

# Beacons Book

2024 & 2025



## **BETHANY BEACONS**

Each member of Bethany Lutheran Church is given the opportunity to share and be a part of the congregational events and other services which Bethany offers to its members. Every family picks the two months during the year that they will be able to help. If they don't pick themselves, the months will be assigned for them.

Bethany Beacons will be responsible for the following:

1. Ushers
2. Lectors
3. Coffee Hosts
4. Communion Assistants
5. Flowers for special occasions – altar flowers and corsages
6. Special congregational events
7. Congregational potlucks
8. Church-at-large events

There are leaders of each Bethany Beacon group to help organize the duties for each month. Each group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month prior to their assigned month. They are to contact each family to ask which job they would like to do during the month. After they fill all the jobs, the leaders give the list to the church secretary. The secretary will then type up a calendar and mail it to each family.

Bethany Beacons are a way in which we can all contribute to the warmth and effectiveness of the ministry of our church. Participation by everyone in some meaningful way gives a feeling of satisfaction, belonging and significance in the Family of Bethany and will be a blessing for you and your family, as well as those you serve.

Thank you for your willingness to serve. Your work is appreciated. It provides an opportunity to serve others and, in doing so, to serve our Lord.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ~Matthew 5:16

***The following is a guideline for the various events and services at Bethany.***

***USHERS***

Two ushers are needed for each service.

1. Arrive at the church one-half hour before service begins.
2. Greet and hand out bulletins to those who would like them.
3. Light the candles before and extinguish after service.
4. Receive offering from the front to the back of the church.
5. Usher people to the communion table on communion Sunday.
6. At the end of the service, usher people out, front to back.
7. After service, clean up pews and chairs and put hymnals in place.

***LECTORS***

Read first and second lessons from the lectern using the microphone. Lessons are found in the pew Bibles.

***CANDLE LIGHTERS***

Youth will light the candles each Sunday and put them out at the end of the service. They also light the baptismal candle when a baptism is scheduled and the Advent candles during Advent.

***COFFEE HOSTS***

Two hosts are needed for each service.

1. Start coffee approximately one-half hour before the service.
2. Prepare one 55 cup coffee pot using 1 ½ cups of coffee or one 36 cup coffee pot using one cup of coffee.
3. Prepare 4-6 pitchers of Kool-Aid.
4. Place cups, napkins, creamer, sugar and spoons on the serving counter.
5. Clean up and put away supplies and coffee pots after serving.
6. Cookies, bars, doughnuts, etc., may be served if the group so desires.

***COMMUNION ASSISTANTS***

Assistants are selected for the First and Third Sundays. Communion supplies are in the cupboard in the small kitchen located in the Gathering Room (room off the office.) Wine is kept in the secretary's office cupboard. (If supplies are low, leave a note on the secretary's computer.)

1. Arrive at the church one-half hour before service begins.
2. Place wafers on the serving tray. And gluten free in a separate small bowl.
3. Fill communion cups with wine. Leave one tray empty to pick up the empty cups.
4. Assistants will carry up communion before the ushers with offering.
5. Pastor distributes wafers. Wine is distributed and picked up by the assistants.
6. Clean up communion trays after service.

### ***SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS***

Information on these special events will be given to the Beacon Leaders when necessary.

### ***CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCKS***

Information will be given to the group leaders prior to a potluck.

1. Leaders will be in charge of how they want to handle the potlucks.
2. Setup and cleanup will also be handled by the monthly Beacons.

### ***SUNDAY SCHOOL***

Christian education classes meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 am for ages 4 through the 5th grade. Students are given the opportunity to know Jesus and his love and to experience joy in Christ's teaching. Children of our congregation learn more of the faith that is theirs and how to relate that faith to daily life in the formation of their lifetime values.

### ***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL***

One week of Vacation Bible School is held during the summer vacation.

### ***FUNERALS***

The Funeral Chairperson Vicki Duden is contacted by the funeral home. She will then contact members of Bethany to help by working in the kitchen or bringing salads or bars. Bethany has always provided great comfort and support during times of illness, death, and grief. Providing a meal after a funeral allows time for fellowship and a healing process to begin.

