



June 2023 Newsletter

Bethany Lutheran Church



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Sunday Morning Worship Time

9:30 Worship
10:30 Coffee Hour



Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds praise him according to his surpassing greatness! Psalm 150:1-2

During clean-up day, I oiled all the pews, pulpit, font and railing. It was some awesome work. I did a lot of squats for getting the sides of the pews done which was good exercise. I listened to music and sang some hymns. When I got to the railing, however, I was on my knees the whole time, and suddenly I found that I was praying to the Lord. The praying just flowed; it came naturally.

It was a reminder that our posture can make a difference. We probably all have a way that we pray, some ways we learned as a child, and some as an adult: maybe the folding of hands, the bowing of our heads, on our knees, taking a walk, etc. You may have some type of posture ingrained in you that brings you to a natural state of prayer, making it easier to talk to God.

I hope that this month you are able to take out some purposeful time to do those things where prayerful conversation pours forth from your heart. I hope you find the time to praise the Lord. There are so many things going on in life that it is easy to get swept up into other things.

Even if you have a habit of praying always, carving out a purposeful time, to place yourself into a purposeful posture can be like a breath of fresh air. It is just a way of saying it is time to talk to the Lord now and saying, "Lord, here I am. I am ready." If you ever desire that space to be here at Bethany, you are welcome any time we are here to come in and pray.

Prayers and blessings,
Pastor Susan

SUNDAY'S MINISTRIES JUNE 2023

JUNE 4, 2023

Sunday Service

Communion/ER/Small Seeds & Sprouts

Greeter: Barb Clausen
Ushers:
Reader: Small Seeds & Sprouts
Communion Asst.: Jonah Pelster
Communion Setup: Shelly Limpach
PowerPoint: Lee Limpach
Financial Sec.: Susan Shiu
Coffee Hour: Schauer/Clausen/Cavens

June 11, 2023

Sunday Service

Communion

Greeter: Susan Shiu
Ushers: Bob Baldwin &
Reader: Karen Langworthy
Communion Asst.:
Communion Setup: Karen Langworthy
PowerPoint: Carol Thompson
Financial Sec.: Pam van den Driessche
Coffee Hour: Gosch/Croy

June 18, 2023

Sunday Service

Lay Sunday/No Communion

Greeter: Barb Clausen
Ushers: Pam van den Driessche &
Reader: Barb Clausen
Communion Asst.: No Communion
Communion Setup: No Communion
PowerPoint:
Financial Sec.: Barbara Price
Coffee Hour: Father's Day Breakfast

JUNE 25, 2023

Sunday Service

Communion

Greeter: Bill Zimmerman
Ushers: Chris Engebo &
Reader: Kathy Newton
Communion Asst.: Shelly Limpach
Communion Setup: Shelly Limpach
PowerPoint: Lee Limpach
Financial Sec.: Susan Shiu
Coffee Hour:

****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 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 Ruth Sieler
 Barbara Price Gail Obermeyer Jennifer Nance
 Milhiser family Foslien family Arnold family



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

07 Clarence & Kathy Newton
 11 Dennis & Ruth Sieler
 17 Bob & Pat Reistroffer
 18 Robert & Barbara Price

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

02 Kyler Rahn 11 Shelly Limpach 26 Gil Schauer
 03 Ardyth Loewen 12 Evelyn Jackson 27 Debra Takko
 05 Karen Langworthy 13 Pam Alexander 29 Kim Moran
 06 Cheryl Bean 19 Dan Sharp
 08 Audrey Schauer 22 Irene Breitenbach

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

Happy Camper VBS



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

We need lots of volunteers for our Happy Camping theme. See Pat or Bob R., or Pastor Susan. Our next planning meetings is June 7th at 4:30pm.

NEEDS for VBS: Large tent, fire pit, marshmallows, roasting sticks, paper plates, chocolate bars, graham crackers, camping decor (like lanterns, things with an outdoorsy or rustic feel, rolled sleeping bags, etc.)

Ministry of the Month: Stewardship Committee

Thank you to Carol Lane and Barb Wilson for serving on this committee! The duties include creating and managing the Stewardship drive each fall. The purpose of this is to build member's awareness of how they personally are giving their time and talent to God's church. The drive ends with an opportunity for members and friends to determine what their financial support will be for the new year. The general total of this information is reported to the council for budget development. Without this vital process, we would have no idea what to expect for next year's income for the church budget.

The committee also approves all fund raisers to make sure we do not overwhelm our members with requests. Finally, these two ladies sponsor the big Rummage Sale every June. It is a big undertaking and the proceeds support our ministries, missions, and capital improvements.

Recycling Welcome!



The council has approved the Lions to install a recycling bin (near our other recycling containers) for collection of paper. The Lions get money for this project (as well as help save the planet!) and can use this money for their many charitable projects. Please be respectful in the items you put in the bin: **Mixed paper, corrugated containers, old magazines, over-use mail, inserts, paperback books, brown grocery bags, dyed paper, phone books, & copy paper.** (Shredding can be included it is only paper. Please bring in a paper bag or a box.)

FYI

Moment's at the Lake

Come join us for "Moments at Bethany" as we return to the Lake. Bring a chair and an open spirit. We meet Tuesday afternoons at 1:30. We discuss the scriptures for the following Sunday. It is a great opportunity for men and women to sit in the Word and have holy conversations. We meet along the Kessler side of the Lake about a block up from Ocean Beach Hwy.

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

Volunteer Ministries Coordinator

As we miss our friends Rick and Ardyth Loewen, we have roles in the church that are now open. Our Volunteer Ministries Coordinator position is one of them. This job consists of calling or emailing people to fill in the positions needed for Worship on Sundays. On the bulletin board in the Narthex, there is a sign up calendar for June & July. If you would be willing to help in one of these areas we would appreciate it. If you are interested in learning how to help in one of these things, please let us know. Training is available.

Emergency Fund ~ FIRST SUNDAY

Emergency Fund - May Emergency Fund:

Thank you, Bethany, for your generous second-mile giving. Total collected was \$161.00. After the 20% was added to the Pastor Discretionary Fund, a check for \$128.80 will be mailed to Habitat for Humanity.

June Emergency Fund: Family Promise

Our local Family Promise is housed in the former Presbyterian church across from the Kelso Post office. There are homeless families with children residing there, while the children attend school and the parents work either on preparing and getting jobs or on expanding their earning so they can move into a residence. Staff not only provides counseling, goal setting/progress monitoring, parenting skills, anger management, and a wide variety of services depending on the family needs. Many of these families when they graduate qualify for Habitat Homes, etc.

In addition to families living on site, there are several other families hoping to qualify to move in when space is available. In some cases, they may be living in motels, spare space in friends' or families' houses, or in vans. Help you provide for this vital program helps families who have the greatest chance of getting back on their feet. Please mark your check, "June Emergency Fund" in the memo and mail/drop it off in the plate in the back of the sanctuary.

Anyone wanting to help Bethany become more active in this ministry should contact Pastor Susan.

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.



Growing in Faith & Knowledge

Women's Bible Study

May study dates will be each Tuesday at 10:30 am. We meet in the Faith Room and on zoom. We gather for prayers, cares, concerns, challenges, and celebration.

May Study devotional called Love in Action

- May 2, 9 and 16 in the Faith Room and on zoom
- May 23 Women of Bethany Fellowship and prayer time Faith Room and zoom
- May 30 Fish distribution and prayer time in Faith Room and on The study can be accessed on the web-site. www.gather.org.

Contact Kathy Newton to be on the email list.

Next Bible Study: Book of Ruth:

The next Bible study will be on the book of Ruth (June 2 & 9 online and June 4 & 11 in person). 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!

Small Seeds and Sprouts

Small Seeds and Sprouts will be taking a break over the summer. Join us in the fall for 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.





FATHER'S DAY PAPER DRIVE

Our church does a lot of entertaining. What can we say, we're a fun bunch of people! We have weekly coffee hour, and now that pandemic restrictions are over, many fun events. As we do this, we use a lot of paper products. Paper towels, napkins, cups, and heavy duty paper plates. To help us restock and have plenty of products on hand for future events, we are asking for donations from you. There is a box in the Narthex. From now until Father's Day, please consider bringing donations. Your help and support is always appreciated.

Rummage Sale

The rummage sale will be held on June 9th & 10th. Now is the time to be gathering your items. You may now bring your donations. rummage sale has been our biggest fundraiser in the past, so we are hoping for a good one once again.

Volunteers will be needed beginning June 5th to help price and set up for the sale. We will also need volunteers to help during the sale and to clean up afterward. Please lend a hand if you can. Questions? Ask Barb Wilson or Carol Lane.

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.

ANMIO _ _ _ _ _

And Elimelech _____'s husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.

OHARP _ _ _ _ _

And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was _____, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.

NUOCYRT _ _ _ _ _

Then she arose with her daughters-in-law, that she might return from the _____ of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the LORD had visited his people in giving them bread.

HOUES _ _ _ _ _

The LORD grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the _____ of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice,

RYESLU _ _ _ _ _

And they said unto her, _____ we will return with thee unto thy people.

