

## SCHEDULED TO SERVE IN OCTOBER

### LAY LEADERS

October 1

Dennis Marshall

October 8

Nancy Brown

October 15

Kassi Holman

October 22

Need Volunteer

October 29

Christine Luther

### USHERS

October 1 & 8

David & Darcy Carpenter  
Josh & Pam Epp

October 15 & 22

Dale & Michelle Francis  
Michael & Brenda Wieckhorst

October 29 (Communion)

Spiritual Council



### SOUND SYSTEM

October 1

Dennis Marshall

October 8 & 15

Stephen Luther

October 22 & 29

Dennis Marshall

### ACOLYTES

October 1

Lexi Graham & Volunteer

October 8

Morgan & Braellen.

October 15

Bryson & Braxton

October 22

Makenzie & Addison

October 29

Kizen & Berklee

COOKIES/COFFEE ~ Cindy Roemer & Bonnie Wurtele

FLOWERS ~ Diana Adkins

### MOWING

October 5

Brian Reid

October 12

Stephen Luther

October 19

Need Volunteer

October 26

Dennis & Carol M

November 7

Sherry Smith

## **Bethel Church of Nebraska City**

2400 Central Avenue

Nebraska City, NE 68410

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



*Our mission is to create more awareness of Jesus Christ for the local communities by sharing positivity and providing outreach to the community with events, studies and services.*

**\*\*SET WEEKLY DATES\*\***



**\*\*AA in Fellowship Hall Wednesdays  
7—9pm\*\***

**\*\*AA in Fellowship Hall Monday, Tuesday  
and Thursday 12pm\*\***

**\*\*Choir Practice Wednesdays 7pm\*\***

**\*\*Sunday School Sundays 9am**

**\*\* Morning Worship, Sundays at 10AM/ Communion last Sunday\*\***

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**October Calendar**

**October 2nd Church Council Working Meeting 6pm**

**October 12th Lincoln Food Pantry 10-11am**

**October 14th Fletcher-Gerber Wedding Rehearsal 7pm**

**October 15th Bible presentation Berlee Ried, Fletcher-Gerber Wedding 2pm**

**October 16th Board of Christian Education Meeting 6pm, Church Council Meeting  
6pm**

**October 18th Diaper Drive, NCHS Volleyball Dinner 4:30 pm**

**October 19th Home Made Blessings 4pm**

**October 22nd Congregational Budget Meeting after Church Service**

**October 27th Life Line Screening in Fellowship Hall**

**October 28th MODD Squad Lunch in Auburn and Visit Cancer Garden in Humboldt  
1 1:30**

**October 29th Trunk or Treat 3-5pm**

Bethel Church of Nebraska City  
Working Church Council Meeting  
September 11, 2023

Call to Order 6:05 pm by President Norman Brown.

Opening Prayer by Norm Brown.

Members Present: President Norman Brown, Building and Grounds Representative Josh Epp, Treasurer Representative Jason Holman, Memorial Treasurer Representative Larry Wieckhorst, Member-at-Large Brian Ried, Rick Shallenberger and Board Secretary Nancy Brown. Also present were Memorial Officer Margaret Brust.

Approval of agenda was placed on hold per motion by Larry and seconded by Josh. Motion made to go into Executive Session made by Larry and seconded by Josh. Passed.

Motion to move out of Executive Session made by Larry and seconded by Josh. Discussion on candidates for Vice President. Josh and Rick declined nomination. Motion by Brian with Rick second, nominated Larry for Vice President. Passed.

Motion by Larry and seconded by Brian to accept the agenda passed.

Norm reported that Stephen Luther, David Carpenter, Brenda Wieckhorst, Debbie Shallenberger and Jane Kreifels have volunteered for the Search Committee. It was determined, after reviewing the Bylaws, that all three Boards must approve the Nominating Committee. Brian will work on developing guidelines for the committee to follow. The Boards will be asked to meet at 6pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> to approve the action.

The Board felt we will need additional meetings to deal with the issues before them. Nancy moved and Larry seconded to have a working meeting on the first Monday of each month as needed. Passed. Next working meeting will be October 2, 2023 at 6pm.

The High School has requested the use of the parking lot as an over flow site for buses on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The Board agreed to allow, contingent on the date for roof repair. Nancy will check with Michael on this.

The Board approved the Partnership Agreement Memorandum of Understanding between the Nebraska City Public Schools and Bethel Church. This is to be updated and signed yearly and signed by Church President.

