



VBS... Bethel is partnering with Calvary, Vinje, and Green Lake Lutheran Ministries again this year for Day Camp VBS 2022! REGISTRATION MATERIALS are on our website!

Dates: Monday, July 18 – Thursday, July 21

Ages: Preschool (Need to have turned 3 by September 1, 2021); Grades Kindergarten – 5th grade (go by grade level completed)

Time: Preschool 8:00-11:30am (held at Vinje except for Thursday when all will go to Shores Camp); K-5th grade 8:00am - 4:00pm (Drop off and pick up at Vinje; campers will be bussed to Shores of St. Andrews Bible Camp each day)

Cost: Preschool \$30, Kindergarten - 5th Grade \$55, select the \$105 option and then use the discount code ONSITE2022 for \$50 off for K-5

For any questions, please contact Sarah Dahl or Pastor Jon.

Pop-Up Choir Opportunity! Join the Bethel Pop-Up Choir (all ages and singing voices welcome) for singing on Sunday, May 15th and/or May 29th. Practice in the sanctuary at 8:30am on May 15 for singing in worship the medley, “The Bond of Love – Love, Love, That’s What It’s All About.” Practice on Sunday, May 22nd for 15-20 minutes after worship “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” and/or Sunday, May 29th at 8:30am for singing “The Battle Hymn” during worship on May 29th.

Earth Day Cleanup (make up day)... Saturday, May 21! Trash is all over the place! It is time to get our gloves dirty and put our hands to use! Meet at the church at 8:45am on Saturday, May 21 and we will divide into groups and do some garbage cleanup in the Willmar area. Back to church by 10:15am for some donuts and coffee/juice. A chance to be a bit crazy generous and neighborly for the sake of the earth and one another!

Bethel Stingers Game... Bethel has reserved one of the Willmar Stinger pavilions for the Stingers game on Wednesday evening, June 8. Tickets are \$10/person and this includes food/pop/water. You can sign up online or outside the church office. Payment must be received by Sunday, June 5. Tickets will be distributed outside the box office by Bethel staff as you arrive for the game. Join the fun of a Bethel night out at the Stingers!

Bethel Directory... It’s time for a new Bethel Directory! Please plan ahead to stop in the week of August 9-13 to get your picture taken. More information about the directory will be coming later this summer.

Helpers wanted for Meals on Wheels! Lutheran Social Service (LSS) is taking over the Willmar area Meals on Wheels program beginning Wednesday, June 1. Bethel has committed to taking the first 13 days of home-delivery routes (Wed, June 1 – Friday, June 17) to help them transition into this very important nutrition program for our older adults in the Willmar area. Details: 4 routes delivered daily Monday – Friday; deliver a route individually or as a pair! Pick up your route of meals at the Willmar Community Center anytime between 10:45-11:30am. Deliver your route (average of 15 meals). Total time commitment of 45-60 minutes. Signup online or outside the church office for routes.

Installation of Pastor Andrés Albertsen... All are welcome to Iglesia Luterana Paz y Esperanza on Sunday, May 22, at 11 am. Worship will be in Spanish and English, with preacher Bishop Dee Pederson. A celebratory lunch will follow, but RSVPs are required by May 16 to attend the lunch.

TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

PREACHER

Pastor Kathy Hartley

ASSISTING MINISTER

Pastor Jonathan Dahl

MUSICIAN

Craig Kimmerle

ACOLYTES

Jacob Skretvedt
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Nancy Geiger and
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun - May 15

9:15 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
Time

Mon - May 16

9:30 a.m. Women's Book
Study
1:30 p.m. Knitters @
Willmar Library

Tues - May 17

5:00 p.m. Yoga

Wed - May 18

10:00 a.m. Matins
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
Time

Thurs - May 19

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible
Study
9:00 a.m. Men's Bible
Study
5:00 p.m. Yoga

Fri - May 20

Sat - May 21

8:00 a.m. Yoga
8:45 a.m. Earth Day Clean
Up

WORSHIP PRAYER LIST

Aleah Auge
Andrea Pieske

Here are some things to know about our worship:

OFFERING

Offering plates are located in the narthex, outside of the Sanctuary. The gold plates are our general offering collection. This offering is brought to the front of the Sanctuary by our ushers during the worship. General offering can also be given via Venmo to @bethelwillmar. Our "Noisy Coin Offering" takes place during service when the children will come around and collect coins to be brought to the front of the church. Bethel is pleased to direct our April and May Noisy Coin toward Wishes & More in the spirit of the legacy of Ian Spindler, who died in 2008 at the age of 5, and whose grandparents, Mac and Ronda Habicht, have been greatly involved in this organization's work and mission. Since 2004, Wishes & More has been providing extraordinary experiences, scholarships, memorials and more to children and families facing an uncertain future.

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.)

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.

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](https://www.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.

Order of Service:

PRELUDE

Craig Kimmerle

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing, #389

(vs. 1-3)

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.**

**In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.**

GREETING

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

PRAYER

Let us pray, **God, creator of all living things, you fashioned a world in which lands, waterways, plants, and animals together meet the needs of all that you have made. We pray that such vitality may flourish around the globe. Bless those who work the soil and steward the animals. Protect farmlands and ranches from drought and flood. Nurture bees and other pollinators. Uphold towns and villages and all places of living. Sustain us and help us to sustain one another. Grant an economy that will thrive in harmony with your ways of creation and caretaking and goodness. Teach us how to share and how to discover more fully what is enough. Accept our gratitude for all the gifts you provide, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

TIME FOR YOUTH

SHARING OF PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Are One in the Bond of Love, Bethel Pop-Up Choir
(Congregation to join in when indicated)

1. **Love, love, love! That's what it's all about!**

**'Cause God loves us, we love each other, Mother, father, sister, brother,
Ev'rybody sing and shout 'Cause that's what it's all about!
It's about love, love, love! It's about love, love, love!**

2. **Peace, peace, peace!**

3. **Joy, joy, joy!**

HOLY SCRIPTURE

Revelation 21:1-6

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Kathy Hartley

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, Be Our Light, #715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. (refrain)

(refrain) Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. (refrain)

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others. Shared until all are fed. (refrain)

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (refrain)

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. (refrain)

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

OFFERING SONG

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

God of the Sparrow, #740

God of the sparrow, God of the whale, God of the swirling stars,
How does the creature say Awe? How does the creature say Praise?

God of the earthquake, God of the storm, God of the trumpet blast,
How does the creature cry Woe? How does the creature cry Save?

God of the rainbow, God of the cross, God of the empty grave,
How does the creature say Grace? How does the creature say Thanks?

God of the hungry, God of the sick, God of the prodigal,
How does the creature say Care? How does the creature say Life?

God of the neighbor, God of the foe, God of the pruning hook,
How does the creature say Love? How does the creature say Peace?

God of the ages, God near at hand, God of the loving heart,
How do your children say Joy? How do your children say Home?

Where Charity and Love Prevail, #359

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined, in him we are made one.

Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.

Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.

In Christ There Is No East or West, #650

**In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.**

BLESSING

God the tomb-emptier and Christ the tomb-raiser be and abide with you in the week ahead, that you might be Holy-Spirited with determined love and joy and courage. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing, #389

(vs. 4-5)

**Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and ev'ry age,
till earth and sky and oceans ring with joy, with justice, live, and praise.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and share what God has done in Jesus! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE