

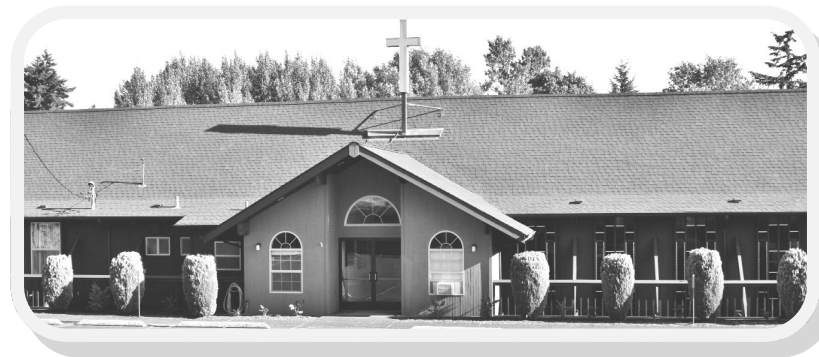
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2900 Parkview Drive
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JULY 2023

God's Blessings to . . .

September 2023 Newsletter

Bethany Lutheran



Bethany Lutheran Church

Church: 360-577-8240 Fax: 360-577-2614

2900 Parkview Drive

Longview, WA 98632

Pastor Susan Dollinger

Musician: Dorothy McMillan

Administrative Assistant: Ginger Garner

Bethany website: www.bethanylongview.org

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

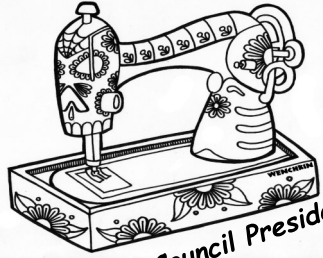
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Sunday Morning Worship Time

9:30 Worship

Council Meeting Minutes Continued



From the Council President

Dear Bethany,

After posting the position, screening to interview four candidates who had qualifications in clerical, bookkeeping, and technology, had round one interviews, did extensive reference checks, and interview two

finalists, the council has happily approved the employment recommendation of Ginger Garner. Thank you to Dan Lane, Beth Grambo, Pastor Susan Dollinger, and Barb Clausen for participating in the interviews. Both finalists were highly qualified and would be able to do the work! Ginger Garner.

Ginger is a resident of Kalama who comes with extensive office experience in Michigan. She has worked in real estate, developed an art center office that managed artists and worked with a board, and worked in a nursing home, etc. She has produced many products using a variety of computer applications, used Quickbooks to set up accounts and do bookkeeping, worked with social media/technology, and done clerical support. We found Ginger to possess good organizational and people skills. So please drop in any time starting Tuesday, September 12th and introduce yourself—giving her a warm Bethany welcome. We will ask her to attend a Sunday service as she settles in so everyone can meet her. Note: Office hours will remain the same Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursdays from 9:30-3:00.

Warmly,

Barb Clausen

Psalm 85:12: "The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest."

Staff Report – None

Announcements and Adjournment – Barb Clausen Closed in prayer at 7:35pm

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Executive Committee – Wednesday, Sept. 6- 12:00 pm (no Beth)

Council – Thursday, Sept. 14, 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)
4. Phyllis Cavens (2025)
5. George Obermeyer (2026)
6. Beth Grambo (Secretary, 2024)
7. Tori Gosch (Vice President, 2024)
8. P. Susan Dollinger (Pastor)

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

- **Recommendation to Hire Administrative Position/Transition-** Barb Clausen presented Ginger Garner to become our Administrative Assistant responsible for clerical, technology, and bookkeeping for the church; 30 applied, six qualified for initial interview, and two very skilled were given a final interview by Dan Lane, Beth Grambo, Barb Clausen, & Pastor Susan.(see newsletter for introduction) **Moved and seconded to approve Ginger Garner as the Administrative Assistant for Bethany Lutheran Church. Motion carried.**
- **Revised Facility Use Policy-**Barb Clausen re-affirmed that ALL internal and external groups need to complete this form once a year for regular meetings and every time for singleton events. It was decided that a group should review the charges for memorials, weddings, and events in September and bring to council for approval. **It was moved and seconded to approve the change in the Facilities Use Procedure to include the name of the clean-up person. Motion carried.**

