



Bethel
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Congregational Annual Report

(June 2021 through May 2022)

Semi-Annual Meeting
June 5, 2022

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Congregational Semi-Annual Meeting
June 5, 2022

AGENDA

1. Call to Order — Teresa Larson
2. Approval of Minutes from October 2021 Congregational Meeting — Teresa Larson
3. Financial Update — Scott Larson
4. Election of Servant Team Officers — Teresa Larson
 - a. Servant Team Vice President
 - b. Servant Team Treasurer
5. Adjourn with Lord Prayer — Teresa Larson

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
SERVANT TEAM

AGENDA

Congregational Meeting
October 24, 2021
Meeting called to order 10:01am

OPENING DEVOTIONS Pastor Carolyn Brodt

APPROVED AGENDA

Patrick Gale made a motion to approve the agenda, Nancy Garman seconded the motion, all voted aye.

REVIEW MINUTES

Kary Pfennig made a motion to approve the minutes, Roger Linn seconded the motion, all voted aye.

REPORT

Finance: Scott Larson presented the Budget Report for 2021-2022

Thank you to Audrey Gale for donating her musical services.

Thank you to Scott Larson and Rick Mendonsa for their financial services.

Two line items on the budget needed to be relabeled.

Jeri Wartena made a motion to accept the budget with the new labels, Patrick Gale seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Announcements:

Pastor Carolyn Brodt talked about the possibility of Bethel becoming a Creation Care congregation.

Lisa Herlocker said there were bookcases in the Youth Room that were no longer needed and were available to congregational members to take away.

ADJOURN

At 10:25am, Rick Mendonsa made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jeri Wartena seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Pastor Carolyn Brodt lead us in the Lord's Prayer.

2022 Pastor's Annual Report

From Pastor Carolyn,

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”
(Acts 2:1-4)

This year, our Annual Meeting comes on the Sunday of Pentecost. We will celebrate the Holy Spirit with the wearing of red and by having red paraments in our sanctuary recalling the red flames of the Holy Spirit. This year's dramatic reading about the Holy Spirit is from Acts. We are told about the arrival of the Spirit as a rush of violent wind with divided tongues like fire land on the disciples. Suddenly, the disciples have the ability to be understood in foreign languages. There were people from many lands and orientations present at the miraculous moment of Pentecost translating Jesus's message into languages from the Mediterranean North Africa, Western Asia, and Southern Europe. The outpouring of the Spirit, is a gift of God regardless of gender, class or age. From that moment on, Acts tells us that the Christian movement exploded with new converts being added by the thousands. Sometimes this is called the birth of the church.

After a couple of years of preparation and in conjunction with the Holy Spirit, Bethel extended a new call for a pastor in July 2021. It was no small feat to call a pastor during COVID and to keep the church going and worshipping together. Bethel had successfully reopened worship by the time I had arrived August 1. Together, the Leadership Team and I, have been navigating the ebbs and flow of the new variants of COVID and it's affect on worship always keeping the goal of offering a safe worship experience to all involved. This have meant that we have had to be flexible, which I believe we have done with grace this past year.

This coming year, I am hoping to begin offering some additional adult opportunities, such as:

- an evening study,
- a coffee book discussion, or
- a spiritual gifts class.

For God's Work Our Hands on September 11, Bethel will be adding a new volunteer opportunity with Rise Against Hunger, an international nonprofit.

God has surely blessed this congregation with new life and I am excited to see where the Spirit leads us together. I trust the wind of the Holy Spirit that forms the church and urges us outside the walls of the church to carry us out on the mission and ministry of Christ in the world.

PRESIDENT MESSAGE

June 2022

June 2022 started out with a rush of activity as Bethel wrapped up a lengthy, COVID impacted, call process. Our final candidate, Carolyn Brodt, was presented to the congregation at several Meet & Greets. Lisa & Matt Herlocker and Allan & Linda Dunn hosted gatherings in their homes for congregational members to talk with Pastor Carolyn. The Congregational Life Team also hosted an opportunity after worship one Sunday. In July we officially voted to call Pastor Carolyn as our new pastor. Her first official Sunday leading us was the first Sunday in August. In September, Pastor Carolyn was officially ordained and on All Saints Sunday, we hosted the official Installation Celebration for Pastor Carolyn with Bishop Meghan Rohrer officiating and including a delicious BBQ dinner.

After over a year of COVID restrictions, Bethel was finally able to meet in person and hold worship services outside with congregation still needing to wear masks beginning in May. By the end of June we were able to move services into the sanctuary with everyone continuing to be required to wear masks. It was so nice to be able to have services with the congregation in-person.

As COVID risks have been lessened due to vaccines and low transmission rates, it has been nice to have in-person events again. Christmas Tree Decorating, Advent & Lent soup suppers, and Easter activities onsite at Bethel together as a congregation instead of on Zoom are just a few examples. Understanding that not everyone is ready to return to fully onsite worship, we have also continued to have live streaming via Zoom each Sunday.

Working with Servant team we have been busy taking care of Pastor Carolyn office, getting equipment in order to continue with Zoom on Sunday mornings, taking care of security issues and scheduling the sanctuary's outside stucco to be repaired and painted in June 2022.

Servant Team continues to meet on the 2nd Thursday each month via Zoom which is convenient with our busy work schedules.

I want to thank everyone for your devotion to keeping Bethel going during COVID-19 and volunteering when we need help. It is so great that Bethel congregation is so awesome and I'm so glad to be back in person again. Let's keep Bethel going and thank you Pastor Carolyn for helping guide us into the future of Bethel Lutheran Church.

Thank you,

Jenri Larson

Congregation President
Bethel Lutheran Church Servant Team

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

Like all small congregations, Bethel is dependent on our volunteers to keep our community thriving. The programs that define Bethel would not exist without the support of each and every one of you. The many volunteers of Bethel are the heart of what we do as a community of God.

This has been especially true during the pandemic's upheaval and its disruption of our "normal" lives - including our many months without an ordained pastor to lead us. The volunteers of Bethel kept the congregation together through uncertain times, worked hard to welcome our new pastor, and remained flexible through ever changing COVID-related conditions. We've adapted and found ways to keep ministries active. Worship attendance and offerings remain consistent. Volunteers continue to show up to maintain our property; prepare the sanctuary for worship; and give of their time, talents, and treasure. Others have worked hard to keep members connected through phone calls, letters, and video chats.

As you read the following reports, take a moment to recall the folks you've seen in action doing God's work. Take a moment to acknowledge all you yourself contribute. Pause to thank God for the many ways God is using us today. Continue to pray and seek out new ways to live out your baptismal call to love like Jesus as we live among God's people as the community of Bethel.

Community Action Team or C.A.T. Annual Report June 2022

Ministry Team Members: *Kelly Mendonsa (Chairperson), Cindy Roxworthy, and Alta Winters.*

The Community Action Team (C.A.T.) is a committee dedicated to supporting the Roseville Community, including St. Vincent de Paul feeding program, as well as our sister Parish in Rwanda, and St. John's Program for Real Change in Sacramento. We meet whenever a need is identified. We are continually looking for volunteer opportunities to serve our community, and we welcome any ideas from our caring family members at Bethel. Please feel free to discuss any ideas or concerns with any of our committee members. We lost several key members over the past few years and would like to extend an invitation to any of Bethel's members who wish to serve our Lord by helping out on our committee or taking the lead on any special volunteer activity or project.

