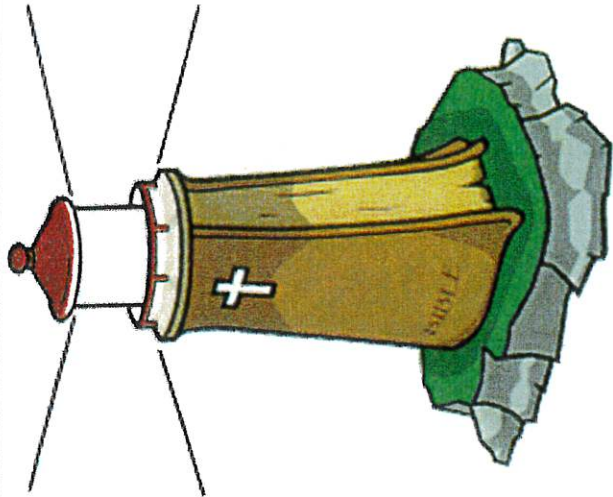


The Beacon

Bethany / East Lemonweir Parish
July 2024



Psalm 119:45

I will walk about in freedom,
for I have sought out your
precepts.

*Bethany and East Lemonweir Lutheran Churches
618 West River Street
New Lisbon, WI. 53950*

RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED



Dear God's Beloved,

This month I'm excited for Worship in the Park and our youth trip to New Orleans for the ELCA National Youth Gathering and Young Adult Gathering! So here is some information about both events.

First of all...Please come on July 7 to **Worship in the Park** (Heritage Park in New Lisbon). Winding Rivers United Methodist Church will be joining us again this year. 🍷 Brats, Buns, Lemonade or Water, Plates, napkins, and cutlery will be provided. You'll just need to bring a chair and a salad or side-dish to pass. Please sign up on the sheets in the fellowship hall if you plan on coming (it's nice to have an estimate so we don't run out of brats). Plan on singing some favorite hymns, celebrating the Eucharist, and participating in wonderful fellowship. We lucked out on gorgeous weather last year...but if there is inclement weather, worship will be at Winding Rivers. See you there!

Second...Have you been to New Orleans? If you have, we would love to hear if there is a special type of food or site we should try or see. We are already booked for a River Cruise which should be fun.

If you are interested in seeing what the large group gatherings look like each night...they are livestreamed! Look for a link on the ELCA Youth Gathering Facebook page or on the website (<https://www.elca.church/gathering>). We will also try and post a picture or two and a recap each night on Bethany's Facebook page. We can't wait to share more with you when we return home.

Please pray for all of us as we travel and participate in a very exciting, exhausting, faith building week that makes up the **Youth Gathering** and the first ever **ELCA Young Adult Gathering**. Thank you for your support!

Pastor Lucy

Fun Facts about New Orleans and the Youth Gathering

- 1. New Orleans was the first city in the United States to host Opera**
Today, New Orleans is well-known for its jazz scene and for being the birthplace of famous musicians like Louis Armstrong and Buddy Bolden. But few people know that in 1796, the Crescent City became the first place in the United States to document an opera performance.
- 2. The St. Louis Cathedral is the oldest continually operating cathedral in the U.S.**
On the north side of the French Quarter's Jackson Square, a white, triple-steepled church gleams in the sunlight. This impressive building is the St. Louis Cathedral, the oldest continually operating cathedral in the U.S., dating all the way back to 1794.
- 3. The longest continuous bridge in the world is located here: Lake Pontchartrain Causeway**
It is recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records for being the longest bridge to stretch continuously over water. The causeway spans 23.86 miles and was built in 1956. Motorists have been known to freeze in fear when they lose sight of land on either side. Babies have even been born on the bridge when their mothers couldn't make it to a hospital in time!
- 4. The ELCA Youth Gathering has been held in NOLA 4 times!**
In 1997 the theme was "River of Hope". It wasn't held there again until 2009 and 2012 (the first time the Gathering was held in the same host city back to back) with the themes "Jesus, Justice, Jazz" and "Citizens With the Saints." This year's theme is "Created to Be." All God's people are created to be:
 - *brave*, to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged.
 - *authentic*, to bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator.
 - *free*, to be transformed by the gospel.
 - *disruptive*, to work for justice for all our siblings.
 - *disciples*, to be sent out into the world to love our neighbor just as we are loved by God.

2024 July Worship Assistants

Greeters and Readers for 7/7 are pending.

