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# ***Bethany Breezes***

## ***August 2020***

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## *President's Report*

### **Greetings from Bethany Council**

*"The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers" 1 Peter 3:12. God is watching & listening to Bethany.*

**Congregation Meeting:** Out of 80 voters, 80 elected council & approved congregation minutes. 77 voters approved budget (online meeting due to pandemic).

**Outreach:** Bethany preschool is in summer session reaching families with Jesus love. 2020-2021 school registration: 115 TK-8, 26 PS. School staff & volunteers prepare. Following the Governor's orders, Bethany worships outdoors thanks to (Hew, Jim & volunteers) & on line services continue at [GoBethany.com](http://GoBethany.com). Thanks to Pastor Phil for zoom Bible study of Philipians. Outreach Bible based classes: parenting, personal finance, exercise class, Saturday food & craft events need sponsors to organize. Your personal invitation can help friends & school families learn about Jesus love for them. Kevin Shaw holds Bethany youth group on line. Janine Browne will distribute Bethany photo directory as soon as printed. Talk to Pastor Pledger to help with outreach.

**Stewardship:** God continues to bless Bethany congregation & keeps His work going forward. \$22,268 is matched of the \$107K anonymous preschool fund! \$300K is still needed to build preschool buildings C & D. [GoBethany.com](http://GoBethany.com) has link to mobile cause options for donations. Thanks for putting the work of Christ first in your plans. Bethany \$213K, 1% interest forgivable PPP loan, through First Northern Bank, paid May & June payroll, utilities, & mortgage interest. Principal & interest is promised to be forgiven. Talk to Curt Johnston (treasurer) to help with Bethany stewardship efforts.

**Property Planning:** Bethany property team, Terra Realty Advisors (TRA), MADI architects, Swank Construction, IC Engineering Geotech, Phillipi Structural, & Clabaugh Landscape Design work to complete permit drawings. Bethany congregation gave go ahead to construct building C&D when \$2.7MM dedicated cash is in the bank. Timing depends on city permits & fund raising efforts. Orchard property is in Escrow. The sale includes free lease back after escrow closes until new church is built. God continues to bless Bethany: consider \$700K net insurance proceeds + \$600K for 2 houses + \$2.4MM = \$3.7MM for Orchard property. A2R Architects is designing a new sanctuary for Ulatis.



**Orchard Preschool fire:** Demolition, gas line cap off, data fiber cable moved, & utility enclosure were all completed & passed city inspection. Sprinkler controller is moved & running. Total Cost ~\$94K

**Property maintenance:** Ullatis: Thanks to Mike, Darrol, & Ron for preparations for new projectors in classrooms & new white board installed in fellowship room for live streaming school chapels. Preventive maintenance was performed for HVAC units, Plexiglass panels for reception offices. Orchard: Thanks to preschool teachers for sorting materials stored in FH & thanks to all who helped with the parking lot sale July 11. Left over items plan to be sold or donated to charities. VUSD painting & installing new carpet in FH offices - began July 16. Contact Mike McCall to help with maintenance & projects.

**Business Management:** Pastor Pledger in cooperation with Council manages Bethany business work flow & records retention: special thanks to Natalie Hart, Michelle Aas, Diane Irby, Curt Johnston, Shawn Sanborn, Carole Wilson, & Ron Shively. Meet weekly with US Bank to review tax exempt bond finance covenants. Bethany is exploring refinance options with First Northern, Umpqua, & CITI banks.

Church council reporting: Ron Shively – President, Shawn Sanborn –VP, Carole Wilson - Secretary



## *From the Elders*

### Psalm 23

A psalm of David.

- <sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
 he leads me beside quiet waters,  
<sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul.  
 He guides me along the right paths  
 for his name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk  
 through the darkest valley,<sup>[a]</sup>  
 I will fear no evil,  
 for you are with me;  
 your rod and your staff,  
 they comfort me.  
<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
 in the presence of my enemies.  
 You anoint my head with oil;  
 my cup overflows.  
<sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
 all the days of my life,  
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*King David, in a moment when he needed God the most, realized that he wasn't alone in what he was facing. He was guided by the caring hand of his Shepherd, the Lord.*

*Throughout the day, God did all sorts of things for him, and for you. The first one was: He made David lie down in green pastures.*

*Sheep are, by nature, fearful creatures. As they move into a new grazing area, they're concerned with potential predators there.*

