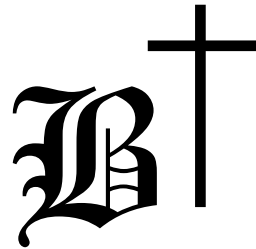


*Bethany Lutheran Church
2900 Parkview Drive
Longview, WA 98632*

August 2024

God's Blessings to . . .



**August 2024
Newsletter**

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2900 Parkview Dr. Longview, WA 98632
Pastor Susan Dollinger
Church Musician: Dorothy McMillan
Admin. Asst: Ginger Garner**

Bethany website: www.bethanylongview.org

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

Office email: secretary@bethanylongview.org

Pastor email: pastor@bethanylongview.org

Sunday Morning Worship Time

9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee Hour



‘Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.’ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:6-7

Dear Bethany,

I pray you have enjoyed your summer so far. There is much going on in the world and in the United States, and there is much anxiety to add to the hot summer days. So, for today, let us take a breath. Sink into these days where the sun is warm and the light of the day continues into the night. And enjoy those hydrangeas (wow!). I hope the color of those flowers alone bring joy to your heart.

I have read a couple of books (Outlive by Peter Attia and 52 Ways to Walk by Annabel Streets), and both mention the importance of surrounding yourself with nature. The Outlive book discussed an experiment in which people who look at a picture of a tree heal faster than those who look at a blank wall. In 52 Ways to Walk also discusses the benefits of walking outside in nature. The book says even a slow walk is beneficial. Luckily, we have plenty of trees around here to bring peace to our hearts.

While you are out there, pray and praise the Lord. Thank God for the trees, the summer sky, and the ability to walk and to breathe. Thank God for the happy memories, and pray again for the tougher times that still hurt. Thank God for the people in your lives that bring joy, and for the community of faith that you are a part of, as Bethany is a very special place. Breathe slowly until the peace of God surpasses all understanding. As Jesus was more interested in people’s spiritual well-being, it seems a prayerful walk with the Lord among the trees can strengthen our spiritual health, improve our mental well-being, and help our physical health overall.

Blessings on your journeys,

Pastor Susan

June Council Minutes

**Bethany Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes– No Council Meeting July 2024**

**Next Scheduled Meetings:
Executive Committee – Wed., August 7, 12:15
Council – Thurs, August 15, 2024 – 3:00 pm**

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

*Please have newsletter articles submitted before
September 20*

*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.*

Name/Position/Term
1. Don Wallin (2027) 1st Term
2. Barbara Clausen (President, 2027) 2ndTerm
4. Phyllis Cavens (2025)
5. George Obermeyer (2026)
6. Beth Grambo (Secretary, 2027) 2nd Term
7. Russ Gilchrist (2027)
8. P. Susan Dollinger (Pastor)
Susan Shui (Treasurer)

August Ministry Volunteers

Sunday, August 4 *Communion*

Greeter	Tom Hughes
Ushers	Karen Langworthy/Harry Blair
Reader	Kathy Newton
Communion Setup	Dot Blair
Communion Assist	Kathy Newton
Powerpoint	Carol Thompson
Live Service	
Financial Secretary	Barb Wilson
Coffee hour	Kathy Newton/Schauers

Sunday, August 11 *Communion*

Greeter	Barb Clausen
Usher	Tim Marshall/_____
Reader	Renee Pelster
Communion Setup	Pat Reistroffer
Communion Assist	Pat Reistroffer
Powerpoint	x
Live Service	John Pelster
Financial Secretary	Mary Storm
Coffee hour 1	Hospitality Picnic

Sunday, August 18 *Communion*

Greeter	Susan Shiu
Usher	Bob Reistroffer/Pat Reistroffer
Reader	Karen Langworthy
Communion Setup	Nancy Skora
Communion Assist	Nancy Skora
Powerpoint	
Live Service	
Financial Secretary	Pam van den Driessche
Coffee hour	Joyce Croy/ Karen Langworthy

Sunday, August 25 *Communion*

Greeter	Bob Baldwin
Usher	Karen Langworthy/Russ Gilchrist
Reader	Barb Clausen
Communion Setup	Shelly Limpach
Communion Assist	Shelly Limpach
Powerpoint	
Live Service	Lee Limpach
Financial Secretary	Barb Wilson
Coffee hour	Barb Clausen/Phyllis Cavens

School Supply Drive

School supply sales are on now! The Youth & Service committee in conjunction with Hospitality are collecting supplies for children going back to school. The children are in elementary school so keep in mind narrow-ruled paper, protractors, etc. would not fit. We will have labelled boxes all of August in the Fellowship Hall, so please sort your supplies into the boxes for us to divide and deliver.



August Ministry of the Month:

EDUCATION! Is honored this month.

A special thank you to Pastor Susan and to Kathy Newton for providing bible studies and special opportunities to learn more about our Lutheran beliefs, hear bible stories, and providing opportunities to interact with each other. These events have enriched our lives and strengthened our faith. Thank you!

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12TH



SIGN UP SHEET & WAIVER IN NARTHEX. DUE AUGUST 12
WE ARE ALWAYS ASSIGNED TO A TASK THAT IS GENTLE ON
OUR BODIES

JOIN US TO HELP OTHERS
WITH THIS UNITED WAY DAY
OF CARING PROJECT.

August Emergency Fund:

ELCA WORLD HUNGER/SALVATION ARMY (LOCAL) are our options this month for second-mile giving. Please designate in your memo which of the international or local agencies to which you wish to donate. As you know, World Hunger is generally one of the first groups into disasters anywhere in the world—sometimes getting through difficult borders when others cannot. The local Salvation Army is also managing Hope Village and providing Saturday meals for all homeless. Both of these manage their funds well and are an excellent way to give back in gratitude for what we have been given.

The Bethany Lutheran Lot for Sale

The Lord has answered our prayers with a “wait”—so we are re-listing the property with a new realtor, still working to remove the mortgage lien on the lots so it’s only on the church (then we can sell the lots), and praying it sells in God’s time. Thank you to Randy Grambo and his helper in removing the signage. It will be placed on the Parkview Drive north of our upper driveway as decided by council.



Phyllis Cavens, Debra Takko, Barbara Price and Nancy Skora for agreeing to serve on the Stewardship committee. This is a very important committee for the Lord’s church. God bless you for saying yes!

Thank you to Randy Grambo for overseeing the portable project from the beginning to (almost) the end, and for replacing the ramp that was showing wear and tear. You are very appreciated.

Thank you to Barb Clausen, Harry Blair, George Obermeyer, Susan Shui, Randy Grambo, and Joyce Croy for the countless hours they spent working with the banks and realtors on the land sale. It has been a difficult project with many ups and downs. Please continue to pray for the right realtor, and for this team of people.

Thank you to Ginger Garner for three months of trying to improve our Wi-Fi. Just as we thought the building was mostly Wi-Fi accessible, the CrowdStrike occurred, which has been a setback. In addition, she was able get more Wi-Fi in the building at a cheaper price. Way to go! Thanks, Ginger, for all the work and research.

Volunteers keep our church running

Volunteer Coordinator Needed!

Are you able to make a few phone calls from the comfort of your home and fill in the clipboard blanks each month? (You can write them in and the office will type it up and send it out.) Please let Ginger or Barb know if you would consider doing this important work.

Duct Tape Crew

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

Thursdays from 9-12. Coffee hour at 10:00.

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



Oh God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday Nights at Bethany is our Call of Abraham.

We have set a goal to increase our attendance by 7% (and hopefully our membership)! *Please do YOUR part by reaching out to your friends and co-workers who do not have a home church and invite them.* Give them a “quarter sheet” sized list (orange card in the narthex) and encourage them—maybe meet them at the event? Sign up is in the office. There are some exciting things being offered and here is a chance for them to learn more about our church in a non-threatening environment!

Congratulations

Phyllis Cavens, on a well deserved retirement!

She has been a physician in Longview since 1971 and began the Child and Adolescent Clinic in 1978.

Thank you for the many years of service to our children. You are a blessing!

WE NEED YOU!

Your church runs on volunteers, and we need your help! If you could find time--- to make a few phone calls to fill the monthly worship clip board, once a year make a dinner for the two unhoused families staying at Family Promise, once a year help on the stewardship drive to plan our stories for the congregation, or give a hand to our faithful Duct Tape crew when you are available—any of these things would be a blessing to our church. God’s church runs on the volunteer work of His people—how about lending your hand whether you are a member or visitor! (Volunteer Coordinator, Duct Tape, Family Promise) Let Ginger know how you can help!

ATTENDANCE	
JULY	TOTAL
7	41
14	41
21	42
28	32
AVG	38

Offering to date (July)	
2023	2024
\$85,646.73	\$80,046
Expenses to date (July)	
2023	2024
\$87,759.01	\$81,544.23

Growing in Faith & Knowledge

Women's Bible Study

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

August 6 10:30 am Bible Study- Compassion
August 13 10:30 am Bible Study- Compassion
August 20 10:30 am Bible Study- Compassion
August 27 10:30 am Bible Study- Compassion

Women's Bible Study for Summer found in Gather Magazine, Gather Magazine is \$9.95 for new subscribers. Call Kathy Newton for how to subscribe or questions about our study



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!

