

Bethel Council Highlights

Update from our meeting held in August 2024

- From Governing Elders: At our last meeting, we had a vote to determine leadership roles for Governing Elders. Ed Dening is the new Chair Person, Ivan Mast as Vice Chair and John Buisman as the clerk.
- Finance Team: After a successful search, Bethel has a new Finance Team. The team is made up of Dan Murphy, Linda Bird, Lorraine Vacciana, John Wallish, and Dave Vander Heide. Dave has also accepted the position as our new treasurer. We would like to thank everyone for giving of their time to be part of the Finance Team. Since Sara Leenheer has left, we have also hired Pamela Sheriff to do the bookkeeping for Bethel. This will be on a temporary basis until we come up with a more permanent solution.
- Bethel's Youth Program: Since Zach has left his position as Director of Youth Ministries we have decided to wait on hiring a new person for this position until we can determine where we as church want to go with this ministry. Pastor Cris is going to be contacting the youth of our church, present and former youth leaders, and the parents of youth, to come up with a direction for where we might want to go with the youth program. A parent meeting will be scheduled on September 15 after worship. All families connected to current and upcoming youth ministry are welcome to attend.
- Budget for the new Church Year: We spent a fair amount of time discussing the final budget for the new church year. We have made several adjustments which were explained through an update letter sent out on August 23, 2024 from Governing Elders. We will continue to keep the church informed as our year end is calculated after the end of August.
- Upcoming Council Plans: Bethel's Council will be meeting for a fall orientation early September, discussing how we plan to lead and serve together this year. We welcome your prayers as we strive to follow God's lead.

Grace and Peace

The Council of Bethel Community Church
