

SCHEDULED TO SERVE IN JULY

LAY LEADERS

<u>July 2</u> Jen Hamilton	<u>July 9</u> Nancy Brown	<u>July 16</u> Kassi Holman	<u>July 23</u> Jen Tietz	<u>July 30</u> Christiane Luther
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<u>July 2 & 9</u> Michael & Brenda Wieckhorst Josh & Pam Epp	<u>July 16 & 23</u> Nick Brown Jason & Kassi Holman	<u>July 30 (Communion)</u> Spiritual Council
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SOUND SYSTEM

<u>July 2 & 9</u> Stephen Luther	<u>July 16 & 23</u> Dennis Marshall	<u>July 30 & August 6</u> Jason Holman
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ACOLYTES

<u>July 2</u> Bryson W. & Braxton W.	<u>July 9</u> Makenzie J. & Addison F.	<u>July 16</u> Kizen A. & volunteer	<u>July 23</u> Brooke B. & Lexi G.	<u>July 30</u> Morgan B. & Braellen W.
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COOKIES/COFFEE ~ Luther Family

FLOWERS ~ Sarah Bando

MOWING

<u>July 2-8</u> Dennis & Carol M.	<u>July 9-15</u> Sherry Smith	<u>July 16-22</u> Dale Francis	<u>July 23-29</u> Brian Ried	<u>July 30-Aug. 5</u> Stephen Luther
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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****



****Mondays– Pastor Keith’s day off****

****Mens and Women’s Bible Study,
Wednesdays at 6pm****

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

****Bethel Contemporary Praise & Worship,
Saturdays at 6pm****

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

**Saturday, July 1-Bethel Independence Day Celebration— set up at 9AM /
Activities start at noon/ Praise & Worship 6PM, Activities end at 9PM**

Sunday, July 2—E Team meeting following worship

Tuesday, July 4-



Office Closed

**Thursday, July 13– Lincoln Food Pantry (10—11AM) *note the change to every 2nd
Thursday**

Spiritual Council meeting, 6PM

**Saturday, July 15—Bethel Lunch Ladies, Meet at the
Church at 11:30AM**

Sunday, July 16– 4-H meeting, 2-5:30PM

**Monday, July 17– Board of Christian Education
meeting, 7pm**

Church Council meeting, 7:00PM

Thursday, July 20– Homemade Blessings, 4-6PM

Sunday, July 30– Communion Sunday



Bethel Church Council Minutes

June 19, 2023



Meeting called to order at 7:01 by President Norman Brown. Led in prayer by Pastor Keith.

Members Present: President Norman Brown, Vice President Richard Bristol, Treasurer Representative Jason Holman, Building and Grounds Representative Josh Epp, Memorial Treasurer Representative Larry Wieckhorst, Member-at-Large Brian Ried, Board Secretary Nancy Brown and Pastor Keith Valenzuela. Also present were Memorial Officer Margaret Brust, Financial Secretary Sandy Ried, Board of Christian Education President Denise Valenzuela, Sarah Bando and Pam Epp.

Motion to approve agenda was made by Brian and seconded by Larry, passed.

No members had comments at this time.

Nancy presented May minutes, motion to accept minutes made by Larry, seconded by Richard, passed.

Financial Report presented by Sandy. Expenses exceeded giving again this month. 23 families have to give \$100 a week to meet expenses. She paid the yearly fee for our current website. Jason moved to pay the bills, seconded by Brian, passed.

Pastors Report given by Pastor Keith. See attached.

Secretary Report was given by Norman in Jen's absence. See attached.

Margaret reported that \$2,270 was received this month. Total in account is \$89,163.36. CDs amounts are unchanged and can be found in the Annual Report.

The Spiritual Council report from Michael Wieckhorst was presented by Norman. See attached.