This past year, C.A.T. has been actively supporting the community in the following ways:

1. Bethel's members are active in the Ecumenical Feeding Program in Roseville. For questions or to sign up to help, contact Scott Larson.
2. This past September for the ELCA's God's Work Our Hands Sunday project, we collected cleaning supplies for Lutheran Social Services.
3. Members of Bethel support St. John's Program for Real Change (a homeless shelter for women & children in Sacramento) in various ways. We maintain a current list of items needed and donations can be placed in the white basket in the back of the sanctuary. We host our annual "shopping mall" for the kids at the shelter using Bethel donations. Kids are able to "shop" and wrap a gift to present their moms on Christmas morning. This past Easter, we continued our tradition of bringing the children Easter baskets. The Spirited Women's group continues to finish the drawstring backpacks to be filled with needed items for clients entering the shelter. Due to coronavirus restrictions, we were not able to have our annual "May Panty Drive" for the women of the shelter, but plan to resume it next year.
4. Lastly, we had a visit from Amani Simbayobewe of the Rukundo Foundation in Rwanda. Amani is a graduate of the Rwanda Leaders School (formerly Rwanda School Project) an institution supported by the people of Bethel as part of our over 20 years of connections with ministry in that country.

Sincerely,

Kelly Mendonsa

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRY TEAM

June 2022 Report

The Congregational Life Ministry Team plans events throughout the church year to welcome new members and create close relationships within our church community. Many of our activities are done in coordination with our other ministries teams like Faith Foundation and Worship and Music.

Like many congregations we have our traditions. Each year we plan and implement a full calendar of fellowship activities. Historically this has included:

- Coffee Hour Fellowship after worship
- “God’s Work Our Hands” activities with snacks or lunch
- Annual Oktoberfest
- Christmas Tree Decorating Party
- New Year’s Eve Party
- Lenten and Advent Soup Suppers
- Easter Breakfast
- Congregational Game Nights
- River Cats Games
- Congregational Pool Party and BBQ
- Ice Cream Party and 4th July Fireworks Display
- Camp Bethel (campout on the church lawn)
- Progressive Dinner Party

With a loosening of COVID-19 restrictions in June 2021 we were allowed to meet for outside activities and slowly we brought back coffee hour outside. We were able to have our Pool and BBQ party, an Oktoberfest, a Christmas tree decorating party, Advent Soup Suppers, a New Year’s Eve Party, Lenten Soup Suppers, and an Easter breakfast with slight modifications. Bethel hosted the celebration of our new pastor, Rev. Carolyn Brodt, with Bishop Meghan Rohr and other local clergy attending a BBQ dinner after the Ordination worship gathering.

As we transition to a post-COVID-19 environment, we are looking for new and fun ways to experience fellowship, so if you have ideas for activities or would like to help out with any events, please contact Terri Larson.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY 2022

For many years, the third Sunday every other odd number months, Bethel members cook and serve an afternoon meal at Roseville St Vincent de Paul Society Kitchen located on Bonita and Riverside downtown Roseville.

A meal is prepared with food provide by Bethel and St Vincent’s. Cash donations to help fund this program are welcome. Each year, the children of Bethel collect money during the Souper Bowl of Caring event and donate all contributions directly to this feeding program.

If you would like to help us with this ministry contact Scott Larson.

Faith Foundations Annual Report 2022

Faith Formation – Christian Education – Sunday School – whatever we call it, after a global pandemic it looks a lot different than we've always known! But since we know that faith is first built and strengthened in homes and not just at church, we've adapted and found new ways to grow. This year, that actually meant a significant drop in the number of organized faith formation activities for children, but an uptick in options for adults.

For adults, the arrival of Pastor Carolyn last summer, meant that eventually, when it seemed safe, a Sunday morning in-person adult Sunday School option returned. Knowing that not everyone was comfortable returning on-site yet, we found a way to use technology and bring those at home into the discussion. The group is currently wrapping up a study of the Gospel of Luke.

Our Little Lutherans participated in fewer in person activities but did manage to fit in a pool party last summer and pumpkin painting in October. As school picked up in the fall, it became apparent that the best gift Bethel could give families was individualized support and space just to rest. Families received activity bags for Advent and Holy Week that included Bible and craft ideas that families could use at their own pace. Weekly Kids' Bulletins and coloring pages are provided Sunday mornings as tools for faith formation – and as always, adults are free to use them too. We were able to return to an in-person, children's led Christmas Program and as always, our Little Lutherans participated with enthusiasm. The return to onsite worship as also opened up opportunities for our younger members to participate in worship leadership. They help serve communion, collect offering, and share spontaneous liturgical dance routines. May we all participate in worship with their enthusiasm and spirit!