New Business:

- **Resignations-**It was moved and seconded to accept the resignations of Barb Wilson and Carol Lane from Stewardship and Barb Wilson as Treasurer with regret. Motion carried.
- **Painting contract-**next step \$300 Sacristy and \$4864.50 to complete the south side beam section. After discussion of the Capital Improvement budget and the need to leave a cushion for emergencies, the north section of the building where the Sacristy door is located for \$300 is feasible. (The remainder of the north, east, and southeast will have to wait for more money.) **Moved and seconded to approve this painting as well as the spot on the south beam. Motion Carried.**
- **ERC Review-**Thank you to Bob Reistroffer for studying this opportunity to get a rebate for paying an employee during COVID. It was determined that the amount is insignificant.
- **Process to Sell the Lot #2-**discussed the need to provide additional funding to meet our needs and to be good stewards of the Lord's house. Since the lot is seldom ever used, costing us taxes and mowing, it was felt that it would be advisable to place the lot on the market as soon as feasible. Some considerations: Col. Hts signage was an Eagle project and needs to be considered; neighbors should get prior notice in case any are interested; zoning needs to be investigated to determine if single our group housing feasibility; **Moved and seconded to form a committee to begin the process and pursue selling Lot #2. Motion carried.** (Anyone interested in serving on this committee, please see Barb Clausen.)

SUNDAY'S MINISTRIES SEPTEMBER 2023

Sept 3, 2023

**Sunday Service
Communion**

Greeter: Glenn & Beth Milhiser
Ushers: Don Wallin & Harry Blair
Reader: Duane Thompson
Communion Asst.: Shelly Limpach
Communion Setup: Shelly Limpach
PowerPoint: Carol Thompson
Financial Sec. Susan Shiu
Coffee Hour: Pelster/Schauer

Sept 10, 2023

**Sunday Service
Communion**

Greeter: Susan Shiu
Ushers: Barb Wilson & Tori Gosch
Reader: Kathy Newton
Communion Asst.: Shelly Limpach
Communion Setup: Karen Langworthy
PowerPoint: Lee Limpach
Financial Sec. Pam van den Driessche
Coffee Hour: Kathy Newton

Sept 17, 2023

**Sunday Service
Communion**

Greeter: Barb Clausen
Ushers: Don Wallin & Harry Blair
Reader: not needed
Communion Asst.: Shelly Limpach
Communion Setup: Shelly Limpach
PowerPoint:
Financial Sec. Susan Shiu
Coffee Hour: Potluck Outdoors

SEPT 24, 2023

**Sunday Service
Communion**

Greeter: Jeff & Mary Storm
Ushers: Chris Engebo & Pam van den Driessche
Reader: Pam van den Driessche
Communion Asst.: Barb Utto
Communion Setup: Karen Langworthy
Financial Sec. Pam van den Driessche
Coffee Hour: Carol Thompson/Glenn/
Beth Milhiser

*****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
Dana Hughes	Krista & John Croy	Kim Isakson
Barbara Price	Dave Foslien	Barbara Price
Gail Obermeyer	Jennifer Nance	Lee Limpach
Vickey Aubol	McMillan Family	Thibodeau family
Cathy Newton	John Pelster	Cheryl (PK's) Friend



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

10 Gabriel Pelster	23 Glen Milhiser
11 Harry Blair	25 Irene Olason
16 Robin Siragusa	26 Rick Siragusa
20 Marlene Rahn	27 Randy Grambo

Facility Use

Please remember if you have an event in the facility, you are responsible for cleaning up and returning the space to its proper condition.

Thanks.

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

• Education:

Women's Bible Study- Meeting each Tuesday, 10:30-- John from *Gather Magazine*

Book Study- Coming this fall

• Women of Bethany:

WELCA Conference @ Bethany Oct. 14

Women at Barb's Tuesday, August 22 at 10:30 Car pool

• Minister's Report: Pastor Susan

Organizational systems-Hiring an organized office admin. Asst. for systems;

Life Balance- Vacation Report & Plan for remainder:

Moved/seconded to approve Sept. 5 & 6 for vacation & correct used 5 days vacation with (20 to go) and 7 continuing education (2 to go); Motion carried.

