



Bethany Church

Ministry & Outreach

July 2022
Love God. Love Others. Serve The World.

Listening Circle Updates

Thank you all who participated in our Worship Listening Circles. We got some great feedback. I do know that not everyone was able to come to a Listening Circle, and I want to assure you that this isn't the end of the conversation. This will be an ongoing process. We are always open to feedback about our services. However, between the CAT and these Listening Circles, it is clear that we aren't ever going to make everyone happy. So, the real question we need to focus on is, "Does our worship services further the mission of what God wants us to be doing as His church?"

Here is a summary of some of the feedback we received and steps we are taking:

We did hear that people are frustrated with the Connection Cards. That people are marking down items they would like to help with and not getting contacted. These cards do get read. We do want you filling them out every week that you are attending service, either online or in building. We are working on getting a better system to get the cards to the correct teams to follow up. For example, the worship committee will be following up on the usher, greeters, etc.

We did get feedback about the length of the service. Most people would like to keep it right around an hour. Pastor Robb has been making an effort to keep it at that hour mark. However, it will never be a guarantee that we will be done right at that hour. Sometimes, if we have communion, a baptism, etc the service will run over.

People did mention missing having the Lord's Prayer at second service. That has been brought back.



Welcome to Bethany Church

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Office: 920-494-8801
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Join Us For Worship

8:00 AM

Traditional Worship

10:30 AM

Contemporary Worship

Wednesday Evenings

6:00 PM Laity Communion

Online Worship & Information

Bethanygreenbay.org
Facebook [@bethanygreenbay](https://www.facebook.com/bethanygreenbay)

Connect With Us

Text "Church" to 920-315-8288

Text message rates apply

Join Our Email List
www.bethanygreenbay.org

Listening Circle Updates Continued

There was feedback about getting our online worshippers into the building. Online worship has become a necessary component of our church. There are people who do choose to worship online due to medical concerns. We also have several online worshippers who do not live close enough to join us in building on Sunday mornings. I appreciate being able to worship with Bethany no matter where I am and the ability to go back and watch services at a later time. However, we do have the opportunity to find ways to connect our online congregants to the church outside of Sunday worship and Pastor Cast.

There was a lot of feedback about music. I had someone in one of my listening circles that came from a church with a very good music ministry, but that was because that is where they focused a lot of resources. They felt our music ministry was good for what we invest into it. We have already taken some of the feedback such as going with more familiar songs at both services. We did hear that music is an important part of worship for several people. Music will continue to be a priority focus for us.

Keep an eye out for future listening circles on other topics.

Sunday Morning Worship Hosts and Helpers

We are looking for volunteers to help out with services.

Greeters

Welcome by the doors. Offer assistance for people who need it.
The first face people see when they arrive.

Ushers

Hand out bulletins, and count the number of people.
Be watchful and helpful for those who may need guidance and assistance.

Serve Communion

Willingness to be up front, and serve the Body and Blood of Christ.

Assist with Worship Tech/AV

Advance worship slides in ProPresenter
Turn on cameras, and direct live feed
Set up microphones, adjust sound in building and online

Host Worship Services Online

Log on to our worship chat to welcome, offer information, receive prayers, and interact with our online friends.

How to volunteer:

1. **Sign up in the Lobby/Narthex**
2. **Mark your Connection Card to sign up.**
3. **Send an email to jamieluepke@gmail.com.**
4. **Call/text Jamie Luepke (Chair of Worship Team) at 920-764-0577**

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Jamie.
We can walk with you through specific roles and responsibilities.
We want everyone to feel comfortable and excited
about volunteering to serve God and serve the Church.

**Listen for God's
voice in everything
you do and
everywhere you go;
He's the one that
will keep you
on track.**

-Proverbs 3:6

BibleGodQuotes.com



Bethany Family

Bethany celebrates with Jill Witthuhn and RC Froistad, who were married on June 17. Jill is the daughter of Chuck and Sue Witthuhn. We pray for them as they begin this new adventure together.



New Community Shelter is the Mission Outreach for July

We are designating the New Community Shelter as our monthly mission for both June and July. Your financial gifts will help ease the burden for the additional meals in July and August.

Ways you can donate to the New Shelter.

1. Give online at bethanygreenbay.org/give
 2. Place your donation in the giving kiosk
 3. Send financial gift to Bethany Church
 4. Text your giving to 920-315-8288.
- Mark all giving as "New Shelter"

Join Us For Outdoor Worship Sunday, July 24 8:00 am & 10:30 am



On July 24th, we are going to enjoy our wonderful grounds. Both services will be held outside (weather permitting).