### ***CONFIRMATION***

Confirmation years at Bethany include eighth and ninth grades. Weekday classes on assigned Wednesdays teach the confessions of the Lutheran Church, Biblical history and a growing understanding of the confirmands' faith in Jesus.

### ***BETHANY'S WELCA***

The Bible studies will meet as circles on the first Wednesday morning or the first Wednesday evening. WELCA general meetings are held every other month on the third Wednesday. The bulletin and newsletter will give information about places, study leaders and servers for circle and Women of the ELCA meetings. The Evangelical Lutheran Church Women is a constitutionally sanctioned auxiliary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and provides study, fellowship and leadership to Bethany Lutheran and the church-at-large.

***MEN'S BREAKFAST AND STUDY***

The men at Bethany Lutheran gather each Thursday morning in the Gathering Room to share breakfast, fellowship and Bible Study. The Thursday gathering provides an inspirational way to begin the day.

***LADIES BREAKFAST AND STUDY***

Women of Bethany Lutheran gather each Wednesday morning in the Gathering Room to share breakfast, fellowship and Bible Study. All ladies of the community are invited to share in this study.

***YOUTH GROUP***

The Youth Group consists of youth members in grades 6-12. This group participates in local, district and national events that celebrate the faith of youth. Parents may be asked to help with chaperoning and transportation as needed.

***CONTEMPORARY GROUP***

Bethany's contemporary group is called Lighthouse. During the contemporary service, songs are often sung from the berry colored, "Praise and Worship" book.

## 2024-2025 Beacon Assignments

### January

Aakhus, Jason & Roberta

Braaten, Ed

Ellefson, Kurt & LeAnn

Fering, Clyde & Val

Gilbertson, Jim & Bev

Harmoning, Kevin & Michelle

Klipping, Steve & Faye

Largis, Matthew & Lindsey

Largis, Ben & Rachael

Largis, Wes & Sherry

Matzke, Cheryl

**Miller, Kale \*\***

**Narlock, Branden & Bobbi \*\***

Reich, Kevin & Sheila

Rewertz, Terry & Heidi

Rupprecht, DOnovan & Whitney

Suave, Brad & Angela

Sletten, Jayson & Melissa

Stephens, Dano & Kelsey

Swenson, Brad & Dawn

Swenson, Shelby

Swenson, Kristina

Waldal, Tania

### February

Burns, Joyce

Brevik, Fern

Columbus, John

Doyle, Olivia

**Fering, Clyde & Val \*\***

Gervais, Mark & Peggy

Guillemette, Bob & Vicki

Harmoning, Mike & Lesley

**Hartel, Dean & Lorri Ann \*\***

Holt, Allen

Klipping, Marvin & Christie

Knutson, Knute & Sue

Largis, Ben & Rachael

Largis, Wes & Sherry

Larson, Chad & Tammy

Leines, Keith & DeeAnn

Matzke, Chris

Nelson, Dr. Owen & Dianna

Piche, Dennis & Debra

Sandberg, Jayde

Sundberg, Spencer

Waldal, Matt

Wetenkamp, Erwin & Marilyn

## **March**

Brule, Tim & Janeen

**Duden, Brad & Vicki \*\***

Dupont, Roger

Ellefson, Kurt & LeAnn

Gums, Jason & Cristin

Harmoning, Roger

Hopperstad, Steve & Pam

Knutson, Jeremy

Larson, Lynnae

Murphy, Kathryn

Nord, Tim & Peggy

Rewertz, Barry & Deb

Roff, Jim & Carolyn

Roff, Roberta

Sauve, Brad & Angela

Seeger, Steve & Carol

Thompson, Shirley

**Van Emmerik, Gerald & Christine\*\***

Walker, Destiny

Wetenkamp, Erwin & Marilyn

## **April**

Anderson, Chrissy

Bakke, Harvey

Broden, Amy

Cardinal, Wade & Liza

Cota, Matt & Laura

Cote, Myron & Carol

Dupont, Cindy

**Gervais, Mark & Peggy\*\***

Hams, Steve & Maureen

Herberg, Mark & Susy

Johnson, Eric

Kramer, Luke & Sheila

Larson, Scott

Miller, Lorraine

Olson, Jerod & Wanda

Olson, Andy & Patty

**Sandberg, Jayde\*\***

Seeger, Lynn & Nancy

Seeger, Mike & Cheryl

Swensen, Brad & Dawn

Swenson, Shelby

Swenson, Kristina

Tydlacka, Pete (Jerome) & Bonnie

Tydlacka, Peter & Rachelle

Vatthauer, Donald

## **May**

Arvidson, Mavis  
Bernier, Morgan & Sadie  
Bertilrud, Allen & Sandy  
Casavan, Jesse & Dianne  
Dahle, Ed & Joanne  
Duden, Perry  
Engelstad, Reed & Nichole  
Guenthner, Crystal  
Halvorson, Gary & Dawn  
Hams, Tim & Terri  
Harmoning, Bob  
Johnson, Kandace  
**Knutson, Knute & Sue\*\***  
Lacina, Mike  
Larson, Brandon & Arielle  
**Miller, Kale\*\***  
Myhre, Aaron & Rebecca  
Roff, Jessica  
Seng, Steve & Laurie  
Tydlacka, Pete (Jerome) & Bonnie  
Tydlacka, Peter & Rachelle  
Vigstol, Jeff & Lori  
Wright, VeAnn

## **June**

Baird, Jeff & Shari  
Borg, Phyllis  
Borg, Timothy  
Brevik, Kevin & Sarah  
Doyle, Todd & Lynelle  
Gagner, Aaron & Ashley  
Gilbertson, Jim & Bev  
Hanson, Keaton  
**Johnson, Brad & D'Anne\*\***  
Johnson, Mason  
Johnston, Darold & Linda  
Lallier, Andrew  
Lundeen, Judy  
Murphy, Kathryn  
Myhre, Randy & Josie  
Peterson, Mark  
Rufsvold, Brook  
Sauve, Nancy  
Sonju, Terry & Deb  
Vraa, Neal & Nancy



## **July**

Aakhus, Jason & Roberta

Braaten, Ed

Guenthner, Brent

Harmoning, Kevin & Michelle

Johnson, Brad & D'Anne

Johnson, Mason

**Johnston, Darold & Linda\*\***

Klein, John & Sandy

Klipping, Steve & Faye

Largis, Matthew & Lindsey

Lundeen, Judy

Matzke, Cheryl

Narlock, Breanden & Bobbi

Peterson, Michael & Vicki

Philipp, Steve & Renae

Rewertz, Barry & Deb

Rupprecht, Donovan & Whitney

Stephens, Dano & Kelsey

Waldal, Tania

## **August**

**Bjorgan, Gerald & Marion\*\***

Brevik, Fern

Brevik, Kevin & Sarah

Columbus, John

Guillemette, Bob & Viicki

Harmoning, Mike & Lesley

Holt, Allen

Klipping, Marvin & Christie

Larson, Chad & Tammy

Matzke, Chris

Nelson, Dr. Owen & Dianna

Peterson, Michael & Vicki

Peterson, Mark

Philipp, Steve & Renae

Piersol, Bruce & Ann

Seeger, Brad & Trish

Sundberg, Spencer

**Van Emmerik, Gerald & Christine\*\***

Waldal, Matt

## **September**

Beyer Buse, Julie

Bjorgan, Gerald & Marion

**Broden, Amy\*\***

Brule, Tim & Janeen

Cota, Matt & Laura

**Duden, Brad & Vicki\*\***

Dupont, Roger

Gums, Jason & Cristin

Halvorson, Gary & Dawn

Harmoning, Roger

Harmoning, Bob

Hopperstad, Steve & Pam

Kleven, Karl & Carly

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Hovland, Thomas & Lacie

Johnson, Eric

Klein, John & Sandy

Kramer, Luke & Sheila

Lacina, Alison

Landman, Fred & Tandra

Larson, Scott

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