



# Bethany Beacon

January 2025



Bethany Church Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, November 13, 2024  
4:15 p.m.

I. The meeting was called to order by Marty Christensen. Jody Anderson, Marty Christensen, Jennifer Drotts, Chris Vogl, and Pastor Vicki Taylor were in attendance.

II. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Vicki.

III. Additions to the agenda: none

IV. Minutes from the October 23, 2024, meeting were approved.

#### V. Old Business

- a. Zoom Equipment and set up- an iPad has been purchased. We need a stand. Jennifer will set up the account and December 1 will

be a practice run to work any kinks out before the annual meeting.

b. Phone/Answering machine- a new phone/answering machine has been purchased and it is still being set up.

c. 2025 Proposed Budget Approval- the Council approved the proposed budget for 2025.

#### VI. New Business

a. Annual Meeting- Details and preparations for the annual meeting were discussed. Marty will prepare the report.

b. Sharron Lewis contract- a contract was prepared and agreed upon for worship leadership services provided by Sharron.

c. Christmas Eve Service- due to Sharron's other congregational commitment, we will request a 5:30 service.

VII. Financial Statement- the financial statement was provided by Jen Drotts and current balances were reviewed.

VIII. Next meeting date- The next council meeting will be determined following the Annual Meeting on 12/8/24. We will welcome two new members to the Council at that time and set a meeting date.

IX. A motion was made to close meeting.

X. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Jody Anderson  
Secretary

## Offering Envelopes

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## AARP Tax-Aide Volunteers Needed from February 1<sup>st</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>

- Training Provided
- Flexible schedule – can work from anywhere
- For more information call Jim at 218-245-9202 or email [taxaidegr@gmail.com](mailto:taxaidegr@gmail.com) (no obligation)

## Winter Horse-Drawn Rides

Experience the magic of winter in Minnesota's north woods with a cozy horse-drawn sleigh ride around the Forest History Center. Tickets are on their website. Phone Number: 218-327-4482  
<https://www.mnhs.org/foresthistor/activities/winter-horse-tours>



# Sunday Service Schedule



Date	Greeters/ Ushers	Reader	Fellowship	Communion
1/5/25	Chad & Margie Schumacher	Rich Anderson	Liz Sprague Diane Nelson	Diane Loudon
1/12/25	Chuck & Liz Elton		Diane Cook Lynette Schmidt	
1/19/25	Ron & Shirley Olesen	Ann Hedquist	Jeannine Jensen, Marty & Janet Christensen	Sue Harris
1/26/25	Beth Anderson	Beth Anderson	Margie & Chad Schumacher Mary & Jeff Grife	
2/2/25	Rich Anderson	Diane Loudon	Carol Bean Ron Drake	Ron Olesen



**Volunteers appreciated! If you would like to take a turn serving coffee for fellowship, greeting, ushering, reading or assisting with communion, please let Diane Nelson know so you can be added to the list**



## January Birthday Wishes!

3- Myla Anttila  
5- Janet Christensen  
11- Jenna Lyytinen  
15- David Kuschel  
16- Bob Olson  
Aaliyah Jensen

19- Matt Grife  
20- Ray Sunell  
21- Emily Amy  
Anneka Harris  
23- Paula Shaw  
25- Andy Shaw



## ANNIVERSARY WISHES

18 - Ross & Renee Amy

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