



Herald

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

A friend and colleague of mine has been doing some educating on Facebook lately. Dave Scherer and Joe Davis run an organization called JustMOVE. The two of them do consulting, retreats, courses, and performances to teach anti-racism, intercultural humanity, and deeper understandings of decolonization. I love what they do, and hope to invite you to an event by them someday. We have Joe's books of poetry in our library. I have several CDs by Agape* Dave.

I share this because I have found Dave's Facebook page rather informative lately. I know what I am going to share in this article will sound old by the time you read this, but things are moving quickly in our nation right now, so for that I apologize. Dave is addressing the changing the name of the Gulf of Mexico, and the 'cancellation' of Black History, Women's History and Pride months, as well as Holocaust Days of Remembrance, and Juneteen – just to name a few.

Yesterday, Dave posted a short video that described three legs of the stool of racism.

- The first leg is interpersonal racism: biases, microaggressions, conflict – which cannot be 'fixed' by being nicer to each other.
- The second leg is structural racism: policies, practices, procedures that are exclusionary – we must be aware of these and respect our neighbors' lives.
- The third leg is symbolic racism: the stories that we tell ourselves about who matters and

who does not matter – this is often the beginning of violent and oppressive moments and movements. *(The above-mentioned 'cancellations' are a prime example of this leg.)*

History shows us that all three of these forms of racism can create tragic situations and circumstances in our nation. Most times hateful discourse, 'othering' people, and remaining ignorant of how racism manifests itself, are the first steps to creating communities of hate, distrust, and violence. We must be aware of these truths in order to create communities that God intends for all of us. Communities of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. (Galatians 5).

Dave also shared a video of letters sent to a pastor. Some were letters admonishing the pastor for being "political" in their sermons. The third one, in part, said this: *"Dear Pastor, thank you for preaching about the racism that is happening around us these days. When you read Jesus' words about being sent to proclaim good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, recover sight for the blind, and let the oppressed go free, I figured it out! You are not preaching your own political agenda, you are preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. You are not trying to make anyone feel bad, but only proclaiming a God who sets all people free. And since there are political systems that oppress people, the gospel calls us to condemn those systems – which, by definition, is political. So, keep being political, but not necessarily partisan, but keep being political."*

So, I wonder, dear church, do you believe I am being political when I preach? Am I being partisan? Or am I preaching the gospel? I realize

there can be many and various answers to these questions, and I am more than willing to have this conversation with anyone and everyone.

At the same time, I will also remind you of part of our constitution that states: *“Every ordained minister shall ... speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world.”*

I will admit that sometimes it is difficult for me to draw a line between the above constitutional statement and calling to task the injustice, oppression, and chaos of politics. But one thing is clear. I am to proclaim God's love. If you hear me forgetting that part of my call, I expect you to confront me on that. In the meantime, if you question things I say – please, let's meet and talk openly about your concerns.



With you, for Jesus,

Pastor Brenda

Pastor Brenda
pastor@bethel-mpls.org



We are in need of:

- non-perishable foods
- canned items:
 - especially meat and canned fruit with flip-top lids
- boxed meals
- personal care items
- bottled water

THE LARGEST GRASSROOTS FOOD DRIVE IN MINNESOTA

Bethel will once again participate in the annual food drive to support our food pantry. Our neighbors need our support!

During the month of March, a grocery cart will be placed in the Narthex for your donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

A Holy Experiment

A ground-breaking worship experience that combines healing ritual, meditation, teaching, and movement. No dogma, just healing connections to the Divine. Come and play with us.

The following Sundays at 7pm:

Sunday, March 9 at Bethel led by Pr Brenda
Sunday, March 23 at Atonement led by Pr Siri

Bethel - 4120 17th Ave S, Minneapolis
Atonement - 601 E 98th Street, Bloomington

An illustration of two hands raised in prayer, palms facing up, set against a background of light rays and small stars. The hands are rendered in a simple, line-art style.

