

# Welcome to Bethel...

September 24th, 2017

## Bethel Lutheran Church

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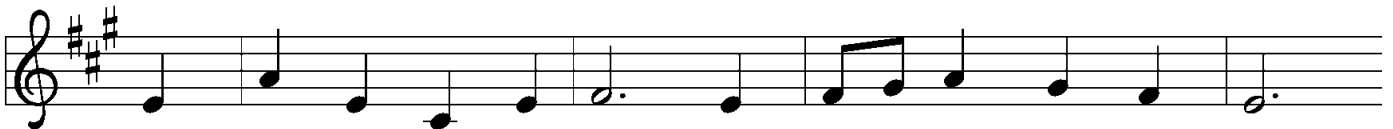
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Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church. We are glad you are here and we pray God will be real to you as you worship. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Knowing God loves all creation and holds us all, we welcome you who walk through our doors and you who are outside those doors. We welcome everyone and honor the rich diversity and giftedness that age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships.

## WE GATHER AS ONE

### OPENING HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God!



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

### GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. A gender neutral restroom is located behind the worship space next to the church office. Please ask the Usher or Greeter for assistance. There is also a rocking chair in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please use it as you wish.

Our welcome extends to the Communion Table. We recognize that this is Christ’s Table and Christ’s invitation. Please come forward as you are invited. If you prefer not to receive Communion at this time, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – just fold your arms across your chest so that we know you prefer a blessing. Wine is served from the first chalice; grape juice is served from the second. We also offer gluten-free bread and individual cups of wine.

KYRIE



Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son,

Ky-ri - e e - le - e - le - i - son.

Ga - thered by your love, we pray for hea - ling and hope. Lord,

give us peace, make us one, sal - va - tion come.

From your per - fect love, bring your per - fect reign to

ev' - ry heart, ev' - ry home; let love be known.

Lord our God have mer - cy, Je - sus Christ have mer - cy,

Save us by your mer - cy Lord.\_\_\_\_\_

|                        |                                |                                   |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Stewardship of Service | Today:                         | Next week - Oct. 1                |
| Ministers:             | All Baptized Members of Bethel | All Baptized Members of Bethel    |
| Pastor:                | Pastor Michael Keys            | Pastor Michael Keys               |
| Pastor:                | Pastor Christine Core          | Pastor Christine Core             |
| Musician:              | Timmy Straw                    | Timmy Straw                       |
| Usher:                 | Stephanie and Collin Burdick   | OPEN                              |
| Reader:                | Brady Burdick                  | Marlo Edman                       |
| Communion:             | OPEN                           | Julie Ann Edman and Sonia Fornoni |

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glo - ry to God

— in the high-est, Glo - ry to God.

Glo - ry to God — in the high-est, Glo - ry to God.

— Hear all the saints and an - gels — pro -

claim God's ho - ly name. Crea-tures of sky and o -

— cean — con - tin - ue the re - frain.

Glo - ry to God — in the high-est, Glo - ry to God.

— Glo - ry to God — in the high - est,

Glo - ry to God. — You know that hea - ven & earth

— can-not hold back their joy — and their

song ex-plodes — in gra - ti - tude for

all God's gi - ven; won - drous deeds, —

hea - ling peace and so — we sing. —

Glo - ry to God — in the high-est, Glo-ry to God. —

Glo - ry to God — in the high-est, Glo - ry,

Glo - ry to our God. —

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:10-4:11

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.  
<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” <sup>4</sup>And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.  
<sup>6</sup>The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”  
<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” <sup>10</sup>Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

P: Word of God, Word of Life  
C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.  
<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

P: Word of God, Word of Life  
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, sing

al - le - lu - ia. Lord to whom shall we go?\_\_\_\_\_

Christ, we greet you with al - le - lu - ias; rise to wel - come you,

Lord. You have the words that a - wa - ken our

souls.\_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia, we

1. sing.\_\_\_\_\_ 2. sing.\_\_\_\_\_

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, sing' and ends with a repeat sign. The second staff continues with 'al - le - lu - ia. Lord to whom shall we go?' followed by a long horizontal line for a melisma. The third staff has 'Christ, we greet you with al - le - lu - ias; rise to wel - come you,'. The fourth staff begins with 'Lord. You have the words that a - wa - ken our' and changes to 3/8 time. The fifth staff continues 'souls.' followed by a melisma line, then 'Al - le - lu - ia, we'. The sixth staff shows two endings: '1. sing.' and '2. sing.', both followed by melisma lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter  
**Matthew 20:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