INAGA _ _ _ _ _

And Naomi said, Turn _____, my daughters: why will ye go with me? are there yet any more sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?

WTPE _ _ _ _ _

And they lifted up their voice, and _____ again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.

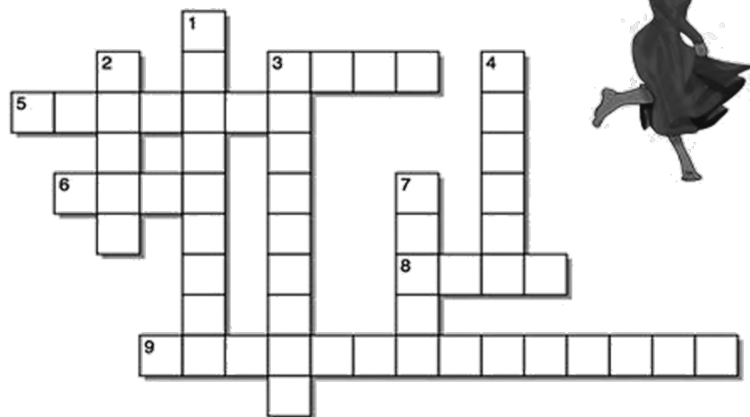
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So they two went until they came to Bethlehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Bethlehem, that all the _____ was moved about them, and they said, Is this Naomi?

Bible Pathway Adventures

CROSSWORD

RUTH



ACROSS

- 3) "____ instructed his young men, "Let her glean even among the sheaves and do not reproach her." (Ruth 2:15 ESV)
 5) "The day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the ____." (Ruth 4:5 ESV)
 6) Boaz took Ruth and she became his _____. (Ruth 4:13 ESV)
 8) Name of Ruth and Boaz's son. (Ruth 4:17 ESV)
 9) Ruth went down to the _____ and did just as her mother-in-law had commanded her. (Ruth 3:6 ESV)

DOWN

- 1) Name of Naomi's husband. (Ruth 1:3 ESV)
 2) Name of Obed's grandson. (Ruth 4:22 ESV)
 3) Ruth and Naomi returned to this town together. (Ruth 1:19 ESV)
 4) "Your _____ will be my people and your God my God." (Ruth 1:16 ESV)
 7) Name of Ruth's mother-in-law. (Ruth 1:8 ESV)

Upcoming in June...

June 2nd & 9th—Online Study of Ruth
 June 4th & 11th—In Person Study of Ruth
 June 7th VBS Planning Meeting
 June 9th & 10th—Rummage Sale
 June 14th thru 18th—Pastor Susan out for Continuing Education
 June 26th thru June 29th—Happy Campers VBS

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 Dave Foslien or Carol Thompson
- Office Help Volunteering (Thursday Mornings)
Contact Kim Moran
- Caring Ministries (Cards, Phone Calls, Visits) Contact Pastor Susan



Breakfast Group

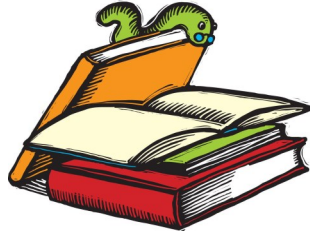
Our Breakfast Group is meeting on Tuesday morning at 8:00am at the Corner Cafe located at 796 Commerce Ave. Suite 103 in Longview. What a great opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship!



Serving with Bethany continued...

- Church Council, Committees, and Finances

Contact Pastor Susan, Tori Gosch, or Barb Wilson



Upcoming Youth Opportunities:

- VBS - June 26th through 29th

Upcoming Education Opportunities:

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

Contact Kathy Newton.

- Bible Study on Ruth beginning in June



Upcoming Worship Opportunities:

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

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>	
May	TOTAL
7	53
14	63
21	58
28	60
Avg	59

<u>Offering to date (April)</u>	
2022	2023
\$43,941.00	\$47,913.42
<u>Expenses to date (April)</u>	
2022	2023
\$42,947.63	\$48,291.21

HELP WANTED

Duct Tape Crew

Duct Tape needs you! From dusting, cleaning floors, pulling weeds, and mowing. The Duct Tape crew needs your help. Contact Dave Foslien or show up Thursdays from 9-12. Coffee hour at 10:00.

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 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 let a member of Hospitality know.

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. Thank you so much.

May Council Minutes

Bethany Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes – Thursday, May 11, 2023 5:30p.m.