BERNIE'S MUSIC UPDATE

The season of Lent begins on March 5 this year with Ash Wednesday. During this time, some of our songs are more contemplative. We may ask God for help when we feel as if we are walking in the desert as Jesus did, and sing the African-American Spiritual, "I Want Jesus To Walk With Me." If we are trying to find our way through difficulty, we may sing the Nordic hymn, "Lost in the Night." If we wonder whether God is listening, we may sing the more recent prayer of the Taizé community in France, "Jesus, Remember Me." We may remind ourselves of Christ's presence in our lives by singing the 19th century hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory." These songs and others like them can be sung any time, but they are particularly meaningful for Lent.

At the same time, we look for ways to be joyful through our music. Case in point: Bethel's last Second Saturday Concert of the 2024-2025 season features Too Old Cat, a delightful duo whose instruments include cello, banjo, and accordion. They are sure to play a fun concert, and I heartily encourage you to come hear them on Saturday, March 8, at 3:00 pm.

Finally, Easter will be here before we know it. If you enjoy singing or playing in worship but you cannot join us regularly, **I invite you to sing with the Bethel Choir or ring with the Handbell Choir on Easter Sunday.** Handbell Choir rehearses Mondays at 7:00 pm, and Bethel Choir rehearses Wednesdays at the same time. Please email me at music2023@bethel-mpls.org if you are interested; this will help me plan. Enjoy the lengthening days and warming weather.

Peace and Grace,
Bernie Asher
music2023@bethel-mpls.org



JOIN THE *Easter*
**HANDBELL AND
VOCAL CHOIRS**

Email Bernie for more information.

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S
2ND SATURDAY

Concert Series

TOO OLD CAT

SATURDAY, MAR. 8, 2025
3:00PM SHOW DOORS 2:30PM

Suggested \$10 Donation



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4120 17th Ave. S., MPLS, MN
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MICHELLE'S GRANTS UPDATE

Bethel continues to have a number of grants that will fund outreach and mission-related activities in 2025. We invite you to join in some of the activities we are up to; it helps to be together, to know others and to be known.

In February, at the Community Fun Night, grant funds were used to pay for the food and the supplies for crafts and for interpreters to include Deaf folks from Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church. A Thrivent Action Team was used to pay for hospitality treats for the Second Saturday Concert, and additional funds from that Team will be used for the Second Saturday March Concert treats.

In March, grant funds will be used to help pay for the supplies and food for Wednesday Night Suppers and to have interpreters at those events to help reconnect the Bethel and Bread of Life Deaf communities. We are planning to apply for a Thrivent Action Team to help get the word out about the March Food Drive at Bethel.

In April, we anticipate that grant funds will be used to help provide food and marketing materials for the Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Breakfast!

In May, grant funds will help us pay for supplies to

clean up and freshen up the Bethel Yard as well as feed the folks who come to help with that event on May 3. We also will use grant funds to help pay for the food supplies to make sandwiches for the Sandwich Project.

In June, we are planning to use grant funds to help pay for Arts and Snacks supplies at the Summer Day Camp that Bethel has been a part of for nearly 15 years! We also expect that grant funds will help make Family Camp happen in the summer of 2025.

Folks, those are just the plans for the next few months! The grants at Bethel help us think creatively and generously about meeting our neighbors, walking alongside them, listening to their needs, and offering them some extra love in these days of chaos and unknowns.

Peace and Joy to you,
Rev. Michelle Lewis

grantmanager@bethel-mpls.org
651-226-6804



thrivent[®]

THERE'S STILL TIME TO BECOME A THRIVENT ASSOCIATE MEMBER:

For \$19.95 you can become a Thrivent Associate Member. Associate Members can give a \$250 grant to Bethel. To apply, click the QR code and follow the steps.

