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**TRUNK OR TREAT AT BETHEL!**

Let’s make Halloween safe and fun for our younger Bethel-Lights! Bethel members are invited to come to Bethel on Halloween afternoon with treats, decorated cars, and masks.

Bethel kids (and their parents) are invited to don their favorite costumes, complete with masks, and parade around the Bethel parking lot gathering treats, all while keeping a safe distance.



should arrive no later than 3:45 p.m. in order to get set up before the kids arrive.

Treats must be store-bought and store-wrapped. Masks are required for everybody in the parking lot. Gloves are recommended.

Innovative ways to get treats in baskets from six feet away: PVC pipe, clean gutters, hand-held reachers,... Use your inner MacGyver to come up with ways to celebrate Halloween with our kids!

Families can arrive between 4-4:15 p.m. on Saturday, October 31. Our treat givers



**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP**

**Fireside Worship** is available to everyone with access to the internet. You can find the link in our weekly email or by going to our website. It’s also available on NTV daily at midnight, 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Cable Ch. 187, and at the NRC on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 1 p.m.

**Revive! Worship** will begin soon!

**ENJOY THE MINNESOTA FALL**

For over ten years, the Bethel Creation Care team has been leading Bethel’s clean-up of 1.6 miles of Highway 3 at the County 86 (aka 280th Street, near the Castle Rock Bar & Grill) intersection, through the state Adopt-a-Highway program for over 10 years.

Our fall pickup will take place on the weekend of October 3-4. If you are interested in helping, please contact the DeGrottes at [cgdegrote@gmail.com](mailto:cgdegrote@gmail.com).



**IS BETHEL IN YOUR EMAIL JUNK BOX?**

Bethel sends out emails every week to roughly 650 Bethel members and friends, with our Weekly *Banner* and links to the Fireside Worship service. Over 400 of the *Banner* emails are unopened. We know that most or all of you want to be informed about what’s happening at

Bethel, so we’re wondering if your email service is blocking Bethel emails.

If you have given Bethel your email, but don’t seem to be getting the information you want, please add [bethel@bethelnorthfield.org](mailto:bethel@bethelnorthfield.org) to your contacts list and check your junk or spam folders. If you have Gmail, please check your “promotions” folder, too. If you move Bethel emails into your inbox, you can designate that future emails will go there, too.

## FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR...

Dear Partners,

In nice weather, the drive between my hometown (Toledo, Ohio) and Northfield takes about 12 hours. One early January (after Christmas break), the trip took 17 ½ hours due to blizzard conditions in Indiana and Illinois and black ice between Janesville and Tomah, Wisconsin. I remember the fatigue and exhaustion that I felt. But I made it. Home sweet home!

Sometimes Covid-19 seems to be lasting a lot longer than I had anticipated. A part of me thought that everything would be back to normal by fall when school, worship, and leisure activities could be safely resumed. In conversations with many Bethelites, I understand that fatigue and exhaustion has become a familiar feeling.

Sometimes I wonder, how can we be church if we cannot be together? I was prepared for a three- to six-month interruption in our normal activities. And I am so proud of the many ways our staff has kept us connected. But

that six-month period expired at the end of September. It is October when you are reading this. “How long, O Lord?” the Psalmist cries (13:1). How long?

While I hope that the virus will be in our rear-view mirror come 2021, I am not certain. I hear commentators suggest that we will never totally get back to normal. We will be different. Perhaps better. But not back to the way things used to be. I hope that the commentators are wrong.

But this I know: the church will be different. I predict that this congregation and all congregations in Christ will be stronger, clearer, and more committed than we have been in years. Stronger, because we have realized how much we need one another and how much stronger we are together. Clearer, because we will have a sharpened focus on what Christ is calling us to do and to be. More committed, because among the many things we have learned during the

pandemic, we understand the life and death importance of this congregation and all congregations sharing the Gospel with the world that has suffered so much sickness and death since January 2020. The church will rise up - either in a distributed manner as we find ourselves now or in a more typical church with people coming to and going from a building to BethelLove and Light of Christ in the World.