Attendance – Phyllis Cavens, Beth Grambo, George Obermeyer, Tori Gosch, Pastor Susan Dollinger, and Barbara Clausen; Absent-Joyce Croy and Barb Wilson. Guest: Carol Thompson

Devotions and Prayer – Phyllis Cavens inspired us with 1 Peter 1:2-6

Call to Order and President's Report – Barbara Clausen called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

Carol Thompson requested to address the council as incoming co-chair of Duct Tape. Helpers have dwindled to 2-3 people and the building cannot be maintained and the altar care completed with this level of support. The Executive Committee will examine the budget for approximately \$300 per month to see if we cannot get someone to clean twice a month for 4 hours and Duct Tape to cover the inside needs on the other two weeks. (This will mean some areas of the existing budget must be cut.) Carol will provide a list of what needs to be done and a rotating basis of some items can be determined. Consensus was reached on this plan.

Decisions made between Council Meetings: None

Agenda Changes-None

Devotions for June 15-Barbara Clausen

Annual Review Report-Council members reviewed everyone's contributions to Pastor's Annual Review and concurred on two goals for this next year:

Developing organization systems 2.) Continue to work on Life/Work Balance

Secretary's Report – Beth Grambo

April minutes approved as printed

Treasurer's Report – In the absence of the treasurer, council reviewed:

Emergency Fund-Collected \$154 minus discretionary, Emergency Support S. \$123.

Secretary State—postponed for confirmation that is has been completed

Attendance-55 April average—positive sign of members attending!

Monthly Financial Report-April 2023 Financial Report of Expenses and Income:

April 2023 budget offerings of \$12,045.00 exceeded April 2023 budget expenses of \$11,555.63 by \$489.37. Designated Funds / Savings as of April 30 are \$ 38,108.64.

YTD expenses of \$ 48,921.21 exceed YTD offerings of \$ \$47,913.42 by \$1,007.79.

April 2022 YTD budget offerings were \$43,941.00 and expenses were \$42,947.63.

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

Ministry Reports –

- **Hospitality** – Mothers' Day Brunch May 14-Bring friend, potluck dish, recipes, pictures

Annual Picnic/Outdoor Service July 23

- **Memorial** – Roger Lee Japanese Maple must be delayed now with hot weather until fall;

- **Worship/Music** –Plan outdoor service for July 23

Request consideration of moving Sunday service to 10:00 **It was moved & seconded to include this question as part of the congregational survey on Mother's Day. Motion carried.** (Member input for online will be requested.)

Holy Week went well: Maundy Thursday and Good Friday were nice services. We had a small attendance on Thursday and a good turnout on Friday from both Trinity and Bethany. Pastor Craig and Pastor Susan both took roles, and the music was beautiful. The sanctuary was almost haunting as people sang "Were you there." Both Music and Worship and also the Zoomies miss Roger Lee.

The guest musician was fantastic. Lasana Kanneh shared his testimony and brought his own equipment. Online could hear his music but not his testimony. (We need to remember that speakers/presenters need to be on the house mics.) We also had 10 people on Zoom, and because Pastor Susan was running a separate camera for FB, she is aware that there were also two people on FB live.

- **Youth/Service** – Small Seeds/Sprouts meet-June3 with service June 4

The children helped lead the Palm Sunday processional. Earth Day with Columbia Heights was a wonderful experience with 26 children coming to Bethany. The Mother's Day Project at Lexington Elementary had 6 children. Both projects included making a card and potting a flower.

FISH Next-Set up May 29 & serve May 30

Bottled water to both partner schools delivered May 8

VBS-Planning (flyers done), need volunteers, meeting May 11th June 26-29, (9:30-12:00); leaders secured but helpers needed.

Duct Tape Crew – Rick Loewen

Annual Clean up Saturday, May 20 9:00-12:00

Walk Through tours-completed with Rick and scheduling Dave/Carol

This is Rick's last D.T. report to council as he is moving to Eliseo, retirement community, in Tacoma Wednesday May 17th. Dave Foslien and Carol Thompson have volunteered to be co-chairs of the building and grounds committee.

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

Rick has greatly enjoyed his involvement and will miss the 2-week-old donuts he loves. Alex Jessen is done painting the outside west wall. Check it out. It looks nice.

We have finished repairing the women's restroom wall.

All the outside doors now have security devices. 3 have leather belts and 2 will have wire rope loops to hook to lag bolts.

Time permitted us to adjust and install 3 new ceiling tiles in the portable.

There are quite a few more yet to change out and /or adjust.

We've been working on lawns and weeds as weather permits.

The 2 bar lights over the kitchen center counter now work with a new wireless switch on the wall and a receiver in the attic.