Once you have applied to be an associate member, please contact Bethel for more information on the next steps. Thank you!

bethel@bethel-mpls.org

Apply now:



FEASIBILITY UPDATE

Though there isn't much of anything new to report this month, your Feasibility Task Force members continue to keep our eyes and ears open for ideas of possible partners to share our building and/or parking lot with. Some preliminary conversations are happening, and previous contacts are being probed for potential meetings. We continue to meet monthly, and we do have time on our side because we started this process before Bethel potentially faces serious financial distress.

If you have ideas for us or hear of organizations that may be looking for a new home, please get in touch through our email at feasibility@bethel-mpls.org or talk to one of our committee members.

Thank you!

Laurie Hauge, Ann Allison, Gene Rodi, Don Olson, Pastor Brenda, and Jim Lair, Chair
feasibility@bethel-mpls.org

Garden of Memories

LILIES AND HYDRANGEAS WILL BE ORDERED TO REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES THIS EASTER.

To add your loved ones to our list, please complete the form using the QR code, complete a Garden of Memories envelope before or after worship, or email the office at bethel@bethel-mpls.org. Checks for memorials can be made to Bethel Lutheran Church.



Lent WITH BETHEL

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 5 at 7pm
We will have worship with Bread Of Life Deaf Church (BOLD) and St. Peder's congregations at St. Peder's Church
4600 E 42nd Street, Minneapolis.

SOUP AND WORSHIP WEDNESDAYS

March 12, 19, 26, and April 2, 9
5:30pm Soup | 6:15pm Worship
At Bethel with BOLD's congregation.

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 13 at 10am at Bethel

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 17 at 6:30pm
We will serve a meal and worship with BOLD and St. Peder's congregations at Bethel.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 18 at 7:00pm
We will have worship with BOLD and St. Peder's congregations at St. Peder's Church
4600 E 42nd Street, Minneapolis.

MINISTRY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>2</p> <p>10:00am Bethel Worship 10:15am Faith Trek Sunday School 11:00am Libby Krogh Birthday Party 1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 5:30pm Minneapolis Jo 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Bethel Office Closed 10:00am CANMN Distribution 6:00pm Open Gym 7:00pm Bethel Bell Choir 7:00pm Bridge to Shore AA 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30am OA HOW Meeting 9:30am The Curiosity Crew School 10:00am NHS Exercise 11:00am NHS 500 Cards Group 6:30pm Scout Troop 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA 7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30am Ensemble Music Class 10:00am Bldg & Grounds Mtg 10:00am NHS Women's Art G 10:00am NHS Yoga 12:00pm Hybrid Bible Study 6:00pm Open Gym 6:30pm Continuous Action AA 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Serv 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Bethel Choir Sings 10:00am Bethel Worship 10:15am Faith Trek Sunday School 11:00am Fellowship Time 11:00am Girl Scout Cookie Sale 1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Fellowship 1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 5:30pm Minneapolis Jo 7:00pm A Holy Experiment 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bethel Office Closed 2:00pm Feasibility Study Team 6:00pm Open Gym 7:00pm Bethel Bell Choir 7:00pm Bridge to Shore AA 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA 8:00pm Bridge to Shore AA - Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30am OA HOW Meeting 9:30am Operation Love Quilters 9:30am The Curiosity Crew School 10:00am NHS Exercise 10:00am Staff Meeting 11:00am NHS 500 Cards Group 1:00pm NHS Grief Support Group 6:30pm Mission Council 6:30pm Scout Troop 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA 7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30am Ensemble Music Class 10:00am NHS Women's Art G 10:00am NHS Yoga 12:00pm Hybrid Bible Study 5:30pm Lent Soup and Worsh 6:00pm Open Gym 6:30pm Continuous Action AA 7:00pm Bethel Choir Rehears 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Bethel Bells Play 10:00am Bethel Worship 10:15am Faith Trek Sunday School 11:00am Bethel's Annual Meeting 1:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 5:30pm Minneapolis Jo 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Bethel Office Closed 10:00am CANMN Distribution 6:00pm Open Gym 7:00pm Bridge to Shore AA 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30am OA HOW Meeting 10:00am NHS Exercise 11:00am NHS 500 Cards Group 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 14854 6:30pm Scout Troop 7:00pm Board of Administrators 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA 7:00pm Pentecostal Casa Music</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Herald Deadline 12:00pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30am Ensemble Music Class 10:00am NHS Women's Art G 10:00am NHS Yoga 12:00pm Hybrid Bible Study 5:30pm Lent Soup and Worsh 6:00pm Open Gym 6:30pm Continuous Action AA 7:00pm Bethel Choir Rehears 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA 7:30pm Continuous Action Le</p>
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FEBRUARY - MARCH 2025