East Lemonweir Readers

7/7 – Worship in the Park@
10:30 am

7/14 – Diane Clark

7/21 – Dawn Nelson

7/28 – Audrey Scholl

East Lemonweir Greeters

7/7 – Worship in the Park @
10:30 am

7/14 – Diane Clark

7/21- Roger & Dawn Nelson

7/28 – Jennifer Sarnow

Bethany Worship Assistants

7/7 – Worship in the Park @
10:30 am

7/14 –

Asst Minister – Mark Hansen

Reader – Barb Parker

Cont. Communion – Barb

Parker, Mark Hansen, Deanna
Smith

Ushers – Mike & Lori Esser

7/21 –

Asst Minister – Beth Preuss

Reader – Sheila Stark

Altar Communion – Beth
Preuss

Usher – Larry & Kathy Thome

7/28 –

Asst Minister – Michaele
Korbein

Reader – Ross Hardie

Cont. Communion – Michaele
Korbein, Betty Krotzman,
Galen Lingl

Ushers – Mark & Debby
Hansen

Needed monthly for only Bethany's part of the budget: \$9,960.28

	May	YTD
Offerings+Other Income	\$13,386.44	\$69,349.71*
Expenses	\$14,582.64	\$72,684.41

* includes East Lemonweir's reimbursement

HEAR YE HEAR YE

“O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good: for His steadfast love endures forever”.

Psalm 136:1

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Bethany and East Lemonweir,

East Lemonweir Lutheran Church will observe our 170th. Anniversary on Sunday, July 28, 2024.

To celebrate this occasion, we cordially invite all to come and worship with us at our 10:30 hour. Assistant to the Bishop, Dione Stepanek will be our guest speaker.

And, please plan to stay following worship for lunch and fellowship.

God's word is our greatest heritage,

EAST LEMONWEIR'S CHURCH COUNCIL

B-I-N-G-O

@

Bethany

July 14th

Hint for the big prize game: Sweet and Simple

*You can donate prizes to the Bingo Basket, if you want. Hope to see and hear you on the 14th!

B I N G O				
12	25	41	51	63
3	30	37	54	66
7	21	FREE	56	74
1	26	35	50	69
10	17	45	47	64
MILTON BRADLEY COMPANY Springfield, Massachusetts				

July 2024 Celebrations

If a celebration is not listed or you do not want your birthday or anniversary listed in the BEACON or on Facebook, please let the church office know by calling 608 562 3807.

Bethany Birthdays

Terri Fish – 1
Grace Faber -2
Brooke Costello - 5
Michael Kirkwood – 5
Allison Gollmar – 6
Frances Benson – 9
Edna Hansen – 11
Gregory Shattuck – 11
Willis Hutchins – 16
Brian Larson – 16
Tom Steele - 18
Samuel Hardie - 20
John Halverson – 24
Riley Krizan – 24
Callie Bever – 29
Albert Bigalke – 31
Inger Kirkwood – 31

Bethany Anniversaries

Cody & Shanda Sletten – 3
John & Brooke Costello -17
Trevor & Morgan Reichhoff – 21
Nick & Alicia Wyss – 27
Dennis & Sheila Stark – 28

East Lemonweir Birthdays

Devin Doller – 3
Gary Stoughtenger – 10
Arthur Slater – 18
Samuel Hardie - 20
Simone Arnold – 28

East Lemonweir Anniversary

N/A

Happy Celebrations!



In-Reach Ministries

*****Looking for volunteers*****

Who: To support individuals or families having a new baby, recovering from surgery, etc.

What: To provide a meal or donate a gift card for a meal

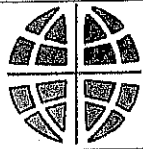
Where: To people's homes

When: As needed/requested

Why: To offer support within our church family

*****Contact the church office (562-3807) or Pastor Lucy if you can help with this ministry or if you (or someone you know) may benefit from Bethany's new ministry.***



