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A Note from the Pastor June 2022

Grace and Peace to you from God the Father and Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

The Apostle Paul begins his letters to the churches he has visited with this greeting. Paul seeks to encourage and continue to share the story of the Risen Christ even after he has left town, so he writes letters. Today, we continue to hear God's Word spoken to us in these letters as we read them in worship. Most of the New Testament is made up of letters (or epistles to use a church word). Paul writes to the Galatians, the Romans, the Philippians and so on. Paul writes to help these communities understand God's will for them. Paul praises and he corrects, he gives thanks and challenges

Letters are written when you can't talk to people face to face. Letters are a good way to share information, but are no replacement for person to person communication.

I give thanks that I have been called to do ministry with you, the people of Bethany Lutheran Church. In these newsletter articles, (nothing like the timeless letters of Paul), I try to share just part of the ministry happening at our church. But it is no replacement for gathering together for worship, Bible Study, Fellowship and conversation. I hope these "letters" of mine encourage your faith and entice you to fuller participation in our ministry at Bethany.

I give thanks that summer has finally begun. June brings kids home from school, lets people spend time outside and is the start of vacation season.

I look forward to seeing you in worship this summer as we gather together to pray for one another and lift our voices in praise to God. Some people tell me they can connect with God just as well on the golf course or on the lake fishing. I can't argue with them. But when we gather on Sunday mornings, we are not there only for ourselves, but for others as well. Sunday worship gives us a chance to gather together as the body of Christ and strengthen the faith of our fellow believers. We go to worship for ourselves as well, but we also go to have our faith renewed and support the faith of others. Worship should be a place where we are renewed and reenergized to proclaim God's love for the world.

My hope for you is a wonderful summer doing the things you love to do outside. Planting a garden, fishing on the lake, walking, biking and traveling.

But I also look forward to seeing you in worship. Making time to praise God with God's people and joining the Body of Christ for Holy Communion and staying connected to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Have a great summer!

God Bless
Pastor Chris

June 2022

Team Bueckers: Norb & Jan Bueckers, Ken & Judy Shorter, Lonnie & Shauna Stokes, Roxie Flicek, Charlie & Anna Hansen, John & Phyllis Nelson, Don & Heddie Wolbeck, Wade & Kayla Sandbakken

July 2022

Team Bloom: Harvey & Helen Bloom, Gary Kratzke, Lois Brenner, Tom & Patty Crawford, Lucas & Tania Hendrickson, Jim & Elizabeth Oberton, Arnie Akkerman



June 2	Jim & Elizabeth Oberton
June 5	Chris & Erin Mathiason
June 20	Tom & Sandy Bjorge
June 20	Glen & Amanda Bramstedt
June 20	Carl & Carol Larson
June 24	Ken & Judy Shorter
June 27	Dave & Sharon Cina

June 4	Marilyn Mueller
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Outdoor Services for the first two months of the summer will be on Saturday June 18th and July 23rd, 6:00 PM. No Sunday service on those weekends.

Vacation Bible School will be held August 8-11 from 4:30-7:30 pm, for ages 4 through 6th grade, and we welcome older kids as helpers. This year's theme is Monumental, Celebrating God's Greatness. If you know a child who has not attended our VBS before and would like an invitation, please let Roxie Flicek know. Also, prayerfully consider how you'd like to get involved in this fun-filled week, as we'd love your help!