

From the Pastor

There was a Sunday School teacher who asked her students, "Do you know why God loves us so much?"

A little girl ventured a guess: "Is it because God has only one of each of us?" When you think of it that way, you can see how we would all be precious to God.

We might feel like we're lost in communities of thousands or in a world of billions of people. It's easy to become convinced that we're just one of a crowd, that we're not that special.

But when you think that God has only one of each of us, it brings back home just how special we are to God. Each of us has been created with different gifts and abilities, different likes and dislikes. It takes all of us put together to make a complete picture, and to make our communities work smoothly.

In our weekly Prayer Concerns, we have been rotating through people's professions and occupations. It's a way to realize that whether people's skills are technical or medical, or whether they prefer working with people or with animals or with tools, it takes everyone together to take care of our education, our property, our emotional needs, our community infrastructure.

One of my favorite Psalms is Palm 8: *When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than the angels, and crowned them with glory and honor.*

We are just a small speck in a vast universe created by God. Yet, as the Psalmist says, God is mindful of us. God cares for us, and indeed has given us great status only a little lower than the angels.

Why does God love us so much? It may be just as that little girl answered, God has only one of each of us. We are each a rare and precious treasure.

In Christ,
Pastor Janet

Noted on church letterhead: First Congregational UCC in Tucson, AZ, where the winters are so nice that no one longs for heaven, and the summers are so hot that no one's scared of hell.

One Sunday after church, a little girl asked, "Dad, will you take me on a trip?"

"Where do you want to go?"

She said: "I want to go to the Holy Coast."

"The where?"

"Holy Coast - we talk about it every week in church!"

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Updated Pledge Offerings thru 7/26/2019

Budget Anticipated Pledges \$232,702

Actual Received Pledges \$224,231

Negative Difference of (\$8,471) Bethany is encouraging online giving with sign up forms being the Narthex or Church office. If you like the feel of the pledge envelope in your hand—you can simply write "I give online" on the outside! Any questions, please call office.

FUNERAL COMMITTEE MEETING: Will be held on Thurs, Aug 8 @ 1 pm at Bethany. **ALL** are welcome! Anyone interested in serving or helping on committee please call Pat Julson @ (701) 721-9337. Thank you all for your support!



Fall Worship Schedule

Begins on Sunday, Sept. 8th
With worship at 8:30 & 10:30am
Fellowship 9:30am
Wednesday School at 5:45pm
Wednesday Worship 6:45pm

Pastor Janet's Joke of the Month



Wednesday School Registration for 3-year-olds thru 5th grade.

Parents who plan to enroll their children in Wednesday school are encouraged to pre-register them as soon as possible. Please call the church office. (Children must be three by Aug. 1.)



Please let the office know if you would be willing to receive Newsletter's via e-mail to reduce paper costs!



June Ministerial Acts

Baptism: Emma Fassbender
Deaths: Richard Anderson, Donna Mae Olson
Weddings: Kyle Boster & Jayd Eggert

June Offering Report

6/2	\$5,217
6/9	\$8,054
6/16	\$4,683
6/23	\$4,618
6/30.....	\$4,271
Thrivent Simply Giving	\$8,156
Thrivent Choice	\$ 0



Our annual summer worship Sunday in the park will be **August 11th at 10:00am.** We gather on the east side of the Stav Church and will enjoy the beautiful setting along with Holy Communion. Please bring a lawn chair and join us for a special time of worship in the great outdoors! Following worship, we will gather under the picnic shelter for a theme of "breakfast/brunch potluck". Burger King & Ministry of Care will be supplying breakfast sandwiches until they are gone. Paper products & water will be provided! If it is a rainy morning, worship and brunch will take place at the church.

BLCW Coordinating Council will meet Sun Aug 25 at 10:00am



Thank you to all who have brought in items for the baby care kits. They are greatly appreciated!
**August Cause of the Month
Men's Winter Refuge**

The Men's Winter Refuge is a new cause of the month for Bethany this year. The Refuge provides emergency shelter and some food during the coldest months of the year. The Refuge shelters men who have no other place to stay overnight. Typically, the Refuge is open from Nov 1st to Apr 30th from 7 pm to 7 am (overnight only) for those that have met the certain qualifications required. They provide a hot supper for the residents each evening, along with a shower, and a bed. Bethany has contributed to these suppers a handful of times and it has always been appreciated. The Men's Winter Refuge also assists with emergency motel vouchers, emergency transportation (bus & train), and also utilizes their bus to take individuals in the community to the Lord's Cupboard on Wednesdays year round. They are continually looking for donations of paper towels, men's shower supplies such as body wash, liquid laundry soap and dryer sheets. Please help us continue to support the Men's Winter Refuge by using the global mission envelope in your offering box or using a pink envelope in your pew. If you have any questions or are interested in more information, please call Mike @ 701-822-2585.