Monday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>s g group</p> <p>A ice (at St. Peder's) AA</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00am NHS Foot Care 9:30am NHS Nurse Is In/Blood Pressure 10:00am NHS Exercise 11:00am NHS Senior Discussion Group 3:00pm CANMN Distribution 7:00pm BNA Board Meeting 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA 7:00pm Up the Creek AA 8:00pm Up the Creek AA Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30am Ensemble Music Class 6:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:00am AA Amigos 11:00am CANMN Distribution 6:45pm Gran Apertura--El Despertar AA Event</p> <hr/> <p>8</p> <p>8:30am Cub Scout Pack 38 Meeting 9:00am AA Amigos 11:00am CANMN Distribution 3:00pm 2nd Saturday Concert 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>
<p>s group</p> <p>hip (with BOLD)</p> <p>A gal AA</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30am NHS Nurse Is In/Blood Pressure 10:00am NHS Exercise 11:15am NHS Lunch and Bingo/Movie 3:00pm CANMN Distribution 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 18896 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA 7:00pm Up the Creek AA</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30am Ensemble Music Class 6:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00am AA Amigos 11:00am CANMN Distribution 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>
<p>s group</p> <p>hip (with BOLD)</p> <p>A gal AA eadership Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30am NHS Nurse Is In/Blood Pressure 10:00am NHS Exercise 11:00am NHS Support As We Are 12:30pm Diabetes Support Group 3:00pm CANMN Distribution 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA 7:00pm Up the Creek AA</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30am Ensemble Music Class 5:30pm Cub Scout Pinewood Derby Setup 6:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:30am Cub Scout Pinewood Derby 9:00am AA Amigos 11:00am CANMN Distribution 4:30pm D. Thomas 10 Year Anniversary 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>
<p>group</p> <p>hip (with BOLD)</p> <p>A gal AA</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30am NHS Nurse Is In/Blood Pressure 10:00am NHS Exercise 11:00am NHS Caregiver Support Group 3:00pm CANMN Distribution 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 18896 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA 7:00pm Up the Creek AA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00pm Pentecostal Casa Worship 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00am AA Amigos 11:00am CANMN Distribution 7:00pm El Nuevo Despertar AA</p>

SAVE
the
DATE

Bethel's Annual Meeting
Sunday, March 16, 2025
after worship

BIBLE STUDY WITH PR BRENDA

Wednesdays at 12pm

Online meeting room:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81542792093>



And in-person in the Fireside Room.

3/5	Ruth 1:1-22; Naomi
3/12	1 Kings 19:1-15a; Elijah
3/19	Mark 7: 24-30; The Syrophenician Woman
3/26	Luke 8:1-3; Mary Magdalene

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For a full list of our staff and leadership members, please visit our website:



SUNDAY SERVERS

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Cantor	Sacristy	Ushers	Streaming	Hospitality	Altar Guild
3/2	Ann Allison	Norma Lanning	Sarah Berke	Stephanie Johnson	Tom and Norris	Gene and Ted	Clarice Lovstuen	Sharon and Joyce
3/9	Anna Olsen	Jerry Johnson	Kristin Cleary	Marilyn Newborg	Dean and Dave S	Gene and Ted	Romell White	Sharon and Joyce
3/16	Sharon Rodi	Anna Wohnoutka	Bernie Asher	Clarice Lovstuen	Susan and Jerry	Gene and Ted	Wohnutkas	Sharon and Joyce
3/23	Susan Johnson	Dan Hauge	Dean Anderson	Marilyn Newborg	Dave K and Norris	Gene and Ted	Janet Anderson	Sharon and Joyce
3/30	Kristin Cleary	Ann Allison	Janet Anderson	Marilyn Newborg	Dean and Dave	Gene and Ted	Ann Allison	Sharon and Joyce



MARCH

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Larissa Hoover	1
Libby Krogh	1
Laurie Hauge	2
Jon Allie	3
Becky Brendel	8
Paige Woolems	8
Katie Phillips	9
Crystal Vaughn	9
Mona Falk	12
Brookston Sunde	12
Chris Hoover	19
Jodi Alberts	22
Silja Nordine	23

Molly Fleming	25
Joan Hurtovenko	25
Derek Hanson	26
Tony Lovstuen	28
David Dorumsgaard Ayers	30

Anniversaries

Rick and Kay Herceg	15
James and LaVonne Nesheim	16

If your birthday or anniversary is missing or incorrect, please let the office know so we can update

Welcome, Marcia!

MEET MARCIA:

Marcia has lived in the Keewaydin neighborhood for the past 29 years. When she's not tending to home projects or getting her hands dirty in the garden, you'll often find her strolling around the beautiful lakes nearby, soaking in the natural beauty of our area. She loves discovering new lakes to explore and spending time outdoors.

Marcia has been hired as our new Office Assistant.

Marcia has been hired to be the point person in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Marcia's duties will include maintaining membership files and donation records, assisting our bookkeeper as needed, and various other tasks. Please stop by our office on a Tuesday or Thursday and introduce yourself!



Marcia Bellinger (she/her)
Office Assistant
office@bethel-mpls.org

PRAYER list...

PRAY FOR BETHEL MEMBERS

Doug Psick	Karen McBride
Jerry Johnson	Sharon Phillips
Don and Darlene Olson	Laurel Jorgensen
Day/Hansen Family	Kevin Hoover
Leonard Phillips	Gloria Condon
Gert Carlson	Hundt Family
Jan Walker	Puckett Family
David and Sue	Doris Christianson
Dorumsgaard Ayers	Darrell Dahl
Larissa Hoover	Walker Family
Libby and Dave Krogh	Cannon Family
Warwick Family	
Pikkarainen Family	

MORE PEOPLE OF GOD

- USAID workers around the world
- Victims of natural and human disasters
- People of Ukraine, Israeli Citizens, and Palestinians in Gaza
- All of us regarding COVID, RSV, Flu, Mpox
- Black, Brown, Indigenous, and Asian Lives
- People without homes
- Refugees, Migrants and Asylum Seekers
- People dying due to gun violence

MEMBERS, RELATIVES

AND FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Katrel Bishop (Pr B's nephew)
Adam Froisland (Pr B's nephew)
Evan Harrison (Pr B's great nephew)

PRAY FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Amber (Kelly Chilver's friend)
Zach (Barb and Bob Wandberg's grandson)
Julian (Jan Walker's friend)
Kevin and Sue Johnson (Les' brother and sister-in-law)
Beth (Dan Hauge's sister)
Kristian (Pr B's friend)
Jane (Ann Allison's sister)
Kathy (Krogh Family friend)
Steve (Pr B's brother)
Michael (Marilyn Newborg's brother)
Donovan (Angel Cannon's father)
Ian (Pr B's friend)
Laura (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' friend)
Rita (Sharon Phillip's friend)
Calvin (Angel Cannon's godfather)
Laura (Lisa Chovan Spence's sister)
Wayne (Karen Warwick's dad)
Trent and Michelle (Norma's Family)
Darlene (Jeff Alberts' mom)
Susan (Mike Condon's sister)
John (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)
Andrea (Mona Falk's daughter)

