

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Mustard Seed

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Dear Siblings in Christ,

June Helpers List	2	Early in 2017 the congregation of Bethany Lutheran Church engaged in a process of thinking about God's mission in Onamia and then sharing thoughts concerning Bethany's role in God's mission. The congregation was engaged by this process in times of prayer during worship with additional conversation among members being encouraged. In April and May congregation members were invited to group conversations which lead to the development of this Mission Plan. Three formal conversation were held in five sessions engaging 27 members of Bethany.
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June Calendar	6	

The results of the Conversations are summarized below under the headings of "Currently Active Ministries" (ministries that the group wishes will continue) and "Potential Future Ministries". Priority points assigned by the ten people who generated the "Potential Future Ministries" list are shown in parenthesis as are the names of those interested in pursuing each area. Much additional help will be needed as Bethany engages in these ministries. So much so that the entire membership of Bethany and members of the Onamia community may find a place to be actively involved in God's mission in Onamia.

The Council will serve as an encourager of current, new and yet to be defined ministries. They will also, when requested and as able, provide resources and offer guidance to those taking leadership roles in the various ministries.

This report was submitted to the Bethany Lutheran Church Council for review and input. On August, 15, 2017 they approved this "Mission Plan" and intend to use it to guide the congregation's future efforts.

Your Sibling in Christ, *John*

CURRENTLY ACTIVE MINISTRIES (The desire would be to continue these ministries)

-ANGELS ANONYMOUS (6) (Judy W.) 2 **-THANKSGIVING DINNER** (22 YEARS) (5) (Norma H., Marian V., Joan E., Colleen K.) **-COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHOIR** (4) (Judy W., Joan E., Colleen K.) **-HARVEST OF THE EARTH DINNER** (3) (Judy W., Marian V., Shirley S., Ed S., Velma J.) **-RUBY'S PANTRY** (3) (Judy W. & Velma J.) **-LWR QUILTS** (1) (Velma J.) **-PRAYER SHAWLS** (1) (Dale K., Judy W.) **-SUNDAY NIGHT SOUP SUPPERS** (1) (Shirley S.) **-BASKETS OF PROMISE** **-BLOCK PARTY** **-DINNER FOR THE "NAMING PROJECT" CAMPERS** **-LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS** (Shirley S., Colleen K., Marian V., & Ed. S.) **-MOVIE NIGHT** **-ONAMIA DAYS PARADE** **-SUPPORT OAECC** - Diaper program/ Little Free Library **-OPERATION COMMUNITY CONNECT**

POTENTIAL FUTURE MINISTRIES

-Connections Ecumenically - (9) (Patti H. & Colleen K.) **- Offer to help Alliance Youth program** **-Seek out what people are looking for from church.** (8) **-Planning for future pastoring of Bethany.** (6) (Velma J., Patti H. & Judy W.) **-Different Venue** - Go to the people (5) (Patti H.) **-Camp Onomia - More involvement.** (4) **-Mille Lacs Academy** - Offer transportation, mentoring, provide service opportunities. (4) **-Use Thrivent funds** (4) (Ed S.) **-Establish mobility support/ Transportation provision** - (4) (Ed S., Colleen K., Dale K., & Judy W.) **-Social ministry group. A Calendar of Activities** (3). **-Get all members involved.** (2) **-Long-term Care/ Visitation Lake Song** - (2) (Dale K.) **-Publicity/ Communication** (2) **-Be a "Happening" Place** - If we do these things, people will want to join us/ God will bring them. (1) (Joan E. & Shirley S.) **-Help learn to prioritize Bethany in our lives.** (1) **- Fundraiser for the Community** **-Open House** **-Presence at School** **-Strongly encourage members to support the governing of the church.**

HELPERS FOR JUNE 2018

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

June 3
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Ray & Sandy Kephart

June 10
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Craig & Judy Hagman

June 17
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Judy Lundberg

June 24
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones

July 1
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Ed & Shirley Stukey

WORSHIP HOSTS

June 3
 Jim & Joanie Ellingson & Dennis DeFrang

June 10
 Gordy & Maverine Anderson & Chuck Anderson

June 17
 Ed & Shirley Stukey & Judy Waytashek

June 24
 Dick & Elaine Asmus & Norma Thompson

July 1
 Ray & Sandy Kephart & Marian Veasen



OFFERING COUNTERS

June 3
 Bruce Peterson & Craig Hagman

June 10
 Ed Stukey & Judy Hagman

June 17
 Sandy Kephart & Marian Veasen

June 24
 Dixie Peterson & Charleen Dahlgren

July 1
 Ed Stukey & Bruce Peterson

LECTORS

June 3
 Dixie Peterson

June 10
 Patti Hook

June 17
 Judy Lundberg

June 24
 Sandy Kephart

July 1
 Judy Waytashek

PIANISTS

June 3 Barb

June 10 Brienna

June 17 **NEEDED**

June 24 **NEEDED**

July 1 Barb

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

June 3 Cake for Senior Sunday

June 10

June 17 Hillman Group

June 24

July 1

If you can help out in providing treats for fellowship after worship, please call the church office to be put on the list. **THANK YOU!**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