July Ministerial Acts

New Members: Gary & Sandy Brown, Mary Nordmark, James & Candace Schiermeister, Bella Locrem, Angela Diaz, Ariana Diaz, Bryson Aucker

Deaths: Arlene LaFontaine, Brad Lommen, Kenneth Clark

July Offering Report

7/7	\$4,372
7/14	\$5,648
7/21	\$5,478
7/28.....	\$3,634
Online Giving.....	\$8,156

Bethany Lutheran Foundation

May 2019

DONATION TO FOUNDATION

Alma Lee, Don Hummel

CAROL HOLJE MEMORIAL

Muriel Rostad, Archie & Elaine Kress, Greg & Sue Johnson, Kathryn Swanson, Duane & Sharlene Tollefson, Marian Guss, Rosella Tollefson, Pat Julson.

DELORES SELFORS MEMORIAL

Greg & Sue Johnson, Duane & Sharlene Tollefson, Archie & Elaine Kress, Kathryn Swanson, Roberta Fletcher, Greg Simonson.

MABEL ENNIS MEMORIAL

Nieces & Nephews.



AUGUST 4TH IS "SUPPORT ALZHEIMER'S"
AT 10:00 FELLOWSHIP

Currently, more than 5 million Americans have Alzheimer's and that number is expected to grow up to as many as 16 million by 2050. Our future is at risk unless we can find a way to change the course of this disease.

Together, we can end Alzheimer's disease. Please enjoy coffee hour treats provided by Donna Randash on Sunday, August 4th. A free will donation will go towards advancing the care, support, and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. If you would like to join Team Snookie (Donna's grandmother, Louise) in The Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sunday, August 25th @ Oak Park please text 701-833-2623 or visit this website to make an online donation or join the team- <https://tinyurl.com/alzteamsnookie>

Thank you for joining the fight against Alzheimer's!

SUNDAY MORNING CIRCLE

WILL MEET SUNDAY AUGUST 4TH
AFTER WORSHIP

HOSTFEST

It is that time again! We are looking for volunteers and people to head up some committees. If you would like to volunteer please call the church office to be scheduled for a time or call Larry Walter (838-5329) if you would like to be on a committee. Thank you



SAVE THE DATE
NORSK HØSTFEST IS
Sept. 25 – Sept. 28
PLAN TO VOLUNTEER
YOU WILL BE NEEDED



There are more quilt tops ready to be stitched- no corners to match! We'll start quilting again in Sept. so we'll be needing tops. These are located in box under pew by elevator or door #3.

Thanks for your help! Sue Taft



HELP!

Lutheran World relief urgently needs school kits! I really hate to tell you this--- the stores are already putting out school supplies! That means we will again be asking for your help in assembling and packing school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Betty Frantsvog has been very busy and has over 200 backpacks ready for us to put supplies in. So, let's do the Bethany thing and fill them all! Following is a list of the items needed. Please follow the instruction carefully. All the backpacks should have the same items. And please remove all packaging; there are no garbage collection facilities in most countries and most of the packaging is not burnable. If you want to complete kits by yourself or with kids/grandkids, get a backpack from me and have fun! For those who would rather donate money, we'll take a special offering (or give money to me) and I'll buy what is needed. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Sue Taft

Items needed:

1. Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper (280-300).
2. One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
3. One pencil sharpener
4. One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
5. Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
6. Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
7. One box of 16 or 24 crayons
8. One 2½" eraser



Bethany Birthdays!

August:

- 1st – Kolby Begg, Stacy Nelson
2nd – Judy Anderson
3rd – Janice Klimpel
5th – Joyce Anderson, Nola Grover,
Kyle Simonson, Dorothy Swenson
6th – Kara Currie
7th – Valerie Gartner, Jordan Johnson
8th – Wyatt Cook, Donna Erickson,
Parker Everson
10th – Kelsey Blotter, Joshua Grotte,
Bruce Grover
11th – Clifton Anderson, Carlie Kuhnenn,
Darin Opperude
12th – Bernard Mattern, Alison Otto,
Callie Walker
13th – Hanna Fisher, Lisa Johnson,
Spencer Polsfut
15th – Ora Askvig, Casey Engelbrecht,
Chelsie Girard
16th – Cody Duchsherer, Shelby Holmly,
Donna Lee
17th – Bridger Field
18th – Jordyn Gantzer
19th – Sherry Hummel, George Walker
20th – Owen Casey
21st – LeRoy Beyl, Rebecca Heilman,
Zoey Heinze, Betty Lindsey,
Judah Reinholdt, Carolyn Seehafer
22nd – Eileen Meyers, Taylor Post
23rd – Susan Abel, Mary Hasse, Russell Kress,
Ryker Pederson
25th – George Franklin, Casey Mehl
26th – Matthew Enget
27th – Timothy Love, Haddie Lucy,
Jonathon Walker, Jason Sult
28th – Sierra Cook, Taya Morlang,
Peggy Schumaier, Carol Stolt
29th – Kristofer Hochsprung,
Cambrie Kuhnenn, Evelyn Vogel
30th – Larry Roth
31st – Jeanette Marshall
- Also, Happy Birthday to anyone whose name is not on the list. If your name is not on the list, then we don't have it, so please call the office!

