



August 2019
Monthly Vision Newsletter

Bethel Lutheran Church
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WE CELEBRATE GOD'S GRACE AND WE REACH OUT WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

AUGUST CALENDAR

3rd Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation
7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

4th Sunday

8:30 am Worship - Pastor Jennifer

6th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours
2 pm Marketing Meeting
3 pm Education Meeting

7th Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours
7:00 pm Evening Worship -
Pastor Jennifer

9th Friday

Thru the 10th, Camp out at Atonement
4 -7 pm, Quilt Preview & Fish Fry-Lutherdale

10th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation
7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous
8 am - 4 pm 33rd Annual Quilt Auction-
Lutherdale

11th Sunday

8:30 am Worship - Pastor Jennifer
Noisy Can-Lutheran Campus Corner

13th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours
4:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meal

14th Wednesday - Cousins Subs Fundraiser

9-3:00 pm Office Hours
7:00 pm Evening Worship -
Pastor Jennifer

15th Thursday

7:00 pm Ginny's Gems

17th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation
7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

18th Sunday

8:30 am Worship - Pastor Jennifer

20th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

21st Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours
7:00 pm Evening Worship -
Pastor Jennifer

24th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation
7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

25th Sunday - Bethelfest

8:30 am Worship - Pastor Jennifer
11:00 am Parade

27th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours
7:00 pm Council Meeting
Mary Linsmeier - Open House

28th Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours
7:00 pm Evening Worship -
Pastor Jennifer

31st Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation
7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Please join us for Worship at 8:30 am

Hymns, scripture, message, prayers, communion, and liturgy that help us connect deeply with God. Please join us and bring a friend.



Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff— they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Picture this... There is an adult swing sitting on top of the grassy hill. To the left is a fire pit with tripod for cooking. To the right is a small cottage with just a kitchenette and a screen porch with a table and chairs. Behind the swing stand 3-4 tents and campers. Down a gradually sloping hill sit a half dozen picnic tables. At the foot of the hill is a grassy area big enough for kickball, baseball, ladder ball, and frisbee. At the end of the grassy plain is a quaint lake: small enough to swim across, too small for motorized anything, yet calling you to swim, canoe and paddle boat from sun up to sun down. Can you hear the kids playing and laughing? Can you smell the burgers on the fire? Can you see the watermelon seed spitting contest? Can you sit in the swing and watch it all?

I am barely 24 hours home from 10 days camping and vacation as I write this. I find myself dragging my mind back into my work, as it prefers to return to the beauty of being away. Not being away from you all, just from the groove and rut life had become. I hope you can all understand the struggle I face.

Yet, Psalm 23 reminds me how important this break was. *"He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; For in my time away, I quieted my mind as I gazed at the lake. "He restores my soul." As I read a book for fun, and played with my kids, I remembered how important these moments are. "He leads me in right paths for his name's sake." God spoke to my tired heart. God lead me down a path of living intentionally – letting God renew my soul. Every splash in the water, every coat of sunscreen, every gaze in the flames of the fire at night, God used these experiences to remind me again to live in the moment.*

It is such a blessing and a gift that God gives us, as God re-centers our attention away from all the parts of life that call us from God's holy focus. *"The Lord is my shepherd,"* God loves us so much! That's what this Psalm means. God loves us so much, that God finds ways to give us the rest that we need in order to embrace God's presence more fully.

How is God calling you to be renewed? To remember your baptism? Eat a meal from God's Table? To gaze out at the nature that surrounds you? To forgive another, or to be forgiven? For that is where God is leading... to new life for all of us.

Praying for God's renewal for all of us.
Pastor Jennifer



When in Church, Prayer requests can be made by filling in a prayer card (found near your seat or on the piano) and putting it in the offering plate or handing it to Pastor or Vicki Kakonis. Requests can be submitted confidentially at the church website, www.bethelmuskegoelc.org

***Please keep these people and situations in your prayers this week:**

Debbie, Jean, Julie, Kathy, Lela, Lynn, Maggie, Michael, Sue & Tay.

***Pray for peace and comfort for the families who have lost loved ones.**

***Pray for protection for all those around the world who suffer religious, ethnic, or other forms of persecution.**

***Pray for our Call Committee. Guide them and grant them wisdom as they work to seek a new pastor to be among us to lead us and walk with us into future ministry.**

AUGUST SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAYS

	4th	11th	18th	25th
Altar:	Ginny	Barb	Vicki	Julie
Media:	Ken P	Ken P	Ken P	Jochims
Ushers:	Conner's	Baseler/ Schmidt's	Debbie Z	Jochims
Communion:	Barb O	Debbie Z	Debbie Z	Sue H
Lector:	Heidi L	Kathy D	Heidi L	Kate/Sara J

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAYS

	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Altar:	Ginny	Barb	Vicki	Julie	Ginny
Media:	Jochims	Ken P	Ken P	Ken P	Ken P
Ushers:	Jochims	Baseler/ Schmidt's	Conner's	Debbie Z	Baseler/ Schmidt's
Communion:	Barb O	Debbie Z	Sue H	Barb O	Debbie Z
Lector:	Kate/Sara J	Kathy D	Heidi L	Kathy D	Heidi L.

“PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR ONE SUNDAY A MONTH, BETHEL NEEDS YOUR TIME AND TALENTS”

33rd Annual Lutherdale Fest Quilt/ Preview & Fish Fry & Auction

Friday August 9th - 4 pm to 7 pm, Quilt Preview & Fish Fry

Saturday August 10th - 8 am to 4 pm, Quilt Auction. Live Auction starts at 10 am. Over 300 Quilts to bid on.

Silent Auction Items - Food Concessions - Fresh Baked Goods - Crafts - Fabric Sale - Honey, Jams & Garden Produce - Pontoon Rides On The Lake.

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N7891 US Hwy 12 - Elkhorn, WI



Faith, Family & Fun –the program is held on the second Saturday of each month from Noon to 2 pm. The group is now out for the summer months, See you back in the fall.

Bethel's Sunday School program - We gather for Sunday school once per month on the 1st Sunday of the month held during worship. The program is open for Pre-school age to 6th grade. Sunday school is out for the summer months. See you back in the fall. Have a great summer.

Prayer Shawls Ministry - Ginny's Gems woman's group meets the third Thursday of each month. The group meets for devotion and fellowship; they crochet and sew prayer shawls and lap blankets. Prayer shawls and blankets are then donated to local hospitals, nursing homes and rehab centers. If you would like to join this group or contribute to this ministry, please contact Julie Frahmman at 262-679-2038. The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 15th, at 7:00 pm at Donna Meitner's home. Bring a friend! Thank you for your support.



August 9th - 10th "Camping Sleepover"

We will enjoy a camping sleepover on the Atonement grounds. Bring your tents, sleeping bags, chairs and camping gear and we will camp outside!

Camp fire, cookout, games and FUN!

Stay for as little or as long as you'd like! Please let us know though so we can plan on food!

Sign-up

<https://forms.gle/oPhhaGumwVN3tHTJA!>

Make some noise!

Below are Bethel's 2019 recipients of the Noisy Can Offerings. The Noisy Can Offering is collected on the second Sunday of each month.

January - Pastor Discretion

February - St Vincent de Paul meal-site

March - Hope Center, Waukesha

April - Lutherdale Bible Camp

May - Flowers for Bethel

June - Safe Babies, Healthy Families

July - The Guest House of

Milwaukee, Shelter

August - Lutheran Campus Corner

September - Muskego Senior Taxi

October - Outreach for Hope, Inc.

November - Gifts for Friends of Jesus

December - Salvation Army,

Red Kettle Donation



The noisy can for August goes to Lutheran Campus Corner. Your generous gifts allow us to meet young adults each and every day and share God's gifts of acceptance and grace with them. Our ministry priorities are fourfold: Building Community, Deepening Faith, Expanding Minds and Inspiring Service.

BETHEL SUMMER FEST

Join in on fun in the sun, Sunday, August 25, 2019. Bethelfest happens right after 8:30 am Worship. There will be fun and games for kids in the fire lane. Brats and hotdogs will be grilling. Stay to watch the parade on Bethel's grounds. We can use help with set up, serving, and take down. Anyone wishing to donate buns, single serving chips and bottled water would be appreciated. Please see me or if you can't see me because I'm a Wednesday night worshiper, please give me a call at 262-679-2038 or email me at jfrahmann8@hotmail.com for any additional information. Thanks for your support. Julie Frahm



ENROLL NOW FOR PRESCHOOL -

MARY LINSMEIER 262-781-3636

Mary Linsmeier will be holding an open house on Tuesday, August 27th in the Fellowship Hall.

MUSKEGO FOOD PANTRY

Open Every Thursday -

Drop off Donations - 9 am to 5:30 pm

Pick Up Food - 1 pm to 5:30 pm

S81 W19150 Apollo Drive - Muskego

Telephone number: 262-679-6448

muskegofoodpantry@hotmail.com

CHURCH STAFF

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CHURCH COUNCIL

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Council Update and Message for August 2019

Blessings to all as we gather this August with our family and friends. Enjoy the lush green growth this summer and the warm days still ahead.

"Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy!" Psalm 96:12

~August Schedule~

Let's get in a vacation, ...the State Fair, ...and another little vacation before school starts and work once again becomes routine. Enjoy your time off!

"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

Join us for Bethelfest Sunday August 25th. Stay for the parade, food, and fun after worship!

In our building the Mary Linsmeier School and 4K will resume Tuesday September 3RD. They will have their Open House Tuesday, August 27th in the Fellowship Hall/Education Wing.

~Worship Stewards~

We are grateful to have our very own worship leader, Vicki Kakonis, who has led many Wednesday evening services for Bethel. As much as she enjoys leading us, we enjoy hearing her! Thank you, Vicki!

Likewise, when our regular musician Heidi is busy, we enjoy the musical gifts of Patty Walsh. As much as she enjoys filling in, we enjoy listening to her! Thank you, Patty!

We are well taken care of.

"Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker, for he is our God. We are the people he watches over, the flock under his care." Psalm 95:6-7

Peace, Debbie Zortman, Council President

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DONATION DAY
• ALL DAY

Wednesday August 14th

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