June 5th	Kiera Kightlinger's Birthday
June 6th	Mark Anderson's Birthday
June 8th	Dwight and Bette Hagman's Anniversary
June 12th	Roger & Pat Estrem's Anniversary
June 17th	Ed & Shirley Stukey's Anniversary
June 23rd	Sam Virnig's Birthday
June 24th	Sarah Virnig's Birthday
June 24th	Pat Estrem's Birthday
June 24th	Tim & Darcy DeBoer's Anniversary
June 24th	Gene & Lorraine McKenzie's Anniversary
June 29th	Cliff & Marlis Saker's Anniversary
June 29th	Merlin Thurk's Birthday
June 30th	Charles Anderson's Birthday

HOMEBOUND OR RELOCATED?

If a family member or friend has become homebound or has been moved into Assisted Living or the Nursing Home, please share that information with the church office. **THANK YOU!!**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday through Friday 9am-3pm

**Pastor John is in the office on Tuesdays. Please stop in or call for an appointment.
 Pastor John's phone: 320.676.3130**

**DEADLINE for the July/ August 2018 Mustard Seed will be NO LATER THAN Sunday, June 24th.
 Please have all items in to Darcy by this date. Thank You!**

Approved Minutes for Council Meeting - May 1, 2018

Members present: P. Hook, V. Jones, R. Kephart, P. Olson, D. Peterson and Pastor John. Members absent: N. Holen

Consent Agenda was approved.

Old Business: A. The Alliance Church is done with their youth programming for the year. B. Floor Update: The entire basement was sealed at the beginning of April. The total billing was \$1,600. C. Furnace Update: The last work with the furnace will be done soon along with the installation of a new water heater. D. Little Free Pantry- Bethany is backing this ECFE project. There were some questions about liability issues which the council will discuss with Sue Bracken.

New Business: A. Annual Meeting plan- Pam will write a letter as president of the council. The council will provide muffins, coffee, and juice between the church service and the meeting. Some kind of "Nuts and Bolts" discussion will happen at the meeting. Pam will take the minutes and Patti will lead the discussion. There was a discussion of potential council members. Velma will be making some phone calls. B. A thank you to musicians was discussed. C. First Communion Class- There are two interested students. D. Senior Sunday- Kellie Schmidt will be recognized on Sunday, June 3, 2018. A special cake will be ordered for Kellie. E. Microphones- After a discussion about people not being able to hear what is said when people are sharing joys and concerns from the pews, it was decided that Pastor John will repeat what has been said so that everyone will hear the message. F. Communion Railing -Ray is going to check on having a smaller railing constructed that people can use for personal prayer or reflection after communion.

Project Updates: A. Annual Projects list- The council reviewed the list and then added the following items: Quilt to Synod Auction, Camp Onomia counselor commissioning, and the Stewardship Dinner. B. There was a discussion of exploring coordination and cooperation between some churches. The council decided it would be important to include an agenda before any meetings so that people are comfortable before meeting. C. Church banners- 3 double sided banners have been ordered. The message will be an invitation to Bethany.

Next month's council meeting will be Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned,

Dixie Peterson, council secretary

Un-approved minutes from May 15, 2018

Members present: N. Holen, P. Hook, V. Jones, R. Kephart, P. Olson, D. Peterson and Pastor John.

Members absent:

Consent Agenda was approved.

Old Business: A. The new flags have been ordered and should arrive next week. B. New Banner- Velma will be making a new banner that will be hung on the wall by the piano. C. Furnace- all work should be completed tomorrow 5-16-2018. D. First Communion class - should be starting soon. E. Welcoming Counselors from Camp Onomia- Sunday, June 10. F. Senior Recognition-June 3 for Kellie Schmidt.

New Business: A. Synod Assembly comments -Pastor John presented the council with the following information after attending the Synod Assembly. 1. A list of churches to work with, including their contact information. 2. A Step One, Step Two plan from Pastor Amy Odgren. 3. A list of project titles. B. Bishop's Visit- A possible date and activities were discussed. C. Parsonage tour- The council will take a tour of the parsonage on Tuesday, June 19 (the next council meeting) Darcy and Tim would like to take some fabric and rock out and replace it with mulch and flowers. The council approved that plan. Creeping Charlie is overtaking the backyard and the council will get an estimate to get a price on how much it would cost to spray the parsonage lawn. D. Fund raising to pay ourselves back- Darcy will make a sign- up poster where the congregation can sign up for as many money amounts as they wish.

Project Updates: A. Operation Community Connect- Norma will be there representing Bethany/ Ruby's Pantry. B. Onamia Days Parade- Bethany won't be participating in this year's parade. C. Musician recognition- We still need a date for this. D. The council approved a motion that we take money from the youth fund and spend up \$500 on a floor rug and 2 bean bag chairs for the Sunday School room.