Other- Baptism on Aug. 6, Ruth Sieler service August 12; Hiring Admin. Asst.

Thank you to the help in the office for coverage, etc.!

• Goal/Action Plan Progress Report:

Marketing-Barb & Beth-New brochure (we have many recent pictures to use)

Welcome Statement-Pastor Susan started work & will get committee in September;

Grandparent Group-Phyllis Plan fall event? (Work with Pastor?)

Big Events-Tori Maybe start with working on one with Phyllis?

Unfinished Business-

• Council Half Day Retreat-Saturday, Sept. 16 10:30-1:00 lunch

provided-Pastor Susan (Pinwheel sand & chips-Barb, Pastor-drinks, Beth G-dessert ;)

• **Volunteer Coordinator Update/Process-Barb Clausen** Audrey Schauer will lead with support!

• **Employment Job Posting Administrative Position/Process-Barb Clausen** presented the finalized Administrative Assistant Job Description for approval; **Moved and seconded to approve the Administrative Job Description as printed. Motion carried.**

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

and then update officers after the election in January, 2024; Thank you, Barb!

Ministry Reports –

- **Hospitality:** Joyce Croy reported on the picnic/service. It was recommended we park in the lower lot for the potluck except for disability, and have the service in the upper parking lot with no steps to Fellowship Hall, rest rooms, etc.;
Outdoor Service & Rally Day Potluck Sept. 17 (See rec. above)
Fall Dinner (raffle, fun trivia) Oct 28 5:30 (No beer this year, but lots of great food)
- **Memorial:** Joyce Croy purchased an extra communion tray and cup holder for dishwasher;
- **Worship/Music:** Baptism Service, (See Minister Report);
Meeting 4th Sunday, Aug. 27th;
Pet Blessing Fellowship Hall Oct. 1;
- **Youth/Service:** TBD 1:00 pm Small Seeds/Sprouts & Saturdays will resume in September;
FISH Report: Amazing --they served 12 seniors, 44 adults, 37 kids, and 8 babies for a total of 101 recipients on July 17th;
Next Oct. 9 setup/10 distr.; Nov. 12 set up/13 distribute;
School Supplies deliver to Col Hts and Lexington Elementary Wednesday, Aug. 23
God's Work: Our Hands with United Way Day of Caring Sept. 14 *Need morning person to get assignment;*
- **Duct Tape Crew:** Dave Foslien & Carol Thompson
Duct Tape Custodial Support Possibility-Pastor Susan reported on the possibility of a mentally handicapped adult with supervision from LifeWorks could come twice a month for two hours at minimum wage with regular assigned duties (scrubbing floors, restrooms, & vacuuming); **Consensus to approve pursuing this employment.**
Donations received of a vacuum and an electric blower to help;
- **Stewardship:**
Churchwide Stewardship Program Planning Dates-Pastor and Barb will work on this;
- **Mutual Ministry:** Regular meeting Wed., Sept.13 at 1:30pm to support pastor and church;

FYI

God's Work: Our Hands

We will be joining ELCA churches everywhere doing community projects. Join us as the only church in Kelso-Longview on the United Way Day of Caring. Bethany always has a fun team and are given a job we CAN physically handle. Sign up in the Narthex to join us on Thursday, September 14th. Assignment will be at the Kelso Library.

Ministry of the Month ~ September

Worship & Music is the ministry we are honoring this month. Members of the committee include Dorothy McMillan, Chris Cotton, George Obermeyer, Renee Pelster, June White, and Pastor Susan Dollinger. The wonderful music, the inspiring ideas for worship, the filling the fifth Sundays to give pastor a break, and all of the many things they do are deeply appreciated. By serving Bethany, they help each of us to worship better and to serve our awesome God! Thank you for being a blessing to each of us!

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 if it is only paper. Please bring in a paper bag or a

FYI

FISH

Our next FISH distribution date is **Tuesday October, 10** at 8:30 am. October 9th is setup day beginning at 9am.

We need extra help in October as we'll be missing 6 members of our regular helpers. Please let Pam or Shelly know if you could help. It's lots of fun & Pam always has a treat for you :) yummy!

