



Bethesda Outlook

February 2023

Our Mission is to proclaim, celebrate and share the love of Christ
with our neighbors in an accepting, caring community.

Bethesda Staff

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday
9:00am—1:00pm

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Thank You Volunteers!!

Contributed by Joy Halladay

What a wonderful luncheon for the volunteers on January 7! A big THANK YOU to Jessica and Keith Cottrill and Jessica's parents Connie and John, Patty Halver-son, Pastor Heidi, Dave Dettman and Jeff Molitor. They did all the decorating, cooking and clean-up and the food was delicious!

Jessica and Keith have been so helpful this past year with the plant sale and the community garden as well as helping with the cleaning the kitchen and cleaning out closets.

Pastor Heidi and Dave have each had their cleaning time and have been very involved in every event. Especially the Community Block Party in June and at the Plant Sale.

Diane Brown has been so helpful by setting up coffee hour after Sunday Service, the Block Party, sitting outdoors with Pastor on those warm summer days—waving to passing traffic.

Brothers, Jeff Molitor and Tim Minnis started climbing ladders and hanging from the rafters way back in the day when Marion G. and Joy started making banners for the sanctuary. *(Continued on Page 2)*

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Jeff is still climbing the ladders. He has also been working with Doug Jones for the past couple years to get all the electronics working in the sanctuary. Jeff has his fingers in just about every pie that happens here at Bethesda. You name it—Jeff is there AND he plays a great trumpet too!

Joan Minnis has helped to keep the gardens weeded and looking good all Summer—along with JR and his family

Tim Minnis and Larry Fischer have been involved in all the plumbing of the property. Larry would help to clean up after the free Hot-Dog event in July. Larry, Cliff Pearson and Bill Johnson would drive their trucks to Central Market to pick up food for Monday night dinners, back in the day. Now, Jeanette and Dick Anstice pick up the produce donations for our Sunday Gleaning Program.

Katherine Dedrick has been running the gleaning process for several years. She also helps to deliver meals from the Senior Center to people who are unable to get out. She and Joan Minnis will do some visitations to members who are no longer able to drive to the church. Katherine was also supervising the Monday night dinners until they were “temporarily” discontinued due to covid. She hopes to have the dinners start up again soon.

Cliff Pearson was in charge of the Smokey Point Rest Stop coffee service that many of the church members would volunteer to work. Covering the rest stop for 24 hours a day for 48-56 hours (depending if it was a holiday weekend). Bill and Darlene Johnson, Sue and Judy Rasmussen, Dorothy and Gary Wilson, Dick and Jeanette Anstice, Joy Halladay, Darlene Johnston are just some of the volunteers who would take 4 hour shifts.

Frances Hinson, Cindy Hinson, Carol Jean Smith have been making beautiful quilts for many years. They are given to charitable organizations.

Frances, Cindy, Kate Kurfess, Sue Rasmussen and Joy Halladay have been the hospitality committee for many years. They will host such events as the Fashion show and luncheon, memorials, weddings and special dinner events.

Mickey Schwald helped with planning the plant sale events and would be able to set up helpers on the day of the event, through her MLT community connections. Mickey was also involved with the musicians during Sunday services keeping the beat with her tambourine and once in a while would sing a solo. Sadly, she had to stop but remains as involved as possible. *(Continued on next page)*

And speaking of music.... Vic Peters, Jeff Molitor, Judy Rasmussen, Kate Kurfess and Sue Rasmussen have done a fantastic job with providing music for our Sunday services.

If it weren't for all of our volunteers, Bethesda would not exist. We want to thank each and everyone of you who have donated your time and talents to helping make Bethesda Lutheran Church proud to say.... "WE ARE HERE TO STAY!"



Blessings Continue:

How Lucky are we that we have Pastor Heidi and Dave with us at Bethesda?

Pastor Heidi is FULL of ideas that help to promote Bethesda to fulfill its mission to "Proclaim, celebrate and share the love of Christ with our neighbors through an accepting, caring community".

She has been so helpful and supportive with the success of the Community Block Party, Plant Sale and the donation of the Van from Community Transit through their Van-Go program. She has also helped to make possible the acquiring of a Grace Grant in order for us to purchase items we can use for the community events. Her great sense of humor and kindness is a joy.

Her husband, Dave, has been available for anything that comes up. Helping with Community Breakfast to doing some really hard labor around the grounds.

I hope you join me in these feelings and remember to give them an extra sign of peace and thanks for all they do!

Judy Rasmussen



Grace Notes



May the sun bring you
new energy by day.
May the moon softly restore you
by night.
May the rain
wash away your worries.
May the breeze blow
new strength
into your being.
May you walk gently
through the world
and
know its beauty
all the days of
your life.

Apache Blessing

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Council Hi-lights

- Need to reimburse the accounts Sue had borrowed. Sue also suggests we need to find ways to cut costs.
- Pastor wants small groups formed for discussion of behavior norms and to prepare questions.
- The mission statement will stay the same.
- Kate is resigning as council secretary but will remain on the council as an “at large” member.
- A visitation calendar will be created and will be on the inside of the office door.

Council
President:
Jeff Molitor

Vice President:
Jaye Lill

Secretary:

Treasurer:
Sue Rasmussen

Kate Kurfess
Paul Larmore

MONTH END FINANCIAL REPORT

As of December 2022

Balance Forward	\$(124.84)
Offerings	\$ 14,881.17
Other Income	\$ 1,055.00
Total	\$ 15,936.17
Total Expenses.....	\$ 1,1662.32
New Balance.....	\$ 3,774.58



Happy Birthday.....

