

**VBS is Calling You!** The BOCE is starting the planning process for VBS 2020. After reaching out to the congregation and families who have participated in VBS in the past, we have decided to begin planning for a 4 day (M-Th mornings) VBS to be held in mid to late June. In order to make this format possible, we need your help. There are many fun ways for you to assist us in making VBS a wonderful and Christ-centered experience. At this time, we are asking you to consider serving in one of several leadership positions. The adult positions we need to fill are: committee communication facilitator, registration leader, volunteer recruiter leader, craft leader, snack leader, game leader, Bible Challenge leader, Bible story leader, preschool leader, decoration leader, grade/class leaders (4 people/day), middle school leader, support during VBS week, tech support. All of these positions offer unique and important opportunities for us to reach out to the youth and support them in having a memorable experience. These positions could be filled with an individual or a group of 2 or 3, but we do need you to commit to planning for and attending all 4 days of VBS. We have heard from many of you about how important VBS is to both our congregation and as an outreach into the community. We need your support, ideas, and time in order to make VBS a reality. More information will be coming in the next few weeks. In the meantime, if you have any questions, or would like to volunteer for one of these positions, you can contact:



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**2019 Giving Statements & 2020 Giving**



**Envelopes** Please pick up your 2019 giving statements and 2020 giving envelopes in the back of church. Recycle your unused 2019 envelopes and then start using the new 2020 box. Your new envelopes may have a new number, so please put your name and donation amount on the outside of the envelope to help our counters. During the week, the giving statements will be available in the church office.

**Meet the Staff!**

**Name and Job Title:** Donna Stutzman Preschool Director & 3 Day Class (4 year olds) Classroom Teacher

**What are your responsibilities at Bethel?** As the Director I run the business end of the Preschool, keeping student and staff files current, finances, staying in compliance with state (DCFS) standards. As a teacher I plan/create lessons and curriculum for the classroom.

**How long have you been with Bethel?** A member since 2001. Teacher since 2006, Director since 2012

**Family:** I have been married to Vernon since 1997, we have two sons Jacob (20) and Nathan (17). Both Jacob and Nathan attended Bethel Preschool.

**What is the best thing about Bethel?** Definitely the people who are so supportive and genuinely care for one another.

**Favorite color?** Pink

**Favorite holiday?** Christmas

**Favorite store/restaurant?** Target/Big Eds BBQ

**Sunday School Lesson** This week, the children will be learning about Jesus' Sermon on the Mount from the Book of *Matthew 6:25-34*. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus reminds His listeners not to worry about things they cannot control. The birds of the air and the flowers of the field serve as examples of God's continuing care for His creation. Likewise, we have no need for worry or anxiousness, because God provides and cares for us. The Bible truth for the week is that our God takes care of us. The Bible verse is "[God] cares for you." (*1 Peter 5:7*)



**The Lutheran Witness** Deadline is Sunday, Feb. 16.

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**C.O.O.L. food of the month:  
Breakfast Items**

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**Lutheran Women's Quarterly** If you would like to receive the Lutheran Woman's QUARTERLY please sign up on the clipboard at the Hub. This magazine is printed 4 times a year (quarterly), each issue includes articles about LWML women and projects around the world, 3 Bible studies, new items in the LWML store, and listings of how the mite box monies are being used. The cost is \$5 and should be given to Kathy Schwartz or put in the LWML mailbox in the workroom. The deadline to send in our order is **March 1**. The mite boxes are also available on the Hub. In them we collect change (and bills!) to fund mission projects in our district and around the world.



**Farewell to Bethel** *It is difficult for me to say "goodbye" to my Bethel family and close this chapter. My life has been touched by so many of you in friendship and kindness. Thank you for being a blessing in my life.*  
- Lisa Schwarz

**2020 Altar Flower Sign Up** The new flower sign up sheets are up for 2020, the latest you can sign up for a date is one week before. The vases of fresh flowers placed on the altar every week are made possible by Bethel Members who sign up on the flower chart calendar (located on the wall to the right of Pastor's office). We ask a minimum donation of \$25 for each floral arrangement.



**Snail Mail Station** One way in which to encourage others in our "Life Together" in Christ is to send them a handwritten note. We've supplied the cards and envelopes. You write the note, and then the Bethel staff will make sure to address it and get it in the mail. The station is located outside the church office.



## This Week's Calendar

### Monday, February 3

12:30 p.m.—Staff Meeting  
1:00 p.m.—Pickleball  
5:30 p.m.—Uline Basketball  
6:30 p.m.—BOCE Meeting

### Tuesday, February 4

5:00 p.m.—HRK Eagles use of Gym

### Wednesday, February 5

9:30 a.m.—Women's Morning Bible Study  
6:15 p.m.—Confirmation  
6:15 p.m.—FEET—Session 2  
6:15 p.m.—Equipping Moms

### Thursday, February 6

9:00 a.m.—Pickleball  
3:30 p.m.—Lower Level in Use  
6:00 p.m.—Bell Choir  
6:00 p.m.—Pickleball  
7:30 p.m.—Adult Vocal Choir

### Friday, February 7

**Pastor & Katrina's Day Off**

### Saturday, February 8

**Pastor & Katrina's Day Off**

### Sunday, February 9

8:00 a.m.—Worship in Gym  
9:00 a.m.—Fellowship  
9:30 a.m.—Bible Study  
10:45 a.m.—Worship in Sanctuary

## Office Hours this Week

Please call ahead if you need to get into the building, the office hours may vary.

Monday 9 AM — 2PM (Cindy)  
Tuesday—Friday 9 AM— Noon (Cindy)

Wednesday Night Greeter: (2/12) OPEN

### Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM

**Communion** - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**Office Hours** Mon. 9AM-3PM,

Tues. & Thurs. 11AM-3PM

Wed. & Fri. 9AM-12PM

Call ahead because times may change.

### Last Week's Attendance

8:00 am—103; 10:45 am—90

Sunday School—71

### Serving Next Week

**Elders:**

**Comm/Asst. Elder:**

**Acolytes:**

**Lay Readers:**

**Ushers:**

**Greeters:**

**Fellowship:**

**Feb. Altar Guild:**

**Feb. Counters:**

Mike Bandman

**OPEN**

Jude Squires, Aiden Friedman

Margie & Ted Tatgenhorst

Don Heidlauf, **OPEN**

Dave & Cheryl Ross,

Sanders Family

Wed. Morning Bible Study

Margie Tatgenhorst

Monte Stoltzman

### Sunday 8:00 AM

### Sunday 10:45 AM

Jack Warneke

Paul DeLassus

Amanda Adams, Joseph Kaiser

Kelley Dornier, Glen Drollinger

Scott Mundrick, **OPEN**

Adams family,

Kay Antonopoulos

Dawn Werfelmann

Bill & Kathy Schwartz