



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

- We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation.
- Bethel Children, Youth and Family Ministry bridges generations to model, equip, and encourage a foundation of trust in God's story.

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Planning Ahead Is Scary

I have to admit that the prospect of not being your pastor for three months this summer is bittersweet and scary. The other night Mary and I were simply talking about our month-long vacation and I ended up in quite a funk about being gone from home and work that long. Realizing that I would be gone from work for three months scared me. I think most of this comes from my beloved identity as pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church. Not to mention the fact that I have found identity in my work since I left Clare, Iowa, in 1984. I have never had three months off with the same loved job waiting for me once I have had some rest and relaxation. This is all new to me. And, I have realized, this is all new to you too!

Yes, the sabbatical for all of us will be June 10-September 10, 2020. I will be relaxing, reading, fishing, traveling, exploring, and spending a month on vacation with Mary July 14-Aug 14. During that time we will be traveling to London, Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Norway, and France.

Prior to me leaving, we will all be working on our cultural competence and cultural humility as a full community. Dr. Jen has already signed up to become a facilitator of the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI), and the first group will be taking their IDI in the next two months.

There are folks who will be keeping us on track with this area of the sabbatical, as well as folks working to find a pastor to cover my position while I am gone. That process will get started very soon, as we are looking for a pastor who has experience in justice pertaining to race, culture, reparations, and reconciliation.

In the meantime, I might have to meet with some pastors I know who have been on sabbatical and talk about preparing to leave well and return well. This way planning and the actual sabbatical will not be so scary for any of us. Indeed, this will be good for all of us, and we will prepare together!

With you, for Jesus,

Pastor Brenda

**Publication Deadline for
MARCH HERALD:
FRIDAY
FEB 21st—12:00 PM**

Hope Lutheran Church



Thank you to everyone who filled out the Bethel Survey as we become one of the congregations Hope Lutheran Church (just south of us on Cedar Ave) is getting to know as they discern their future. In talking with Pr. Eric, the Hope people are looking forward to seeing our results, as well as meeting with people from Bethel.

We have a small group of people meeting with Hope folks on Tuesday, January 28, and will share our results with you soon!

Please pray for Hope and their discernment process. Thank you!



WAFFLE BREAKFAST Youth Fundraiser

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Come to the **WAFFLE BREAKFAST** on

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD 9:30 AM

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Important Audit Notice

Our Board of Administrators has decided to do an external audit of all our finances. This is simply good practice as an organization, and one has not been done for several years. As a part of this process, **in February, some of you will receive a letter from Akins Henke and Company that will include information about your giving to Bethel in 2019.** This is a legitimate letter and we will need your help in returning the form or calling the number included if there are questions. They will take a random sample of donors, so not everyone will get one. Please watch your mail in February for this letter and let us know if you have any questions! Thank you! Pr Brenda



**Bethel ASH Wednesday worship will be on
Wednesday, February 26 at 7 PM.**

LENT 2020: Perfect Love Casts Out Fear

Bread of Life Deaf and Bethel Lutheran Churches will be sharing Wednesday Lent Suppers and worship again this year. Bethel will host both churches for soup and bread. We hope you will all join us for time together in fellowship and worship!

Soup at 6 PM and Worship at 6:30 PM Bethel Lutheran Church

Wednesday, March 4
Wednesday, March 11
Wednesday, March 18
Wednesday, March 24
Wednesday, April 1

**Love does no wrong to a neighbor
Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Love your enemies
If you love me you will keep my commandments
Perfect love casts out fear**



From the desk of Dr. Jen Kilps, Engagement Coordinator

Hello Bethel!

I spent last week at a conference sponsored by the Synod. It was called “The World Is about to Turn” and was run by the Midwest Academy. It was a weeklong training in how to “organize for social change.” It was an arduous week, sessions beginning at 8 AM and ending at 8 PM. I was barely able to watch the Democratic debates! I and my fellow participants were exhausted.

The week was focused on “organizing,” and the title on the training manual says, specifically, for activists. There were some pastors there but mostly people like me who carry titles such as Engagement Coordinator, Church Organizer, Coordinator of Church Life, etc. These are people who look both to carry out the mission of the church as it is engaged with the needs of the greater community and to nurture inter-generational fellowship within the church.

After a couple days of the training, most of the pastors and people like me were wondering how this training might apply in our work. Of course, when issues arise in our cities and nation we should be trained to mobilize people if THEY (meaning you) have an interest in doing so. I’ve organized people before and, now, feel even more confident in my abilities to do so.