Council should consider selling the property bordering Columbia Heights Road. It is a separate plot from what the church sits on and is taxed. It is being graciously mowed by Michael, the next-door neighbor, for \$20 gas money per month during the growing season. What happens when he can't mow it anymore? Before he volunteered to mow it we would hire it tractor-mowed once or twice a year whether it needed it or not.

We moved the PowerPoint wall presentation up about 8 inches so it can be seen better.

Remember, "silence is golden" and "duct tape is silver". Rick will be missed!

The council by consensus decided to ask Rick and Dave to find out the cost and get the building on painter Alex's summer calendar for possibly half of the north wall and all of the south wall to be paid from our Capital Improvements budget.

Women's Bible Study Studying Intergenerational Promised Salvation (Gathering Mag)

Education – Book of Ruth June 2 & 9 on zoom and June 4 & 11 in person on Sundays.

Minister's Report – Pastor Susan

April was a full month. Maundy Thursday had a small attendance but was a lovely service and Good Friday was held with Trinity. Pastor Craig and I both took roles in it and had a fairly decent attendance. The music was beautiful and fit the mood. Easter was followed immediately by Pastor Roger Lee's death and memorial. The month ended with a wonderful mini WELCA retreat (blue sky and all), and a packed full synod assembly.

During this month I had a conversation with Bishop Jaech to inform him of some of the happenings with the KLMA.

Outreach/Engagement: Bethany, along with 5 other churches took out a full-page ad that ran 3x during Holy Week stating all were welcome and that we support diversity (LGBTQIA+). This has been part of our Evangelism.

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

Life Balance: Now that the second most busy season is over, pastor was encouraged to work on this. She did inform us that she holds the Sabbath very seriously and does not work on Mondays as her Sabbath day.

Unfinished Business:

Synod Assembly Report- Pastor Susan, Bill Zimmerman, and substitute representative Beth Grambo all attended the synod assembly. It was a packed full, lively assembly of about 350. The presenters and video clips worked to provide a hopeful church message. The voting initiatives all passed with no controversy. The big news is that Allison Keys, Synod office administrator, is retiring after 19 years. She received a standing ovation for a job very well done!

Need Technology Help- Pastor Susan will create a booklet of instructions to keep near the computer. John Pelster has been serving in this roll without help, and Worship/Music was concerned that there is no additional help running streaming technology. If needed and no new volunteers have been found the council may have to explore new options.

Action Plan To Do's In order to make sure we keep working on our Action Plan activities, each section will be overseen by a council member: 1. Marketing-Beth G & Barb C; 2. Welcoming Statement-Pr. Susan; 3. Grandparent project-Phyllis; 4. Events of Interest-Tori Gosch; progress reports will be given at each meeting.

Critical Action Next Steps-After considerable discussion, it was determined to continue to work on this with modifications. **It was moved and seconded based on our 2023 Action plan to transform the Critical Action Plan to a three-year action plan that will sustain our future. Motion carried.** Note: the council will continue to monitor our income and expenses and are prepared to make adjustments as needed.

New Business:

Volunteer Chair-Pastor Susan has some names and is asking for a chair for this. She has received the process information and will train a new leader;

Pastor's Lay Sunday-Since Pr. Susan gave up her fifth Sunday off for the guest, she has suggested June 18 instead. (Pastor will take Tuesday, May 16 as a vacation day.) **It was moved & seconded to authorize this change. Motion carried.** Pr. Will work on a replacement plan for Lay Sunday on Jun 18th.

Approval of Pastor's Continuing Education

Festival of Homiletics - May 17 and May 18th (no cost)
Godly Play: Faith and Creativity June 15th- June 17th Kansas City,

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

(\$350 from Cont. Ed/Discretion, pastor pays for air/lodging) **It was moved & seconded to approve these dates for continuing education for pastor. Motion carried.**

Staff Report – Kim Moran

Facility Use – No new requests.

Kim five years with Bethany-Congratulations!

Kim out for a medical appointment until noon on May 18th, will use half a sick day. **It was moved & seconded to approve this request. Motion carried.**

Announcements and Adjournment – Barb Clausen adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Executive Committee – Wednesday, June 7, 2023 - 12:00 pm

Council – Thursday, June 15, 2023 – 5:30 pm

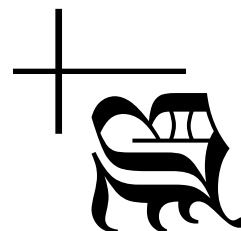
Newsletter articles must be submitted before the 20th of the month prior in order to be published.

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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God's Blessings to . . .