Denise gave a Board of Christian Education report. See minutes of June 1st meeting. New updates were presented. We will not be holding Vacation Bible School this summer due to lack of interest. The impromptu kids get together was cancelled due to lack of interest. After meeting with parents and youth, it was decided that there will be Confirmation this year. Each participant and a parent/guardians must agree to terms that were outlined at the meeting regarding each person's attendance and participation. The signed agreement will be required prior to starting classes.

Building and Grounds Report from Michael is attached.

E team report from Jen is attached.

F team report from Michael is also attached.

Old Business

Church Security - Jason reported that he has previously looked into recording cameras and they are costly. He will do more research on this. He will be forming a committee to develop an Active Shooter plan.

Job Descriptions – It was decided by the group to do Pastors now, and then will do a couple next month. Pastors' description was discussed line by line. Revised version will be reviewed for accuracy next month.

Social Media Update – An apology was given to the Church Members for not having all the information on the Web Site proposal at the Congregational Meeting. Cost spreadsheet was made available to congregation Sunday. Have scheduled a Congregational Meeting for July 16th to get approval on funding for the Web Site Design. This will give members time to review the proposal and get questions answered prior to the meeting. The Council agreed to meet prior to Church that day to review information and receive any updates for the meeting.

Sound System – Jason gave Michael the items he would like to discuss with the rep and is still waiting for a response.

New Business

None

Motion to close the meeting given by Jason and seconded by Larry. Passed.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting July 17, 2023 at 7pm.

Submitted by,

Nancy Brown

Secretary

Secretary Report for Church

Council June 19, 2023

I have been working to get church and shed key fobs and cards back from those people who no longer need them. If you have one you no longer need, please return it to the church office.

If you use the basement for any reason, please do not touch the wifi repeater plugged into the west wall or the dead bolts on the doors themselves. Building and grounds is searching for a solution to the dead bolt problem with both doors.

I am currently looking into saving money on mailings. The Pitney Bowes scale and postage machine we use is contracted through 2027. I still do not know at this time if we can be let out of that contract.

Church use contracts included a baby shower on June 3rd as a lastminute venue. All went well and they were quite happy with the facilities. The next scheduled church use contract is for a member baby shower on Sunday, August 27th from noon- 5pm.

The Council is aware that the current By-Law 111 Membership C #6 “no charge to members” must be reviewed and changed if in fact there is to be no charge to members for weddings as it does not reflect the contract. Our non-wedding use agreement also needs to be reviewed.

The Lincoln Food Pantry delivery day of the week is changing in July. It will now be at Bethel on the second Thursday of each month at the same time, which is 10-11AM. Please keep in mind that the entire parking lot is used for this event and it is difficult to find a parking spot from at least 8AM, if not earlier, to approximately noon. The parking lot fills up very early. Doors will not be unlocked until I arrive at 9AM.

Credit card purchases in June reflect church \$5 Fathers Day gift certificates to Ace Hardware. I am currently exploring Sams Club Plus prices as compared to Eakes office supply for future supply purchases.

Reminder,... if you have meeting minutes, announcements or any other information to submit for the monthly Beacon, please do so no later than the Wednesday prior to the last Sunday of each month.

If you ever have any questions, ideas, comments or concerns for Bethel Church, I am always happy to help. Just give the office a call between 9am and 1pm weekdays or leave a voicemail and I will get back to you the next weekday morning. You are also welcome to contact me via Facebook messenger or email us at bethelucchurch1887@gmail.com. Be sure to check our website at bethelucchurch.com to stay up to date on calendar events.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Hamilton, Bethel Church Secretary

E-Team Report-

There will be an E-Team meeting following worship on Sunday, June 25th. Old business up for discussion is the Living Nativity 2022 and our gospel concert 2022. New Business includes our upcoming fall Concert by the Stangl Family, Living Nativity 2023, The Chosen Season 4 and a possible community prayer box.

Submitted by Jen Hamilton

PLEASE SHARE THIS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE....

FAITH MOVES MOUNTAINS

Matthew 17:20

Weekly Contemporary Worship

Saturdays | 6PM | Bethel Church of Nebraska City
2400 Central Ave. | Nebraska City, NE

www.bethelucchurch.com

Volunteers needed.....be at the church by 9:00AM



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Church
Presents
INDEPEDENCE DAY
CELEBRATION

**WATERMELON
FEED**



JULY 1, 2023 12 PM-9 PM
2400 CENTRAL AVE.



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Board of Christian Ed Minutes
May / June 2023

Denise called the meeting to order at 6 pm on June 1st. Pastor Keith opened with prayer. Members present were Pastor Keith, Denise, Pam, Sarah, and Matthew. Michelle Francis was also in attendance. Sarah read the April minutes. Pam made a motion to approve the minutes, Matthew seconded.

Old Business

Service Sunday – 4/30/23: Thank you posters were made by the Sunday school kids and taken to the Nebraska City Police Department, the Otoe County Sheriff's Department, and the Nebraska City Firefighters and EMT's, along with donuts. Our gesture was well received and appreciated.

The Senior Breakfast and Recognition was held Sunday, May 7 th for our 2 graduating seniors. Our Teacher Recognition/Annual Picnic was held Sunday, May 21 st . Free ice cream tokens to Dairy Queen were give to the Sunday

School kids. Our Sunday school teachers and subs were honored as well. The picnic began following worship on our lawn. Mike Wieckhorst grilled the hamburgers and hotdogs. Sides were brought by those in attendance. Thank you to all who helped set up and tear down tables and chairs. Baccalaureate was held at Bethel again this year. Not many were in attendance. The board has decided not to hold Vacation Bible School this year due to lack of interest.

New Business

Plans for a summer impromptu get-together were made for getting the middle school and high school kids and their families together to get to know each other more at Wildwood Park on Friday, June 9 th at 6 pm. Pastor Keith and Denise will bring the drinks, the Epp family will provide the hot dogs, chips, watermelon, and s'mores. An invitation will be put out on Facebook. Sarah suggested possibly renting the pool for 2 hours some evening as a possible option for another get-together.

Richard Bristol is starting up a new Adult Bible Sunday School class. More information to come.

The subject of Confirmation for this year was brought up. Pastor Keith is not comfortable being alone with 4 girls and 1 boy. If Kizen would not be there for whatever reason, he would be by himself with 4 girls. He would like to wait and combine this class with this year's 6 th graders and have one big class next year. Denise will send out an email to the parents of this year's class to have a parent meeting on June 12 th at 7 pm.

The subject of Sunday School music time and Sunday School teachers/classes was tabled until our next meeting based on what is decided with Confirmation. The schedule will also be made at that time.

The board has decided to stop High School Sunday School due to lack of interest/participation. The focus will now be on getting our Youth Group back up and running and combining religious education with fun events that the kids will be engaged in. The board is also considering having something in Fellowship Hall for our community's kids to do after games over at the High School on Friday nights.

Our next meeting will be July 17, 2023. Matthew made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Pam seconded. Pastor Keith closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Bando, Secretary



BOCE is discussing the possibility of partnering with an Auburn Church youth group and perhaps one from Tabor, IA as well. Our kids are invited to be a part of their middle and high school meetings this fall, which are held Wednesday evenings; Middle School is from 5:30 to 7pm; High School is from 7 to 9pm. Our Sunday School teachers and youth are encouraged to be a part of it. Carpooling arrangements will be taken care of. Let's do this! Watch for more details!

Spiritual Council Meeting Minutes – June 8, 2023



The Spiritual Council met on June 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Duensing Chapel.

President Mike Wieckhorst called the meeting to order. Those present were:

Mike Wieckhorst, Cindy Kreifels, Nick Brown, Sherry Smith, and Pastor Keith, Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer.

Mike asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Cindy made the motion with a second by Sherry. Motion passed.