Years from now, I will remember the Covid-19 journey of 2020 just as I remember the snow and ice trip back to Minnesota. And, in spite of fear, hardship, sickness and death, I will remember how Christ led us through the storm and brought us to a new day where, as one congregation in Christ, we doubled down in our determination to Share Christ's Love with a Big Heart.

Your Partner in the Gospel,

*Pastor Jim*

## BETHEL U FOR OCTOBER

All adults and 10th-12th graders are invited to Christian education this month. Zoom links will be available on the Bethel website and in the weekly *Banner*. All sessions will be recorded for viewing at a time other than indicated in the class descriptions, too.

**Explore: The Life & Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer**, with Rev. John Matthews, Sundays, October 4, 11, 18, 25, at 9:45 a.m..

We welcome back Rev. John Matthews to offer four sessions on the life and legacy of the German pastor, theologian, conspirator and martyr, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Pastor Matthews is past-President of the International Bonhoeffer Society (English Language Section) and currently an adjunct

instructor of religion at Augsburg University. He is also the author of two books on Bonhoeffer and was a personal friend of several family members and students of Bonhoeffer. (While all the sessions will include important materials, missing a session or two will present no problem.)

**Reconciling in Christ**, with the RIC Committee, October 7 and 18.

**Wednesday, October 7, 7 p.m.:** Join the RIC team for a lively conversation about the LGBTQ+ community and the wider church. We encourage folks who have a Netflix subscription to watch an episode of a show called *Queer Eye* (Season Five, Episode One) before our meeting. The episode follows a gay Lutheran pastor who steps into his

identity and connects with his congregation more deeply as a result. Watching the episode is not necessary; we hope to show clips for those who aren't able to view the show.

**Sunday, October 18, 9:45 a.m.:** At the end of October, the RIC team plans to do a final survey of the congregation to gauge congregational enthusiasm for adopting the Welcoming Statement (on the Bethel website) and thus becoming an official RIC congregation. The results of the survey will then be given to the Church Council who will conduct an official vote. On Sunday, October 18, the RIC team will be on hand to answer questions about the

## NEWS FROM AROUND BETHEL

Bethel **Vision Seekers**, our men's fellowship group, will be meeting on Wednesday, October 14, at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Details will be emailed a couple days prior to the meeting. If you wish to be added to the email list, please contact Kelly Groenewold at [kelly.groenewold@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.groenewold@gmail.com).

**FaB (Faith and Books)** is made up of women interested in expanding their faith through the reading of books, such as the current book, *Grateful - The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks* by Diana Butler Bass. (We have read only the first two chapters, so it isn't too late to begin.) Join us through Zoom on the first and third Thursdays of the month, from 9:30-10:30 am. Contact [lanareich@yahoo.com](mailto:lanareich@yahoo.com) to be included in the email Zoom invitation, or if you have questions.

Beginning on October 1, **Men of Bethel (MoB)** will begin a study of the book *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* by Marcus Borg. MoB will be meeting via ZOOM. An email notice will be sent the day before each meeting, and all you need to do is click on the link. We will be using a recurring meeting link, so the link will always be the same. All meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays and run for an hour. New members are welcome and encouraged. To get the on the email list, contact Wayne Kivell or Kelly Groenewold.

### BETHEL U, *continued from page 2.*

survey and to offer a brief overview of where we've been and what we've learned over the last year.

**Mission & Justice Forum with Kathy Chatelaine**, Sunday, October 25, 9:45 a.m.

We are pleased to have Kathy Chatelaine, the Director of Global Mission/Companion Synods for Southeastern Minnesota Synod of the

The **WoW (Women of the Word)** Bible study group is now meeting on Zoom each Friday at 9 a.m. We are currently studying Beth Moore's *The Quest*, which will be completed the end of October. If you would like to join us, please contact Myrna Luehmann at [myrnalueh@gmail.com](mailto:myrnalueh@gmail.com) or call (507) 951-7112. All are welcome!

