



*Bethany Lutheran Church
2900 Parkview Drive
Longview, WA 98632*

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God's Blessings to . . .



October 2023 Newsletter

Bethany Lutheran Church



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Worship leader: Dorothy McMillan
Office Staff: Ginger Garner**

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Sunday Morning Worship Time

9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee Hour



Dear Bethany,

We will start out the month of October with a fun-filled pet blessing. The pet blessing will kick off our confirmation year. We will end October with the grand celebration of Reformation, the birthday of the Protestant Church. We will hold that service at Trinity Lutheran Church under the “high church” umbrella.

Along with this, we will celebrate Reformation, the day that Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the wall of the Wittenberg Castle. Martin was upset about something called indulgences which the church at the time was selling to free a soul from purgatory. Martin Luther watched very poor people starve and save all they had for one of these indulgences and it became an issue that ended up splitting the Catholic Church. There were other reasons already in place for the Reformation, but Martin Luther made the final split with the blow of a hammer.

It took many years for it all to come together. Many revisions and many other splits occurred creating the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Baptist churches and then many others on top of that. Each denomination has split as well giving us variations such as the ELCA, Missouri synod, Wisconsin synod, etc. Martin Luther had his great points and some pretty bad ones too. The Lutheran church is one of the only denominations that holds all of its history because Martin Luther utilized the printing press, which was the new invention of the time. We welcome new and familiar faces in our confirmation group: Say hello to Tylie, Aiden, Jonah, Gabe, Emily, Xander, and in our Seeds (honorary Sprout) Olivia. Please pray for our youth as we learn and grow in our faith journey.

Please pray for our small seeds and sprouts as we start a new year and learn and grow in our faith journey. This year the Small Seeds and Sprouts will be studying the Old Testament and I will try and highlight it more for everyone. The Old Testament is a part of our history. Much of it points to Jesus Christ as the Messiah that comes into the world. In addition, much of what Jesus did or said was to fulfill the scriptures of the Old Testament. Examples include: when Jesus rides in on the donkey, the virgin birth; and the words Jesus said on the cross, “My God My God why have you forsaken me?” come from Psalm 22.

Prayers for all of you as we move through fall and the world at large. May we be bold in our faith as Martin Luther was in his. Happy fall! Happy Reformation.

Prayers and blessings,

Pastor Susan

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Executive Committee – Wednesday, Oct. 4, 12:00 pm zoom

Council – Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023 – 3:00 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)

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

- **COVID Protocols & Status**-Barb Clausen & Pr. Susan reviewed them & council decided by consensus to encourage mask wearing, sanitizing, and isolating if symptoms develop. *Please confidentially notify pastor if you develop COVID, so we can have an idea of our numbers and if we need to take further action. Approved.*

New Business:

- **Memorial offer to pay for part of painting north side of the church**-Joyce & Barb It was decided that the north (front) side of the church is in such bad shape that we would combine monies into Capital Improvements from the Rummage Sale, etc. and **ask Alex to get it painted by Oct. 14; Moved, seconded, and passed.**
- **Transition Audit Report**-Audit unofficial report from Kathy Newton: In two sessions of 2 hours each, we completed audit of first 2 quarters of the year. A few errors or confusion were addressed and corrected. Alerts to procedures discussed. Looks quite okay. We will continue to meet quarterly as 2hrs is best use of our time. Auditors we're Bob Baldwin, Deb Takko, Kathy Newton with treasurer Barb Wilson.
- **Hungry Kids Grant Bank Account Signature Changes**-Recommend Beth Grambo & Pr. Susan Pastor Susan never receives any money from this account so there is no conflict of interest. **It was moved and seconded to approve Beth Grambo and Pr. Susan Dollinger as signatory on this account. Motion carried.**
- **Authorization for Credit Cards to Pr. Susan & Ginger Garner**-It was moved and seconded for pastor and Ginger to get Bethany credit cards to cover expenses when purchasing items for the church. Motion carried. (Barb will help them set this up at Umqua that has the same financial group-Elan- we already work with.)

Staff Report – Ginger Garner

- **Facility Use – DKG Women Educators** Nov. 2 & May 16 4:30-6:00 **It was moved and seconded to approve the facility use of this group. Motion carried.**
- It was also mentioned to have pastor talk to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to make sure they leave the church in the condition they found it—wiping up muddy foot prints, checking bathrooms, etc.

Announcements and Adjournment – Barb Clausen adjourned at 4:14pm!