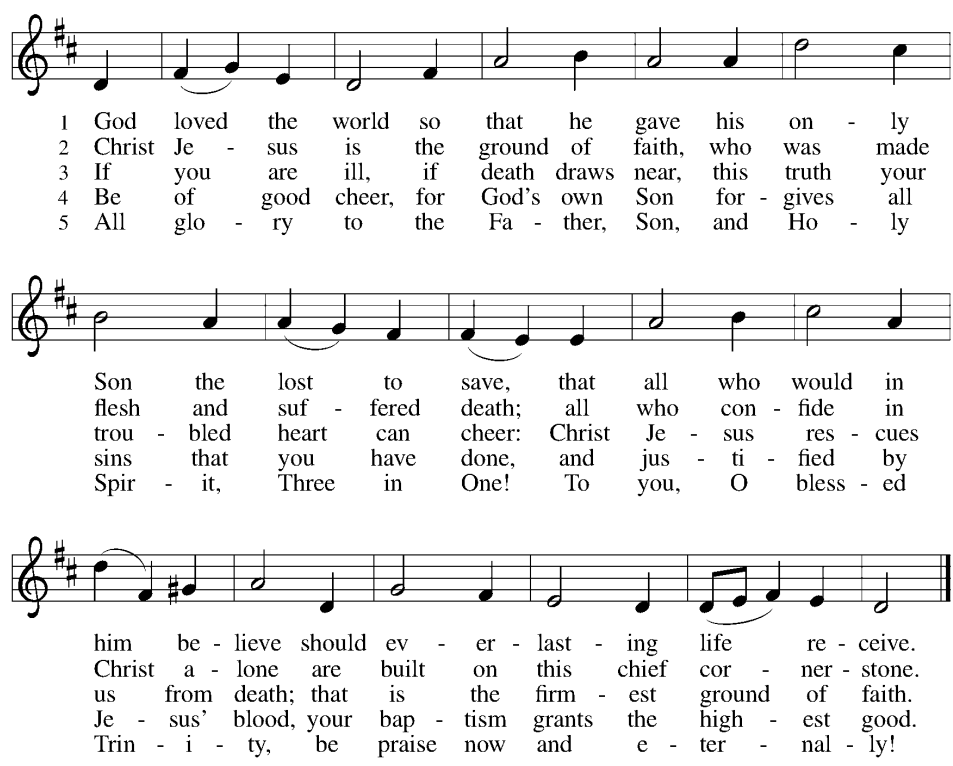

  
P: This is the Gos-pel of the
  
Lord. C: We've heard God's— pro-mise to us.—
  
All: Thanks be to God— for this Word of— life.
  
1. We have heard the Word, the sto - ry of love.
  
2. Ce - le - brate the Word, the sto - ry of love.
  
3. Go and spread the Word, the sto - ry of love.
  
— We have heard God's pro - mise.
  
— Ce - le - brate God's pro - mise.
  
— Go and share God's pro - mise.
  
This is the Gos - pel of the Lord.
  
Thanks be to God— for this Word of life.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

God Loved the World


  
1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly
  
Son the lost to save, that all who would in
  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed
  
him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE SHARE THE MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN

Lord, the har - vest is  
Ev' - ry love - ly and

rea - dy now; the bless - ings of the field and  
wel - come gift comes to us from your gen' - rous

vine are gath - ered. You've spread our ta - ble with these  
hand. Fa - shion our lives in - to an

off' - rings of love that we may be fed,  
off' - ring of love as our hearts are fed,

we may be fed with the Bread of Life. The  
our hearts are fed with the Bread of Life. The

Bread of Life, The Bread of Life. May we be  
Bread of Life, The Bread of Life. Our hearts are

1  
fed with the Bread of Life.

2  
fed with the Bread of Life.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray together.  
C: Generous God, all we have and all we are comes from you. Graciously receive these gifts and fashion our whole lives into an offering of love, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: May God be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to God.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.

God of po - wer and might.

Hea - ven and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho san na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is the

one who comes in your name. Ho -

san na in the high est. Ho -

san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the

high - est.

# EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Gracious God of life and light, our hearts are full of gratitude, for in the beginning, you loved us into life and gathered us into your heart. You called us your people and called us back again when we were exiled far from you. Once captive in Egypt and Babylon, you brought us home to a land of our own, guiding us through a wilderness of desert days and desperate nights.

Through every generation when your people became captive to darkness and despair, you called prophets and wise ones to illuminate the way back to you. Promising that your light would never be extinguished, you brought it into the world in the person of Jesus, our light and our life

Who on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this to remember me. Again after supper, he took a cup of wine, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for your and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.

C: **We remember, O God, and with this bread and cup we feast at your table in joyful anticipation of that day when all creation will find its home in you.**

# CALL US HOME

God, Cre - a - tor, call us home. God, Christ

Je - sus, call us home. God, Ho - ly Spi - rit, call us

home. God, we're long-ing to come home. home.

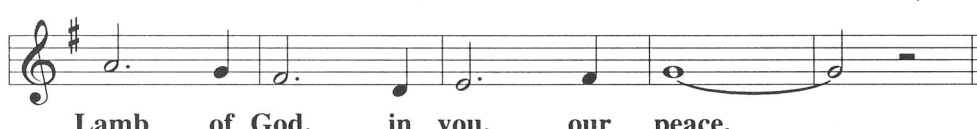
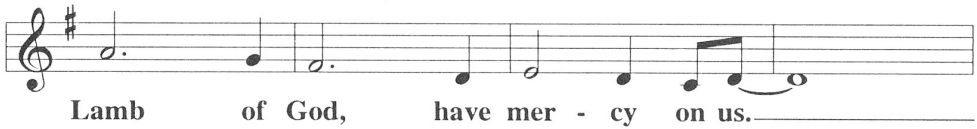
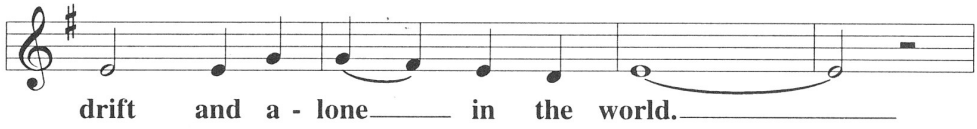
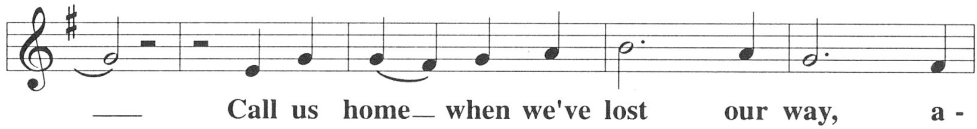
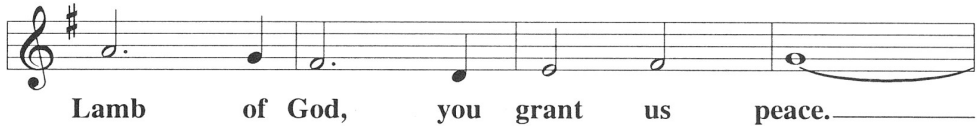
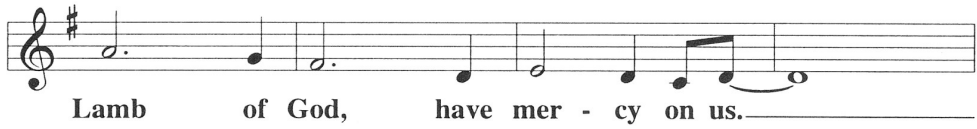
# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

# COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS AND INVITATION

# COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;  
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;  
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, as we have received Christ's body and blood, so may we receive on another in a community of grace that extends to all of creation and the whole human race.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

| <u>Prayer Requested for:</u>  | <u>Prayer Concern:</u>  | <u>Prayer Contact:</u>        |
|---|---|-------------------------------|
| Bertha Anderson   | Prayers for healing   | Karen Anderson                |
| Diego   | Healing, health, and peace  | PJ Bentley                    |
| For all victims of hate speech and prejudice  | Peace and healing   | Bethel Staff                  |
| Loretta Van Dyke’s family and friends   | Prayer for peace and comfort upon Loretta’s death   | Prs. Mike and Christine       |
| Sheila Nordling, LeAnn Michaels’ mom  | Thanksgiving for a continued good recovery following a stroke   | Pr. Christine                 |
| Baby Dot Keener   | Prayers for healing and guidance for the family and doctors   | Joann Noll                    |
| People facing hardship following natural disaster ; and for all those in the path of hurricanes still forming in the Atlantic | Prayers of peace, comfort, and adequate financial support; prayers of peace for the families of those who have died | Bethel Staff                  |
| For Dreamers, DACA recipients and their families in these uncertain times   | Prayers for peace and justice   | Bethel Sanctuary Justice Team |

Coming Up:

Today:

New Member Class 11:45-1:30

Bethel Players Rehearsal 5-8pm

Sep 26:

Bethel Players Rehearsal 7-9pm

Sep 27:

Drop In Board 6:7:30pm

Sep 28:

Bethel Players Rehearsal 5-8pm

Oct 1:

Community Breakfast 9am

Worship 10am

Bethel Player Rehearsal 5-8pm

September Birthdays!