**ARLA** (Anti-Racism Learning and Advocacy) is a group that wants to learn more about racism, how to actively combat it, and how to be advocates whenever possible. Our next meeting will be on Zoom at **9:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 13**. We will discuss a podcast in the "Seeing White" series: Season 2, Episode 5 ("Little War on the Prairie"). If you would like to join us, call Paula Mathison (507-645-7546 or 612-702-2496) or Connie DeGrote (507-645-7091 or 507-581-0240). You can join these discussions at any time. If you are unable to attend the discussions, you might still be interested in listening to these podcasts.

**Mission Quilters** will be starting up again, on the third Tuesday of each month (October 20 this month) at 9 a.m. in the CLC. Masks are required and stations will be distanced from each other. The need for quilts is great in our own country and around the

world as natural disasters continue to impact families. No need to be great at sewing. Contact Dottie Hammer with questions.

Bethel has a **corporate Zoom account**. If your Bethel group or meeting would like to use Bethel's account, please contact Nichole Porath. We'll be "checking out" the account much like scheduling a room in the church building.

**Parents of Bethel Graduates ~** Once your child gets settled at school, in the service, or in a job away from home, please pass along his/her address and email address to Barb Farmer or the church office.

**Pray with us!** Bethelites are praying for each other, church staff, and the world each morning at 8:45 a.m. Use the prayer from our Facebook post on Mondays, the prayer in the *Weekly Banner*, a prayer of your choice, or freestyle it. Where two or three are gathered, Jesus is there - even through social distancing!

Bethel's **Fall Blood-Drive** will be held in the west parking lot on Sunday, November 15. If you are interested in signing up, contact the church office at [bethel@bethelnorthfield.org](mailto:bethel@bethelnorthfield.org) or at 507-786-6674. Please wear a mask.

ELCA for Bethel U. Kathy served during Bishop Steve Delzer's term and presently serves with Bishop Regina Hassanally as Assistant to the Bishop. She brings rich experience from numerous Global Mission trips and will focus on the Border Immersion Ministry, Racism and Justice, and the ELCA Welcoming Congregations Network of AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with

Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.) Her work with our Synod, and well beyond will provide greater awareness of the opportunities for individuals and congregations to become more engaged in significant and timely service through the church.

Look for more information about these and future classes on the Bethel website!

## Children ~ Youth ~ Disciples ~ Children ~ Youth ~ Disciples

### WHAT'S NEW IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY?

#### Upcoming Dates:

October 4 - Family Sunday School begins

October 11 & 18 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent/Child *How to Use the Bible* Class

October 14 - MEA: No *Limitless!*

#### The Family Scoop

The Children's Ministry Newsletter and the Youth Scoop have merged into one weekly news source: The Family Scoop! Look for this weekly email on Tuesdays for all your news and Zoom links.

#### Reminder

For now, Family Sunday School, our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent/Child Class, and *Limitless!* are on Zoom. Check "The Family Scoop" email for Zoom links. These will also be posted on our Children's Ministry page of the Bethel website.

#### *Limitless!* Upcoming Break-out Activities for 9/30-10/21

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| K               | K Club        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Faith Stretch |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Games         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Music         |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Music         |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Magnified     |

#### *Limitless!* Activity Definitions

***K Club:*** A special connection time for our Kindergartners to bond, grow and have fun together

***Faith Stretch:*** Hear a Bible story and retell parts of the story with movement

***Games:*** Connect and have fun with fellowship

***Magnified:*** 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will magnify or look closely at our faith as we magnify/praise God through

exploration of the catechism and other faith building blocks. Fun finger fidgets are provided for use during discussion.

***Faith Building*** - Grab your Lego, pipe cleaners, wooden blocks, play doh, cardboard, etc. and listen to a Bible story then create an item or scene from the story.

***Serving Others Daily*** - We are seeding the world with God's love in SOD. These are service projects designed to bless our church, family, or community.

Be blessed! We're in this together.

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### BEFRIENDERS

"When the sun rises - and it will - what do we want to be remembered for?" (Mike Hart, Sioux Falls, SD).

This quote caught my attention because this year has been filled with stressful and trying challenges, including the Covid-19 pandemic, racial unrest, the current political climate, and extreme weather events. Just how do we want to be remembered as we strive to resolve these and other issues?