SUNDAY'S MINISTRIES OCTOBER 2023

OCT 1 2023	Sunday Service / Pet Blessing/ Communion
Greeter:	Small seeds
Usher:	Small seeds
Reader:	Small seeds
Communion setup:	Pat Reistroffer
Communion asst.:	Small seeds & Kathy Newton
Financial Sec.:	Pam van den Driessche
Coffee hour:	The Blairs

OCT 8, 2023	Sunday Service/ Communion
Greeter:	Phyllis Cavens
Usher:	Tori Gosch/Karen Langworthy
Reader:	Phyllis Cavens
Communion setup:	Barbara Utto
Communion asst.:	Nancy Skora
Powerpoint:	Carol Thompson
Live Stream:	John Pelster
Financial sec.:	Pam van den Driessche
Coffee hour:	Nancy Skora/ Robin Siragusa

OCT 15, 2023	Sunday Service/ Communion
Greeter:	Glenn & Beth Milhiser
Usher:	Bob Reistroffer/ Gil Schauer
Reader:	Chris Engebo
Communion setup:	Dorothy Blair
Communion asst.:	Karen Langworthy
Powerpoint:	Don Wallin
Live stream:	John Pelster
Financial sec.:	Susan Shiu
Coffee hour:	Obermeyer's & Sandra Hubert-Smith

OCT. 22 2023	Sunday Service/ Communion
Greeter:	Susan Shiu
Usher:	Barb Wilson/ Joyce Croy
Reader:	Renee' Pelster
Communion setup:	Pat Reistroffer
Communion asst.:	Pam van den Driessche
Powerpoint:	Dan Lane
Live stream:	John Pelster
Financial sec.:	Pam van den Driessche
Coffee hour:	Tori Gosch/ Barb Wilson

****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

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Tony Guerra	15 Mona Fiscus
5 Kathy Newton	19 Patrick Murphy
7 Tori Gosch	20 Chris Engebo
Kalob Rahn	31 Martha Sharp
12 Dana Hughes	

October 31st- Reformation Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church.

9:30 Drop-In Choir, 10:30 Services Bishop Jaech preaching

Wear Red in Celebration!

Bring a dish to share for a grand potluck

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

- ◇ Pianist and worship leader will be Dor McMillian, sound set up by John Pelster, custodian assist by Carol Thompson and duck tape group. Pastor Susan is our featured speaker. Registration forms are in the Faith room and by Pastors office bulletin board. Early registration is \$30.00 before Sept. 30 and \$40.00 after that date to the day of Convention.
- ◇ Women of Bethany Oct. 31;
- **Minister's Report:** Pastor Susan
- ◇ **Life/Work balance** -School for my youngest has started up again. I will be watching my life balance because being a mom is very important to me and this is her senior year!
- **Organizational systems**-Training Ginger Garner (Hallelujah!!!); begin financial part soon.
- **Other-** Visited Dave and DiAnn Foslien in Olympia/Seattle & contact with family;
- ◇ Have been doing training on Spiritual Direction
- ◇ Vacations Days Thurs, Oct. 5, 6, Oct. 8, & 10;4 days for a total of _____ this year. **Moved & seconded to approve the vacation dates as listed. Motion carried.**
- **Goal/Action Plan Progress Report:**
- ◇ **Marketing-Barb & Beth**-New brochure working on in October with pastor
- ◇ **Welcome Statement-Pastor Susan** will draft for brochure
- ◇ **Grandparent Group-Phyllis** Plan fall event-discussed possible panel discussion event;
- ◇ **Big Events-Tori** Maybe start with working on one with Phyllis?
- **Unfinished Business:**
- ◇ **Council Half Day Retreat-Saturday, Sept. 16 Report**-Pastor Susan/ Barb finalized plans
- ◇ **Update on Transition of Ginger Garner as Admin. Asst.**—Pr. Susan & Barb: Ginger has the lists of duties by day and month, and will be meeting on Wednesday evenings Sept. 20 & 27 with Kim, Ginger, Barb C, & Pastor so all can learn more about the bookkeeping (cross training);
- ◇ **Real Estate Committee/Meeting**-Barb Clausen Sept. 26 4:00 Faith Room The committee will do a timeline, see the plot map, discuss realtors, letter to neighbors, etc. Harry Blair has already checked the ground markers—thank you!

Council Meeting Minutes Continued

- **Memorial:** Joyce Croy Committee is offering to help pay for painting the front of the church;
- **Worship/Music:** Aiden's baptism; Ruth Sieler's memorial;
 - ◇ Had a hymn-sing on Aug. 27
 - ◇ Patrick Murphy is playing on Oct. 1
 - ◇ Advent discussion of how many services to have; it is suggested to ask W/M if having one with a soup supper would work; (Barb C with help will organize the supper) Christmas Eve. Sunday no morning, but one at 4:00 and 11:00pm;
- **Youth/Service:** Small Seeds/Sprouts- Scheduling 3rd Saturday (Look for a new family!)
 - ◇ FISH Next Oct. 9 setup/10 distr.; Nov. 12 set up/13 distribute;
 - ◇ School Supplies delivered large boxes to Col. Hts. and Lexington Elementary *Thanks!!*
 - ◇ God's Work: Our Hands/United Way Day of Caring on Sept. 14 Report Susan Shiu, Bill Zimmerman, Pr. Susan Dollinger, & Barb Clausen participated at the library;
- **Duct Tape Crew:** Dave Foslien & Carol Thompson
 - ◇ Weekly cleaning and yard care is continuing as we work on solutions
 - ◇ Duct Tape Custodial Support Update-Pastor Susan is in the process of hiring LifeWorks disabled person to do custodial (possibly scrubbing & bathrooms, etc.) twice a month for minimum wage; (We will have to borrow from Design. Funds until the lot sells.)
- **Stewardship:**
 - ◇ Churchwide Stewardship Program Planning Dates-Pastor Susan
- **Mutual Ministry:** Meeting Sept. 28, 1:00pm
- **Education:**
 - ◇ **Women's Bible Study-** Bible Study on Sept. 19, 26; Oct. 3, 17, 24; Meeting each Tuesday, 10:30 Faith Room & zoom
 - ◇ **Book Study-** Book of Mark online Fridays starting Sept. 8; in person Sunday, Sept 10
- **Women of Bethany:**
 - ◇ WELCA Conference @ Bethany Oct. 14 Work party on Wed., Sept. 27th Kathy Newton is lining up other needed people and making a set-up plan. Work party on Sept. 27 at 10:30 to fill in blanks and make more assignments. Some planning with area churches by Kathy.

FYI

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Pastor Susan is our spiritual and inspirational church leader. She hears our prayers and concerns and shares our celebrations. She creatively imagines how to keep worship fresh, how to inspire our church service to others, keeps our Heavenly Father present in our decision-making, and brings us glimmers of hope at every turn. This month would you please consider giving her a card with your personal thanks?

Harvestfest October 28th at 5:00 PM

Tickets \$12.00 per person or family of 4 \$34.00

Pork Dinner with dessert.

Come play bingo (bingo cards .25 a pieces)

There will fun prizes to win.

Tickets purchased through Joyce Croy and Barb Wilson

Holiday Raffle

Hospitality is in need of talented members to donate items for our raffle.

**PLEASE HAVE ITEMS TO HOSPITALITY NO LATER THEN
END OF OCTOBER.**

Ticket sales begin on the first Sunday in November. Raffle drawing is on the Sunday following Smorgasbord. All proceeds for this will go to updating technology for Bethany.

FYI

FISH

Did you know, Bethany has been involved in FISH since the very beginning in 1971? Your contributions to FISH have been a blessing for a LONG time!



This month we need pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit, toothpaste, laundry soap, and toilet paper.

Please come help on Monday, Oct. 9 at 9:00 to help set up and Tuesday, Oct. 10th 9:00 for distribution, as we need extra help this month.

“It Takes a Village”

Donation and Volunteer Options at Our Partner Schools

Our partner schools are in need of child size medium and large sweatpants in navy, gray, or black for when children come in wet or have accidents. With these items, children can stay in school for learning rather than having to sit in wet clothes or be sent home.

For many years, Ruth Sieler supplied kids socks for the schools. If you wish to throw in a few pairs of children's socks in her memory, these items may be placed in the box lid, located in the Faith Room. The Youth and Service committee will deliver them to the two schools.



Schools also need volunteers in the library, to help with reading to children, writing and math, and to guide in book fair purchases, as well as many other things. If you feel this is your call, please let Bob or Pat Reistroffer or Barb Clausen know of your interest and the schools you are willing to help!

Church External Painting

We are working with Alec to paint as much as we can afford of the north (main entrance) side of the church building. His work is excellent, and we have been blessed to have his patience and cooperation in financing. This portion of the painting will be the last we do as the winter approaches. Please consider a second mile giving to the Capital Improvement account, it would sure help us finish this job!



Sept Council Minutes

Bethany Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Agenda –Sept. 14, 2023 3:00p.m.