The minutes of the May meeting were read with a motion made by Sherry to approve them. Nick seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

- No weddings to report
- No new members
- LeRoy "Buck" Hammers passed this morning. Gude Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements, with services being held next Thursday June 15 th at 10:30am, with lunch afterwards.
- Upcoming Baptism/Dedication: Ryker Francis, Sunday, June 11th

Needs for Contemporary Services:

- Continued advertising of the services.
- Sound Engineer
- A platform/rack that can be used to house the projector to show the lyrics of the music on to the screen. Currently using the small table by the old

sound closet and about 20 hymnals to raise the table to a workable height to project.

- Able to stream audio from either a laptop or iPad to the audioboard would be helpful
- Help with setup/teardown of projector and screen (leave speakers in place until audio can be streamed from audio board?)
- The ability to transition smoothly from song to song during praise music (pre-produced playlist?) would be beneficial
- Actively seeking at least 8 people who can do praise in pairs, rotating out every Sat. to avoid burnout.

Pastor reported that those attending the "Praise and Worship" (Jen's idea) services are mainly current members that cannot always attend Sunday services and are very grateful for this option.

Old Business:

Nick has created an excel spreadsheet for tracking communion participation which will be helpful for the membership review. Council will continue to encourage members to sign the "communion register" on communion Sunday.

Saturday worship was discussed and brainstorming continued using Pastor's list included in his previous report. Mike reported that the organ has been repaired.

New Business:

Children's sermon was discussed at length. Pastor provided his rationale for potential changes. After much positive

Spiritual Council Continued.....

conversation, Council decided to table this matter until the July meeting. The Council did ask Pastor to explain his rationale to the congregation on Sunday June 11th . After careful consideration of ideas presented, the Spiritual Council will make the final decision at-a-later-date. Nick brought up the idea of possibly bringing back Sunday greeters. Discussion was held and it was decided to ask for the congregation's input sometime in the future. The position opening for the children's choir director was brought up. Nick will be attending the next BOCE meeting to present his thoughts. Nick made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Cindy. The meeting concluded with a prayer request from Mike followed by the reciting of the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be held on July 6 th at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Kreifels



In an effort to “mix it up,” Pastor Keith is seeking volunteers to take over the Childrens Sermon during worship beginning this fall. If you love teaching and would like to give it a try, please let him know or call the office. We would be happy to suggest ideas or there are unlimited resources available online.

We will be offering an adult group Bible Study Sunday mornings this fall at 8:45AM. If you have a book or study series you would like to take a look at, please let Richard Bristol know. More details to follow



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Ice Cream Social

St. Pauls UCC-Osage

Cook, NE

Sunday, July 9 from 5:00pm–
7:00pm

Sloppy Joes, Cheese sandwiches,
Ice Cream, Cake and Pies.

Free Will Offering



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IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PRINTED COPY OF THIS, THE ANNUAL REPORT OR OUR BEACON, PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW AS THEY WILL ONLY BE PRINTED UPON REQUEST. THANK YOU

Opportunities to Volunteer

BETHEL SUMMER ARTS SERIES

If you or someone you know would like to share their talents with us during our summer arts series at Bethel, please sign up in back, at www.bethelucchurch.com, or contact Jen in the office. This is open to all arts, such as dance and theatre, not just music.



You are invited to attend the Love Well Conference. August 24th—26th, 2023 in Bellevue, NE at New Beginnings Worship Center. This will be a weekend filled with testimony, workshops, worship, teaching and support for those who would love to have and pursue biblical clarity regarding the LGBTQ issues that have become such a large part of our society. Please see the church bulletin board for more specific information or go to www.ferventheartministries.com

We are looking for new faces to help with our July 4th celebration. We are looking for people to help us on Saturday, July 1.

Set up times would be from 9am to noon, with activities starting at 12 noon until 9pm. Please see the sign up sheet in the back or let the office know and what hours you would be willing to lend a hand!