We will have some chairs set up but we do encourage you to bring your own chair.

We are in need of volunteers to help with set up and tear down. If you are interested, please reach out to a member of the worship team or send an email to jamieluepke@gmail.com.

Bethany July Birthdays

- 3 Barb Taylor
- 4 Tyler Moore
- 8 Mike Mason, Monica Walker
- 9 Pat Brelant, Cora Pigeon
- 10 Steven Heller, Dylan Vander Meulen
- 12 Cliff Voigt
- 13 Teddy Spiegelberg
- 15 Connie Ruge, Kasey Moynihan, Logan Nellis
- 16 Katie Hynek
- 17 Jim Vander Meulen,
Brenda Vander Meulen, Isabella Watzka
- 18 Dave Rimple
- 20 Jonah Bangert, Meggan Berna,
Allison Conklin
- 22 Diane Voigt, James Bins, Mark Poradek,
Andrea Lauscher
- 23 Patsy Bins, Lynette VanLaanen,
Deb Poradek, Natasha Evans
- 24 Devan Walters
- 25 Jennie Hoffman
- 26 Erin Lukowicz
- 27 Kiley Nagel
- 28 Darcy DeKeyser
- 29 Shaylin Crack
- 30 Mark Schrader
- 31 Wilbert Lewis, Abigail Hoffman

Everyone Has a Birthday

**Your Bethany family wants to
celebrate you on June 12!!!**

On the second Sunday of each month, Bethany will celebrate with everyone who has a birthday for the month. No matter if you are young or old. Come into Fellowship Hall to eat and celebrate.

Cake or cupcakes or brownies will be provided.
Your names will be displayed.
(no dates or ages listed)

If you are a member of New Hope, we may not have your birthday. If you want your name included, please contact us.

Bethany Church July Calendar 2022

For updates to this calendar please call 920-494-8801 or email office@bethanygreenbay.org
Visit us at www.bethanygreenbay.org & Facebook [@bethanygreenbay](https://www.facebook.com/bethanygreenbay)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:00AM Online & In Building Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Food & Connection FH 9:30 AM -11:00 AM Quarterly Congregational Meeting	27	28 12:30 PM Prayer Shawl - LL 6:30 PM Women's Emmaus- Z 8:00 PM Men's Emmaus -Z	29 6:00 PM Worship Rewind 6:00 PM Communion 6:30 PM Emmaus 7:30 PM Praise Team	30 9:00 AM Men's Coffee 10:00 AM Women of the Bible 6:30 PM Pastor Cast	1 July	2
3 Communion 8:00 AM Online & In Building Traditional Worship 9:00 AM Food & Connection FH 9:15 AM Women of the Bible LL 10:30 AM Online & In Building Contemporary Worship	4 4th of July Office Closed	5 12:30 PM Prayer Shawl - LL 6:30 PM Women's Emmaus- Z 8:00 PM Men's Emmaus-Z	6 6:00 PM Worship Rewind 6:00 PM Communion 6:30 PM Emmaus 7:30 PM Praise Team	7 9:00 AM Men's Coffee 10:00 AM Women of the Bible 11:30 AM Potluck Lunch 6:30 PM Pastor Cast	8	9 10-12:00P Serve Lunch at New Community Shelter
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Air Conditioning Update

We continue our fundraising campaign to help defray some of the **\$26,000** cost for the new air conditioners for our Fellowship Hall, Adult Lounge and Senior High room. The units have been installed and now we are using those areas without being "cooked out" by the summer heat.

We currently have raised just over **\$5,700** towards this cost. Over the past several years we have put off replacing certain improvements but felt the air conditioning was critical in keeping our facility comfortable to use. This cost is over and above our normal church operating costs.

We're asking all of Bethany's supporters to consider giving toward this campaign. Of course, gifts can also come in alternative forms, such as IRA "QCDs" and appreciated investments as well.

Thank you, Brad Witthuhn, Finance Chairperson

To donate to the "Air Conditioning Fundraiser"

1. Give online at bethanygreenbay.org/give or scan the QR code
2. Place your donation in the giving kiosk
3. Send financial gift to Bethany Church
4. Text your giving to 920-315-8288.