Our public response to injustice must be cultivated from within Bethel. And this includes supporting the Synod and their organizing work. We are a church of our Synod. If the Synod calls for us to make a stand at the capitol, then we should do what we can to support their initiative. In fact, we must.

But the primary drive to affect change must come from within our congregation and that can only happen when we know the troubles and needs of our neighbors. And we need to do a better job of that. This has long been a concern of mine, but only recently have I felt we were in a place to really concentrate on this challenge. I think we, as a congregation, have a better sense of who we are and what we are interested in. We are changing and we must look to new ways to be church with each other. I have some ideas concerning how we can reach out to our neighbors, in evangelism and in mission. I hope we can put some of those into action soon. So get ready to be evangelists!

And what I REALLY want to share with you is an experience I had at the conference. We were staying at a huge Catholic retreat center. Its halls were like a maze of different medieval time periods. One of my friends, Nick Tangen, is a Benedictine oblate. He has my position at Lutheran University Church of Hope. He decided to lead a Cistercian Centering Prayer. I went to it gladly; as I said before, I was exhausted.

What we did was to sit in a dark chapel with only prayer candles lit. Everyone got comfortable. Most were in chairs but I lay down on the floor in the yoga pose, the “corpse” pose, where you lay on your back, hands comfortably at your sides, palms up, legs in a comfortable position. Nick rang a bell. In a minute he said the prayer, “I am here. God is here.” And we sat in silence for around 20 minutes until he rang the bell again.

I am not a good meditator. I like yoga but do not sit still well. But I cannot tell you how centered, rejuvenated, calm and focused I felt. I was there with God and all was good. I think this was the best thing I got out of this training. That we must be with God before any of our endeavors. We can do this together. Be with God and be in the world. We are here. God is here.



- Feb. 2nd** Mary Chilvers presents on Tiny Homes
- Feb. 9th** Dr. Brad Holt, Emeritus Professor from Augsburg College, on the dangers facing the Christian community in Nigeria, where he visited in November.
- Feb. 16th** Local musician Brian Herb. “Be the person you want to be, living the life you want to live,” a story about the best thing that ever happened to him.
- Feb. 23rd** **WAFFLE BREAKFAST - Youth Fundraiser**



Improvised

It was around 7 to 8 years ago that I was providing some organ music to a church service in Madison, Wisconsin. I was there on vacation in the summer and this was the church I had grown up in as a young child. The same pastor had been there for over 25 years and his wife had been the pianist and music director for that same time. They are both still there to this day. The church had a newly relocated organ added to the sanctuary and since I was studying organ at the time they insisted that I play for the service that Sunday. I had all of the music and hymns to run through and was able to secure some practice time the day before to get a better feel for the instrument.

Sunday came and my quasi planned-out "improvised" postlude for the service was one I had worked on for a few days. It was based on original themes and music that I had come up with. In the moment though, I didn't feel that what I had come up with was going to fit with how the service went. I can't explain why, I just didn't feel it. So, I trusted my musical instinct, and let the Holy Spirit guide my fingers through something completely different that somehow turned out very pleasant to listen to and to play!

Not every time when I put "Radtke" after a title in the bulletin does something brilliant happen like I experienced the one time subbing in Madison. There are various levels of work that go into the pieces that I compose and improvise. Some, as the one on my vacation a few years back, are planned out only for the plan to be completely tossed out and something else to be improvised. This sort of total improvisation means that I may not have an idea or theme until seconds before my fingers hit the keys. Other improvisations are carefully planned out for over a week on scratch paper or notes in the hymnal. This still leads to improvisation in the piece, but the form is more tightly controlled and thought out. Only on rare occasions do I write out, note for note, what I play. It is an arduous task and typically happens only after I will play the piece in a service.

I have had many questions behind the pieces that I play in services that have the name "Radtke" after them and hopefully this gives a little insight into what is behind them. Please feel free to ask questions about how I come up with themes, or what inspired me to play something a certain way. You will probably get a different response each Sunday. It just depends on the day. One thing I do know is that all of my music is played to the glory of God, and is meant to reflect on, inspire and engage. Soli Deo Gloria!

Phil Radtke,
Music Director



ALLIES AND FRIENDS WORKSHOP

People of Faith, Standing Together

WHO: Lutherans and Muslims together

WHAT: A day for conversation, learning and relationship-building

WHEN: Saturday, February 29, 2020, 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

WHERE: Christ the King Lutheran Church, 8600 Fremont Ave. S, Bloomington

[Sign-up is on the new sign-up table. Or talk to Jen if you would like to attend.](#)

Numbers Show Our Love! See how many people experienced your love in December.

For over thirty years Bethel has supported *PCYC Gift Sale* and *Adopt-A-Family* with donated gift items in December. At PCYC the children are pre-registered by a parent and on the day of the sale are escorted by a volunteer to shop for their families. This year **70 gift items** were donated by Bethel to PCYC's Gift Sale. These donations helped fill the shopping tables, allowing children to purchase gifts for five family members.

Adopt-A-Family trees serve families in the community. This year the Adopt-A-Family tree had "gift tags" for 11 families which included **47 people - 3 Dads, 10 Moms and 34 children ranging from newborn to 16 years old**. These gifts were wrapped and labeled ready to go under a family's tree.

This past December the Mission Council added a new opportunity for Christmas giving: *Refugee Services of Minnesota Council of Churches*. Their mission states: "Refugee Services is an ecumenical ministry welcoming persecuted people from around the world into new lives of freedom, hope, and opportunity in Minnesota." We donated: **38 pairs of mittens/gloves, 42 hats, 13 scarves and 21 coats!**

Have you been counting? **The total is 231!!** Stewardship mattered to 231 people! **Your donations helped tremendously. Thanks!**

Updates From Top To Bottom

You may remember we have had some problems with both our roof and our basement in the last several months. After much work from many people we have found some solutions to our issues. The Tuesday Crew has worked very hard in our basement to ensure our new sump pump is working to its capacity, and we are happy to say that our basement is finally dry! There will still be some work to do to prevent future leaks from flooding the basement, but we are certainly headed in the right direction. **Thank you, Tuesday Crew!!!**

Our flat roof (where the solar installers caused so much damage) will be replaced starting in April. Our insurance company is covering the damage and has already written us a check for the estimated amount of repair. So, you will have to excuse our dust when all that work is being done, but the replacement is sure to keep us dry for many years to come. And, yes, we will be placing the solar garden back on the roof after replacement. We will be working with the solar placement company that our roofing company trusts.

Let us know if you have more questions. Thank you! Pr B



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Pursuant to Chapter 10.02, a
Meeting of Bethel Lutheran Congregation
is being called on
February 23, 2020 following worship.

The agenda of this meeting includes:
the 2020 budget, Constitution & ByLaws,
old business & the annual report.

COME FOR WORSHIP & THE MEETING.



February


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2 9:20 AM Education for All Ages 10:30 AM Bethel Worship 1:00 PM Pentecostal Casa Worship 1:30 PM MN Casa Worship	3 9:00 AM NHS Senior Cards 6:00 PM Open Gym 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Improv Group	4 9:30 AM Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 AM NHS Exercise Class 10:30 AM Staff meeting 12:30 PM Ecumenical Text Study 1:30 PM NHS Knitting Class 6:00 PM Girl Scout Patrol Meeting 6:00 PM Worship & Music Committee 6:30 PM Mental Health Small Group 7:00 PM Scout Troop Mtg	5 9:30 AM Pre-School 10:00 AM NHS Art 10:00 AM NHS Yoga 6:00 PM Open Gym 6:30 PM AA Group 7:00 PM Bethel Church
9 9:20 AM Education for All Ages 10:30 AM Bethel Worship 11:30 AM Welcome Committee 1:00 PM Pentecostal Casa Worship 1:30 PM MN Casa Worship 4:30 PM Pentecostal Casa Event	10 9:00 AM NHS Senior Cards 6:00 PM Open Gym 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Improv Group 6:30 PM Nokomis Quilters	11 9:30 AM Operation Love 9:30 AM Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 AM NHS Exercise Class 10:30 AM Staff meeting 12:30 PM Ecumenical Text Study 1:30 PM NHS Knitting Class 6:00 PM Girl Scouts Troop Meeting 6:30 PM Mission Council 7:00 PM Scout Troop Mtg	12 9:30 AM Pre-School 10:00 AM NHS Art 10:00 AM NHS Yoga 6:00 PM Open Gym 6:30 PM AA Group 7:00 PM Bethel Church
Bethel US / MX Border Trip Feb 9 - 13, 2020			
16 9:20 AM Education for All Ages 10:30 AM Bethel Worship 11:30 AM CYF Meeting 1:00 PM Pentecostal Casa Worship 1:30 PM MN Casa Worship	17 9:00 AM NHS Senior Cards 6:00 PM Open Gym 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Improv Group	18 9:30 AM Book Group (private) 9:30 AM Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 AM NHS Exercise Class 10:30 AM Staff meeting 12:30 PM Ecumenical Text Study 1:30 PM NHS Knitting Class 6:45 PM Board of Administrators 7:00 PM Scout Troop Mtg	19 9:30 AM Pre-School 10:00 AM NHS Art 10:00 AM NHS Yoga 6:00 PM Open Gym 6:30 PM AA Group 7:00 PM Bethel Church 7:30 PM AA Leader
23 9:20 AM Waffle Breakfast 10:30 AM Bethel Worship 11:30 AM Bethel Annual Congregational Mtg. 1:00 PM Pentecostal Casa Worship 1:30 PM MN Casa Worship 4:30 PM Pentecostal Casa Event	24 9:00 AM NHS Senior Cards 6:00 PM Open Gym 6:30 PM Improv Group	25 9:30 AM Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 AM NHS Exercise Class 10:30 AM Staff meeting 12:30 PM Ecumenical Text Study 1:30 PM NHS Knitting Class 7:00 PM Scout Troop Mtg	26 9:30 AM Pre-School 10:00 AM NHS Art 10:00 AM NHS Yoga 4:15 PM NHS Outreach 6:00 PM Open Gym 6:30 PM AA Group