This past school year, Andrew Chan continued his confirmation studies with Pastor Carolyn and me. We worked our way through a study of the 10 Commandments and the Lord's Prayer. In the fall, Andrew will begin his final year of confirmation studies with a planned Affirmation of Baptism Rite in the Fall of 2023.

We continue to rotate sharing Kids' Messages during worship. I am grateful for the help of Jeri Wartena, Pastor Allen, and Pastor Carolyn with this task.

On a personal note, I love watching these kids grow and can't wait for them to become active youth group members! It's always a treat to worship with them, share a Bible story, or just have a chat! What a joy it has been to welcome new children into our midst through baptisms and new births! Aside from Bethel, I continue to share my gifts with the larger church, too, and hope that my work in these areas leads to deeper connections for our congregation. I continue as the Adult Co-chair of the Sierra Pacific Synod Youth Committee and am on the Board of Directors of the ELCA Youth Ministry Network. I was the Synod Coordinator for the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering until the tough decision was made to cancel it. I hope to use my talents in the role again for the 2024 Gathering cycle and encourage Bethel adults to consider applying to participate as a member of the Gathering Volunteer Corps.

I look forward to more shared adventures as we experience God's love together as a community of faith. If you have ideas or suggestions related to faith formation for the people of Bethel – of all ages – don't hesitate to talk with me about them. There's always room for new ideas!

Lisa Herlocker, Faith Foundations Ministry Team Leader

Finance and Administration Team Report (Fiscal Year 2021)

The Finance and Administration Ministry Team (F&A) is charged with the responsibility of monitoring and planning the congregation's financial assets and with the overall financial operational aspects of Bethel. Working closely with the Congregation Treasurer, F&A monitors cash flow, budget compliance, pays the expenses of the congregation, prepares payroll reports for both the Federal and State governments, and reports monthly financial operations to the Servant Team. Our Congregation Treasurer, Rick Mendonsa, serves as a member of F&A, is our representative on the Servant Team, and supervises the offering counters. Scott Larson provides regular reports on the congregation's financial activity to the Servant Team, pays our bills, and files required synod and government reports. Jeri Wartena, Bethel's Financial Secretary, is responsible for documenting tithing pledges and preparing annual member statements. Roger Linn is our legal counsel. Thanks to all for lending a hand.

Our members' tithe in 2021 was \$83,874, as compared to \$75,452, an increase of \$8,422. During this time Bethel had 38 giving units, the same as in 2020. Tithe is a combination of envelope, electronic and loose plate giving.

Our tenant, American Montessori Academy (AMA) receipts in 2021 were \$42,866 as compared to \$44,827 a decrease of \$1,961. AMA receipts are based on a base rent plus a percentage of tuition revenue. AMA has a maximum capacity of approximately 115 children. In 2019, pre-COVID our AMA receipts were \$66,455. We anticipate our AMA receipts return to per-COVID levels as the local economy recovers and need for preschool and childcare returns.

Net Income for 2021 was \$5,061. Included in that amount was an unbudgeted expenditure for the replacement of the HVAC unit in Lentz Hall for \$8,842.

As of December 31, 2021, Bethel's checking account had a balance of \$12,391, our savings account had a balance of \$127,281, and we received a payroll tax refund of \$24.22 for a total of \$139,697. Liabilities as of that date were \$277.50 for payroll taxes due in January. During the year the changes in the saving account balances are summarized below:

75th Anniversary Fund — member gifts in amount of \$3,109

Operating Reserve — transferred from checking to savings excess cash of \$40,000

Parking Lot/Building — Use of Facilities fees received from Incarnation \$3,800

Pastor's Discretionary Fund — Installation gifts and funeral fees of \$960

St Johns, Sunnyvale Gift (\$5000) — The Servant Team authorized gifts to Mt Cross Ministries, Lutheran Disaster Response (fire relief), and ELCA World Hunger of \$1000 each for a total of \$3000. An additional pledge of \$1,000 to St Vincent de Paul's Feeding Program was authorized, but not yet disbursed — as well as a pledge to use the remaining \$1000 for this fall's God's Work Our Hands project in conjunction with the group, *Rise Against Hunger*.

