

Bethel Council Highlights

Update from our meetings on November 13, 2023

- From Full Council :
 - *This past Monday we met as full council. The focus of the meeting was to approve the financial statements for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2023. We are pleased to announce that full council approved final the financial statements. These will be presented at the Congregational Meeting to be held on November 29, 2023. We want to express a sincere thank you to our finance team for all their hard work preparing all the final statements*
 - *We reaffirmed our call and commitment to Pastor Cathy Ferchau. Cathy will continue to work in her role as the Pastor of Outreach and Missions, preparing to be re-examined for ordination in the Spring. We have confidence in her leadership within our Bethel ministries, and pray God will continue to lead us in how we **reach out** with the love and good news of Jesus Christ.*
- From Governing Elders:
 - *We committed to ourselves that we would continue to pray for each other and we will focus on outreach, which is our theme for the year.*
 - *We spent some time in discussing the financial shortage we are facing just after the first 2 months of the fiscal year. We are concerned that we as a church did not have enough incoming funds to meet our commitments. For the first time in our history we used our line of credit to pay all our bills for the month. We acknowledged that we do not often enough stress the importance of faithful financial giving to church members. We committed that we would find ways to communicate in a much better way.*
- Director of Youth Ministry: *Pastor Melanie has informed us that she will be taking maternity leave sometime in early 2024. Congratulations to Melanie and Nate as they await this new addition to their family. In light of this, we have assembled a search committee to seek out someone to fill the role for the time of the maternity leave. These details will be included in the bulletin once the position is posted.*
- Congregational Meeting: *The meeting is scheduled for November 29. The year end financials will be presented for approval by the congregation. We will also hear reports from some of the ministries in our church. This will be an in person gathering; however, the meeting will be viewable via an unlisted live stream. If members would like to participate in voting motions, these votes will be need to be submitted by email beforehand. See the newsletter for more details.*

*Grace and peace,
The Council of Bethel Community Church*

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