Next month's council meeting will be Tuesday, June 19 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned,

Dixie Peterson, council secretary

June Council meeting is Tuesday, June 19th at 7pm

GROUPS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Prayer Shawl - Tuesday, June 12th at 4pm.

Quilting - Quilting will resume this Fall.

SENIOR COMPANIONS Meet at Bethany on the second Tuesday of each month from 9-11:30am.

Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 19th at 7pm.**

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND INFORMATION

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JUNE 3RD TO CELEBRATE KELLIE SCHMIDT'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION! WE WILL BE HAVING CAKE AFTER WORSHIP!

ONAMIA DAYS - JUNE 8-10, 2018

Please join us on **Sunday, June 10th** to welcome the summer Camp Onomia staff!

LITTLE FREE PANTRY PROJECT!

BETHANY IS GETTING A LITTLE FREE PANTRY! IT WILL BE INSTALLED BESIDE THE LITTLE FREE LIBRARY SOMETIME THIS SUMMER. A LITTLE FREE PANTRY IS A PLACE (VERY SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO A LITTLE FREE LIBRARY) WHERE PEOPLE CAN TAKE FOOD IF THEY NEED IT, AND LEAVE FOOD IF THEY HAVE ENOUGH TO SHARE. LET'S COLLECT CANS OF FOOD! BRING CANS OR OTHER WATER-TIGHT CONTAINERS OF FOOD WHENEVER YOU CAN. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LITTLE FREE PANTRIES VISIT LITTLEFREEPANTRY.ORG.

Onamia Area Early Childhood 3rd Annual RUM RIVER DUCKY RACE

August 11th at 1:00 p.m. - Many great prizes including a Kayak, Children's bikes, Cash and Local gift certificates.

Adopt a duck for \$5. Talk to Darcy or Susan to purchase tickets.

We'd love to have you help sell tickets - top ticket seller receives a prize!

The July/ August newsletter will be combined. If you have items for the newsletter, they are due on Sunday, June 24th

THANK YOU... to those who are giving through Thrivent Dollars!! Much appreciation!

RUBY'S PANTRY

Food Distribution Program. Everyone who gets hungry qualifies! You receive an abundance of grocery items for a \$20 donation. Bring your own baskets or boxes for food. Located at the Lions Community Center, Onamia beginning at 10:30 am the **FIRST Monday of the month. Registration begins at 10am.**

Next three dates will be JUNE 4th, JULY 2nd and AUGUST 6th.

FARE FOR ALL

This is a cooperative food purchasing program. **OPEN TO ANYONE!!** Packages of fruits and vegetables (\$10), as well as frozen meat items (\$11 or \$25). In Onamia one Wednesday per month from 3-5pm at the Veterans Club.

NEXT TWO DATES are June 6th and July 11th

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNUAL REPORT

I want to start off by thanking all of the previous councils for all of their hard work and commitments. Their work has led us to where we are today.

Thru the years we as a congregation have been thru many bumps and bruises but I have to say I love where we have landed.

Here are some of the things all of us at Bethany can be proud to have been a part of in 2017:

- Onamia Days Parade
- Hosted the Harvest of the Earth Dinner
- Hosted The Naming Project Campers for dinner
- Book drive for Bethany's Free Little Library
- Sunday Night Soup Suppers
- Ruby's Pantry
- Thanksgiving Dinner
- Community Christmas Choir
- Lutheran Relief Quilts
- Angels Anonymous
- Prayer Shawls
- Major basement projects

We are so blessed with talented people. We on council would love to have more join us (we do actually get things done in between having fun).

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting May 20th – the council will be providing muffins/juice/coffee.

Respectfully,
Pam Olson
Council President

Happy Father's Day

YOUTH HAPPENINGS



SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sunday School will resume this Fall.

JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3</p> <p>SENIOR SUNDAY</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10am Community Connect</p> <p>10:30am - RUBY'S PANTRY</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5pm - Bible study at UMC</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30am - Men's breakfast at UMC</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>PARADE - 2pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9am Senior Companions</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4pm Prayer Shawl</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>ONAMIA DAYS</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>FATHER'S DAY</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7pm - Council Meeting</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5pm - Bible study at UMC</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>July 1</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30am - RUBY'S PANTRY</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>

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President - Pam Olson

Vice President - Velma Jones

Secretary - Dixie Peterson

Treasurer - Ray Kephart

Norma Holen - Patti Hook - Dennis DeFrang

Music Coordinator - Susan Bracken

Administrative Assistant - Darcy DeBoer

**RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED**

Address:

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JUNE 3—Senior Sunday

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JUNE 17 - FATHER'S DAY

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

9:30am - Holy Communion

SUNDAY, JULY 1

9:30am - Holy Communion