Respectively submitted,

Scott Larson

BETHEL AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Statement of Financial Position Comparison

As of December 31, 2021

	TOTAL			
	AS OF DEC 31, 2021	AS OF DEC 31, 2020 (PY)	CHANGE	% CHANGE
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Bank Accounts				
BofA Checking	12,391.70	51,997.72	-39,606.02	-76.17 %
BofA Debit	0.00	0.00	0.00	
BofA Saving	-95.46	-147.20	51.74	35.15 %
75th Anniversary	3,109.00		3,109.00	
Alter Guild	205.65	205.65	0.00	0.00 %
AMA Maintenance	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00	0.00 %
BYG	4,490.92	4,490.92	0.00	0.00 %
Interest	587.11	587.11	0.00	0.00 %
Memorial Fund	6,020.91	6,020.91	0.00	0.00 %
Operating Reserve	44,043.82	4,043.82	40,000.00	989.16 %
Parish Maintenance	260.14	260.14	0.00	0.00 %
Parking Lot/Building	12,906.50	9,106.50	3,800.00	41.73 %
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	960.00	0.00	960.00	
Ruth Miriam Circle	292.73	292.73	0.00	0.00 %
St Johns Sunnyvale	47,000.00	50,000.00	-3,000.00	-6.00 %
Total BofA Saving	127,281.32	82,360.58	44,920.74	54.54 %
Total Bank Accounts	\$139,673.02	\$134,358.30	\$5,314.72	3.96 %
Other Current Assets				
Payroll Corrections	0.00		0.00	
Payroll Refunds	24.22		24.22	
Total Other Current Assets	\$24.22	\$0.00	\$24.22	0.00%
Total Current Assets	\$139,697.24	\$134,358.30	\$5,338.94	3.97 %
TOTAL ASSETS	\$139,697.24	\$134,358.30	\$5,338.94	3.97 %
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Other Current Liabilities				
2100 Payroll Liabilities	-7,200.00	0.00	-7,200.00	
CA PIT / SDI	100.00		100.00	
CA SUI / ETT	0.00		0.00	
Federal Taxes (941/944)	177.50		177.50	
Thrivant 403(b)	7,200.00		7,200.00	
Total 2100 Payroll Liabilities	277.50	0.00	277.50	
Direct Deposit Payable	0.00		0.00	
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$277.50	\$0.00	\$277.50	0.00%
Total Current Liabilities	\$277.50	\$0.00	\$277.50	0.00%

BETHEL AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Statement of Activity

January - December 2021

	Total
Revenue	
01 Tithe	
Deposit Corrections	0.67
Electronic Deposit	13,375.50
Envelope	69,745.00
Loose Plate	753.30
Total 01 Tithe	\$ 83,874.47
02 Designated Income	
Grants Thrivant/ VBS (FACE)	960.91
Other Gifts.initial	1,415.00
Special Celebration & B-Day	3,059.00
Use of Facilities	4,375.00
Total 02 Designated Income	\$ 9,809.91
03 Non Budget Income	
Miscellaneous	357.88
Property Tax AMA Reimb	3,952.06
Total 03 Non Budget Income	\$ 4,309.94
04 AMA Rent	
Rent Base	30,216.91
Rent Percentage	12,650.08
Total 04 AMA Rent	\$ 42,866.99
Total Revenue	\$ 140,861.31
Gross Profit	\$ 140,861.31
Expenditures	
10 Salaries and Benefits	
6560 Payroll Expenses	596.70
Music Accompanists	2,200.00
Office Manager	366.24
Pastor's Housing	23,333.38
Pastor's Pension	6,349.30
Total 10 Salaries and Benefits	\$ 32,845.62
15 Administration	
Bookkeeping Supplies	2,791.56
Convention Expense	314.99
Office Machine	5,062.59
Office Supplies	343.14
Postage	87.05
Property Insurance	3,759.00
Property Tax	4,192.68
Telephone/ internet	2,227.36
Utilities	7,589.62
Workers Compensation	375.00
Total 15 Administration	\$ 26,742.99
20 Property Management	
Church Bldg Maintenance	20.55
Custodial Service	1,409.74
Improvement Projects	3,196.30
Landscape Maintenance	3,000.00
Routine Maintenance	2,762.05
Total 20 Property Management	\$ 10,388.64
25 Community Concerns	
Lazarus Project	100.00