Current total: \$5,750



May Financial Update

May Financial Results

	<u>May, 2022</u>	<u>Year To Date 2022</u>	<u>Prior Year To Date</u>
Operating Revenue	\$ 16,505	\$ 101,511	\$ 100,825
<u>Expenses:</u>			
Pastoral Ministry	\$ 8,329	\$ 40,432	\$ 39,437
Staff Ministry	5,458	25,397	16,413
Our Program Ministries	529	2,829	1,127
Administrative Council	624	5,113	75
Mortgage	0	0	761
Finance	242	1,031	908
Church Office	66	2,292	1,119
Media	556	5,001	4,423
Trustees	<u>4,180</u>	<u>26,110</u>	<u>21,395</u>
Total Local Expenses	<u>\$ 19,984</u>	\$ 108,205	\$ 85,658
Conference Apportionments	\$ 0	\$ 1,612	\$ 5,736
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 19,984</u>	\$ 109,817	\$ 91,394
Net Income (Loss)	(\$ 3,479)	(\$ 8,306)	\$ 9,431

Air Conditioning Fund Raiser:

Through May 31, 2022 \$4,790 has been given to the cost of replacing our air conditioner. The total cost of the replacement was \$26,371. Any balance after applying the fund drive amount will be paid for out of our Designated Capital Reserves.

Wisconsin Camps Hit Hard By Storms



Both of our Conference Camps were hit hard by the storms which ripped through Wisconsin June 15th. Tornadoes and high winds of at least 80 mph tore through forests and communities, uprooting trees and taking down hundreds of power lines. At Lake Lucerne and Pine Lake, whole stands of trees

were torn or toppled, electricity was out and the rains came hard and heavy. Even in the storms, God was present and visible in the spirits of the campers and staff and helpers.

All the campers and leaders sheltered safely (at Lake Lucerne, in the downstairs dining hall and at Pine Lake, in the lower level of the Retreat Center). Even with no electricity, they turned on their flashlights, sang, worshiped together, told stories, supported each other. They emerged from their safe shelter to witness the astounding devastation of trees blocking their way and branches everywhere. And yet, God's presence was experienced through the night.

Make Some Noise!

Sunday, July 31

Bring your coins and dollars!

Noisy Coin Collection for Bethany Community Outreach Events



Bethany Church Community VBS 2022

August 8-11, 2022
All Ages Welcome



Free dinner served
5:15pm-6:00pm

Programming For All Ages
Begins at 6:00pm

All participants (chefs) will begin with
praising God and learning the "Daily Special."

Younger Participants: Games,
Storytelling, Crafts, Singing, Missions

Adult Participants: Cornhole, Missions,
Wine History & Tasting, Walking,
Get Started on the Computer, card
games, and puzzles.



Ice Clouds Shaved Ice Truck on Wednesday!

S'mores and campfire every night.

Registration For All Ages Starts July 11
Go to www.bethanygreenbay.org to Register

Cornhole Tournament at VBS



We are looking for 2 person teams
for the start of our cornhole
tournament at VBS starting
Monday, August 8.

If you haven't played, it's become a popular lawn game in which players take turns throwing bean bags at a raised, angled board with a hole in its far end. The game is scored by landing bags either on the board (1 point) or throwing the bag through the hole (3 points). Much easier than golf! The equipment will be provided, but just need teams to sign up.

Please contact me if you would like to play!
Dave Demeuse Cell: 920-713-1968

Helpers/Leaders Planning Meetings
July 20 & 26 at 6:30pm in the Lower Lounge

We ask that everyone who has offered to help with VBS,
please attend this gathering.
We will be working out the details.

Please contact Jill call or text with questions or concerns!
920-217-9241 or office@bethanygreenbay.org

4 WAYS TO GIVE!



IN PERSON



BY MAIL

1110 Echo Lane



ONLINE

BethanyGreenBay.org



BY TEXT

Any amount to
844-906-2286

My Nine Month Journey with COVID

By Diane Hansen

My journey began early October 2020 with severe dizziness, followed by head congestion, and severe headache (medication wouldn't touch it). Then my sense of smell was heightened and most foods smelled horrible, so I had great difficulty eating anything. For two months I lived on oatmeal, pancakes with applesauce (most sweets were awful), buns (not bread) and applesauce; and the lack of nutritional foods caused my hair to thin out (it has since improved). My husband who does not know how to cook, had to learn to make oatmeal and pancakes (many attempts landed in the garbage can). There were days I would wake him in the middle of the night to fix me something to eat. I couldn't eat eggs, peanut butter or cheese. A dear friend, Sharon, made 3 batches of bland chicken soup just the way I could eat it – it was wonderful. She was sent by God to fill a need. October 24, 2020, I was very hungry so got a bowl out of the cupboard, filled it with cereal and proceeded to pass out, fell, and broke my wrist. I came to, lying on the floor with my husband on the phone calling for an ambulance. That was my first ambulance ride to the emergency room. In all I made 4 trips to the emergency room, 3 via ambulance.