The stress of situations like this can be viewed as insurmountable obstacles or growth opportunities. Fortunately, we get to choose. We can decide if a comment or a judgmental statement is going to cause us to allow our emotions to get the best of us.

It's easy to blame others for difficulties in our lives. Pointing fingers of blame or wallowing in resentment, does not make life better or heal the relationship. By putting others down to make ourselves look good, positive change rarely occurs. However, when we focus our attention on relevant and current issues, while looking at the facts of the situation, even if they do not support our original contention, we can come to understand how both parties contributed to the problem. By sharing both positive and negative feelings, we can change and develop new ways of handling problems.

Beth Nielsen Chapman's song entitled, "How We Love" talks about the healing effect of kindness when we're faced with things we lack, or our

dreams are turned to ashes. Even the smallest acts of kindness - a word, a smile, a touch - can create an incredible opportunity for healing and growth. As these kindnesses are paid forward, a competition of kindness, as it were, can be created. This is the kind of competition I want to be a part of.

*Blessings from Bethel's  
BeFriender Coordinators*

A fundamental BeFriender principle: "Active Listening." For more information regarding the BeFriender Ministry at Bethel, please contact Marci Groenewold (507-649-0760), Knight Stanley (612-877-0893), Myrna Luehmann (507-951-7112), Vicki Roller (507-645-8999), Karen Mader, (507-301-4368) or the Bethel Office (786-6674)

**by Marci Groenewold**

## Children ~ Youth ~ Disciples ~ Children ~ Youth ~ Disciples

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUTH MINISTRY?

**All youth Sunday School classes** will start on Sunday, October 4:

- ✦ **Grades 6–8:** Every week, you will receive a link to a *Take Ten* discussion sheet based on the Sunday gospel. Families will be encouraged to take 10 minutes out of their Sunday (or another day if that works better for your family) to share highs and lows, read the gospel reading, discuss a few questions, say a prayer, and give each other a blessing. The rest of the day is left to really worship and rest in God in any way that feels right for you. Our hope is that this will help provide our middle school families with a true Sabbath.
- ✦ **Grades 9-12 - Bethel U:** A Zoom link to Bethel U offerings (see page 3) will be available in the weekly *Banner* and the *Family Scoop* each week.

#### **Confirmation classes have started!**

Zoom links to the classes are sent in the weekly Tuesday emails:

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Meeting ID: 865 3121 7867, Passcode: 374834

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Meeting ID: 897 3193 1651, Passcode: 052657

9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Meeting ID: 894 0332 7183, Passcode: 008540

**Our first 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Connections meeting for this school year** will be held by Zoom on Wednesday, October 7, at 7 p.m.

**There will be no confirmation classes or youth programming on Wednesday, October 14, due to the MEA break.**

**9ers & Mentors** ~ Our Mentor Fall Kick-off will be held on Sunday, October 25, via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. Watch your email for a Zoom link and further details.

**Looking Ahead to Next Summer (Yikes!)** ~ In great hope, we're planning summer trips! Open door informational Zoom meetings for summer trips:

#### Tuesday, October 20

7 p.m. Camp Wapo  
(2020-21 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> graders)

8 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Service Trip  
(2020-21 8<sup>th</sup> graders)

#### Thursday, October 22

7 p.m. Christikon  
(2020-21 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders)

8 p.m. HS Outdoor Trip  
(2020-20 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders)

Trip information and Zoom links will be sent prior to the meetings. Please plan to attend and learn more about Bethel's great summer trip offerings!

#### **High School Seniors & Parents** ~

The first of three Faith Stepping Stones retreats will be on Sunday, November 15, focusing on looking back, assessing the present, and looking forward as families begin this busy transitional year. We will meet by Zoom, from 1–2:30 p.m. More details will be sent by email.

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### SCRIP NEWS

Just a reminder, Scrip users!! We have received permission for you to access the church on a modified basis to purchase Scrip cards! Please Lori Cowdin (612-226-7022) or Krista Sorenson (507-663-0503) to schedule a time to make your purchase.