October Donations needed: pasta & pasta sauce, chili, dish soap, bar soap, detergent & toilet paper.



"Lots" on the Lot

The council approved of a Real Estate Committee to develop a process and to pursue the sale of our Lot 2 that borders on Columbia Heights Road. If you have any expertise in this area and/or have an interest in serving on this short-term committee, please let Barb Clausen or Pastor Susan Dollinger know by **September 15th**. The committee will be sending a letter to neighbors to determine if there is any interest in the purchase. Then they will be securing a realtor, getting sale assessed valuation, finding the zoning, tax history, and any other information that will support this decision.

The rationale for our decision is based upon our reduced income over the last couple of years, the increased expenses for the facility (increase in gas prices, etc.), the need for help in maintenance and custodial as the participation in Duct Tape has declined, the need for about a \$10,000 addition in capital improvement to complete the cleaning and staining of the exterior of the church, possibly paying off our building loan and saving nearly \$5,000 in interest, and the potential to complete a restroom in the portable to make it a useable space. These are emerging needs that we cannot begin to meet by scrimping in our budget any further!

Any sale of property decision is the responsibility of the entire congregational membership in a vote in a specially called meeting. The negotiations leading up to a proposed sale are, however, confidential as they require some bargaining. This committee would be working confidentially with the council to prepare a proposal to the congregation.

If you have thoughts or idea on this, please share them with a council member. We appreciate any wisdom, ideas, *etc.* **you may** have in this project.

August Council Minutes

Bethany Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, August 15, 2023 5:30p.m.

(Moved to 115 Roley Court due to heat)

Attendance – Present-Beth Grambo, George Obermeyer, Barb Wilson, Joyce Croy, Pastor Susan Dollinger, & Barb Clausen; Absent-Tori Gosh and Phyllis Cavens;

Devotions and Prayer – Joyce Croy led devotions from a woman's book of prayer;

Call to Order and President's Report – Barbara Clausen called the meeting to order at 5:54pm.

- Decisions made between Council Meetings: Confirmed approval of Facility Use for Kim Moran on August 26th, Saturday;
- Devotions for Thursday, September 14-Pastor Susan will start our devotions on hope;
- **It was decided that we would continue to call/write on behalf of council those we do not see on Sunday (HB, etc.) on our assigned list at least every two months;**

Secretary's Report – Beth Grambo: June minutes filed as approved on email.

Treasurer's Report – Barb Wilson walked through the financial documents, the church building loan;

- **Expense Report** – July, 2023 budget offerings were \$23,755.00 and exceeded July 2023 expenses of \$16,601.62 by \$7,153.38. (Several large donations from retirement accounts some of which were accounted for in pledges were unusual.) July YTD offerings of \$85,636.73 were exceeded by YTD expenses of \$87,841.33 by \$2,204.60. Note: Annual insurance was paid in a lump sum rather than four payments to save money. Also, second quarter employment taxes were paid which increased our expenses this month.
- **Synod Remittance**-Synod Offering \$808.96, Lutheran World Relief \$150;
- **Emergency Fund Report July:** The total collected was \$30 for Bread for the World and after the discretionary deduction a check for \$24.00 was mailed to them.
- **Attendance for June Avg. 47 July Avg.____**
- **Secretary of State**-Congratulations! We are approved & in good standing! Paid thru 2024 and must file the form in December with about \$20

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.

Donations needed

COVID has returned for the fall/winter season. We are in need of the blue N95/KN95 masks to help cut down on the spread

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.

Emergency Fund ~ FIRST SUNDAY

Emergency Fund ~ September

The Family Community Resource Centers in Kelso and Longview are the recipients this month. These two centers are housed in the two school districts with a district-paid staff person. The Centers provide a million services to students and families----support for unaccompanied youth, guidance to a variety of community services (health care, housing, counseling, rent relief, drug treatment, abuse protection/counseling, food insecurity, etc.), distribution of our Weekend Go Bags at each school, food boxes for undocumented families who are afraid to sign up for Free/Reduced Lunch due to fear of deportation, clothing, sleeping bags, blankets, a washer and dryer and shower to help keep kids clean who are living in cars, etc.