Attendance – Joyce Croy, Tori Gosch, George Obermeyer, Pr. Susan Dollinger, Barb Clausen, & Phyllis Cavens; Absent: Beth Grambo

Devotions and Prayer – Pastor Susan led us through glimmers of hope—it was great to hear Bethany's glimmers of hope! We will do this each month. Thank you!

Call to Order and President's Report – Barbara Clausen at 3:28pm.

- Decisions made between Council Meetings: None
- Agenda Changes-added Pr. vacation days, Advent discussion;
- Devotions for Thursday, October 12—Tori leading and George devotions;
- Call/Write List on behalf of council- decided to do those you do not see often;

Secretary's Report –

- Filed as approved August minutes as emailed

Financial Report- August 2023 Financial Report

- August 2023 budget offerings of \$9,869.00 exceeded August 2023 budget expenses of \$8,055.17 by \$1,813.83. Designated Funds / Savings as of August 31st are \$34,987.36. August 2023 YTD budget offerings of \$95,505.73 fell short of YTD budget expenses of \$95,896.50 by \$390.77. August 2022 YTD budget offerings \$100,155.97 exceed YTD budget expenses of \$68,294.85.
 - **Emergency Fund Report:** Thank you, Bethany, for your generous second-mile giving. Total collected was \$173.00. After the 20% was added to the Pastor Discretionary Fund, a check for \$138.40 will be mailed to ELCA World Hunger.
 - **Attendance for August Avg.-36** (not including Facebook)
- Ministry Reports –**
- **Hospitality:** Joyce Croy
 - ◇ Sept. 17th Outdoor Service & Rally Day Picnic Potluck Hospitality will be helping; please plan to help them with clean up, etc.
 - ◇ Fall Dinner (bingo) Oct. 28 5:30 Plan to join us for fun! Tickets \$12.00 & family
 - ◇ WELCA Conference luncheon will be done by us also

HELP WANTED

FISH HOTLINE

Telephone Volunteer 1-4 PM, 1-2 times monthly. Calls are anonymously forwarded to your phone, so that you may volunteer from home. This position helps people with emergency needs they cannot afford. Contact Susan Shiu 360-431-2810

Duct Tape Crew

Duct Tape needs you! From dusting, cleaning floors, pulling weeds, and mowing. The Duct Tape crew needs your help. Contact Carol Thompson 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.

Changing of the Banners

We need a volunteer to change the Sanctuary banners for the Liturgical Seasons. Please see Carol Thompson or Pastor Susan

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.

Emergency Fund ~ FIRST SUNDAY

Emergency Fund for October

We are collecting money for the Kelso-Longview Family Community Resource Centers (FCRC's) and the food for Thanksgiving vacation for our Lexington and Columbia Heights Elementary Schools families. This year we will be giving the schools gift cards for the families to purchase their own food. Donations may be placed in the Emergency Fund tray any time in October for this service.

Each month, 20% of emergency funds will be given to pastor's discretionary fund (or more should pastor's fund drop below \$200), and the remaining amount will go to the featured second-mile emergency fund designated above. This is important as we have exhausted our office budget and used some of this fund to do the finger printing, etc. as we transition with our new administrative assistant.

(Grant monies will also be given to Lexington as they have a much larger population in poverty and they do a large food drive. We have supported this for a couple of years from the grants. Grant monies as needed are used to enhance the FCRC vacation boxes when needed as well and Col Hts. When their PTO does boxes.)



Land Committee ~The Lot!

Members of the Land Committee met briefly on Thursday Sept 21 to begin the land sale process. Members include Harry Blair, Randy Grambo, Joyce Croy, Phyllis Cavens, Pastor Susan, and Barb Clausen. The meeting began with the Call of Abraham and prayer for the Lord's guidance. We reviewed the lot boundary paper, thanked Harry Blair for finding the markers, discussed the process, considered two recommended realtors to interview and get estimates, and drafted a letter to the neighbors in case someone wants first option to buy at the asking price. We will keep you informed. (Sale requires a special meeting with a vote of the congregation.) We are also contacting the Synod for guidance

Growing in Faith & Knowledge

Women's Bible Study

We gather for prayers, cares, concerns, challenges, and celebration in the Faith room and on Zoom

October 3	10:30 am	Bible Study Holy Places: Sanctuary
October 9	9:00 am	Assist with FISH setup
October 10	8:30 am	FISH distribution- no Bible study
October 12		Setup for WELCA Convention
October 14		WELCA Convention
October 17	10:30 am	Bible Study Holy Places: Sanctuary
October 24	10:30 am	Bible Study Holy Places: Sanctuary
** Substitute leader needed		
October 31	10:30 am	Prayers, Women of Bethany meeting

If dates change the group will be notified via email. Contact Kathy Newton to be added.