THE BETHEL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

is asking those who may have it on their hearts to help our youth to please consider becoming a volunteer Sunday School substitute teacher this fall.

Here's what's happening.....

BETHEL'S WEEKLY CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

If you would like to be a part of this special weekly service, please let Pastor Keith know asap. We are in need of sound techs, musicians, testimonials, instrumentalists, and an open heart to truly experience God through His word with an added flare.



If you have not joined Bethel Church of Nebraska City on Facebook yet, please let the office know and Jen will send you an invitation. Its easier than trying to find the page unfortunately.

IMPORTANT REMINDER.....

Please return all church access metal keys, fobs or cards you no longer need. We have a very limited supply and must maintain an accurate list of users.

Thank you!

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Sunday Worship in June. From the beautiful flowers, to speakers, musicians, all those who served, cleaned our building, manicured our grounds, presented His word, 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!

JUNE

Michael & Brenda Wieckhorst, June 5, 1999
Larry & Tracy Wieckhorst June 10, 1989
Josh & Pam Epp June 15, 2002
Richard & Lisa Bristol June 20, 1980
Mike & Mary Redelfs June 20, 1986
Cindy & Matt Kreifels June 27, ??
Dan & Jen Hamilton June 29, 1996
Dale & Vera Orton June 30, 1951

JULY

BJ & Sandy Ried July 4, 1986
Dale & Lynn Wurtele July 15, 1983
Dean & Carol Biere July 23, 1961
Jason & Kassi Holman July 25, 1998
Lonnie & Sara Horstman July 25, 1992



July

birthday wishes go to

*Gray Carpenter 6th, Taylor Funk 9th,
Christine Luther-Parkyn 9th,
Brenda Rayhel 10th, Paula Ramold 13th,
Dean Griepenstroh 16th,
Berkee Ried 17th, Maggie Brust 18th,
Aaron Kreifels 18th,
Jordan Kreifels 18th, Lilli Graham 21st,
Cindy Roemer 21st*

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

Homemade Blessings

Homemade Blessings served 20 meals in June, delivered by David and Darcy Carpenter, Sandy Ried, Sherry Smith and Bonnie Wurtele. The next Homemade Blessings will be on Thursday, July 20th from 4-6pm. Please contact Michelle Francis if you would like to receive a meal for July. A special thank you to everyone who volunteers their time and talents for this amazing mission of Bethel Church.



June

Joyce Baldwin (Jen Hamilton's mother), Terry Mathisen (Jen Tietz's father), Carol Biere, Cindy Roemer, Mark West (brother of Lynn Wurtele), Patty Straw, Sarah Hotsenpillar, Louella Hauptman, Gail Lewis (Bonnie Wurtele's niece), Candy Herzog (Sarah Bando's mother), Logan Drabek (cousin of Jen Tietz), Ruth Neeman, Bristol Gordon (friend of Pastor Keith), Nicholas & Lizzie Chelle-Andersen (Jen & Lenny Tietz son and daughter-in-law), Bobbie Vance (friend of Pastor Keith and Denise), the family and friends of Buck Hammers, the family and friends of Rex Peterson

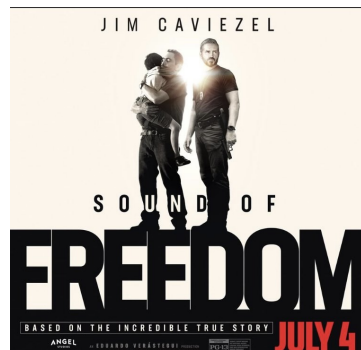
We are blessed to have begun the phone prayer chain again here at Bethel Church. Bonnie Wurtele has graciously agreed to begin the chain for us and we encourage you to contact her with your prayer requests when office staff or Pastor Keith is unavailable. You can also enter your prayer request on our website at bethelucchurch.com



Bibles, Bullets and Breakfast June 17, 2023



Eighteen enjoyed a pancake breakfast and Bible study at Pastor Keith and Denise's home shop last Saturday. The skies were beautiful for the shoot held afterwards. We have several gun enthusiasts well versed on the topics of firearms, safety protocol and accuracy. It was a great day and we learned a lot.