*Before the Shepherd ever moves His sheep to a new area, He goes before them, filling in gopher holes where they might twist an ankle, smoothing out dangerous places, and setting guards to ward off wolves.*



*God has done that already for you today. Before you woke up, He prepared your pasture.*

*I encourage you to stay in that pasture with Him today.*

*For many of us, that means staying away from other people so that we don't become infected, and then agents of infection.*

*For our nurses and healthcare workers, it means venturing out to care for sick people - spending time in what verse 4 calls "the darkest valley."*

*The critical piece for every promise in this Psalm is the fourth word in the sentence: "The Lord is my shepherd."*

*Let the Lord be your shepherd today. Listen to His voice, while also doing your best to heed the safety directives of our government. Don't saturate your mind with the news, which can make you fearful and sad. Listen to His voice!*

*You may be in isolation, but you are not alone. He is with you. Stay near to Him today, and stay six feet away from people outside of your family circle.*

*Father, thank you for being my Shepherd today. I am listening for Your voice. I will walk in the pasture You have prepared for me. Help me to find joy in this situation, which I have never been in before. In Jesus' name, Amen.*





## August 2020

Faith is...Trusting Our Savior

I call on you, O God, for you will answer me ... Psalm 17:6a

A popular TV show allowed contestants to “phone a friend” for help with difficult questions. The friend at the end of the line could give advice which the contestant could follow or ignore.

We, too, can “phone a Friend” — our loving heavenly Father. The lines are never down; the lines are never busy. “This office is closed today. Please call back,” is never heard. With the psalmist we can say with certainty, ... you will answer me. The answer will not be a guess about our needs nor a piece of politically correct advice. It will be an answer from the Friend who knows our needs, our hopes, our hurts, our fears. God’s answer may be a resounding “Yes,” a loving “No,” or a patience-building “Wait.” But His answer is always the right one, given at the right time for the right reasons. Thank the Lord for hearing your call. Listen for His answers and know that they are perfect for you.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY – The month of July was a great success! Generous members have donated \$107,000 to be matched. Through your Christmas box donations, we collected \$1,506.28. That brings the Matching Funds total so far up to \$22,268.33. Please continue to add your extra dollars so we can reach our goal!

**YOUR SPECIAL INVITATION:** Every Bethany lady is invited to attend and participate in LWML.



We meet the second Sunday of each month. The purpose/goal of our ministry is to provide opportunities for personal spiritual growth, a richer prayer life, and retreating into the Word of God.

We value, accept, and encourage each other in Christ. We strive to help each woman grow in her relationship with others and to use her God-given talents and gifts.

#### MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible study at Terri Denton's home will be on Summer break. We will resume in September.

#### LWML FUNDS DISTRIBUTION

There were 13 recipients of Bethany LWML funds collected over the past year. The total distributed was \$4,000! I would like to thank the entire congregation for the generous donations and the help with our fundraisers over the past year. Without you, we would not be able to have a successful mission outreach.

LWML ELECTION RESULTS – Officers are President - Carole Wilson, Secretary - Debbie Duncan and Treasurer - Georgia DeBarr. Thank you to Kay Locatelli for her service as Treasurer for the past few years.

MITE CHALLENGE – Bethany's goal for 2020-2022 is \$3800. The goal chart is posted in the Narthex.

Praise God for each Mite and please continue to fill those Mite Boxes. Let us show God's wondrous work to others!

MEETING DATE – SUNDAY, August 9 th .

Put Sunday, August 9 th on your calendar. We will hold our meeting at 11:00 am after our outdoor Church service. We will hold our meeting on the patio.

#### WOMEN'S RETREAT- SAVE THE DATE!!! "SOUL" FOOD TO BE RESCHEDULED

We are still planning our Women's retreat. The date has change because of COVID19 restrictions.

Stay tuned for updates.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE – If you have an idea for a mission project, please come to one of the LWML meetings. Many joyful hands are an asset and doing the Lord's work is rewarding. Praise God daily and encourage a fellow sister in Christ through the spoken word, cards, emails, and prayers!