02/02—Dick Anstice

02/05—Keith Cottrill

02/07—Sam Harpst

02/18—Pastor Heidi

Soup and Bread Wednesday

*Starting March 1st
5:30pm
with
Holden Evening Prayer
For service.*

Sign-up sheet for Soup
Will be posted in February



WE LIFT IN PRAYER:

ANDERSON, DIANE (Rasmussen cousin)
ANDERSON, JULIA
BALL, TAMMY (friend of M. Schwald)
BLEVENS, DEAH (friend of Mickey S.)
BROWN, CHERYL (D. Brown's sister)
BROWN, ALAN (D. Brown's brother)
BRUNO, BERNADETTE (neighbor of Rod Schwald)
BUMSTEAD, GARY (Joy H. cousin)
CARROLL, KAREN
CHRISTOFFERSON, DEBBIE
CORNETT, JAMES & FAMILY
CRONBACH, LEE
EDDIE (K. Kurfess' son)
GASTLER, RUTH (Jessica C. Grandmother)
GATER, DANIELLE
GROVE, VALERIE
HALLADAY, JOY
HALVERSON, ROY (Joy H. brother)
HAMRE, JUDITH
HANDLE, JERRY (Steve W. Family member)
HARPER, MARTI
HAUMAN, SUE
HEDLUND, DANNA
HILLERMAN, TIM
HINSON, FRANCES
JOHNSON, BILL
JUAN, ANTOINETTE
JUPITER, PAT
LEASE, CHRISTINA (Valerie G. Granddaughter)
MARKES, FRANK (friend of Mickey S.)
MASSEY, RON & MARY
MELEENA (friend of Katherine D)
MOLIHAN, RUTHANN (Richard Smith's sister)
PFIFER, JANET & BILL (neighbor – Rod Schwald)
RAEANN (J. Halladay's daughter)
RICE, PATTY (Karen C. daughter)
SHORE, DIANA
SCHWALD, MICKEY
SPENCER, NATHAN
STANTON, PATRICK
STEVENS, DORIS ((Vic P. & Ellen S sister)
WATLINGTON, ANGIE & FAMILY
WILLS, PAT (friend of Joy H.)
WILSON, DOROTHY
WILSON, GARY




Make prayer a key rhythm of your life. Luther memorably said, "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.:"

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND CARE GIVERS.

Please help me keep this list up to date by notifying me of any changes.

Thank you – Judy Rasmussen

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
S=Sanctuary FH=Fellowship Hall O=Office Bldg B3=Building 3 Z=Zoom			Al-Anon 6:30pm (O)	Handbells 2-4 (S) Al-Anon 7:00pm (O)	First Aid /CPR Classes 5-7pm; 7:30-9pm (FH)	Knowles - Private Party (FH) 4-7PM
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Worship 10:15am (S) Westway Church 12:30pm (S) Gleaning 3:15pm (FH) Compline Service 10Ppm	Handbell Rehearsal 3-5 (S) Pastor & Dave out of town		Foodie Book Group 6:30pm (FH) Al-Anon 6:30pm (O)	Handbell Rehearsal 2-4 (S) Girl Scouts (40060) (FH) Al-Anon 7:00pm (O)	Girl Scouts (50529) 5:30- 8:30pm (FH)	Schultz - Private Party (FH) 2-7PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Worship 10:15am (S) Westway Church 12:30pm (S) Gleaning 3:15pm (FH) Compline Service 10pm (S)	Handbell Rehearsal 3-5 (S) Sue's Bible Study 2-3pm (O) Council Meeting (O/Z) 12:30pm		Al-Anon 6:30pm (O)	Handbell Rehearsal 2-4 (S) Al-Anon 7:00pm (O)		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Puzzle Page

VALENTINE'S DAY

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.
Find and circle each word.

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D	R	Z	L	Q	A	C	Y	C	T	I	D									
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JEWELRY
KISS

LOVE
NICE
PINK
POEM
PRESENT
RED
ROMANCE
ROSE
SWEETHEART

Stewardship Studio

My Dear Friends,

The Finance Committee (yes, there is a committee now!) met on Saturday to discuss and brainstorm about our financial management. Our congregation has dwindled since Covid made its ugly presence felt, and subsequently our giving has fallen off. Unfortunately, our expenses have NOT. As I am sure you are aware, the cost of nearly everything has expanded like a balloon, and I find that we ended the year of 2022 with offerings totaling \$75,918.91, when we needed \$102,429.00. I am sorry to have to write that I have had to pull most of the funds from our other accounts. Happily, the December offerings totaled \$14,881.17, which has gone a long way to bring us to our final total for the year. THANKYOU for that blessing. It helped so much to cover salaries for Judy, Pastor and Vic, and pay the quarterly payroll taxes for the last quarter. This first quarter of the year is the most expensive as it includes taxes in January and at the end of April, along with extra services through Lent.

I am asking you, today, to prayerfully consider our needs for the coming year as you manage your giving to Bethesda. I know that my own giving needs much improvement, and I will be paying better attention to where my funds go. I will try to live up to the 10% that the Lord asks of us.

I know I can count on you all to do your best in these current days of financial difficulty. So, May the Lord bless and keep you, make His face shine upon you and grant you peace.

In all things, God continues to bless,

Sue Rasmussen



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Join us for worship Sundays at 10:15 a.m.
either in person (masked) or by Zoom.



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