how to proceed with our efforts. This will be a part of our visioning for the next ten years. (see addendum)

Call to Order and President's Report –Vice President Tori Gosch called the meeting to order at 5:35pm

Decisions made between Council Meetings: none

March 9 Devotions – George Obermeyer

Council Installation Feb. 5 postpones to Feb. 19 please attend

Secretary's Report – Beth Grambo

Approve January 4 Minutes as printed

Edit January 22 Congregational Minutes due to budget adjustment

Treasurer's Report – Barb Wilson

2023 Budget Correction (Thrivent & correction)

Simply Giving Update-reported that the problems have been worked out.

Bank Signatures to be updated at Red Canoe (Tori, Barb, Barb W) **It was**

moved, seconded and approved to remove Don Wallin and Bob Reistroffer (former co-treasurers) from the signature card and to have Barb Wilson, Tori Gosch, and Barbara Clausen added. Motion carried. Forms will be completed this month.

Secretary of State/IRS Update-Barb Wilson is working to get them updated and will submit a copy of the current Constitution and Bylaws to the agencies.

January 2023 budget income of \$20,720.42 exceeded January 2023 budget expenses of \$13,827.37 by \$6,893.05. \$5,201.31 was income transferred from Designated Funds. The church loan balance is \$34,192.01 and Designated Funds / Savings as of December 31st are \$ 46,472.85. This number will show higher than expected as I went through and updated formula's to correctly tally the Misc. DF categories. 2023 YTD offerings of \$20,720.42 exceeded YTD expenses of \$13827.37 by \$6,893.05. 2022 YTD budget offerings were \$18,245.00 and YTD expenses were \$12,397.71.

Expense Vouchers/Receipts Process-All requests for reimbursements must have a receipt and be signed by the committee chair.

Budget Change Meeting-no report

Ministry Reports –

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

- Worship/Music - Committee met January 8, 2023 Pastor Susan Started January with Carols and Communion and ended with a lay-led service. Worship and Music January meeting of Pastor Susan, Chris Cotton, Dor McMillan, and June White. Discussed buying a map if the new budget allows for further worship services like Healing of the Nations.

Worship plans for Lent/Easter will be finalized in February.

Ashes at LCC 8:30-10:00

Outreach Girl Scouts need a short term service project.

- Education: Bible Study Zoom Fri. Feb. 10 11:15 and Feb. 12th 11:15 in person– Pastor Susan to lead a study on the Book of John
- Stewardship/Fundraising – Barb Wilson No report

- Hospitality – Joyce Croy Hospitality planned/set up the Annual Meeting (moved tables, chairs) & arranged food. Next event Easter Brunch. The kitchen faucet needs replaced (it swings & someone might get scalded) Hospitality will purchase and give to Duct Tape.

Youth/Service – Barb Clausen

FISH Setup: March 12 Distribution: March 13—Help needed

Small Seeds-thank you for the play on Feb. 5!

Duct Tape Crew - Provided by Rick Loewen

Bugs in sanctuary-Asked the crew to spray regularly

Transition Walk thru date-March

Done:

Rewired our sanctuary Christmas tree so we don't blow its internal fuses and labeled all its connections "A,A,A" "B,B" etcetera so we hopefully don't have the same problem next time.

"Keys Plus" rekeyed all the outside door locks and we initiated distribution of the new keys.

We moved the eternal light pulley by the piano 8 inches to the north so as not to cast a shadow on the power-point screen.

Pastor arranged for, Seth, a sound guy to come in last Wednesday at noon and he solved 80% of the problems with the fellowship hall system, and one of the problems with the system in the sanctuary. He also showed John and I some things we didn't know about our more complicated than necessary sound systems. John also gleaned ideas about zoom set-ups.

Ironed the wax out of the rug below where the Advent wreath was.

New dripless candles should be ordered. The existing candles would form drip fins off the side of the candle that extended past the drip catchers or splash off of them.

We had quite a wind storm a few weeks ago that beside ripping off a few branches and also blew part of the ridge cap off the portable roof.

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

We were able to cobble it back in place but had the insurance adjuster inspect it. Expect a report from him soon. Some ceiling tiles inside are stained from the leaks but no real damage inside.

Doing:

Started work on the Women's restroom wall repair.

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

Slightly rework the location of the security alarm at the playground door because it is hitting itself.