Sister Parish Rwanda		1,500.00
Total 25 Community Concerns	\$	1,600.00
30 Congregational Life		
Congregational Events		963.89
Receptions		37.47
Total 30 Congregational Life	\$	1,001.36
45 Faith Formation		
Curriculum		486.85
Resources		164.57
Total 45 Faith Formation	\$	651.42
55 Staff Support		722.08
First Call Education		184.15
Leadership Conference-Pastor		363.00
Leadership Retreat		206.53
Mileage-Pastor		260.96
Total 55 Staff Support	\$	1,736.72
65 Worship and Music		
Alter Supplies		327.10
Bulletins/ Beacon/ Directory		1,088.92
Devotion Booklet		72.50
Musician Expense		304.00
Pulpit Supply		1,110.26
Total 65 Worship and Music	\$	2,902.78
70 Benevolence		40.00
Sierra Pacific Synod		8,414.00
Special Benevolence		3,000.00
Total 70 Benevolence	\$	11,454.00
75 Non Budgeted		
Other expense		84.96
Total 75 Non Budgeted	\$	84.96
Payroll Expenses		
Taxes		944.87
Wages		32,527.20
Total Payroll Expenses	\$	33,472.07
Total Expenditures	\$	122,880.56
Net Operating Revenue	\$	17,980.75
Other Revenue		
100 Other Income		
BofA Savings Interest		51.74
Total 100 Other Income	\$	51.74
Total Other Revenue	\$	51.74
Other Expenditures		
200 Other Expense		
AMA Maintenance		12,971.06
Total 200 Other Expense	\$	12,971.06
Reconciliation Discrepancies-1		-0.01
Total Other Expenditures	\$	12,971.05
Net Other Revenue	-\$	12,919.31
Net Revenue	\$	5,061.44

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT MINISTRY TEAM

June 2022 Report

The Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team is responsible for repair and maintenance of the parking lot, landscaping, exterior and interior of the Sanctuary and the buildings leased to American Montessori Academy (AMA).

In accordance with our lease with AMA, Bethel maintains a saving account with a balance of \$7,500.00 for emergency repairs for facilities necessary for AMA operations. During the past year, we performed basic plumbing maintenance on AMA leased buildings and trimming trees that overhang AMA playgrounds and buildings.

Our church ground efforts have focused on pulling weeds, sprinkler repairs, and trimming trees outside the AMA area.

We have monthly work parties on the second Saturday of each month. We want to thank the volunteers who have shown up to help weed, trim, and perform minor property repairs. Your dedication to Bethel has made an improvement to our street appeal and created a welcoming space for the children attending AMA programs.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for specific needs around our property, please contact Scott Larson.

Shepherding Report

Annual Report June 2022

Ministry Team Members: Kary Pfennig (Chairperson), Lisa Herlocker, Scott Larson & Rick Mendonsa

The Shepherding team is responsible for development/support of outreach to visitors, prospective members and congregation members. This role has recently been formalized in the Bethel Ministry Teams structure, with Shepherding taking on some of the responsibilities that previously were managed by the CAT Ministry Team (Community Action Team). Further structure for the Shepherding Team is under development. The major focus of the Shepherding Team is to ensure ongoing contact with congregation members and to provide matching of support/services needs and volunteer skills/availability.

If you want to assist the Shepherding Team in support and outreach to members and visitors, please contact Kary.

Shepherding supports Bethel in the following ways:

1. Outreach to members that are unable to regularly attend Bethel services.
2. Linkage with the Bethel Pastor to ensure visitors and prospective members have a point of contact within Bethel and any follow-up needs are addressed.
3. Visit with shut-ins.
4. In the past, Bethel had a more formalized "Friends Helping Friends" program that included visitation and assistance with rides, meals, errands, shopping, and lawn or home care. If you need assistance or would like to volunteer in this capacity, please contact Kary. We'd like to know of needs and match volunteers to those needs.
5. If there is an immediate concern/issue, feel free to contact Shepherding. Together we can figure out where/who to reach out to...Pastor, Servant Team, etc ...depending on the need.
6. The Bethel Prayer List continues to be a source of hope, support, and prayer. We have an email distribution list and a texting distribution list. To begin a prayer request or to add your name to the distribution list so you can pray with us, contact Kary via text or email.

Sincerely,
Kary J. Pfennig
Cell: 916-952-1587

Worship and Music Ministry Team Report

June 2022

- The Worship and Music Team continued to meet several times in the last year via Zoom. We helped the congregation successfully adapt to a return to indoor worship in June of 2021, and continue to work on this with changing COVID conditions.
- In June of 2021, Bethel called Carolyn Brodt to be our pastor. She accepted and was ordained at her home church, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Granite Bay, with Bishop Megan Rohrer presiding. A few weeks later, Pastor Carolyn was officially installed during a worship gathering at Bethel which was also presided over by Bishop Rohrer. Pastor Carolyn joined the Worship and Music committee.
- With the return to indoor worship, the committee began to look at what events we could gradually return to and stay COVID safe. We began planning for more “normal” Sunday morning worship gatherings. Bethel’s Advent, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Lent, Holy Week, and Easter traditions returned with a few modifications. We decided to keep the individual communion “kits” for the time being and will be looking at other ideas to eliminate the plastic waste.
- Bethel has been successfully cooperating with Incarnation Anglican Church for seasonal worship gatherings, including Wednesdays during Advent, Christmas Eve, Wednesdays during Lent and Holy Week.
- Our musicians, Audrey Gale, and the praise band, A Wing and A Prayer, have thankfully returned indoors also. After providing for our worship outdoors for months, it is great to have them continue to help lead our worship services.



USHERS

Bethel would like to thank all of those who have served the church and the community by welcoming all people to worship, both strangers & members alike. Bethel truly values all of the responsibilities you performed and is grateful for those who served this past year – especially amid during changing COVID adaptations.

<i>Loraine Anderson</i>	<i>Mike Anderson</i>	<i>Lan Dodge</i>	<i>Jeff Dodge</i>
<i>Herlocker Family</i>	<i>Mavis Hotckiss</i>	<i>Terri Larson</i>	<i>Roger Linn</i>
<i>Kelly Mendonsa</i>	<i>Barb Morris</i>	<i>Kary Pfennig</i>	<i>Cindi Roxworthy</i>
<i>Jeri Wartena</i>	<i>Susan Woods</i>		

READERS

Bethel would especially like to thank those who shared God's word through the reading of the Bible Lessons, the Psalm, and the Prayers of Intercession, as well as other prayers. Their willingness, practice, commitment, and dedication are very much appreciated.

<i>Jeff Dodge</i>	<i>Allen Dunn</i>	<i>Linda Dunn</i>	<i>Patrick Gale</i>
<i>Nancy Garman</i>	<i>Terri Larson</i>	<i>Roger Linn</i>	<i>Barb Morris</i>
<i>Kary Pfennig</i>	<i>Bruce Seiler</i>	<i>Jeri Wartena</i>	<i>Lisa K-Chan</i>
<i>Herlocker Family</i>	<i>"Little Lutherans"</i>		

We would encourage anyone to volunteer to be a reader or an usher. If you would like to serve contact Barb Morris at barbeam@gmail.com or phone/text 916-715-4962 or talk to Lisa Herlocker or Pastor Carolyn.

Thanks & Blessings!