

August 2026

NEWSLETTER

Bethanylongview.org

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Thursday
9:30-3:00

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The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy; the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.” Psalm 65:12–13 (NRSV).

Dear Friends,

I pray you have all had a wonderful and blessed summer. I am enjoying the longer days, and the ability to sit outside, and to play tennis until 9pm. It has been a lovely summer, and here we are already August. The days are a tiny bit shorter, casting a warning that summer is ending and fall will begin. But until then... cheers.

This summer we enjoyed our summer series which had everything under the sun from s'mores to short films to oyster shell craft night. Thank you to everyone who has shared their gifts and talents with us this summer and thank you to everyone who is scheduled in August. It is a nice way to have fellowship with each other, especially as people come in and out of town from visits to other places.

I have been doing a lot of painting lately and have been trying to figure out which trees go with which paint palette. During my drives up to Longview, I have been very aware of all the shades of green that that God has used to paint all the trees that surround me. I think about all these little details God puts into creation and being here in the Northwest we get to see so much beauty around us, I am always thankful to live here. I also notice all the shades of blue as I travel alongside the river, I appreciate the beauty of Longview. It is such a pretty town, you dwell among the trees with rivers and lakes surrounding you.

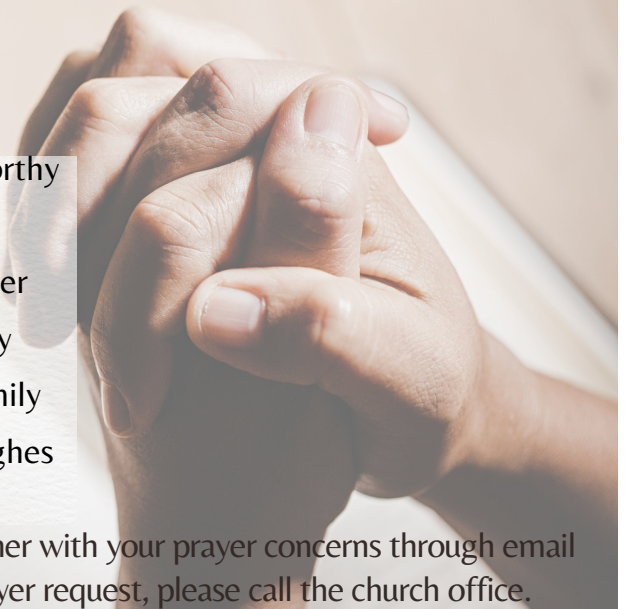
I hope that you can take some moments this summer to breathe in the natural beauty that God has provided that surrounds you. I pray that you can drink it in everyday and appreciate God and be thankful. Feel the beauty of creation renew you and rejuvenate you to the point of being able to let what wearies you go, and be able to praise our Lord, the creator of all.

In peace, Pastor Susan

Prayer Requests

Susan Shiu	Peggy Winston	Karen Langworthy
June White	Barb Clausen	Judy Bailey
John Mullaney	Barbara Price	Gail Obermeyer
Jennifer Nance	Custer family	Gilchrist family
Bob Baldwin	Krista & John Croy	Thibodeau family
The Milhisers	Takko family	David & Dana Hughes
The Newtons		

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 the church office.



Emergency Fund August: ELCA Disaster Relief Colorado Wildfire/ Venezuela Earthquake

Your gifts make it possible for this church to provide fast and effective support to communities in need, whenever and wherever a disaster may strike. You may choose to designate your gift to a specific disaster or give where the need is greatest; make your choice known at the time of your donation. If you decide to give to a specific disaster, your gift will be used 100 percent for that disaster, unless more funds are received than are needed to fully fund a specific disaster response. If this happens, your gift will be used to address a similar effort. Your gifts make it possible for this church to provide fast and effective support to communities in need, whenever and wherever a disaster may strike. Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

Please note Disaster Relief in the memo



Dor McMillan, Jeff and Mary Storm
for making our outdoor service
special, and to Hospitality team
for all the hard work to make the
picnic a success

Ministry of the month: Education, Evangelism, Bible Study

The Small Seeds, Sprouts, & Confirmation are led by Pastor Susan, Pat Reistroffer, and Bob Reistroffer with help from Chris Engebo. Guiding, encouraging, and educating our youth while they have fun and participate fully in the worship life of the congregation has deeply enriched our church family. This includes, Saturdays, Sunday worship & service such as Family Promise.

A special thank you to Pastor Susan 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!

UPCOMING *Events*

Summer Series: Wednesdays at 6:00

August 5- Security: Scams and Hacking

August 12- Camino Portugal Pilgrimage

Council Meetings

August 5 @ 12:00 Executive Meeting (Zoom)

August 13 @ 3:00 Council Meeting

Quarterly Meeting

August 13 @ 4:30 **Open to all**

Mutual Ministry

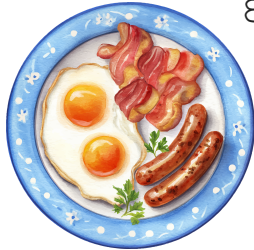
August 19 @ 10:30

Stewardship

August 19 @ 12:00

Opportunities to Gather & Learn

Tuesday Breakfast Group
8:00 am



Corner Cafe

796 Commerce Ave. Suite 103
What a great opportunity to enjoy
good food and fellowship!

Women's Bible Study

July



Women's Bible Study is based through
Gather Magazine, \$9.95 for new
subscribers.