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Brady Burdick

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Skye

4

Karen Carpenter

15

Emily Noll

10

Hale Eusebio

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Brezdan Dunnigan

13

Ray Bard

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Miriam Moody Burghard

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Cate Milburn

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **Blessing of the Animals Sunday - October 8**

In remembrance of St. Francis' love for all creatures, the Blessing of the Animals celebrates the special bond between people and their pets; a relationship like no other; a relationship of unconditional love and acceptance. This is also a day to celebrate all of God's creatures and rejoice with all living things. We sing with all the birds, fish, insects and animals that make our lives both possible and richer because of their presence.

We'll bless creatures at the end of the service. Please bring critters on leashes or in carriers. While animals may join us during the service, we might suggest a pre-service "walk" to prevent any accidents. All animals are welcome. Yes, even reptiles. If you love them, your pastors will love them too!



(And yes, there might be chaos. Yes, we will have paper towels and spray cleaners around the Sanctuary.)



## **PROPERTY WORK PARTY**

Saturday, October 21, 9 am to noon. We have a list of projects around the property, big and small, that need a helping hand. Help us spruce up the space in advance of the play... Desperate Churchwives ...that opens (to what will be no doubt RAVE REVIEWS) on November 3.



## ***Faith* and Family Fun Day**

Saturday, October 14, 3-5 pm. We'll continue our study about God's beautiful creation. Let's see what more we can discover. Parents – Please let Pr. Christine know if you are attending so there will be craft supplies sufficient for all the children.



## **SANCTUARY JUSTICE TEAM**

A number of Bethel members are participating in the Interfaith Movement for Immigration Justice Congregational Team *Connect!* The work around advocacy and education for immigration justice is not done and may in fact be intensifying with President Trump's decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program (DACA). We know many more of you would like to keep informed on the many facets of this work and participate as you are able.

We are building an email distribution list for this purpose only. If you would like to be a part of this list, please send your name and preferred email to Lauren Orr at the Bethel office. She will be compiling that list and we will be sending pertinent information to you as it becomes available.

## **Bethel Budget for 2018!**

The church council is seeking an additional person to help prepare the 2018 Budget for Bethel Lutheran Church. If you are able to help with this task, contact Pastor Mike at [pasture.mike@gmail.com](mailto:pasture.mike@gmail.com) or call 503-285-4919. Thanks.

# Bethel Just Wants to Have FUN

The Bethel Lutheran has its own Fun Committee. One of our goals is to keep having fun. Throughout the year events, gatherings and parties happen almost monthly.

This Fall...

**+Block Party (early September)** has returned as an annual event. Lots of folks help: donate items for the Rummage Sale, help with the 7 am set up, volunteer at the hot dog and snow cone stand, bouncy house monitor, and cashier. After clean up, pizza and beverage.

**+Pumpkin Patch (October)** For the whole family and friends.

**+Bethel Play (September-November)** Singing, dancing and acting not your gig? Kitchen, serving, clean-up crews are way fun. More information coming in later articles.

**+Advent Festival (December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017)** Make an Advent wreath or a craft for the family, a swag for your door, or homemade Christmas cards. Before and after worship.

**+Tree Fetching, Sanctuary and tree decorating for Advent/Christmas** with refreshments and get together at Lucky Lab afterwards

**+ Christmas Caroling followed by treats and cocoa**

Other things throughout the year:

Annual Meeting (it's true they can be fun), Easter egg dying party, Birthday celebrations, Community Potlucks, Dinners and parties, receptions after worship and much more.

{ The Bethel Players Presents }

DESPERATE

CHURCHWIVES



## 2017 Performance Dates:

Nov. 3 Friday Night Informal...7pm -- \$15/advance \$17/door

Nov. 4 Saturday "Just the Play" matinee...1:30pm -- \$10

Saturday Dinner...7pm -- \$20/advance \$22/door

Nov. 5 Sunday Dessert...3pm -- \$15/advance \$17/door

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