There are still Kwik Trip cards in stock earning 10% as well as the 'regular' stock cards: Cub, Caribou, Starbuck's, Dairy Queen, Kohl's, Holiday, Speedway, Target, Pizza Hut, Domino's and more! If you have not yet set up your online account with Great Lakes Scrip, please think about it. This allows you access to even more retailers, many of which allow you immediate downloads! You may call Lori or Krista for help setting this up.

**Thank you for your support during this very strange time we are living in!!**

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| <b>FISCAL HEALTH</b> <i>as of August 31, 2020</i> |                    |                  |                  |                         |                  |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
|   | ACTUAL<br>Aug 2020 | YEAR TO DATE     |                  |                         | Annual<br>Budget |
|   |                    | Actual           | Budget           | Fav (Unfav)<br>Variance |                  |
| <b>Revenue</b>                                    |                    |                  |                  |                         |                  |
| Total Revenue                                     | <u>\$59,645</u>    | <u>\$643,819</u> | <u>\$646,977</u> | <u>\$(3,158)</u>        | <u>\$990,000</u> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                   |                    |                  |                  |                         |                  |
| Personnel   | \$45,102           | \$364,755        | \$434,664        | \$69,909                | \$704,549        |
| Facilities/Reserves                               | 4,410              | \$57,263         | 84,723           | 27,460                  | 126,765          |
| Benevolence                                       | 3,958              | \$38,017         | 38,017           | -                       | 62,380           |
| Youth Formation                                   | 268                | \$6,517          | 19,739           | 13,222                  | 29,700           |
| Administration                                    | 1,661              | \$19,227         | 31,521           | 12,294                  | 51,475           |
| Adult & Family Formation                          | -                  | \$1,029          | 3,192            | 2,163                   | 4,845            |
| Worship   | 156                | \$4,550          | 4,836            | 286                     | 6,884            |
| Congregational Life                               | -                  | <u>\$3,979</u>   | <u>2,495</u>     | <u>(1,484)</u>          | <u>3,402</u>     |
| Total Expenses                                    | <u>\$55,555</u>    | <u>\$495,337</u> | <u>\$619,187</u> | <u>\$123,850</u>        | <u>\$990,000</u> |
| <b>Net Income (Loss)</b>                          | <b>\$4,090</b>     | <b>\$148,482</b> | <b>\$27,790</b>  | <b>\$120,692</b>        | <b>0*</b>        |

*\*We always budget our revenue to meet expenses.*

**FINANCIAL NOTES**

We continue to have incredible support from our members, resulting in another great month. We are so thankful to all of you!

Net Income

Aug: \$4k net income vs. \$21k net loss budgeted. We do not have our typical programming start-up expenses, nor transportation costs from youth summer trips.

Revenue

Aug: \$60k actual vs. \$67k budgeted. This is the first time since March that revenue has been under budget. Facility rental income is also down 40% to budget.

Expense

Aug: \$56k actual vs. \$99k budgeted. YTD expenses are \$495k vs. \$619k budgeted. Personnel is 16% below budget as we do not have a co-senior Pastor and have two unfilled staff vacancies. Programming expenses are less than half of what was budgeted. Facilities expenses are significantly underrunning due to lower utility expenses, custodial supplies and maintenance.

Mortgage balance: \$71,400 (incredible!)

Endowment Fund balance: \$14,137



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## FROM OUR MISSION INTERPRETER

*By Lois Stratmoen*

Certainly one of our missions for the ELCA is to work to defeat work hunger. Read on to see what we are doing as we work with Luther World Relief

### ELCA and LWR partner to fight COVID-19 around the world

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has worked with Lutheran World Relief (LWR) to repurpose \$160,000 in project funding for emergency responses to the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

The funding will be used for food assistance in Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras, which have been hard-hit by the coronavirus and the resulting economic disruption that is causing increased hunger. In Africa, the support will provide improved water, sanitation and hygiene, along with personal protective equipment, to displaced communities in South Sudan. And a project in Nepal will ensure that quarantine facilities are hygienic and comfortable, and that households economically affected by COVID-19 are able to cultivate their crops and sustain their small-scale businesses.

“Thanks to the flexibility and rapid action of our ELCA partners, LWR has been able to quickly ramp up these emergency responses to COVID-19,” said Daniel Speckhard, LWR president and CEO. “This is so important because COVID-19 is a major threat to the resilience and well-being of the communities where we serve. Lives will be saved as a result of this support.”

“The ELCA has a tradition of standing with our global neighbors in good times and in bad,” said the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the ELCA.

## FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

We are again in awe of and exceedingly grateful for the people of Bethel! Our Council, Finance and Stewardship Committees received the news that, in spite of all that is taking place in the world, giving has remained at traditional levels throughout the pandemic and our usual slower summer months (see page 6). We are overwhelmed with the positive response that reflects your support for our ongoing ministry and faith in Bethel’s leaders.

In reflecting on the “why” of this generosity we have concluded:

- ✘ The people of Bethel have a long history of generosity. Why would you stop now?
- ✘ We understand that it is in the giving that we receive. Sharing with others is our joy.
- ✘ Bethel continues to be a priority for giving. Some families have had to reduce, but others have increased their giving and some are now giving significantly for the first time.
- ✘ Bethel members are showing support for the staff and ministries that continue even in the middle of

very challenging circumstances.

- ✘ Many members have chosen to give through automatic deduction. Others drop off or mail their offering. As a result, giving continues even when we are not physically present in worship.
- ✘ We understand that giving is an important part of worship and an essential part of our faith in God, who is the most generous giver of all.

Good stewardship is not just about giving money. Many Bethelites are giving their time and talents, too. Worship leaders give time and talent for meaningful online and “drive-in” worship. People are delivering food, and calling others to stay connected and offer encouragement. The pandemic, like other disasters, often brings out the best in others. We thank you for what you do in the name of Jesus, to ***Share Christ’s Love with a Big Heart.***

We don’t know what the future holds but we trust that we will be back together in person as a congregation “in due season.” In the meantime, we remain a congregation of faithful believers and servants of Christ who

continue to be fed and inspired by our connection with Bethel and the ministry in which we participate with our church family, our community, and the world. As Bethel’s vision so beautifully states, may we continue to **Bethel Love & Light of Christ in the World.**

Thank you, members of Bethel for all you give!

*- Gordon Olson, Stewardship Chair,  
Pastor Tim McDermott, Don Pavek,  
Vicki Roller, Noel Stratmoen, Pam Vig*

## REACHING OUT

**Northfield Shares** is amazed by how you have already stepped up to help, and now **our community is again in great need.** Can you purchase a set of sheets, sew isolation gowns or masks, or help at the Northfield Food Shelf? Whether you support our community through giving of your time, energy, or donations, your help and generosity is felt in ripples across our community. Learn more at [northfieldshares.org](http://northfieldshares.org) or contact Rachel Miessler. Thank you for caring for our community!



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# Bethel Love & Light of Christ in the World

*Bethel's Vision*

**OCTOBER 2020**



*Bethel's Mission*

## THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to the Bethel staff, leadership, and community for all the support that you have given me over the past seven years. I appreciate the abundant care, encouragement, and kind words that you have offered. What a wonderful Bethel family we have!

Working at Bethel has truly been a pleasure. I feel incredibly blessed to have been able to work with our amazing church staff. Looking forward, I am excited at the prospect of having more unscheduled time. And I am

hopeful that we will all be able to see more of each other in the future.

With sincere thanks,

*- Alice Carson*

*Thank You!*



We want to thank all teachers and school staff members from custodians to office administrators for their very, very, very difficult job in considering and discussing and acting on how to create a school year so that kids of all ages can both learn as they should and be safe in the process. Thank you all.

*- Bruce and Jan Roberts*

## RESOURCES IN THE VESTIBULE

Hey, if you haven't come through the front doors of Bethel lately, stop by!

- ✘ We have the October **Christ in Our Home** booklets available to help you with daily devotions.
- ✘ We've also got a **puzzle exchange** - bring a puzzle, take a puzzle if you're looking for a fun diversion.
- ✘ Are you missing a coat, a pair of glasses, a hat? Check out **[bethelnorthfield.org/lostandfound](http://bethelnorthfield.org/lostandfound)** - we can put your item in the vestibule for pick-up. Unclaimed items will be put on Northfield in Need on November 1.