Bible Study on Mark

Join us on Fridays & Sundays for a Bible study on the Book 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 this short but powerful book.

Homework	Friday online	Sunday in person
Mark 6, 7 & 8	Sept.29	Oct. 1
Mark 9 & 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15
Mark 11, 12, & 13	Oct. 20	Oct.22
Mark 14, 15, 16 & wrap up	Nov. 3	Nov. 5

Opportunity to Serve Bethany

The Council is looking to appoint a new treasurer.

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 this important position is filled.

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

thank you

As volunteer coordinator, I want to thank everyone for your willingness to help fill in various ministry positions needed. It is very much appreciated. -Audrey Schauer

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 for Oct and November
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 Clausen



Upcoming Education Opportunities:

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



Upcoming Music Opportunities:

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



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!

~~Moment's at the lake~~
Tuesday's @1:30 **Bethany**

This is a wonderful opportunity for men and women to sit in the Word and have holy conversation while we discuss the scriptures for the following Sunday.

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 be meeting the third Saturday of every month WITH THE EXCEPTION of our first day back which will be September 30 to prepare them 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. Please pray for our youth and their faith journey this year.

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
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 and we will bless them.
- Please make sure your animal can be around other animals otherwise we can go to them after the service.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

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.

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
SEPT	TOTAL
3	44
10	38
17	36
24	50
AVG	42

<u>Offering to date (Sept)</u>	
2022	2023
\$109,513.97	\$102,862.23
<u>Expenses to date (Sept)</u>	
2022	2023
\$97,727.85	\$104,761.81

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

FYI

Family Promise of Cowlitz County Performance Opportunity

Please help us to raise awareness and funds to benefit programming at FPCC during our annual Night without a Bed on October 21st at the KUMPC located at 206 Cowlitz Way, Kelso.

We are looking for talented musicians and vocalists to join us in a free will offering concert and silent auction. Each group will have a 30-60 min session. We are looking forward to showcasing our communities talent! Refreshments and silent auction will be in a separate building, please join us there as well.

Please contact Dawn Morgan director@fpcowlitz.org with questions or to reserve a time slot.



Longview Grocery Outlet Share Program

Longview Grocery Outlet donates 5% of your purchase to Bethany Lutheran. We have cards that you would hand to the cashier prior to your items being rung up. 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.



COVID:

Caring For Yourself and Your Church Family

As we head into the fall season, COVID is making its rounds in our community.

Please be aware of the COVID symptoms listed below. If you suspect you have COVID, please stay home. Wear a mask if you have been exposed. Let the pastor know if you have COVID or COVID symptoms so we can inform others appropriately, your name will be kept confidential.

For your convenience, optional masks and sanitizer are located in the church Narthex at the entryway. Sanitizer is also in the front of the sanctuary for Communion to reduce risk. The church council is continually monitoring the situation. Help us take care of our church family.

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

Sunday	Mon.	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday Service Pastor Susan Dollinger Pet Blessing/Small Seeds 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Hour	2	3 8:00 Breakfast Group 10:30 Women's Bible Study 1:30 Moment's @ Lake 6:00 Boy Scouts	4 12:00 Executive Council Mtg (Zoom)	5 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape Pastor out of town	6 Pastor out of town	7 Pastor out of town
8 Sunday Service Pastor Josef Aalbue 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Hour Pastor out of town	9 9:00 Fish Set up Women's Bible Study assist Pastor out of town	10 8:30 Fish Distribution 6:00 Boy Scouts Pastor out of town	11	12 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape Setup for WELCA Convention 5:30 Council Meeting	13 Online Bible Study	14 WELCA conference
15 Sunday Service Pastor Susan Dollinger 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Hour	16	17 8:00 Breakfast Group 10:30 Women's Bible Study 1:30 Moment's @ Lake 6:00 Boy Scouts	18	19 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape	20 Online Bible Study	21 1:00 Small Seeds
22 Sunday Service Pastor Susan Dollinger 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Hour 11:15 Worship & Music	23	24 8:00 Breakfast Group 10:30 Women's Bible Study 1:30 Moment's @ Lake 6:00 Boy Scouts	25	26 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape	27	28 5:00 Harvestfest
29 Sunday Service Bishop Jaech Reformation@Trinity wear red Confirmation attend	30	31 Halloween 8:00 Breakfast Group 10:30 Women of Bethany 1:30 Moment's @ Lake 6:00 Boy Scouts				