The council heard your concern that there was too much at the holidays, so we have picked this month for the FCRC's; November will be Thanksgiving food boxes and December the Angel Tree for our two partner schools, Columbia Heights and Lexington. 20% each month to pastor's discretionary fund (or more should pastor's fund drop below \$200) will be given, and the remaining amount will go to the featured second-mile emergency fund designated above. At the end of each month, the bookkeeper will send a check to the designated organization on the list above for that month's emergency giving. This amount with a thank you would be reported in the newsletter.

"October-- School Thanksgiving Food Boxes

Fishing for Fish

Did you know that Fish served 12 seniors, 44 adults, 37 kids, and 8 babies for a total of 101 recipients on July 17th? What an awesome, devoted group we have at Bethany to manage this incredibly important task. The next distributions are Oct. 10 and November 13 with set up the day before.

What is needed? Spaghetti sauce, mac and cheese, canned fruit, toothpaste, dish soap, diapers, and toilet paper are some of the most needed items. (Recipients cannot get paper products with the food stamp program.) If you donate, please place the items in the bin in the narthex.

Growing in Faith & Knowledge

Women's Bible Study

We meet in the Faith Room and on zoom. We gather for prayers, cares, concerns, challenges, and celebration.

Contact Kathy Newton to be on the email list. If dates change she will let the group know via email.

Tuesdays:

September 19 10:30 am Bible Study Holy Places: Home

September 26 10:30 am Bible Study & updates on October 14 Convention

Wednesday:

Register for Convention by Sept. 30, form on board in Faith Room

Bible Study on Mark

Join us on Fridays and Sundays for a Bible Study on the Book of Mark.

Soon we will finish up the Year of Matthew, and enter into Year B, the Year of Mark. The Book of Mark is only 661 verses long and can be read out loud in an hour and a half. Please spend the time to read the chapters of Mark. Make notes of anything that you find interesting and bring those thoughts and questions with you to class. Fridays are on-line only, and Sundays are in person. Bring a Bible, and a curious spirit and we will dive into the short but powerful book.

Homework	Friday online	Sunday in person
Mark Intro, ch.1,2,3	Sept 8	Sept. 10
Mark 4 and 5	Sept. 15	Sept. 17
Mark 6, 7 and 8	Sept.29	Oct. 1
Mark 9, and 10	Oct. 6	Oct. 8
Mark 11, 12, 13	Oct. 13	Oct.15
Mark 14, 15, 16 & wrap up	Oct.20	Oct. 22
Extra (if needed)	Nov. 3	Nov. 5

Opportunity to Serve Bethany

Our very busy treasurer, Barb Wilson, has taken a bus driver job that takes her all over Longview and includes many evening trips. As a result, the council accepted her resignation with regret. We have appreciated the work that she has been able to do as this driving demand on her time increased! Thanks, Barb, for your service to Bethany!

That means the council is looking to appoint a new treasurer. The Constitution & Bylaws outline the position:

Chapter 2 Officers

B 2.01 Officers' duties shall include but not be limited to:

d. The **Treasurer** shall be custodian of all funds of the congregation, and shall disburse all such funds in accordance with the decisions of the congregation or the Congregation Council. The treasurer shall keep the financial records of the church, produce monthly expense reports on the General Fund, Designated Reserve Fund, Building Fund, and any Foundation Funds. Responsibility for regular and timely bill and payroll payments as well as regular reports to the Council and Congregation are a part of these duties.

He/she shall present reviewed report to the annual meeting of the congregation and other such reports to the Congregation Council as may be required.

What does that mean since we have a bookkeeper?

The job got easier!

The treasurer meets with the bookkeeper weekly to review the invoices, payroll, & vouchers, sign the checks, approve the monthly expense report to council, submit forms annually to the Secretary of State's office, and be present at a monthly Council and annual Congregational meetings to share the report and respond to questions. Please let Pastor Susan know if you are interested in helping our church. In the main time, Tori Gosch and Barbara Clausen are on the checking account and will be able to fill in until someone hears the call to this service.



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.

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) Carol Thompson
- Caring Ministries (Cards, Phone Calls, Visits) Contact Pastor Susan
- Church Council, Committees, and Finances
Contact Pastor Susan, Tori Gosch, or Barb Wilson



Upcoming Education Opportunities:

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

Upcoming Worship Opportunities:

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



WHAT? SHARE MY TESTIMONY?