The painter, Alex Jessen, still needs to cover the woodpecker nest holes in the west outside wall. We gave him the plates to do it.

To do: There are many, many things to do but I'll just name a couple.

Gather and dispose of fall leaves around the property.

Fix one drainage issue above the upper parking lot wall.

Encourage people to take wood away as firewood from the tree we felled a couple months ago.

Minister's Report – Pastor Susan

Both conferences were amazing and full of worship and education:

Attended Bishop's Convocation in Seabeck, Washington- focused on First Nations

Attended Byberg Preaching Conference in Seaside, OR. Side note: synod has opportunities (none specified) that if there are people who would like to use their gifts to help the synod, let me know and I can talk with them to find a good fit.

On the other side of this month, identity, keys, and car were all stolen. I am thankful to Bethany for all the kindness that poured out.

I am ending my month with Covid. I am able to work through it at home.

My heart is full of love for Bethany from the support and kindness. A special thank you to our youth for presenting the sermon on Feb. 05, 2023.

Unfinished Business:

Women of Bethany-Shrovetest Feb. 15 5:30 Fellowship Potluck Sign up- Barb C has asked the WOB to be in charge and she has done the sign up list. (Note: This is the last of the Council planned events from last year.)

Women of Bethany Soup Suppers- Starting Feb. 22 5:30 Sign up reminder- Barb has worked with Kathy Newton to get the sign ups and the process going for this Lenten season.

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

Tori-soup, Pastor -bread, and Dave F. dessert; Please come at 11:00 to set up All the Lutheran churches have been invited to attend and share their current events and collaborate.

Council Directory/Schedule- *Finalize dates/vacations (quorum)*— No corrections or additions.

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

Emergency Calling List - Update (Snow, etc.) — Barb C has updated the calling list and will email it to council members, etc.

Emergency Preparedness Training-Barb C Reminder-Announced plans

Ushers Training March 12th 11:00 Sanctuary

Active Shooter & Fire Drill March 26th 9:30am

Sound System Update-Pastor Susan reported on Seth Burns visit and will send a thank you note. There were many suggestions made to help our system work better.

2023 Committee List-Any corrections/additions?-Barb C received not corrections.

New Business:

COVID-Should we return to recommending masks? Passing Peace?- It was agreed we would modify the passing of the peace and watch for COVID changes.

Long-Range Critical Action Plan Appoint Subcommittee- The Long-Range Critical Action committee to establish our priorities is: Barb Wilson, Pastor Susan, Phyllis Cavens, and Judy Bailey & Dave Foslien will be asked.

Approval of Financial Review Written Report-Barb W reviewed the recommendations by the elected committee.

Japanese Maple with a bench to honor Roger Lee's wife Karen.

Girl Scouts looking for a short-time project.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the recommendations by the Financial Review Committee. Motion carried.

Announcements, Adjournment, Prayer – Tori Gosch adjourned the meeting at 7:49pm.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Executive Committee - March 1, 2023 - 12:00 pm Zoom

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

Addendum: Notes from Beth Adams discussion

Beth Adams talked about the following points and is happy to come back to have further discussions:

ELCA Foundation

The Foundation exists to help you find \$ for your needs

She is a "Resource from the church for the church"

She said the Foundation can handle gifts such as cars, stock, livestock, pianos

The Importance of having a gift policy (gifts meaning from estates, members, etc).

Helps meet with individuals to create a legacy plan.

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

Encourages leaving a Christian preamble in your will (telling people how much your faith meant, what your church meant to you, and why you are leaving money to the church.) She says it cuts arguments out of the decision-making.

A legacy presentation would be 2-3 months out from the time that you request it because she does a lot of work in between to set it up specific for the people of your congregation
She helps figure out monies that need to be redesignated.

Offering to date (January)	
2022	2023
\$18,245.00	\$20,720.42
Expenses to date (January)	
2022	2023
\$12,397.71	\$13, 827.37

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

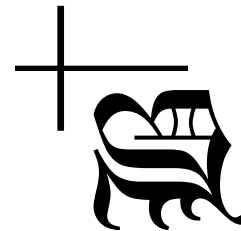
While all efforts are made to keep original submissions, article submissions are subject to editing for accuracy, spelling, grammar and formatted to fit in the space allowed.

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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