



Bethel

by God, each other, family, friends and community

June 29, 2023

Bethel Lutheran Church, White Rock, SC

Noisy Offering will be held on Sunday, July 30. Donations will be given to Lutheran Disaster Response.



The church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, for Independence Day.



Book Group will meet on Sunday, July 23 (note the date change) at 1:00 pm. We will discuss *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel. Join us for discussion and fellowship!



JULY MEETINGS

7/2 – 8 am: Lutheran Men
7/9 - Council – following worship
7/9 – WELCA meeting
7/16 – Outreach – following worship

Altar flowers are needed for the month of July and many Sundays this year to beautify our sanctuary.



7/2 – Derrick Raniszewski
7/6 – David Faust, Jr.
7/20 – Kim Lowman
7/28 – LaVone Derrick

7/3 – Robby McCartha
7/6 – Gale Faust
7/24 – Rick Torres
7/28 – Rhett Sanders
7/31 – Rosmarie Wessinger

7/3 – Wes Shealy
7/10 – Lynn Slice
7/24 – Kohner Bouknight
7/29 – Delores Derrick

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/2 – Kim and Clint Lowman
7/4 – Carl and Dave Chaney
7/24 – Harriette and Phil Wunder



LUNCH BUNCH- All are welcome to gather at Higher Ground on Tuesday,
July 25 at 11:00 am.

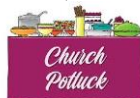
BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP SERIES:

There has been a desire from numerous individuals for more Bible study, fellowship, and food opportunities. You can get all three by joining us **July 5, 12, & 19** at 6:00 pm for Bible study and a themed potluck. Bring a small dish to share to match the weekly theme.

July 5- Italian

July 12- Favorite tailgate food

July 19- Meal provided, bring a dessert to share



BOOKS, BLESSINGS, FOOD, AND FUN!

BLESSING OF OUR
LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 AT 3:00 PM
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PARKING LOT

WELCOME TO OUR SPECIAL
GUEST AUTHORS OF #JUSTACHICKEN
LANGSTON MOORE
AND PRESTON THORNE

August Save the Dates:

Sunday, August 13 - Joint planning meeting for Homecoming Golden Age Celebration. Please plan to attend after worship on August 13 (Congregational Life, Worship and Music and Evangelism teams) and anyone who is interested in helping!

Monday, August 14 – 7:30 am – 1:30 pm - Blood Drive

Sunday, August 27 – 6 pm: Build your own ice cream sundae and game night at the picnic shelter for everyone!



Homecoming and Golden Age Sunday will October 8. Bishop Aibescher will join us. Mark your calendars.



Grady Slice, Phil Wunder, the family of Dot Park, Pebble Briggs, Rose Gross, Vannie Toy, Sue Elliott, Russell Miller, Greg McCullah, Claude Leviner, Irene Leviner, Bertha McCartha, Paul and Bonnie Bates, Bella Raniszewski, Ronnie Taylor, Sheri Southworth, Bobby Lee (Eugenia's relative), Teresa Abshire (Bertha McCartha's niece), Tracey Sikora (Richard Torres' sister), Gary and Rita Boykin (Robbin's friends) and Richard Chouinard.



June is nearly over. We are halfway through another year. We just passed the two-year anniversary of my time serving here, and this coming weekend is my sixth anniversary of ordination. Time flies when you are having fun. Time flies when we are doing ministry to the glory of God.

Council has been naming the “good things” we have witnessed or experienced at Bethel and the joys we have experienced this year. We will keep doing this because it is so important to tell our stories, to keep our flames ignited by sharing these joys, and because this inspires us to continue serving and to grow into new ministry opportunities.

In June I got to spend time with our youth (and some families) at a pool party and at Lutheridge. My cup is running over because they give me hope for the future AND for today. This month my joy is remembering the days when I was highly involved with youth ministry growing up (a foundation for why I am now a pastor) and celebrating that these ministries are still happening in the local church like Bethel, and at summer camps.

While we remember the “good things” and joys, I am also reminded of stewardship (also a joy). When I returned from camp, I received my quarterly statement from the church. I am, admittedly, a little behind where I hoped to be in giving at this point. I intend to readjust and keep working towards my goal. I urge you to look at your statement and see if you are in line with what you committed on your intent card last fall. If not, please catch up as you are able. If you need to set a new goal, that is okay too. The past two years our fall campaign has reminded us to tell our stories, celebrate our stories, and grow in generosity. We know that looks different for every individual and family unit.

As you should know by now, we have started work repairing one of our AC units. We were able to do this thanks to a generous donor who thought ahead that this would be a need. I have had a few of you ask if you can give to this cause or another need such as this. I invite you to give to the general fund. This is where our core ministry happens. This is how we support the staff, utilities, and ministries that bring each of us joy in various and numerous ways. No gift is too small.

THANK YOU all for being good stewards of our time, talent, and treasure. You are a true blessing to me at this two-year mark and I look forward to the future we share together.

Peace,
Pastor Megan Lineberger

What happens at Lutheridge?

“When I got there, the counselors greeted me and let me go to the cabin I was staying in. They woke me up the next morning for breakfast. They gave us a flat on bunk time or to play quiet games. We had activities and fun times the whole time we were all there. We had three hours of Kairos each day, and had small groups for thirty minutes. We also had dedicated camp store time and snack bar time. I had a lot of fun and hope to go back.” – Brandon Derrick

“While there, you get to do activities like swimming, crafts, visiting the camp store, and going on walks. Kairos, the church portion of camp, was really exciting. You get to sing songs and dance almost the whole time. Campers even get the chance to prank other cabins if they get approval from the camp directors. Overall, Lutheridge was amazing and I can't wait to go back.” – Emily Harling

“I went to Lutheridge expecting a Baptist camp, but it was really just a lot of really loud singing, bricks, crafts, and a very fluffy dog. Also, Bobert. The pool was colder than the Arctic Sea, but nothing in the world can compare to the pleasure of Melty Bead babies. The food was good, and if you didn't like it you could get a sun butter and jelly sandwich, which was nice. You could even prank cabins, if you got approval, and you could actually find the supplies. There is a lot of noise, but there are generally places to get away from all of that. I'd come back, but I'd like less rain.” – Lucy Harling

THANKS FOR SENDING US TO CAMP!!!