Pastor Susan is looking for people who might be interested in telling their testimonies during worship.

A testimony is basically answering the question: How is God present in your life? For some that is the story of how they came to faith, and for others it is the key moment where they went from knowing God was there somewhere to **KNOWING** God was there. Please see Pastor Susan if you would like to participate or would like more information.

Small Seeds and Sprouts

Welcome back!

We are excited to start our youth program again! This year we will be focusing on the Old Testament and learning the stories that lead to Jesus coming into the world.



Small Seeds will usually be meeting on the third Saturday of every month. Our first day back which will be September 30 to prepare for the pet blessing.

Our Small Seed Sundays will be on the 3rd Sundays (with some exceptions) so please come and support them as they take on roles during worship services.

We are proud of our youth. You will see some of our youth singing and playing instruments and they will be sharing what they have learned in creative ways.

First few dates:

Saturday, Sept. 30 th 1:00-3:00	Welcome Back!
Sunday, Oct. 1st	Pet Blessing
Saturday, Oct. 21 1:00-3:00	Small Seeds and Sprouts
Sunday, Oct. 29th TBA	Reformation at Trinity (Sprouts required).

FYI

Pet Blessing

On October 1st we will have our Pet Blessing. The Pet Blessing is in honor of St. Francis of Assisi who was a feeder of the animals and a caregiver of creation. It is a wonderful and fun day. The service will be held in the Fellowship hall and the animals will be blessed during service.

Please:

- Have animals on a leash
- Anything that creeps or crawls, slithers or flies should be caged.
- You can also bring a picture of your pet or something and we will bless them.
- Please make sure your animal can be around other animals otherwise we can go to them after the service.

COVID

Unfortunately, there is an uptick in Covid cases this year. If you are feeling sick please do not come in to church. If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms, please test for Covid before coming.

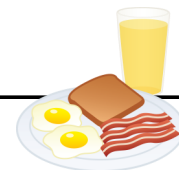
The main symptoms are:

- fever or chills
- cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- fatigue
- muscle or body ache
- headache
- new loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- congestion or runny nose
- diarrhea
- nausea or vomiting

We pray for health and well-being for all.

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!



<u>Average</u> <u>August</u>
Aug
36

<u>Offering to date (Aug)</u>	
2022	2023
105,155.97	95,505.73
<u>Expenses to date (Aug)</u>	
2022	2023
68,896.50	95,896.50

FYI

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

Longview Grocery Outlet Share Program

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

Columbia Heights Box Tops

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



Dear Bethany,

I am so excited to be at Bethany Lutheran as the Administrative assistant/ Bookkeeper. My family moved to Kalama last year from the western shore of Michigan. My husband and I have 3 adult children. Our oldest son chose to stay in Michigan, our middle son lives with us and is building his own business, and our daughter is beginning her first year of college.

I have been in a position as secretary, assistant and /or bookkeeper in various capacities throughout my life. In Michigan I worked at a community art center as the office manager and a pottery instructor. I picked up my passion for pottery during COVID and never looked back! I was able to build a home studio where I could devote a ridiculous amount of time to learning the art form.

I truly feel blessed to be here and I am looking forward to meeting all of you!

Forever grateful,

Ginger

World Day of Prayer 2023

September 13 -14 Join in this special day!

The whole world will be coming together in prayer on this 24-hour period. Heart of Healing: I open my heart to healing in this moment. Prayers for forgiveness; for healing families, friends, and enemies; prayers for healing the earth; prayers for those in war and disaster zones; prayers for those with health concerns or who are suffering loss; and so many more...

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances..."

Sunday	Mon.	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPTEMBER 2023					1	2
3 <i>Sunday Service</i> <i>Pastor Susan Dollinger</i> <i>Communion/ER</i> 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Hour	4 Labor Day	5 8:00 Breakfast Group 10:30 Women's Bible Study 1:30 Moment's @ Lake 6:00 Boy Scouts	6 12:00 Executive Council Mtg (Zoom)	7 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape	8 5:00 Girl Scouts	9
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