



Bethany Beacon

June 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Some of you may remember the band from the 1960's, The Byrds. In 1965 they released the song "Turn! Turn! Turn!" written by Pete Seeger which has become a classic. It's a beautiful song, with wonderful harmonies and the lyrics are straight out of Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. The writer of Ecclesiastes wrote, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Take 'time' to read Ecclesiastes or, at the least, listen to the song...and take 'time' to reflect and ponder.

A time for every matter under heaven. We know that time always brings changes and, of course, Bethany is in a time of transition and change. We celebrate the eight years that Pr. Lisa Buchanan was here to proclaim the Gospel, to listen to us, to lead us, to become part of this congregation's life and ministry forever. And so, as we celebrate, we mourn her departure. We are in unknown territory.

What do we do during this time of change? First of all, let us always remember that the Church is in God's hands--Christ is the head of the Church and the Holy Spirit is in the business of calling, gathering and enlightening us. So we trust that God is in this process and that, in God's time, a pastor will be called to serve this congregation.

Secondly, trust the church council. They are working with the Synod in hopes of finding an interim pastor, as well as finding people to lead worship on Sunday and to attend to the immediate needs of the congregation. The council will keep us informed as we move along in this process.

Thirdly, I'll be leading worship through June and, although I'm not in the office, please feel free to call me if you have a concern, if you want to talk, if someone needs a visit etc. My phone number is 218-256-2297 and my email is vataylor@bigfork.net. Unless otherwise arranged, I'll be available for funerals as well. As part of the Bethany community, I'm happy to be able to serve in this capacity.

This is a new time....this is a holy time. Thank you to all the volunteers and movers and shakers in this congregation at this time. Let us pray for God's guidance and give thanks for what was and what will be. And all will be well as we turn, turn, turn.

Peace, Pr. Vicki Taylor

Summer Concert Series Kickoff at Bethany- June 4th

"Adessa and the Beat" will be the first concert of the season for the Summer Concert Series in Itasca County on Tuesday, June 4th at noon, hosted at Bethany. A luncheon will be held afterward for \$7/person. All are welcome.

Upcoming Tuesday Summer Concerts in June:

June 11th – Grand Rapids Alliance Church
June 18th – Zion Lutheran Church
June 25th – St. Andrews Lutheran Church

Upcoming Community Events from the Chamber of Commerce

Bena Fest hosted by Leech Lake Gaming, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwa and the Community of Bena. Saturday, June 15 in Bena. Email Tim Elliott at Tim.elliott@leechlakegaming.com

Golf for Cancer Care *hosted by Forward Health Foundation, Blueberry Hills Golf & RV Park and Paul Bunyan Communications.* Wednesday, June 19th, 4:30pm at Blueberry Hill Golf Course. Register – Blueberry Hills: 218-246-8010.
<https://forwardhealthfoundation.org/upcoming-events/>

Golf Scramble *hosted by New Beginnings Pregnancy + Family Support.* Friday, June 28th at Blueberry Hills Golf Course. 3:00pm check-in, 4:00pm start. Registration includes brat meal, goodie bag and 2 golf carts. Register at Blueberry Hills 218-246-8010.

The World's Largest 75th Annual Wild Rice Festival *hosted by Deer River Lions Club.* July 12-14.

Party in the Park *hosted by Forward Health Foundation.* Saturday, August 10, 9:00am – 3:00pm. Deer River Tractor Club.
<https://forwardhealthfoundation.org/upcoming-events/>

Happy Father's Day!

Sunday Service Schedule



Date	Greeters/ Ushers	Reader	Fellowship	Communion
06/02/24	Ron & Shirley Olesen	Diane Loudon	Diane Cook Phil & Beth Thompson	Robbie Osse
06/9/24	Ron Drake	Ann Hedquist	Bob & Barb Baker Rich Anderson	
06/16/24	Barb & John Tornes	Andy Shaw	Andy & Paula Shaw Barb & John Tornes	Diane Loudon
06/23/24	Larry & Shirley Nixon	Larry Nixon	Carol Bean Marty & Janet Christensen	
06/30/24	Jeff & Amy Carter	Jeff Carter	Jody Anderson Don & Robbie Osse	
07/7/24	Anne Webber & Doug Kutschat	Chris Vinson	Tim & Sheila Maki Jeannine Jensen	Greg Shaw



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

June Birthday Wishes!

1 - Chad Schumacher
 7 - Sylvie Hermel
 12- Lloyd Westermann
 14- Noah Kaczor
 16 - Scarlett & Alexander Buchanan
 17 - Ron Olesen
 Barb Tornes
 John Tornes
 Blake Swanson

18 - Arline Howe
 19 - Wanda Parks
 20 - Ann Hedquist
 21 - John Smith
 22 - Vicki Taylor
 23 - Tiffany Jerry
 Anna Hebrink
 29 - Ella Amy



Anniversary Wishes

1 - Bill & Daisy Mundt
 7 - Phil & Beth Thompson
 13 - Chris & Stacy Olson
 15 - Roy & Sandy Maki
 17 - Tom & RaeAnne Lattimore
 29 - Emily & Phil Hermel

18 - Travis & Amanda Jones
 21 - Chad & Margie Schumacher
 27 - Kristi & Blake Herme
 28 - Don & Robbie Osse

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