BETHEL'S MISSION PARTNERS

- ◆ Bancroft Neighborhood Association
- ◆ Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church (BOLD)
- ◆ ReconcilingWorks
- ◆ Casa de Oracion - Pentecostal
- ◆ Mpls Area Synod
- ◆ Nokomis Healthy Seniors
- ◆ CANMN

For additions or revisions to the Prayer List, please contact
Pastor Brenda: pastor@bethel-mpls.org
or the Office: bethel@bethel-mpls.org
(612) 724-3693

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS

Greetings from your Board of Administrators!

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the upcoming Annual Meeting on March 16, after Sunday worship! Look for the annual report packet that will circulate in advance, where you'll find information about everything happening at Bethel, including our finances and proposed budget.

There is much to celebrate, in looking back at 2024, our 125th year. Our finances are stable, thanks to strong congregational giving, strong rental income from our building, and so many gifts of service from members and volunteers. We are grateful to all who share their treasure and talents. Our staff and personnel committee have navigated challenges and changes successfully. We are grateful for their leadership and hard work.

There is also much to look forward to, in 2025. As Bethel, our mission to "amplify God's grace, nourish all creation, reach out, and build community" has never been more important or more relevant. We extend a

radical welcome. As the world changes around us, how can we do even more to create a place of belonging, relationship building, and life-giving community? Most recently, the Board met February 4 in a regular session for updates, conversation, and decision-making. After accepting the resignation of our previous vice president, Tom Keating, we appointed at-large member Laurie Hauge to take on the vice president role again. One at-large seat is now open on the Board, and more opportunities to serve on elected bodies will be open this spring based on our regular schedule for terms of service.

In the lead-up to the Annual Meeting, we hope that you will consider a call to serve on the Board, the Mission Council, or any number of other roles that help keep Bethel active in its mission. Many of you will hear from the nominations committee -- and if you don't, please reach out to them, Pastor Brenda, or me, to inquire about opportunities. You're always welcome to ask me and others more about what it is like to serve -- it's not scary! In fact, it's an honor and often, a joy.

Sarah Berke

On behalf of the Board

MISSION COUNCIL REPORT

As I write this in February, the temperature has been below zero for what seems like endless days. But the sun is rising higher in the sky, the days are getting longer, and the forecast is for a warm-up for the weekend. I'm looking forward to the joys of spring, and we at Bethel also have a lot to look forward to. Our programs in 2024 were overall successful. By continuing to learn from and build on past efforts we hope that our programs will be even better in 2025.

The Free Little Pantry continues to be well-used. The Queer Safe Sober Space project is being developed. We are still listening and investigating ways to partner with our community that are relevant to both Bethel and the community. God's blessings to you all and wishing you all a happy and joyous spring!

Susan Johnson

BUILDING UPDATE

- We had someone come to fix the sliding door. It seems to be working, even in the cold, right now. We were also invited to call the same person back if it should stop working again.
- We continue to be fully staffed and folks are doing a good job. Marcia is getting more comfortable in our office, as Regan has been a great trainer. Regan looks forward to being done with training so she can focus more deeply into her own new position as Operations Manager.

Settled again,

Pastor Brenda



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BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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In gratitude, Bethel Lutheran Church amplifies God's grace, nourishes all creation, reaches out, and builds community.

- We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- Why a Public Church? To impact and enhance the community so that everyone feels a sense of love and belonging.



EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 20 at 9am

Please RSVP to reserve your spot:

bethel@bethel-mpls.org

(612) 724-3693

or complete

the form here:



EASTER SERVICE

Sunday, April 20 at 10am

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 19 at 10am

Join us at Bethel for an Easter Egg Hunt!

Kids up to 5th grade are welcome to join.