Carole Wilson – LWML President

### WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE AUGUST 2020

Sunday Services	9:30 AM		9:30 AM		9:30 AM
	8/2/2020		8/9/2020		8/16/2020
<b>Elder /Worship Assistant</b>	Bob Johnston		Don Fortin		Rick Martinez
<b>Ushers</b>	Doug Conner, Marv Braa and Devon Duncan		Allen Owens and James Quashnick		Kondo's and Barbara Herman
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Carol Schmidt		Barbara Herman		Howard Scully
<b>AV</b>	Machiko Celli		Debbie Duncan		Coco Martinez
Sunday Services	8/23/2020		8/30/2020		
	9:30 AM		9:30 AM		
<b>Elder /Worship Assistant</b>	Bob Johnston		Don Fortin		
<b>Ushers</b>	Allen Owens and LeLand Hesterman		McCalls and Devon Duncan		
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Paden Duncan		Carol Schmidt		
<b>AV</b>	Machiko Celli		Debbie Duncan		



## Bethany Youth Ministry Update – Summer

The youth group is hanging in there. The Youth group is still meeting every week via Zoom and doing a bible study. Thank you all that are doing it. We have a good time and we study the word of god. Kudos goes to Pastor Pledger for spending some time with the youth. We really enjoy his participation.

The Youth Group is taking a break over the Summer Time. Once restrictions are lifted, we will send out invites so we all can get together. We are hoping to meet as a group sometime in August. In the meantime, we just made a puppet video for the children's sermon and we are still meeting every Sunday on Zoom, the link to the Zoom Meeting is below.

**SAVE THE DATE** – We rescheduled our Mt. Cross Event where we will be doing ziplining and the ropes course. We will be going on **Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**. This is an all-day event and will include lunch.

Be safe, wash your hands, practice social distancing, and pray to God and Jesus. We will see you all soon!

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## Bethany Youth Ministry Event Calendar

Bible Study - Every Sunday Morning at 10:00 am on ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/810373457?pwd=Uzl3cWcrNzMrM01TWmMyWkY0WTg2dz09>

Meeting ID: 810 373 457

Password: youth



## *Preschool News*

We are busy getting ready for the first day of school on August 13th! We will have our all staff meeting on Aug. 10th & 11th! Preschool Orientation will be on Aug. 11th from 5-6pm & 6-7pm. We can't wait to welcome all 26 preschoolers to Bethany!



**Our Bethany Preschool children would like to thank Pat, Katy, and Mark Green for installing a sun shade over our playground. Makes it much more comfy for us to enjoy the great outdoors with our friends on a hot, summer day! YAY!**

## *August Birthdays*



Danielle Johnson	August 01
Kevin Shaw	August 01
Bryce Ledford	August 02
Caleb Liashenko	August 02
Scott Belyea	August 03
Chantel Lamphear	August 05
Gioanina Miller	August 05
Taylor Goodson	August 07
Leland Hesterman	August 09
Nicole Jamison	August 10
Robert Johnston	August 10
Helen Miller	August 10
Keith Kondo	August 12
Tani Quinata	August 12
Dawn Andrsh	August 14
Betty Anima	August 14
Zoe Strickland	August 14
Robert Hess	August 16
Tom Millett	August 16
Dylan Simmons	August 16
Pat Green	August 19
Sydney Van Aken	August 19
Connie Grammes	August 20
Patricia Pratt	August 20
Corazon "Coco" Martinez	August 22
Frank Primrose	August 22
Sandra Anderson	August 23
Brian Johnston	August 25
Shirley Helmich	August 26
Barbara Herman	August 28
Cathy Mathews	August 28
Allen Owens	August 28



*God's blessings on August Babies!*

*Statistical Report- July 5-26, 2020*



<i>Week #</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Worship Attendance</i>	<i>General Offering Weekly Giving</i>
27	7/5/20	Virtual- 33	\$8,860.00
28	7/12/20	Virtual- 40	\$6,635.00
29	7/19/20	Virtual- 44	\$5,630.00
30	7/26/20	Virtual-	\$3,351.00

*Average weekly attendance for current calendar year: 128*

## ***Meet Our Staff***

***Senior Pastor- Pastor Phillip Pledger***

***Church Administrative Assistant- Natalie Hart***

***School Principal- Dr. Chris Smith***

***Preschool Director- Cindy Miller***

***Bethany Church Council- Janine Browne, Hew Hesterman, Diane Irby, Curt Johnston, Karen Loewe, Mike McCall, Shawn Sanborn, Ron Shively, Carole Wilson***

***Bethany Elder Board- Don Fortin, Don Henrich, Rick Martinez, Jerry Miller, Jim Witt***

***Fellowship Ministry- Cathy Hesterman***

***LWML- Carole Wilson***

***Properties- Mike McCall***

***Youth- Kevin Shaw***