Bethany Education News

The church's summer schedule is almost over with school starting soon. It has been a busy summer. Bible School (VBS) and Metigoshe Ministries Day Camp occurred the last week of May. Special thanks to Ariel Hirzel

for her continued support of VBS. There were also Jr. Faith Leaders helping corral 10 little ones: Samantha Walter, Wyatt Casey, Maeli Haia (Hirzel), and Leif Nelson (Myers). The church was abuzz with sounds of little voices singing, craft-making, and faith-walks around the church.

Once again, Camp Metigoshe provided two counselors for our Day Campers learning about God's Kingdom...and there was music and games for the school-aged kids. Shout-out to Kat Myers for handling the kitchen again this year as well as your story times with the little people. The kids and counselors were well-fed, well-hydrated and well-entertained. Also, a heart-felt thank you to Claire Larson for opening her house and providing evening meals to our Camp Metigoshe counselors.

Wednesday Church School will resume with a "Welcome Back" rally on September 11th and classes beginning on the 18th. The donation station trailer will be at our event, so please bring non-perishables to support the Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry.

Also, the church is in search of people willing to volunteer as Faith Leaders for the coming church-school year. If God is calling you to lead one of our classes, whether with the school-age program or the adult-forum, please contact the church office. We are excited for the coming Wednesday evenings we will share together. Remember meals are provided beginning at 5pm. To help defray costs, a free-will offering basket is available. Looking forward to seeing you!

God's Blessings!
Pastor-Intern Dave

June & July 2019 Memorials:

In Memory of **Arlin Pederson**
Undesignated from Claire Larson, Mr & Mrs Genhard Holen, Sharon Grondahl, Mel & Margret Schmidt, Robert & Linda Sundberg, Duane Olson, Ron & Pat Schimke, Ryan & Kylene Kraft, Lana Hood, Steve & Jodi Pederson, Dan & Kristy Leier, Susan Matteson, Mike & Deb Ohlhauser, Judy Anderson, Sylvia Iverson, Dallas & Ardis Johnson, Mary Jordahl.

Ministry of Care from Boyd & Phyllis Hanson,
 Donna Schmalz, Mary Carlson.
 Quilting from Roger & Roberta Larson.
 Music from Mary Sather.
 Carpet from Greg Simonson, Erna Pederson.
 In Memory of **Charles Allen Goodwin**(brother
 of Roberta Fletcher)
 Undesignated from Paul & Donna Mae Horn.
 In Memory of **Richard Anderson**
 Carpet from Greg Simonson, Gary & Becky Hill.
 Ministry of Care from Gary & Becky Hill.
 In Memory of **Donna Mae Olson**
 Undesignated from Marian Guss, Kathryn
 Swanson, Todd & Shirley Erickson, Leonard &
 Marlene Larsen.
 Carpet from Greg Simonson.
 In Memory of **Brad Lommen**
 Ministry of Care from Mary Carlson.
 In Memory of **Robin Borud**
 Undesignated from James Sundley.
 In Memory of **Carmen Bowden**
 Choir from Greg & Sue Johnson.



The Breakfast Boys are continuing to
 fundraise for new carpet in the Narthex,
 Chapel, and hallway steps. Please help
 them with this project as it is greatly
 appreciated! Monitor the progress on the
 thermometer in the Narthex! As of July 24th,
 updated total is \$6,100 of the \$10,000 has
 been raised!!



Food Donations Needed!

The Donation Station trailer sponsored by the
 Minot Area Community Foundation will be
 parked at Bethany on Wednesday, Sept 11, at
 the Back to Church Picnic at the green space
 just north of the church. It will also be parked at
 the church on Sunday, Sept 15. The food will be
 taken to the Lord's Cupboard Food Pantry.
 The top 5 food items needed are: canned meat,
 peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit and
 vegetables, cereal, and macaroni and cheese.
 All non-perishable food is welcome. Thank you
 for all your donations in previous years! There
 are many hungry people in our area and the
 food is so needed and appreciated. Thank you
 from the Ministry of Care Committee.



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