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

Moments at the Lake
Wednesdays @ 1:30



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.



Duct Tape meets every Thursday at
9:00 am with a coffee and donut break
at 10:00 am

BIBLE STUDY



Online Fridays @ 10:00 am
in person Sundays @ 11:15 am

SMALL SEEDS *and Sprouts*



Meets the 2nd Saturday of each
month during the school year.
12:30-2:00 pm

CELEBRATE CELEBRATE CELEBRATE

04	Bob Reistroffer	10	Phyllis Cavens
05	Rick Loewen	13	Olivia Engebo
06	Bob Baldwin	20	Xander Gireth
07	Ellie Goss		Cyndie Long
	Aiden Marshall	26	Jayden Murphy
		29	DiAnn Foslien

Anniversaries

02	Butch & Pam Alexander
03	Glen & Beth Milhiser
08	Ivan & Betty Olson
14	George & Gail Obermeyer

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS



	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 30
Greeter	Barb Clausen		Phyllis Cavens	Kelly Engebo	
Ushers	Beth Grambo Harold Nunn			Chris Engebo Olivia Engebo	Russ Gilchrist Karen Langworthy
Reader	Duane Thompson	Barb Clausen	Phyllis Cavens	Chris Engebo	Beth Grambo
Communion Setup	Shelly Limpach				
Communion Assist	Pat Reistroffer				
Powerpoint	Carol Thompson				
Live Service	Lee Limpach		John Pelster	John Pelster	
Financial Secretary	Barb Wilson	Mary Storm	Pam vanden Driessche	Barb Wilson	Mary Storm
Coffee Hour					Barb Clausen Phyllis Caven
Volunteer Coordinator	George Obermeyer	Beth Grambo	Phyllis Cavens	Barb Clausen	George Obermeyer

ATTENDANCE	
July	TOTAL
5	30
12	40
19	47
28	45
Avg	41

Offering to date July	
2025	2026
\$75,475	\$88,675
Expenses to date July	
2025	2026
\$100,669	\$91,079

Name/Position/Term
1. John Pelster (2029)
2. Barbara Clausen (2027)
3. Susan Shiu (Treasurer)
4. Phyllis Cavens (2029)
5. George Obermeyer (2029)
6. Beth Grambo (2027)
7. Tori Gosch (2028)
8. P. Susan Dollinger (Pastor)

Back to School

Due August 23rd

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR ELEMENTARY



As you begin to see the August sales, please pick up supplies for our elementary school partners. Please only purchase the brands, etc. on this list as that is what is requested. Helping a child who cannot come prepared builds confidence and gives the student a good start to the year! Thank you for your kindness in reaching out to others! Due: August 23rd Youth/Service Committee

- #2 Ticonderoga pencils
- Wide-ruled spiral notebooks and packages of paper
- Crayola crayons, colored pencils, and washable markers
- Elmer's glue sticks and school glue
- Blunt-nosed children's scissors and pink pearl erasers
- Plastic Folders with prongs in blue, green, yellow
- Composition notebooks
- Dry-erase markers (Expo)
- Standard-sized school supply boxes
- Pencil pouches, Pencil Boxes
- tissues
- small pencil sharpeners
- ink pens
- over-the-head headphones for computers (n)
- Water Bottles; individual for student desks



to our Summer Surge presenters for providing a little something for everyone!

Barb Wilson, Carl Winston, Nancy Skora, Dor McMillan, Barb Clausen and Phyllis Cavens

SUMMER SURGE SERIES

Wednesdays @ 6:00pm

Public Welcome

Sign up by calling 360.577.8240



**Aug
5**

Security: Scams, Hacking, & More

Barb Clausen will provide a variety of articles in a zig zag activity, followed by discussion. A local specialist will be sharing current trends to be alert for in our area.



**Aug
12**

Camino Portugal Pilgrimage

Dr. Phyllis Cavens has returned from a second trip to Santiago de Compostela, Spain to walk part of the Camino pilgrimage—this time it is the Portugal portion. Come along with Phyllis as she shares what she has learned as a Pilgrim on the Way.



AUGUST 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Sunday Service 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee Hour	3	4	5 12:00 Exec Meeting 1:30 Moments @ the Lake	6 9:00 Duct tape 10:00 Coffee w/ DT	7	8
9 Sunday Service 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee Hour	10	11	12 6:00 Security Scams 1:30 Moments @ the Lake	13 9:00 Duct tape 10:00 Coffee w/ DT	14	15
16 Sunday Service 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee Hour	17	18	19 6:00 Camino Portugal Pilgrimage 10:30 Mutual Ministry 12:00 Stewardship 1:30 Moments @ the Lake	20 9:00 Duct tape 10:00 Coffee w/ DT	21	22
23 lay led Service 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee	24	25	26 8:00 Breakfast Group 10:30 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Boy Scouts	27 9:00 Duct tape 10:00 Coffee w/ DT	28	29
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GOD'S BLESSINGS TO

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