I do have underlying health issues – cancer, diabetes, elevated cholesterol and overweight. I had completed my last round of chemotherapy in September 2020 (diagnosed January 2018), and now cancer free. I was diagnosed a diabetic January 2019 (under control with diet and medication), lost 30 pounds, and cholesterol has dropped significantly as a result. God had a funny way of answering my prayers to lose weight.

I was no longer able to bathe myself by November and walking was down to a minimum. I cannot praise God enough for selecting the right partner for me. My husband was so supportive, caring and encouraging, even when it was stressful for him. I had to be in a wheelchair for my wrist therapy appointments, and doctor appointments. Shopping was totally out of the picture. My husband took on the shopping role along with cleaning the house. We both became humble – he in his service to me, and I in accepting his care.

After a particularly bad day and a phone call with my dear friend, Maxine, she said she was going directly to the church to pray for me. To this day I feel like her intercessory prayers kept me alive through the night. So many people were praying for me all the time and I cannot express how encouraging that was. That knowledge sustained me through many rough days. There would be days (and weeks) when I would be sitting, or more likely reclining, on the couch and feel like I was just barely surviving, with no interest in reading, listening to the radio, or watching TV. Cards and notes of encouragement along with many, many phone calls (Connie Ruge you're the best) gave me comfort and strength to keep on going. There were times when just holding the phone to my ear was exhausting.

I went to the doctor, and he was always concerned about my high heart rate. Average is 60 (resting) and 100 (exercising), and mine was running at a minimum of 100 doing nothing. My oxygen level was 85-89 and should be 95-99. Thank you Chris DeMeuse for explaining to me why I couldn't do anything, and how surprised you were with what I could accomplish. I didn't realize that my low oxygen levels were affecting me so much.

Between my regular physician, an infectious disease doctor, and my cancer doctor, they decided I should be treated with an infusion of IVIG, with the treatment to be performed at the Cancer Center. That was another moment when God intervened for me. I was halfway through the IVIG infusion when I became so cold and began to shake. Within minutes I was surrounded by 3 doctors and 5 nurses, and given 3 doses to counteract the negative effects of the infusion. Had I been at another location, I may not have received the medical attention I needed as quickly. After I was slightly stabilized, an ambulance was called and I was taken to the hospital, where I was admitted. This was March 3, 2021.

They did 2 COVID tests and the results were somewhat inconclusive but they feel that I may have been reinfected with COVID. While at the hospital I was originally on the heart floor because there were some strange enzyme readings for my heart. After they saw the positive COVID reading, I was moved to the COVID floor, where I spent the next 3 days. My oxygen levels were still low, so I was given a walking test to see if I qualified for home oxygen with Medicare. After 2 attempts, I was finally able to walk 5 minutes but only when connected to oxygen. I could only walk 2 minutes without oxygen. Before I left the hospital, my oxygen levels had improved. I was administered 3 doses of Remdesivir to treat the COVID, and released from the hospital.

Since I had lots of good medication in me, I felt a lot better for a couple of weeks, but once they began to wear off, I started slipping, but was improved from where I was when given the infusions. It was a slow but steady improvement, and I could now eat a few more foods which helped tremendously. I am so grateful for those who provided meals, the deli at grocery stores, and take-out orders. Some people were ordering take-out meals because they missed going out to eat, but I was thankful for take-out orders so I could survive.

April 2021 my husband tripped and fell, twisted and broke his ankle in 3 places. I had to drive him to the emergency room. I hadn't driven for 6 months, and was exhausted but made it there and back home. God had his hand on the timing of this accident because I had improved enough to be able to drive. I then had to make meals, grocery shop and wash clothes. Everything was a BIG job but by taking rests between activities I was able to get things done. I used my handicap parking card and power carts at the grocery store.

In mid-July I felt I could say I recovered from COVID. There were/are days when I'm not at my best, but those days are becoming fewer and farther between. My sense of smell is no longer where it was and there are some foods and odors that are still offensive. Unfortunately, coffee no longer smells the same, which is soooo sad since I enjoy it. Even fresh grounds are "yucky".

While many of you were in COVID shut down and frustrated with your circumstances, I was in COVID shutdown and grateful to be alive. Because of the shutdown I watched the pastor's messages via video and the Zoom Fellowship time was my connection to the outside world. I could sit and see people, and so enjoyed these sessions.

When you look back at your life, that's when you can see where God was working on you, but when you experience God's power in your life as you're living it, God's presence takes on a whole new meaning. I'm not sure what God has planned for me next but I know he's in control of my life and I'm hopeful I will follow his nudges and do what will honor him.

Romans 5:3 (NLT) - We can rejoice too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance.