



# Bethany Lutheran Church July 2024 Newsletter

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## Upcoming Worship Services

**Pastor:**  
Jonathan Dodson

**SAM:**  
Allen Bertilrud

**Council President:**  
Keith Leines

**Office Manager**  
Kale Miller

**Office Hours**  
Wednesday 6 - 8 p.m

**Worship Time**  
Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
7 pm (First Sun of Month)

**Sunday School**  
None until Fall

**Contact Us:**  
(218) 253-2589

July 7	9 a.m.	Immanuel with Communion
	10:30 am	Ebenezer with Communion
	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Bethany Vesper Service</b>
		VBS (July 7-11)
July 14	9 a.m.	Ebenezer
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Bethany (Youth Group Sendoff)</b>
	7 p.m.	Immanuel
July 21	9 a.m.	Immanuel with Communion
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Bethany with Communion</b>
July 28	9 a.m.	Ebenezer
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Bethany (Allen)</b>
	10:30 am	Immanuel (Pastor Jonathan)



# From Pastor Jonathan

Hello Dear Church

I hope this letter finds you well. For the pastor's letter this month I wanted to hold up some exciting events in the coming months to get on your radar. I pray that this season of growth is a life-giving one. I am grateful for you and your partnership in ministry. Please join us for:

Joint worship at the river. June 30<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am at Sportsman's Park in Red Lake Falls. We will have music, worship, Communion, smashburgers and potluck. Please bring a chair if you can.

Vacation Bible School. July 7<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> at Bethany. Open to students up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please contact me, Kale or Cindy Arlt to get signed up. Helpers are needed as well. And prayers! Our theme this year is Christmas in July.

National Youth Gathering. 12 students and 4 adults from across all 3 of our congregations will be attending the Gathering in New Orleans the week of July 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be my first time worshipping with 20k+ and taking part in a national gathering. I am a little nervous but am so excited for our youth. I want to thank you for your support.

Pastor and family will be visiting Holden Village in August. Have you ever thought about a trip to Holden? We are going to check it out. My hope is that this will lead into more wilderness experiences together as a church.

Fall Adult Education. We have the Synod Road Trip coming to Immanuel on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Also we are taking part in "Soul Shine" in TRF to develop skills to help with mental illness. And I am leading a class on visitation and healing prayer. This will all kick off monthly adult education opportunities. Please speak with me or our SAM Allen if you have adult ed inspirations.

Yours in Christ

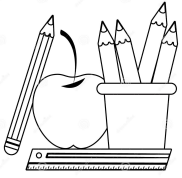
Pastor Jonathan



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# EDUCATION

## A Christmas Celebration

Vacation Bible School

*There's nothing wrong with a Christmas song in summer!*



**July 7 - 11, 2024**

**5:30 - 8:15 p.m.**

**Bethany Lutheran Church  
Red Lake Falls**

Sign up today:  
<https://forms.gle/df6Ln61zAn7vKmPAA>

**CREATED TO BE** 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering  
including MYLE the table Young Adult Gathering

**July 16-20, 2024**

**July 7-11, 2024  
Sunday-Thursday**

**6:00 pm to 8:15 pm (Meal at 5:30 pm)  
Bethany Lutheran Church**

Travel back in time to discover the events surrounding the birth of Jesus.

- Day 1: God wants us to be patient
- Day 2: God wants us to be obedient
- Day 3: God wants us to trust him
- Day 4: God wants us to rejoice
- Day 5: God wants us to give

*Led by Director Cindy Arlt*

*Youth Send Off*

**July 14th at 10: 30 a.m.**

You're invited to a special sendoff service for our youth heading to the national gathering! Let's gather to offer our support, encouragement, and best wishes as they embark on this exciting journey.

# Celebrations

## **Birthdays**

2-Ella Sletten  
4-Kelsey Stephens  
5- Steve Klipping  
6- Joanne Dahle  
8- Eric Johnson  
10- Blake Audette  
11- Lori Vigstol  
12- Kevin Reich  
12-Alec Lacina  
14- Brook Rufsvold  
14-Spencer Sundberg  
15-John Columbus  
15- D'Anne Johnson  
15- Lane Kleven  
16- Steve Hams  
16-Beckem Larson  
17- John Klein  
18-Branden Narlock  
20-Ann Piersol  
21-Whitney Rupprecht  
21-Carson Gagner  
23-Lesley Harmoning  
24-Christine Van Emmerik  
25-Brady Gums  
26-Dean Hartel  
26- Mason Johnson  
27-Todd Doyle  
28-Erika Roff  
29- Erwin Wetenkamp  
30-Cheryl Matzke  
30-Andy Olson  
30-Thomas Hovland  
31-Jesse Ellefson

## **Anniversaries this Month**

1- Jim & Bev Gilbertson  
8-Dean & Lorri Ann Hartel  
16- John & Sandy Klein  
19- Fred & Tandra Landman  
24- Tim & Peggy Nord

## Coming soon the Bethany Assistance Team.

The Fellowship & Outreach team is collecting names of Volunteers who are able to “Tithe their talents” to help fellow congregational & community members.

Contact Chris Van Emmerick, Wes Largis or Darold Johnston for more information.

**FALLS**  
**UNDER 40**

**Red Lake Falls  
Under 40  
Bible Study**  
July 24th - 7 p.m.

Loving God and  
Others: The Heart  
of True Faith



Kay Arthur, David & BJ Lawson

A 6-week course geared to those under the age of 40 years old - looking to build connections and network while learning something new & different about our community and faith.

Our first 6-week session will focus on the book “Loving God and Others: The Heart of True Faith” written by Kay Arthur, BJ Lawson and David Lawson



# Weekly Groups

**Women's Bible study** meets every Wednesday morning at 9 a.m.

**Men's Bible Study** meets on Thursday morning at, 9 a.m.

**RLFalls Under 40 Bible Study** starting July 24th -August 28th at 7 p.m.



*The coffee is hot every Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.  
at  
**Senior Connection**  
located at Sunset Court, International  
Drive, RLF. Meet up with old friends &  
make new friends. Come and join us!*



## **Direct Deposit Offering**

Per congressional request-  
Automatic contributions are  
available to set up with  
Bethany Lutheran. A form is  
available in the office or via  
email request to set up  
weekly/monthly/bi-weekly/or  
bi-monthly contributions to be  
automatically withdrawn with  
your permission. Reach out to  
the office for more  
information.



## **Bethany Prayer Chain**

*Have a relative or  
concern that you want  
prayers for? Just call or  
email us!*

**PRAYER BLANKETS** are  
blessed with prayers for  
healing and comfort,  
which are believed to  
hold those who receive  
them in prayer.  
Contact the office if you  
would like one.