



Bethel Blaze

July 2026

Sharing Christ's love with a big heart

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

In Person

Sunday Mornings:
8:30 am and 10:30 am
May 24—August 30

Online

The 8:30 am service is livestreamed on our YouTube channel. Check our website for the link!

You can also view a recording of the service at your convenience.

Past services are also available on Northfield's public television station channels 180 & 187

No cable is required.

There are four opportunities to watch:

Monday 2:00 pm
Tuesday 1:30 pm
Wednesday 7:00 pm
Saturday 7:00 am



FRUITS OF THE BETHEL GARAGE SALE

Every year, a committee and a multitude of volunteers gather and organize items for the Bethel Garage Sale. Months in advance, they prepare and plan so that this massive undertaking goes smoothly. The blessings brought forth from this hard work and dedication support many ministries within Bethel and beyond. See where the committee allocated those well-earned funds this year below!

³⁷"Then the righteous will answer him "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?" ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and invite you in or in prison and go to visit you?" ⁴⁰"The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.""
Matthew 25:37-40

<i>Garage Sale 2026</i>		Net \$30,000
<u>Allocations</u>		
1. Bethel Operating Budget Tithe		\$3000
2. CAC Food Shelf Diaper Fund		\$3000
3. Good Samaritan Fund (ALDI & Kwik Trip cards)		\$5000
4. HealthFinders		\$4000
5. Quilting Supplies		\$800
<u>Other</u>		
1. All Seasons Community Services-Kenyon (takes our leftovers)		\$3000
2. AV Request (Computer)		\$700
3. Homes for God's Children (\$5000 S. Sudan, \$3000 Union of Youth)		\$8000
4. Devotional Materials for Prison Ministry		\$800
5. Signage for Garage Sale Departments		\$1000

...AND STILL CELEBRATING THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT IN THE CLASS OF 2026!





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days off
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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

from Pastor Ben

Greetings from camp!
I write this message from Good Earth Village during the last full week of June where Northfield kids from Bethel and St. John’s are enjoying their time at camp, playing games, singing songs, learning about nature, building community, and growing in faith. What a privilege it has been to be here this week to witness and participate in all the amazing ministry happening here at Good Earth Village.



The theme here at camp this summer is “Wear Love” based on Colossians 3:12, where kids learn about clothing themselves with Christ’s love through the themes of kindness, humbleness, calmness, steadfastness, and forgiveness. Whether you’re off having summer adventures of your own or staying close and enjoying the comfort and rest of home, I wonder how you might join our campers and intentionally aspire to “wear love.” The same way we must decide what to wear every morning, so too is the decision before us every day to be kind, humble, calm, steadfast, and forgiving. So, when you put on your work jeans, a swimsuit, or anything else this summer, don’t forget to also put on the love of Christ and share it with the world.

Peace & Blessings,
Pastor Ben



FINANCIAL NOTES

from Barb Fowler, Financial Officer



May 31, 2026 YTD

Revenue	\$345,083
Expenses	\$395,102
Balance	(\$50,019)

We are at a \$50K deficit through May. If you are able, we would appreciate a mid-year catch-up offering to help close this gap. As always, thank you for all you give.

EVERY WEEK

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY—THURSDAY, 9 AM - 3 PM

SUNDAY		8:30 am	Worship/Livestream
		9:45 am	Coffee Fellowship
		10:30 am*	Outdoor Worship (* Summer Schedule through August 30)
		Evening	Bethel Softball July 12 @ Babcock at 6:00 pm playing Methodist July 19 @ Babcock at 7:10 pm playing Northfield Community Church July 26 @ Babcock at 8:20 pm playing St. Dominic White
MONDAY		12:00 pm	Bible Text Study @ The Vault (back to our normal time!)
TUESDAY		9:45 am	Staff Meeting
THURSDAY		9:00 am	FaB (Faith and Books) , our women’s book group, will complete <i>A is for Alabaster</i> by Anna Carter Florence on July 9 and will begin <i>The Faith Club</i> on July 16. Discussions are held weekly in the Youth Room. Please email Lana Reich at lanareich@yahoo.com to be added to the FaB email list.
		9:00 am	Men of Bethel

THIS MONTH

JULY 6	5:00 pm	Worship & Arts Action Team	JULY 15	2:00 pm	Summer Sonshine— Splash Valley Pool Party!
JULY 7	1:00 pm	Celebration of Life Reception for Beverly Fratzke	JULY 16	10:00 am	Parkview Fellowship
JULY 8	11:00 am	Memorial Service for Sandy Reiman <i>(10am visitation, reception to follow)</i>	Bethel @ Lutheridge 10th-12th Grade—Disaster Response in North Carolina, July 18-24		
	5:00 pm	Congregational Life	JULY 19	1:00 pm	Bethel @ Benedictine Chapel
JULY 9	10:00 am	Projects with Purpose	JULY 21	12:00 pm	Lydia Circle
	5:45 pm	Active Befriender Ministry	JULY 23	10:00 am	Projects with Purpose
	7:00 pm	Finance	JULY 28	5:30 pm—9:00 pm	Bethel Young Adults Dinner, Devotion, Fellowship & Mocktail Party
JULY 12	7:00 pm	Vision Seekers Men gather for fellowship at L. & M Grill in Dundas	JULY 27	9:00 am	Out 'n About @ St. John's
	3:00 pm	Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) Fellow Recital	JULY 28	9:00 am	Quilting Group
JULY 14		9:00 am	Quilting Group		
		3:00 pm	Lydia Circle Fellowship		
		5:00 pm	Personnel		
		6:30 pm	Church Council		

BETHEL BRIGHT LIGHTS

JUNE REVIEW



Rosemarie Lewis and Becky Nystuen and many others spread love at the Bethel booth during Pride in the Park.



Bethel teams up with St. John's and St. Peter's for Summer Sunshine Days. In June, the focus is service, and we had 11 participants pack meals for Feed My Starving Children. Our session's meals were for children in Liberia and Haiti. Afterward, we shared dinner and fellowship in a local park.



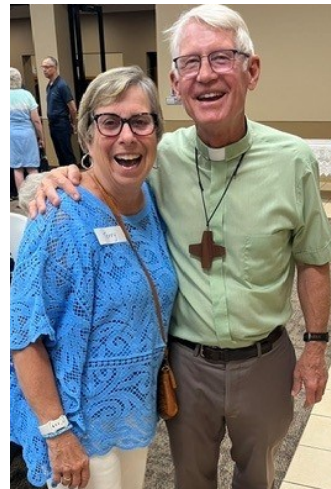
Matt and Sarah Marohl volunteered for the Ruth's House of Hope golf event fundraiser.



Memories were made at Christikon in the mountains of Montana—in camp and on trail!



Projects with Purpose sent their first batch of period pads for the Pachamama Project—64 pads and 13 bags were mailed in June!



Pastor Phil celebrated his 45th Anniversary of Ordination!



IN THE NARTHEX ART GALLERY: WENDELL ARNESON'S "AT THE EDGE"...



As Karna Hauck puts it, "Wendell makes Bethel better; aesthetically stunning— quiet "slip-ins" to change out pieces to connect church year colors often go unnoticed, yet make our faith experience richer."

Currently, Wendell Arneson's "At the Edge" work is on display. In his artist's statement, Wendell comments, "This work draws from an inventory of land/water images that make multiple yet varied references that allow for content to shuffle, reinvent, and remake itself. As an image maker, I seek the intersection between figuration and abstraction. Art, for me, does not provide answers but rather provokes questions and seeks possibilities." Spend some time in contemplation with this beautiful art!