AA has expressed interest in having additional meetings at the Church Monday-Friday and noon. Rick moved and Brian seconded to allow this usage, with the understanding that Church needs will be the priority. Passed.

The NCHS Volleyball team has requested information on the use of the Church. A formal request for usage and more information is to follow.

Church Secretary Job Description for Choir Director was reviewed. It was decided to change the title to Senior Choir Director. Larry and Josh motioned to approve, passed. Norm updated the Board on this position. Anthony Priester Jr, a student from Peru College, has expressed interest in this position. He will attend the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Boards consideration.

Motion by Larry and seconded by Josh to place the Financial Secretary Description on hold at this time. Passed.

Board will ask Kassi Holman to review the Custodian Description for changes before approval.

Adjourned after reciting the Lord's Prayer at 8:43pm.

Next Council Meeting September 18, 2023 at 7pm.

Submitted by,

Nancy Brown

Council Board Secretary

## Bethel Church Council Minutes

September 18, 2023



Call to Order 7:00 pm by President Norman Brown.

Opening Prayer by Norman Brown.

Members Present: President Norman Brown, Vice President Larry Wieckhorst, Building and Grounds Representative Josh Epp, Member-at-Large Brian Ried, Rick Shallenberger and Board Secretary Nancy Brown. Also present were Memorial Officer Margaret Brust and Financial Officer Sandy Ried. Also, present Micheal Wieckhorst President of Spiritual Council and Building and Grounds and Michelle Francis, Board of Christian Education President. Church members Cindy Kreifels and Sherry Smith also in attendance.

Motion to change the order of business made by Nancy and seconded by Josh, to introduce Anthony Priester. Norm presented Anthony as a prospective Senior Choir Director. He is a Junior at Peru State, majoring in Music Education. His goal is to teach High School Music. Job Description and Compensation were discussed and he had no questions. Sandy showed him the Music Library.

Motion to approve agenda was made by Larry and seconded by Rick. Passed.

Reading of Minutes by Nancy, motion to approve was made by Brian and seconded by Larry, passed.

Michelle reported that the Woman's Fellowship did well with their Applejack Concession Stand. Have extra Pepsi products for sale, \$5/12 pack. Ideas for next year would be to have a "Bethel Church" banner made and obtain a square card.

Larry moved and Rick seconded to offer Anthony Priester the position of Senior Choir Director. Passed. Anthony accepted.

Financial Report was made available for review by members. Sandy reported Kassi's employment papers have been completed, 2022 Insurance audit has also been completed. August showed a deficient of \$2,232. Pulpit supply has been \$150 per event. Josh moved with Brian seconding to pay the bills, passed.

Norm reported that Terry Weible is making Nursing Home visits and providing Communion to them. Michael Schmidt from First Christian has offered his services to us for emergencies, funerals and such.

Nancy, serving as Church Secretary, reported that Al Locksmith was unsuccessful in replacing the current key fob system so a new system will need to be purchased. Mike said he would work to get estimates, to include security updates such as cameras and recording ability. Have statements from Premier Bank on the Youth Fellowship fund. Jen Tietz's name is on the unactive groups account. We will work with the Board of Chistian Education to determine who will take charge to the account. Sandy presented the 2022 Liability Policy, clarifying the questions voiced last meeting regarding overage for lost or stolen funds. The 2023 policy will be sent to us soon. Nancy will keep a copy in the office. An application has been received for the Secretary position. Resume was reviewed. Interview will be set up for Friday 9/22 at 10am. Board members Brian, Norm and Nancy will be able to conduct the interview. Larry will check references.

Margaret, Memorial Officer reported no Memorials have been received this month. The account remains at \$88,176.89. No changes in the CDs since annual report. Received additional money to be used to honor Pastor Keiths years of service. Buying a hand microphone for the Sound system was suggested, Mike will check on the cost.

Mike reported that Spiritual Council recommends the Board consider Rev Jacob Colligan to serve as our Interim. The Board will take this under advisement.

Michelle reported that The Board of Christian Education members are Brianna Johnson, Erin Johnson, Carrie Ferguson and Danielle Barrett. They have been planning a new format for Sunday School and Confirmation. They are hoping to be ready to start October 1. They are planning a Musical for a Christmas Program.

Buildings and Grounds Chairmen Michael Wieckhorst. The Roof repair will be on hold until the Steeple damage is assessed by the Insurance Co. It is estimated to add an additional \$115,000 to the cost. Miracle Mud jacking was consulted regarding repair of leaking wall area. Mike and Dale will repair this winter. There are 5 valances that need to be replaced. Mike asked if we want him to replace them or have an Electrician do it. If there would be a fire due to them, the insurance will cover the damage when work is done by an Electrician, not by us. Nancy moved to have an Electrician replace the valances, died due to a lack of a second. Mike will investigate this further. Mike is talking to two companies for estimates on a new door locking system for 2 doors, along with recording cameras.

Michelle reported for the E and F Team. The Turkey Trot event will be shared with the Wellness Center this year. The 5K run will be November 18. Proceeds will be split 50-50. We are to obtain sponsors and design t-shirts; the Wellness Center will do the advertising and provide the labor. The Trunk and Treat is being planned for Sunday afternoon October 29<sup>th</sup> from 3-5. Will be serving Hot Dogs, Chips and Pop as last year, all items are donated. The Living Nativity is planned for Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Creative District in Nebraska City has asked if we would be agreeable to present it on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is in conjunction with the Tour of Lights. They are planning on having the Tollies transporting individuals and will provide the animals, advertising and helpers as needed. We will use our costumes, scene and helpers. We will be able to continue collecting for the Food Pantry and monetary donations. The Team is also planning on going to Kearney in January to get ideas for our July 4<sup>th</sup> activity.

## Old Business

Church Security - Note Secretary report on current Locking System.

Social Media – Brian reported that the Website should be up and running tomorrow. Web site will be BethelChurchNebCity.com and the email will be [info@bethelchurchnebcity.com](mailto:info@bethelchurchnebcity.com). Will owe \$60 for the host site. Continues to work on the Facebook account.

Sound System – no update

Stewardship – no report.

Non-Wedding Church Usage Agreement- Rick moved and Nancy seconded that this should be moved to the next Working Council Meeting, passed.

North Door proposal- Mike reports that this should be part of the security system repair. Will hold this until the security system plan is worked out.

2024 Budget Approval Meeting is planned for October 22. Proposal has been in the Beacon this month and copies are available on the ushers table for consideration. It will be a ballot vote.

Search Committee-See Joint Council Meeting minutes of September 18<sup>th</sup>.

## New Business

Nebraska City Volleyball Team would like to hold a team dinner on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Nancy will contact AA about using another room for their meeting. Board approved the use.

After no new business, meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting October 16, 2023 at 7pm.

Submitted by,

Nancy Brown

Council Board Secretary

### **Spiritual Council Meeting Minutes-September 14, 2023**

The Spiritual Council met on September 14, 2023 in the Duensing Chapel at 6pm. President Mike Wieckhorst called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer. The following members were present: Sherry Smith, Cindy Kreifels, and Nick Brown. President Mike asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Cindy made a motion with a second by Nick. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Jacob Colligan from Omaha will fill the pulpit for the next few Sundays. Discussion was held concerning the interim position. The Council decided to table binder cleanup for a future meeting. Nick made the motion with a second by Cindy.

Motion passed.

New Business:

The Living Nativity dates and plans were discussed. Christmas plans are under way and will continue at the Oct. 5 th meeting. The new website "soft opening" is set for September 15 th . Nick will work on the Member Wedding Agreement by the October 5 th meeting.

Announcements:

Church Council President Brown is asking that all Councils meet on Monday, September 18 th , at 6pm prior to the regular Church Council meeting. Mike encouraged us to attend if possible.

Nick made a motion to adjourn with a second Cindy. The motion passed. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Cindy Kreifels

### **E Team**

**The E-team met in a special meeting following church today, September 13 th , 2023.**

**The Living Nativity opened a bank account when it began. Then recently it was discussed that the account would also fund the E-team projects and events.**

**Today it was discussed and voted on that Jen Hamilton will take her signature off the bank account and that Kassi Holman will put her name on the bank account. Michelle Francis will remain on the bank account.**

**Our next event will be the concert on Saturday, September 9 th , 2023. It will be 6 pm at Bethel with a free will offering. We also mentioned that Trunk or Treat will be coming up this Fall.**

**Blessings to All Michelle Francis**

Women's Fellowship September 12, 2023 @ noon

Peggy Johnson opened the meeting with a prayer. There were 10 members present. Peggy and Jane sent out cards of Sympathy and Healing. The treasurers report shows a balance of \$2156.32 .

Diane Adkins will take over for Sarah Bando as a flower attendant. She will be joining Margaret Brust and Darcy Carpenter. Diane will provide a case of poinsettias at Christmas time. She will make some new altar flowers to add variety. Bonnie has been keeping the kitchens cleaned and looking nice. They are going to take care of the damp dry. The new Ice Maker is working. We will think about getting it cleaned in the spring.

Applejack concessions were discussed. They will be 10-4 Saturday, September 16 th @ 810 Central Av in front of Mark Easter's, Easter and Associates. At 8 am, Saturday the 16 th ; Sherry, Jane, and Michelle will meet Aaron Kreifels at church to get Supplies, pop and water to the concession sight. Thank you to Aaron. Michelle will have cookies, hotdogs, buns, chips and Dorito chips at the store. Jane will bring hamburger and cheese. Connie is bringing snack bags. Tracy will come to the store to help set up and get ready. Diane and Sue will be there @ 10 to help run concession stand. Thank you Mark Easter and Randy Moreland for the use of the store front. We greatly appreciate the convenience.

We talked about the Living Nativity coming up in December on the 16 th & 23 rd . We will need volunteers at that time.

Trunk or Treat will be Oct 29 th 3-5 pm. There will be a sign up sheet for trunks. It has been suggested that if someone wants to participate, we will help to decorate a trunk for them. There will be more information later.

Margaret made the motion to keep the current officers. Peggy Johnson-President  
Vice President-open Jane Kreifels-Treasurer Michelle Francis-Secretary

Next Meeting will be at Valentino's Tuesday, December 12 th . Peggy will make the reservation.

Our WF meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Blessings, Michelle Francis, Secretary

AppleJack Concessions 2023 were held September 16 th 10-4 pm in front of Easter and Associates. We served Hotdogs, chips, walking nacho's, cookies, bags of gorp (snack bags) with pop and water. Thank

you to everyone that helped and gave donations. We did have pop left over. There was a profit of \$900. Thank you to Aaron Kreifels, Larry Wieckhorst and Dean Griepenstroh for their time and help. You are Appreciated. Also, a thank you to Mark Easter and Randy Moreland. Until next year!!!!

Confirmation and Sunday School are beginning for the 23/24 school year on October 1st. All are to meet in fellowship hall at the stage at 9 am.



## Homemade Blessings

Homemade Blessings served 28 meals in September, delivered by David and Darcy Carpenter, Sandy Ried, Tracy Wieckhorst and Bonnie Wurtele. The next Homemade Blessings will be on Thursday, October 19th from 4-6pm. Please contact Michelle Francis if you would like to receive a meal for October. A special thank you to everyone who volunteers their time and talents. Volunteers are always welcome

**Board of Christian Education Minutes**

**Meeting September 17 at 8:30 am**

**Members present were Michelle Francis, Erin Johnson, Danielle Barrett and Carrie Ferguson**

**First item discussed was selecting Michelle Francis as President and Erin Johnson as Secretary. It was mentioned that fifth person was still needed for the committee to have a full set of members. Brianna Johnson was selected and agreed to join as the final member of the committee.**

**Sunday School start date and how to proceed with the lower number of youth was discussed. With the recent changes to committee members, it was best determined to wait and start Sunday School on Sunday Oct 1 st in order to give everyone time to organize information. It was also decided to conduct Sunday School as one unit with all children in the same room all morning and working towards the same lessons, activities, and focusing more on community service projects throughout the year. Thank you to Kassi Holman who has agreed to help out on Sundays as well.**

**Confirmation class was also discussed. Each confirmand has been asked to find a mentor. The confirmands will join the Sunday School group in the morning and then break off into their own group to work on confirmation. A meeting with confirmands and their mentors will take place later in October.**

**Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting was planned for Sept 27 th at 6:30 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Erin Johnson, Secretary**





BETHEL CHURCH OF NEBRASKA CITY

# TRUNK OR TREAT



🎃 **CANDY • GAMES** 🎃  
**FOOD • MUSIC • & MORE!**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH**  
**3:00PM-5:00PM | FREE EVENT**

**2400 CENTRAL AVE NEBRASKA CITY, NE**  
**FOR MORE INFO CALL US AT 402-873-6218**

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Interested in participating? Sign up sheet in the back of the Church or contact  
Michelle Francis 402-259-2175

**We are placing an order for "Red, White and Blessed" t-shirts. There is a signup in the back if you are interested in a shirt.**

**CONGRADUATIONS**

**BERKLEE RIED!**

Berklee received her Bible on  
October 15th



Looking for volunteers to work the truck or treat celebration. We need people willing setting up trucks with treats for the kids, Contact the Church or Michelle Francis for more information.



Thank you  
**Diane Adkins**  
for the Harvest Display  
beautifying the Sanctuary.

**Everything in life  
happens for a reason.  
God does not  
close one door  
without opening  
another one.  
Just prepare for  
what you're  
praying for.  
Have faith &  
Believe.**



## The 3rd Annual Turkey Trot

November 18, 2023

Registration starts at 8:15

Trot at 9:00

5K Run

Preregister Adults \$30  
before October 16th,  
kids \$25

\$40 after October 16th,  
Kids \$30

Preregister for T-shirt

Preregister on [runsignup.com](https://runsignup.com) under  
Nebraska City Turkey Trot



**Thank  
you!**

We would like to thank Diane Adkins for the beautiful harvest scene in the Sanctuary, all those who manicured our grounds, or made sure everything was in working order,... we love you and want you to know that we appreciate all you do for Bethel Church.

***“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” 1 Peter 4:10***

*Happy Anniversary!*

October

Melissa and Gregory Rowh-Bando

October 4, 2008

Dale and Michelle Francis

October 19, 1991



*October  
birthday wishes go to*

Ruth Neeman 1st, Carol Marshall 3rd,  
Niles Kilpatrick 4th, Elizabeth Luther  
6th, Rosemary Liesemeyer 6th, Braellen  
Wieckhorst 7th, Braxton Wieckhorst 7th,  
Bryson Wieckhorst 7th, Lenny Tietz 11th,  
Lauryn Cervantes 12th, Morgan Barrett  
13th, Sherry Smith 14th, Ean Delunger  
15th, Madelyn Hedrick 18th, Ashley Loop-  
er 19th, Allison Mills 21st, Kennedy Pat-  
terson 21, Pam Epp 26th, Elizabeth  
Poggemeyer 27th, Eli Delunger 28th,  
Melissa Rowh-Bando 28th.

*If I have accidentally omitted anyone,  
please let the office know so we can make  
that correction.*



October

Terry Mathisen (Jen Tietz's father),  
Carol Biere, Cindy Roemer, Sarah  
Hotsenpillar, Louella Hauptman, Gail  
Lewis (Bonnie Wurtele and Connie Jensen's  
niece), Logan Drabek (cousin of Jen Tietz),  
Terry and Allie Bassinger and family (the  
Community), Dave Hoyle (cousin to  
Michelle Francis and Michael Wieckhorst)

We are blessed to have begun the phone  
prayer chain again here at Bethel Church.  
Bonnie Wurtele has graciously agreed to begin  
the chain for us and we encourage you to  
contact Bonnie or the Church office with your  
prayer requests. You can also enter your

request on our website at

**[info@bethelchurchnebcity.com](mailto:info@bethelchurchnebcity.com)**

**NEBRASKA CITY FOOD  
PANTRY HOLIDAY  
SHOPPING LIST**

Holiday Gift Boxes will be available as either a Thanksgiving Meal (November 20) or a Christmas Meal (December 18) to Food Pantry patrons.

Please provide the following to be included:

- 2 cans of corn
- 2 cans of green beans
- 1 can of sweet potatoes
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 box/package of cornbread mix
- 1 box of stuffing
- 1 envelope of gravy mix
- 1-2 envelopes of mashed potatoes

Meat, pie, whipped topping, rolls, butter, and eggs will be added by the Food Pantry.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR FOOD DONATIONS TO THE  
GAGE HALL STAGE AT THE FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH. ANY DONATIONS  
WOULD BE HELPFUL!**



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## THE BETHEL BEACON ~ October, 2023

Sunday School @ 9:00 am  
Confirmation @ 9:00 am  
Worship time @ 10:00 am

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*We come together and grow closer by learning and applying the word of Jesus Christ.*

## **The Board Members working for the Church**

**Church Council Members** - Norman Brown President, Larry Wieckhorst Vice President, Nancy Brown Council Secretary, Brian Ried, Josh Epp, Jason Holman and Rick Shallenberger

**Spiritual Council** – Michael Wieckhorst President, Nick Brown Vice President, Cindy Kreifels Secretary, Sherry Smith and Kassi Holman

**Board of Christian Education** - Michelle Francis President, Erin Johnson Secretary, Danielle Barrett, Carrie Ferguson and Brianna Johnson

**Search Committee** - Stephen Luther Chairman, Jane Kreifels, Brenda Wieckhorst, Brian Ried and Debbie Shallenberger.

**Women's Fellowship** - Peggy Johnson President, Michelle Francis Secretary and Jane Kriefels Treasurer. All Women of the Church are members.

They are open to suggestions, concerns, ideas and comments.

