



Embarking tomorrow for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA are the following young people and adult leaders:

Noelle Becker, Annika Dahl, Sawyer Dahl, Madison Fultz, Taetem Geer, Sarah Kelpel, Elizabeth Lindquist, Caleb Petersen, Aubrey Peterson, Sarah Dahl, Kelli Petersen, Rochelle Peterson, and Pastor Jon

This group will be in New Orleans from July 15 – July 20 attending the gathering with 10,000+ youth and adult leaders from throughout the country. While there, the group will be engaged in large group evening sessions of speakers and worship, service and learning opportunities during the daytime, and a day to explore the culture and heritage of New Orleans. Thank you, Bethel and the Bethel Foundation, for your tremendous support in making this possible through financial gifts, prayers, and time, attention, and love given to our kids and young people!

VBS Day Camp is happening this week at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp with Preschool-5th Grade kids from the churches of Bethel, Calvary, Vinje, and the greater community of Willmar. This camp runs Monday-Thursday, July 15-18, and the campers conclude with a program on Thursday at camp. Additionally, Bethel has 7 youth attending full or half-week camps throughout the summer at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries (GLLM) and other faith-based camps in Minnesota. Thanks to the Bethel Foundation and our special Ethel M. Johnson Youth Fund that helps cover camp costs for our kids at GLLM.

Office Schedule... Due to staff attending the National Youth Gathering and VBS during the week of July 15th-18th, the Bethel office hours will be 9 am - 12 pm.

Bethel Women Luncheon... All women are invited to a luncheon on Thursday, July 18th at noon in Luther Hall. Pastor Kathy Hartley will be speaking about her biking adventures. A freewill offering will be taken. **Please sign up by today, July 14th**, on the bulletin board outside of the office.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<i>Preacher</i> Pastor Jonathan Dahl	<i>Assisting Minister</i> Pastor Bob Dahl	<i>Musician</i> Lois Dahl	<i>Acolyte</i> Jacob Skretvedt
<i>Ushers</i> Fred Anderson, Lance Dockter, & Ritch Mjelde	<i>Communion Servers</i> Laura Arne & Kevin Dahl	<i>Altar Set-Up</i> Pat Hagen, Jackie Payne, & Kathy Thonvold	<i>Fellowship Time Servers</i> Janet Cunningham & Pat Johannes
	<i>Audio/Visual Booth</i> The Dahl family & Jeff Johnson	WORSHIP PRAYER LIST Aleah Auge, Richard Kloth, Jan Lindblad	

Bethel Financial Summary... as we pass the halfway point of 2024, here is a financial update through June 30 for Bethel:

	2024 – Through 6 months	2023 – Through 6 months
General Fund Offering Income:	\$250,457	\$251,163
General Fund Interest Income: (Bank CDs and Savings)	\$32,822	\$10,337
GENERAL FUND TOTAL INCOME:	\$283,279	\$261,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$248,213	\$257,995
CAPITAL/BEAUTIFICATION FUND BALANCE:	\$173,072	\$110,978

THANK YOU for your continued commitment to the ministry and mission of Bethel Lutheran Church! We are grateful for you, and the gifts and talents you continue to grow and share.

OFFERING Offering is collected by our kids during “Noisy Coin Offering.” All checks (unless otherwise noted in the memo line) and cash in envelopes will go toward Bethel’s general offering. Any loose cash or change will go towards this month’s Noisy Coin designation, the Willmar Child Guides.

CHILDREN We encourage all kids to participate in worship. You are welcome to enjoy our “prayground” located near the pulpit at any time during the service. This area has quiet toys and crafts with which young children can play.

HOLY COMMUNION Here at Bethel EVERYBODY is welcome to the Lord’s Table to receive the meal of Holy Communion. Jesus fed and ate with all – making the meal of Holy Communion God’s gift to us, meeting us where we are to renew and forgive and fill us in the ways God knows we need. Therefore, everyone is welcome to come and receive the meal regardless of what your past or current church participation has been or is or hasn’t been! Come and be fed OR come and receive a blessing. We are very glad to have you be part of this meal of God’s love for all here at Bethel. (An usher will invite you forward pew by pew; gluten-free wafers are available and the wine is red and the juice is yellow.)

WATCH FROM HOME While we encourage in-person worshipping on Sundays, we realize this simply isn’t possible for everyone. Our worship can be viewed live on Sunday mornings at facebook.com/bethelinwillmar. They are also kept on Facebook to be viewed at a later date or time. The Willmar Access Channel airs Bethel’s worship on channel 180 on Sundays at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. as well as Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

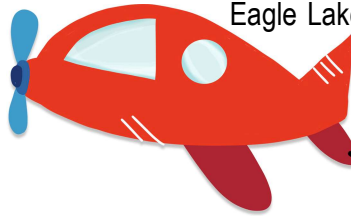
WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun - July 14
9:15 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship
Mon - July 15
9:30 am Book Study
1:30 pm Knitters @ Dunn Bros

Tues - July 16
5:00 pm Yoga
Wed - July 17
10:00 am Matins
10:30 am Fellowship

Thurs - July 18
9:00 am Women's Bible Study
9:00 am Men's Bible Study
12:00 pm Bethel Women Lunch
5:00 pm Yoga
Sat - July 20
8:00 am Yoga

Sunday, July 14th... You are invited to participate in the 30-minute ecumenical "Light of the World" worship this evening at 7 pm at the Outdoor Chapel of Hope Presbyterian Church in Spicer. This is a singing-evening prayer-style-worship with fellowship and treats following. Bethel is part of a grouping of churches that has participated in this worship for the past 22 months. Other churches participating include Eagle Lake Lutheran, Ebenezer Lutheran, Tripolis Lutheran, Hope Presbyterian, and First Presbyterian. Beautiful music with a beautiful setting by the lake!



*"When one tugs at a single thing in nature, we
find it attached to the rest of the world."
~ John Muir*

PRELUDE

Andante in e minor, JS Bach, Barb Holmgren, flute, Lois Dahl, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Let Justice Flow like Streams, #717

**Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.**

**Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed,
an everflowing stream of faith translated into deed.**

**So may God's plumb line, straight, define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the God of daily bread, the God of wonder, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to this providing and life-giving God, let us confess our hearts and minds – our sin, our love, our longings, and our dreams...

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe that there can be finite resources and we need to be better stewards and sharers. Thus, we question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding in big ways rather than listening and following and trusting in you, God. Turn us toward your Holy Spirit big ways and share with us your words and actions of life and living. Amen.**

Beloved people of God, with daily bread you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, there is direction for our words and actions. Through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, you are given mercy and forgiveness for the sake of a better world and a better you. Receive this gift and let it come alive! **Amen.**

KYRIE

Kyrie, Setting Three, page 138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast, Setting Three, page 140

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

TIME FOR YOUTH

SHARING OF PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

You Are My All in All, Barb Holmgren, flute, Lois Dahl, piano

SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 7:7-15

⁷ This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line."

Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;
⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.'

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵ and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Jonathan Dahl

HYMN OF THE DAY

God's Work, Our Hands, ACS #1000

(to the tune of Earth and All Stars)

**God's work, our hands: working together, building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens, feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.**

**God's work, our feet: trav'ling together, following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom, running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way, sharing the good news of your gospel.**

**God's work, our voice: singing together, praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice, claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.**

**God is at work in and around us: seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored, gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call, sharing the good news of your gospel.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the source of all life, wholeness, and love. We believe that God is revealed in Jesus Christ. We believe that in his life, Jesus reveals God in grace, mercy, forgiveness, and justice, and that in his death, Jesus reveals God's determined presence in the world even in the face of hatred, violence, and pain. We believe that in his resurrection, Jesus reveals God calling us to abundant life both now and forever; life beyond our fearful and fragile imaginations. We believe that God lives among us, within us, and through us by the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe that God moves us to be together in communities of faith, hope, and love. We believe these things not out of certainty but out of faith; as one who trusts in the reality of God revealed in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING SONG

All offering can be collected by the children at this time. All check and envelope offerings will go toward the Bethel General Fund unless otherwise indicated. Offerings can also be given to Bethel through Venmo: @bethelwillmar, or through our website. Any loose cash or change will go towards this month's Noisy Coin designation, Willmar Child Guides. The Child Guide program has connected kids to thousands of activities and resources that answer their academic, social, and basic needs. From school supplies to snow boots, college mentors to summer camps, homework clubs to tutors, child guides connect children and families to resources here in the community.

This Little Light of Mine, #677

**This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

WORDS OF PROMISE FOR THE MEAL OF HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.**

SHARING OF THE MEAL

COMMUNION HYMNS

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly, #461

**All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

**All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**

Let Us Break Bread Together, #471

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees. (refrain)

(refrain) When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees. (refrain)

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees. (refrain)

Holy, Holy, Holy, #473

(sung three times)

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.

My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God.

BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, #807

**Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.**

**While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.**

Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";

and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

**Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;

let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE