

Bethel Broadcaster

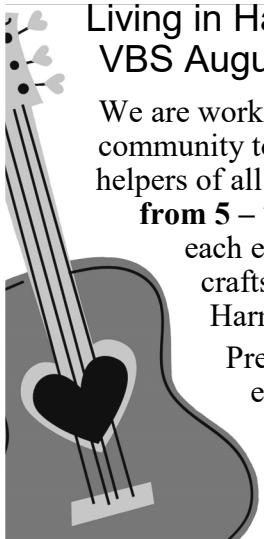


July ☼ 2025

Living in Harmony VBS August 4th-7th

We are working with four other congregations in the community to plan Vacation Bible School for kids and helpers of all ages. VBS will take place **August 4th-7th from 5 – 7 pm at Bethel**. Campers are invited to join us each evening for a free family supper, games, songs, crafts, and Bible stories that will teach us to Live in Harmony with the world and with each other.

Pre-registration is encouraged to help us secure enough supplies. Registration forms are available on the teacart in the Fireside Room. We hope you can join us! Contact Stefanie Ehle (sehle@uwalumni.com) with questions or to learn how you can volunteer!

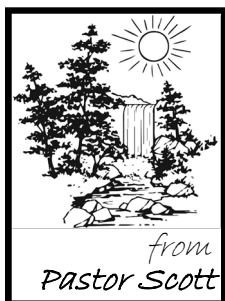


ARC / Kiwanis Blood Drive

Bethel's Fellowship Room will be the location of an American Red Cross Blood Drive hosted by our local Kiwanis club on Thursday, July 24th. Appointments will run from 9 am – 2 pm. The Red Cross is usually here to set up 1-2 hours before and about 1 hour after. There is currently a great need for blood in our region.

Please make an appointment today.
Go to RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.
Thank you.





Greetings,

I hope this newsletter finds you well! As a minister, I'm blessed to be welcomed into many sacred moments in times of sorrow and joy in people's lives. At times, we may feel alone in our grief, and yearn for 'the good times' when we feel supported in our accomplishments.

Being part of a faith community allows for us to know that we are surrounded by people who are going to be there for us in good times and bad. Truly, some of the most tender moments I've been a part of has been in times of absolute tragedy and grief. God's presence can be felt without a word being spoken, purely through the ministry of presence.

Emily Dickinson wrote in a time of great societal upheaval, in many ways not unlike today. Poetry has a timeless quality that can challenge, comfort, and transcend the moment for the listener. How would this poem be heard as the United States in the grip of the Civil War? (Although she wrote extensively, she wasn't published until 1890, four years after her death.)

Hope is the thing with feathers
Emily Dickinson

Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all,
And sweetest in the gale is heard;
And sore must be the storm
That could abash the little bird
That kept so many warm.
I've heard it in the chilliest land,
And on the strangest sea;



Yet, never, in extremity,
It asked a crumb of me.

This poem is in the public domain.

Perhaps this is why the liturgy and hymns are such a vital part of the worship experience. Although song is an art form unto itself, poetry is undeniably at work, as with Scripture as a whole. How do we have hope when those in power are using it with cruel intent, indifference, and seem to delight in the despair of those who care about the safety of others, even those we may never meet? This is a question I struggle with these days, as my understanding of the Christian faith is that we are called to see all people as beloved children of God. I give thanks for Scripture, not to reinforce my own biases, but as the source of inspiration from the Holy Spirit that grounds and sustains.

Read the poetic words of David in Psalm 62. David was quite a musician and wordsmith. Although he fell short and misused his earthly power as King, he also was wise when called to repentance, be it by prophet or his own conscience. Where do you hear God directing you through these words?

Psalm 62 Song of Trust in God Alone
A Psalm of David

- ¹ For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.
- ² He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall never be shaken.
- ³ How long will you assail a person,
will you batter your victim, all of you,
as you would a leaning wall, a tottering fence?
- ⁴ Their only plan is to bring down a person of prominence.
They take pleasure in falsehood;

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they bless with their mouths,
but inwardly they curse.
⁵ For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.
⁶ He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
⁷ On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.
⁹ Those of low estate are but a breath;
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.
¹⁰ Put no confidence in extortion,
and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.
¹¹ Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,
¹² and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.
For you repay to all
according to their work.



Every day is an opportunity to connect with God through the magnificent and mundane. And the best part—that we have so many opportunities to do so in a spirit of unity and hope.

Peace to you,

Pastor Scott Ehle



Thanks for the Scholarship _____

Dear Bethel,

Thank you so much for the scholarship! I wish I had been able to be there in person to accept it because I love being a part of the church community.

I will use the scholarship to support my studies of international business at the University of St. Thomas.

Thank you!

Anton Flatt

A Note of Thanks _____

Steve & Barb Golz send their thanks to the congregation for the tremendous support of the June 12th Ryan Golz Memorial Golf Outing at Little River! God watched out over the outing as it was beautiful weather for golf, with no rain! The next day it rained all day!

The turnout was great, with 25 foursomes & 120 people for dinner. Bethel was very well represented in all aspects of the event with the "choir boys" as a foursome, and also hole sponsors, donations & volunteers. Bethel has always been great supporters of the golf outing & our scholarship program!



This year we awarded 5 scholarships for \$2,000 each & have now awarded 18 totaling \$35,000 over the last 6 years since Ryan passed away! Addison Lacy (daughter of Josh & Adrienne) was one of this year's recipients & Sam Sommerfeldt was a recipient last year. Thank you so much for your ongoing support!





Thank You to June Coffee Hour Servers _____

Anne Kelley & Tavia Hult; Debbie Doubek & Sue Poutinen; Cindy & Jim Baur.

More Greeters & Ushers Needed _____

We are in need of more volunteers to greet and usher on Sunday mornings. We are currently rotating through only 5 greeters and 5 ushers. With summer here it may be difficult to find a replacement to cover these jobs. Please consider how you can help in one of these volunteer opportunities. Dale Herbst or Kinsley Doubek can tell you about how to be a greeter. Steve Olson or Dale VanDuinen can tell you about how to be an usher.

Coffee Hour _____

Coffee (and maybe treats) will be available from 8:30 am until our worship service begins on Sundays *if there is a host*. Check the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Room before you leave today and take a turn.

Hosting coffee hour can be as simple or extravagant as the host likes. If you like to bake, yay! If you want to bring an easy treat from the store, terrific! If you prefer to serve only coffee, that's great too! Set up & clean up can be just as easy. You decide. Pick a date and sign up today.



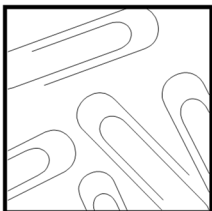
A Successful MHS / ARC Blood Drive _____

Here's some information on the MHS blood drive held here on June 20th starting with collection results from that drive:

M 31 presenting donors; 2 first time donors; 3 deferrals;
22 whole blood units collected; 8 Power Red units
collected = **30 total units collected.**

This drive is the last drive of the '24/'25 school year. For the total scholarship year, MHS collected 194 units, earning a \$2,800 scholarship. A new year starts with the August 20th drive (here at Bethel).





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**CHURCH
OFFICE**

Next Month's Newsletter _____

If you have news to share with the rest of the congregation that you would like published in the August newsletter please submit it to me before Sunday, July 20th. Thanks!

When is the Building Unlocked? _____

Our main door off the parking lot is generally unlocked on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 am until 2 pm as long as I'm here. There are times when both Pastor or I need to leave (errands to bank & post office, lunchtime, hospital calls or home visits). We are happy to adjust our schedule to try to accommodate you. Call ahead if you're stopping during lunchtime.



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