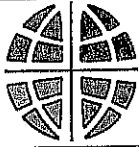


Bethany Lutheran Church – New Lisbon, Wisconsin

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 2, 2024

Council Members Present:	Pastor Lucy Hardie, Mark Hansen, Shane Gesler, Inger Kirkwood, Michaela Korbein, Deanna Smith, Larry Thome
Council Members Absent:	Karl Katuin, Glenda Swinehart, Christy Toelle
Guests:	None
Agenda	
Call to Order:	President Mark Hansen called the Council meeting to order at 12:01 PM.
Agenda Approval:	Mark Hansen presented the agenda for approval. There were no changes. <i>Shane Gesler made a motion to accept the meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Inger Kirkwood; motion passed 7-0.</i>
Devotions:	Deanna Smith called "Being Still and Know I Am God." Utilizing the power of stillness, we can allow the knowledge and truth of God to bring peace into our hearts
Secretary's Report: (Larry)	<i>Deanna Smith made a motion to accept the May 5, 2024 Council meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Inger Kirkwood; motion passed 7-0.</i>
Treasurer's Report: (Michaela)	The period ending 5/31/24 General Fund Register, Savings Summary Report and Memorials Balance Summary Report were presented. There were no questions after the review. <i>Shane Gesler made a motion to accept the 5/31/24 Treasurer's reports as presented, seconded by Inger Kirkwood; motion passed 7-0.</i>
Pastor's Report:	Pastor Lucy is starting to plan fall worship themes – will be including others in the near future. Pastor is on vacation starting 6/25. Pastor wants to move the bulletin board closest to the Fellowship Hall and men's restroom to a more visible location near the front of the Narthex. Worship in the park is set for July 7 th – Winding Rivers UMC will bring the brats/buns and Bethany and East will bring sides and desserts.
Committee Reports	
Discipleship: (Glenda and Shane)	The "In-Reach" ministry, which would provide care to the congregation, their friends, and their family by providing support in times of trouble, sadness, healing, and joy, has started and people are signing up to help. We are looking to do a "mitten tree" as part of the Christmas decorating at Riverside Park in December. Still looking at some kind of fall outreach activity.
Education: (Deanna)	There is a meeting in June to start planning for VBS in the July/August timeframe.
Social Concerns: (Inger/Christy)	The containers are out in the Fellowship Hall for items for the healthcare kits (toothbrushes, soap, and towels) are starting to fill up.
Property: (Karl)	No new updates from the committee as Karl was not in attendance.
Worship: (Larry)	June 9 - Assembly Weekend: Mark Hansen will be the Asst. Minister, and we will have a message from the Bishop that will be played on the screens. June 30 – Pastor Lucy Vacation: No Pastor available so we will have to lead the service on our own - no Communion. Galen Lingl will be the Asst. Minister and Larry Thome will provide the message. July 21 – Pastor Lucy will be coming back from the National Youth Gathering. Pastor Denny and Pastor Chris Hallemeier will lead the service.



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Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 2, 2024

Old Business

Mission Statement Update:	<p>The Council members discussed a couple of examples that Pastor Lucy provided. The statements focused around variations of, <i>"Gathered by God to worship, welcome all and serve all."</i> Pastor Lucy will send out a few additional examples and we will continue discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p>Larry Thome will send out a reminder before the next meeting for council members to be prepared.</p>
Wa du Shuda Days:	<p>Shane Gesler provided an update that Bethany needs to pay \$135 for the booth for Wa Du Shuda Days (\$100 for advertising and \$35 for the booth fee).</p> <p><i>Shane Gesler made a motion to approve the cost as presented, seconded by Larry Thome; motion passed 7-0.</i></p>
Bethany Website:	<p>Prior to this meeting, Larry Thome provided a link to the working website to council members to review and updated that since the last council meeting, the new website was 90% complete. Still need to update the calendar and some sections of East's content (Marlene).</p> <p>We are ready to migrate and replace the current website, but we need to have Chapel Sites complete the necessary steps for the migration.</p> <p>No vote was required, but council members were acceptable with moving to the new website.</p>
July Service in the Park Set-up:	<p>Pastor Lucy stated that she needed assistance in setting up for the service in the park on July 7th. Michael Korbein stated that her family would assist in anything required that day.</p> <p>We are still in need of a portable sound-system, but Pastor Lucy is going to reach out to other churches in the Synod's East area to see if any other church had one for us to use.</p>

New Business

Secretary Retirement:	<p>Betty Krotzman has decided to retire from her position as church secretary and will stay on through the annual meeting, with her last day being February 7, 2025.</p> <p>As stated in the church By-Laws, the Executive Committee of the Council will meet to discuss how to proceed forward with this staffing change.</p> <p>In the meantime, Pastor Lucy will get a job description example from her pastor colleagues and Betty is documenting all the tasks she does on a regular basis.</p> <p>East Lemonweir will also be involved in the selection process.</p>
Parsonage Air Conditioner:	<p>The parsonage air conditioner is not working. The air conditioner is 9 years old and there is a leak in the condenser coil and professional service needs to be called to fix it. Bolder Services has provided an \$1,899 estimate to fix the issue, and after a special church discount, the cost would be \$1,709.</p> <p>There is also water coming in the parsonage basement that also needs to be addressed. We will get more information when Karl Katuin is at the next meeting.</p> <p><i>Shane Gesler made a motion to approve the cost as presented by Bolder Services, seconded by Deanna Smith; motion passed 7-0.</i></p>
Next Meeting:	<p>There will be no Bethany Council meeting in July (summer break). The next Council meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2024 at 12:00 PM. Mark Hansen will provide Sunday service announcements in July and Inger Kirkwood will provide devotions and Sunday service announcements in August.</p>
Adjourn Meeting/ Closing Prayer:	<p>Pastor Lucy led the Council in a closing prayer.</p> <p><i>Inger Kirkwood made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Michael Korbein; motion passed 7-0.</i> The meeting adjourned at 12:59 PM.</p>

East Lemonweir Council Meeting

June 9, 2024

Members present: Marlene Pelton, Roger and Kathryn Pitcel, Jennifer Sarnow, Connie Wolfgram, and Roger Nelson. Meeting began 11:15.

Roger Nelson called the council meeting to order and Pastor Lucy led us in prayer. A motion to approve the secretary's report was made by Kathryn and a second by Jennifer; motion carried. A motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Marlene, second by Connie, motion carried.

We have a new electric box installed by Gray's Electric. There will be a representative from Rural Insurance here June 20th. There seemed to be positive ideas that Rural will pick up our insurance.

T2 contracting has scheduled our construction for the end of July.

Jennifer reported on Synod Assembly.

Pastor Lucy noted there will be a funeral for Lyle Gruen on Fri. July 19th.

There is a new Web site in development.

It was decided to reinstate the Greeter position. There will be a posted list in the Narthex.

For our 170th anniversary on July 28th the assistant to the Bishop will be with us and we are inviting Bethany to worship with us. There will be a luncheon after worship.

Roger P. made a motion to adjourn, second by Marlene; Carried. We closed by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Connie Wolfgram, sec.

EAST LEMONWEIR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Special Council Meeting

May 26, 2024

Present: Pastor Hardie, Roger Nelson, Jennifer Sarnow, Audrey Scholl, and Marlene Pelton.

Absent: Roger Pitcel, Kathryn Pitcel, Margarete Hummelbeck, and Connie Wolfgram.

A special council meeting was called following coffee fellowship Sunday, May 26, 2024. This meeting was called to act upon the proposals received for updating and correcting our electrical service. We have two bids for this maintenance. Gray Electric, LLC bid is \$2,399.00, and Joseph Crowley Electric a bid of \$2,205.00. Mr. Crowley's bid is \$194.00 less. Gray Electric can begin either this week or next week for sure. Mr. Crowley is a bit further out for a commencement date. It is noted that we need to expedite these repairs. Thus, a motion was made by Marlene Pelton and second by Audrey Scholl to accept the bid of Gray Electric. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Pelton, pro-tempore

Bethany and East Lemonweir Lutheran Parish

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9am Worship @Bethany 10:30am Worship @ EL	1 Pastor Vac 6/25 – 7/2	2 Pastor Vac 4:00pm Rachel Circle 6:30 PM AA/East Lemonweir	3 9:00am Quilting	4 Office closed Happy 4th of July 6:30pm AA @Bethany	5 Betty Off	6
7 Worship in Heritage Park 10:30 am with a Picnic No Council Meeting in July	8	9 9:00am Pastor's Text Study 6:30 PM AA/East Lemonweir	10 9:00am Quilting	11 6:30pm AA/Bethany	12 Betty Off Wa Du Shuda stand set up	13 Wa Du Shuda Dessert Stand
14 Cont. Communion	15 Pastor at National Youth Convo. Thru 7/21	16 6:30 PM AA/East Lemonweir	17 9:00am Quilting	18 6:30pm AA@ Bethany	19 Betty Off	20
21 Altar Communion	22 Beacon Articles Due	23 9:00am Pastor's Text Study 6:30 PM AA/East Lemonweir	24 9:00am Quilting	25 6:30pm AA @ Bethany	26 Betty Off	27
28 Cont. Communion	29	30 9:00am Pastor's Text Study 6:30 PM AA/East Lemonweir	31 9:00am Quilting			