Small Seeds and Sprouts

Small Seeds and Sprouts is off for the summer and will resume on Sept. 14.



Moments at the Lake

Wednesdays @1:30

We meet on the Kessler side of Lake Sacagawea, This is a wonderful opportunity for people to sit in the Word and have holy conversation while we discuss the scriptures for the following Sunday.

Bethany's Corner



Prayer Requests

Shelly Limpach is our prayer chain contact. You may contact her with your prayer concerns through email at. If you have an urgent prayer request, please call the church office. bethanyprayer247@gmail.com

Continued Prayers & Healing

Norma Oyloe	Evelyn Jackson	Foslien Family
Alice Snyder	Bob Baldwin	John Mullaney
Bob Reistroffer	Dana Hughes	Kim Isakson
Krista & John Croy	Barbara Price	Gail Obermeyer
Jennifer Nance	Vickey Aubol	Takko family
Custer family	Thibodeau family	Gilchrist Family
Judy Bailey		



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

4 Bob Reistroffer	13 Olivia Engebo
5 Rick Loewen	Xander Gireth
6 Bob Baldwin	26 Jayden Murphy
8 Aiden Marshall	29 DiAnn Foslien
10 Phyllis Cavens	Caroline Struck

ANNIVERSARIES

2 Butch & Pam Alexander
3 Glenn & Beth Milhiser
5 Gene & Debra Zandi
8 Ivan & Betty Olson- 70 years!
14 George & Gail Obermeyer

Plan Ahead for the Sake of Your Family

You do know what happens when we don't plan ahead? Chaos breaks out. In the case of estate planning, that may mean fights break out, hard feelings result, people make claims that you would not want, your precious items are dumped, and relatives are left with a mess to untangle.

You already have a CURRENT will? A Health Directive? Power of Attorney? A list of all the important names, addresses, phone numbers of all your investments, location of bank accounts, safety deposit boxes, combinations to the safe, passwords for electronic information, and so forth.

Do you have a plan for the goods in your home that you hold dear? Who will get them? How will your family be able to choose what they want? How will the remainder be dispensed with? Who will get the proceeds from any sales?

We will be offering a series of opportunities for you to learn about Lutheran investments, estate planning, memorial planning, and organizing all of your information for when you have gone to our heavenly father.

The first event will be on estate planning with our Lutheran investment person to assist you in learning/updating your investments. Josh Kerney, an ELCA Foundation Representative, will be coming to us from California on Thursday, August 22 at 4:00 for Estate Planning in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up with Ginger in the office so we know the printing amount to be done.

In addition, the Council will be meeting on that Thursday at 2:00 to explore the opportunities to form a church foundation. (Our governing documents require a foundation and we have never started this process before.)

AUGUST 22 AT 4:00 PM

Upcoming Events

August 4

Sunday Service with special Guest Lori McDonald

Bethany's Wednesday Series

6:30 -8:00pm

Encourage friends, family and neighbors who do not have a home church to attend.

8/7- Atomic Bomb Testing personal experience by Gil Schauer

8/14- Personal safety with Dor McMillan (This class is geared to wards seniors but will be helpful for everyone.)

8/21—Glenn Milhiser's painting class was such a success we are doing it again! RSVP required, space limited.

Outdoor Service

Sunday August 11

Annual Picnic and Backpack/ school supply drive

Mutual Ministry Meeting

August 14 @11:00

Quarterly Meeting

August 15 @4:00

Music and Worship Meeting

August 25 @ 11:00

Bible Study

September 15

We will begin a new Bible Study on the book of Luke

Estate Planning with Josh Kerney

August 22 @ 4:00

ELCA Foundation Representative.
Please see page 10 for more information

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<h1>August 2024</h1>			<p>Due to road const. on I-5, Pr. Susan will work from home 1 day a week for the duration. Do not hesitate to call or text during this time.</p>	1 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape Pastor work from home	2 6:00 Girl Scouts	3
				4 Sunday Service Pastor Susan Dollinger With Lori McDonald 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Hour	5	6 8:00 Breakfast Group 10:30 Women's Bible Study 1:30 Youth/Service
11 Sunday Service Pastor Susan Dollinger 9:30 Outdoor Service 10:30 Annual Picnic School Supply Drive	12	13 8:00 Breakfast Group 10:30 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Boy Scouts Pastor work from home	14 11:00 Mutual ministry 1:30 Moment's @ The Lake 6:30 Self Defense w/ Dor McMillan	15 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape 3:00 Council 4:00 Qtr Meeting	16 6:00 Girl Scouts	17
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