Our Missions

Allured Music Studio ❖ Bancroft Neighborhood A
 Casa de Oracion - MN ❖ Casa de Oracion -
 Mpls Area Synod ❖ Nokomis Healthy S

February 2020



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12:30 AM Troop 38 Lock-In 6:00 AM MN Casa Worship 9:00 AM AA Amigos II 9:00 AM Debtors Anonymous (S Mpls) 10:00 AM Violin Studio 3:30 PM MN Casa Prayer Service
Playgroup Group a n Choir Rehearsal	6 9:30 AM NHS Nurse is in 10:00 AM NHS Exercise Class 11:00 AM NHS Chair Exercise 11:15 AM NHS Health Talk 6:00 PM Blue & Gold Scout Mtg 6:15 PM MN Casa Worship 7:00 PM BNA Board Meeting	7 11:00 AM NHS Yoga 6:00 PM Pentecostal Casa Worship	8 6:00 AM MN Casa Worship 7:45 AM Intergroup Debtors Anonymous 9:00 AM AA Amigos II 9:00 AM Debtors Anonymous (S Mpls) 10:00 AM Synod EcoFaith Power-Up 3:00 PM 2nd Saturday Concert Series "The Grace Notes"  3:30 PM MN Casa Prayer Service
Playgroup Group a n Choir Rehearsal	13 9:30 AM NHS Nurse is in 10:00 AM NHS Exercise Class 11:00 AM NHS Chair Exercise 11:00 AM NHS Lunch & Movie 11:30 AM NHS Staff mtg & Care Conf 6:15 PM MN Casa Worship	14 11:00 AM NHS Yoga 6:00 PM Pentecostal Casa Worship	15 6:00 AM MN Casa Worship 9:00 AM AA Amigos II 9:00 AM Debtors Anonymous (S Mpls) 1:00 PM MN Casa Valentine's Event
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Playgroup Group a n Teach/Tech Mtg	27 9:30 AM NHS Nurse is in 10:00 AM NHS Exercise Class 11:00 AM NHS Chair Exercise 1:00 PM NHS - Caregiver Support Group 4:00 PM NHS Exec Committee 6:15 PM MN Casa Worship	28 11:00 AM NHS Yoga 6:00 PM Pentecostal Casa Worship	29 6:00 AM MN Casa Worship 8:30 AM Synod Allies & Friends Workshop 9:00 AM AA Amigos II 9:00 AM Debtors Anonymous (S Mpls) 3:30 PM MN Casa Prayer Service

Mission Partners

Association ❖ Bread of Life Deaf Lutheran Church BOLD
 - Pentecostal ❖ Jessica Alberts in the Peace Corps
 seniors ❖ ReconcilingWorks ❖ Sheridan Story



Anniversaries

Christian & Wendy Ledesma	February 18
Dave & Libby Krogh	February 28

Birthdays

Dean Anderson	February 1
Jaquie Archer	February 1
Meghan Olausen	February 5
Paul Kile	February 6
Trudy (Gert) Carlson	February 7
Rosie Smith	February 7
Christian Ledesma	February 8
Wendy Ledesma	February 8
Elaine Vogel	February 8
Ryan Kjesbo-Johnson	February 10
Betty Nelson	February 10
Jazmin Williams-Tyus	February 10

Birthdays

Sarah (Sunde) Kaiser	February 11
Elaine Gates	February 14
Katie Simons	February 15
Stacey Allgood	February 16
Kellie (Simons) Riley	February 16
Kyle Espelien	February 18
Leanne Puckett	February 21
Ben Allison	February 22
Lisa Chovan-Spence	February 22
Jacob Dunklee	February 24
Jeff Alberts	February 25
Jim Olausen	February 25
Stella Warwick	February 25



Power Up Your Environmental Efforts!



Ruth Ivory-Moore, the ELCA's Director of Environment and Corporate Social Responsibility, will be joining us as the keynote speaker for the Power Up.

**EcoFaith Network Power-Up:
Determining Our Collective Path Forward**

Saturday, February 8

10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

1701 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington

Sign up on the new sign-up table.
Or contact Jen if you would like to attend!



Tool Kit & Conference Assemblies

Saturday, February 22nd 8:30 AM- 12:30 PM

Join us for a morning of learning and connection! Choose two out of more than a dozen workshop offerings to get practical tips to bring back to your congregation. Since there are so many workshops, we encourage churches to send a group so people can split up.

St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie

13600 Technology Drive; Eden Prairie, MN 55344

Sign up on the new sign-up table. Or contact Jen if you would like to attend!

FEBRUARY 2020 Sunday Servers

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

FEB 2	FEB 9	FEB 16	FEB 23
Fourth Epiphany	Fifth Epiphany	Sixth Epiphany	Transfiguration Sunday
Worship with Kneeling Communion	Worship with Communion by Intinction	Worship with Communion by Intinction	Worship with Communion by Intinction
Scripture Readings	Scripture Readings	Scripture Readings	Scripture Readings
1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Psalm 112:1-9	Matthew 5:12-26	2 Peter 1:16-24
Matthew 5:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20	Matthew 5:27-37	Matthew 17:1-9
ASSISTING MINISTER	ASSISTING MINISTER	ASSISTING MINISTER	ASSISTING MINISTER
Paul Kile	Sharon Rodi	Anna Olsen	Ann Allison
COMMUNION ASSIST	COMMUNION ASSIST	COMMUNION ASSIST	COMMUNION ASSIST
Romell White	Bruce Gramentz	Les Johnson	Libby Krogh
Anna Olsen	Darlene Olson	Larissa Hoover	Marilyn Newborg
Jen Kilps	Don Olson	Becky Johnson	Kay Newborg
LECTOR	LECTOR	LECTOR	LECTOR
Don Olson	Darlene Olson	Ruth Askov	Libby Krogh
ACOLYTE	ACOLYTE	ACOLYTE	ACOLYTE
Lizzy Kile	Michael Hall	Franklin Wohnoutka	Stella Warwick
USHERS	USHERS	USHERS	USHERS
Ted Allison	Dean Anderson	Susan Potratz	Dave Krogh
Darlene Olson	David Sunde	Jerry Johnson	Jim Haraldson
Larissa Hoover	_____	_____	Stan Rosby
TODDLER CARE	TODDLER CARE	TODDLER CARE	TODDLER CARE
_____	Becky Johnson	Christian & Wendy L.	Karen Tennis
HOSPITALITY	HOSPITALITY	HOSPITALITY	HOSPITALITY
Alice Evenson	Sharon Rodi	Joan Bargman	Laurie Hauge
SACRISTY	SACRISTY	SACRISTY	SACRISTY
Stephanie Johnson	Paige Best	_____	Marilyn Newborg
Altar Guild Team 2: Libby Krogh, Laurie Hauge, Anna Wohnoutka			

We are looking for more volunteers.

As long as you are here on Sunday morning could you step up to fill some of these above roles? The more volunteers we have for any specific role, the less often you would need to be scheduled.

We especially need: **Communion Assistants** (for the first and occasional fifth Sunday of the month. We need **Ushers** for the second, third and fifth Sunday of the month. **Sacristy** for the third and fifth Sundays. **Toddler room** on the third Sunday. Training is easily available! Please speak with any of the people on this list and or Susie in the office. (bethel@bethel-mpls.org) **Thanks!**



PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Mike Simons	Karen McBride
Dave & Libby Krogh	Ryan Summer
Karen Warwick	Elaine Vogel
Marge Hauge	Teondre Martinez
Angel Cantu	Crystal Vaughn
The Hundt Family	Lynn Vaughn
Norris Lovstuen	Jim Haraldson
Pikkarainen Family	Sue Dorumsgaard
Marilyn Romsaas	Ayers
Tom Keating	Audrey Campbell
Larissa Hoover	Jeff Fossum
Gert (Trudy) Carlson	Mel Olson
Shirley Elavsky	Joan Dahlman
Sharon Warwick	Puckett Family
Mark Walker	Teddy Gaines
Jan Walker	Joan Hurtovenko
Marshall Fossum	Janet Peterson
Carrie Melhus	Andy Martinson
Sheila Nelson	Doris Christianson
Bresina Family	

RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Sam Cheaney (Sheila Nelson's friend)
 Rhonda (Sheila Nelson's friend)
 Jackson Paso (Pr B's friend)
 Kevin (Sheila Nelson's friend)
 Joni (Sheila Nelson's cousin)
 Rosy Fieker (Libby Krogh's sister)
 Vi (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' mom)
 Gretchen & Louis (Larissa Hoover's parents)
 Steve Froisland (Pr B's brother)
 Susan & Dale (Wendy Ledesma's parents)
 Rev. Ron Schuette (Dave's father)
 Lydia (Laurie & Dan Hauge's granddaughter)
 Dave Romba (Bethel neighbor)
 Steve Elavsky (Shirley Elavsky's son)
 Sue (Mary Rosby's cousin)
 Jack Fahrendorff (Roberta Horning's dad)
 Sue & Wayne Woodard (Karen Warwick's parents)
 Bill & Peg (Mary Chilvers' dad & his wife)
 Denann Karels (Jan & Mark Walker's friend)
 Joanne Wilberg (Marge Hauge's sister)
 Keith Shaubach (Jan Walker's brother)
 Jean Phillips (Chris Phillips' mom)
 Pamela Christi (Sharon Phillips' sister)
 Medaria Arradondo (Crystal Vaughn's cousin)
 Gabe Ness (Julie Hundt's husband)
 John Hundt (Kathy Hundt's brother-in-law)
 Paula Morgan (Romell White's sister)
 Cheryl (Karen McBride's sister)
 Ann Baskett (Crystal Vaughn's grandmother)
 Claire Tarr (Margaret Johnson's godchild)
 Meghan (Sue Dorumsgaard Ayers' friend)
 Andrea (Mona Falk's daughter)

MEMBERS, RELATIVES & FRIENDS IN THE SERVICE

Jessica Alberts ~ Peace Corps
 Robert Hundt
 Karel Bishop (Pr Brenda's nephew)
 Emily Dorumsgaard (Sue's niece)
 Adam Froisland (Pr Brenda's nephew)
 Dwana Froisland (Pr Brenda's niece)
 Brian Hansen (Kaka Day's husband)
 Aaron Larson (Rosie Smith's grandson)
 Sean Young (Pr Brenda's godson)

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS

I am doing this on my phone in Miami! As I don't have my notes with me, this most likely will be short.

We are preparing for our annual meeting on Sunday, February 23rd. *I hope you all plan to attend!*

Our bylaws committee has been hard at work getting the bylaws revised as well as a couple of minor corresponding changes to our constitution. We promised Lennore Bevis we would get these done. Of course, we foolishly thought one meeting would do it! It has taken several, plus hours of work in between by Laurie Hauge. And we have the final version and we, as a congregation, get to vote on accepting them.

We are planning for Pastor Brenda's sabbatical this summer. Again, we'll all have a part in this process per the conditions of the grant we received for this. We will keep you informed and involved as things develop.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I am happy to listen and learn.

Yours in Christ,

Ann Allison, Chair, Board of Administrators



Dear congregation and particularly Janet Anderson,

I thank you for your concern.

I am well and busy and sorry I have not been attending services. I'm sure I will see you in the coming year.
~Mona Falk

Bethel 2020 Border Trip February 9 - 13th!

We have a group of eight people on this delegation. Pr. Brenda, Jen Kilps, Grace Simons, Roberta Horning and Susie George are going from Bethel. There are 3 others (Janelle Bussert, Nancy Deever, and Judy Sausen will also join us.) Please hold us in your prayers as we travel out of our comfort zone to accompany people at our southern border. We will learn a lot and see a lot.

Upon our return will share our experiences with you at the Faith Forum on March 1. We thank you for your support of this great adventure. We carry all of you with us.



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Anna Olsen

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Sharon Rodi, Coordinator

C Y & F Committee:
Wendy Krogh
Tom Keating
Anna Wahnoutka

**MARCH
Publication Deadline:
FRIDAY
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