Please contact the church office if you would like to be part of a group planning to attend The Sound of Freedom . Details will follow soon in our bulletin and online at bethelucchurch.com

Sound of Freedom Movie
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Sound of Freedom begins in theaters July 4th. Audiences are so passionate about this film that theaters are already **SELLING OUT!** Don't miss this unique theatrical experience!

Theaters are feeling the energy and opening hundreds of new locations! Book your tickets now to get the best seats.

Sound of Freedom is based on the true story of a former US government agent, who quits his job to devote his life to rescuing children.

After rescuing a young boy from ruthless child traffickers, he learns the boy's sister is still captive and decides to embark on a dangerous mission to save her.

Continued....

Simply stated, we are all bullets for Christ's kingdom. Every one of us has a gift that can be extremely effective if we are led by the Holy Spirit on where to "hit our target", so to speak.

We can either edify a person's life (hunters use bullets to bring home wild game to feed their family) through our speech and the gifts G-d has given us, or we can kill and destroy with our words.

May we all be mindful of our gifts, watch what and how we say certain things, and be willing to yield to the will of the Holy Spirit.

"So, What's With the Hyphen??"

You might have seen a hyphen in my scripture notes. You'll see this in L-rd, J-sus and G-d.

In my studies, it was brought to my attention that there are some theologians, notably those of the Jewish faith who use the hyphen as a form of respect to G-d's name.

Being holy, G-d is worthy of praise, adoration, worship and of course, respect.

How often do we hear the L-rd's name used in vain, or witnessing an utter lack of acknowledging His supremacy; the many blessings He has bestowed on those who have no clue as to who He is.

Even still, there are some in the faith who neglect to stop, reflect, and truly thank Him for His love towards us.

I may forget to insert a hyphen from time to time in my notes; It's my way of showing the L-rd respect. Eventually, my notes, or any publication that has His name imprinted will at some time find its way in the trash.

G-d's name is used in vain with impunity in our society. Until that changes, I'll use the hyphen.

Blessings,

Pastor Keith

THE BETHEL BEACON ~ JULY 2023

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Sunday School returns this fall

Worship time @ 10:00 am

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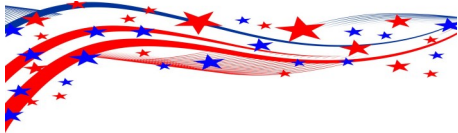
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We come together and grow closer by learning and applying the word of Jesus Christ.



This past month, the Lord gave me an idea to do a “Bible, Bullets, and Breakfast” at our shop behind our home. It was a time of bible study, a sumptuous breakfast cooked up by Dan Hamilton with Mike Wieckhorst on stand-by fire detail, (LOL!) followed by target practice.

18 people came to be a part of this unique get-together; While some didn't stay for the entire event, everyone had a great time, enjoying the food and fellowship.

While putting together the bible study, the thought that bullets come in different lengths and sizes came to mind. Come to think of it, people come in different heights and sizes.

This led me to think of the book of Romans. Here are my study outlines that I shared:

Romans 12: 3-8 mentions the various spiritual gifts that each believer in Jesus has.

3 “For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. **4** For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, **5** so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. **6** Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; **7** or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; **8** he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness”. - **Romans 12:3-8**, NKJ, (biblegateway.com)

Bullets have one mission - to reach their target; to make an impact.

We as Christians have a similar responsibility; to be effective for Christ's kingdom by using our gifts to make an impact in our world around us.

One must be very responsible when handling bullets; used improperly, they can cause irreparable damage, even kill and destroy.

The same thing applies to us; **James 3:6-8** tells us that the tongue is a fire.. extreme caution must be taken with the tongue!