
August 2017

Worship Times

Sunday– 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.
Attended NURSERY and
BRISTOL BUTTERFLIES
for Sunday Worship
(3 – 7 year old)

Wednesday– 6:30 p.m.

Membership is voluntary



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THE **BRISTOL BANNER**

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*“Inspired by the Gospel, we love and serve creation through our
Christ-centered community.”*

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Congregation Meeting after Worship on Sunday

August 6th!

**Come discuss and approve the members of the
call committee!**

FROM PASTOR JEN'S DESK

Hello!

I am your Interim Pastor and my name is Rev. Jen Johnson. Feel free to call me Pastor Jen. My official start date is August 14, and I plan on being in the office that day. I'll be "setting up shop" for most of the day. If you are free and would like to stop by for a cup of coffee, I'd love to take the time to get to know you.

My roots are Lutheran through and through. Dad's side is Norwegian Lutheran and Mom's side is German Lutheran. I know the words to "Stille Nacht" and "Jeg er Sö Glad" but have a definite affinity for the food of my Norwegian side.

I am hopeful for our time together. We will have work to do in preparation for calling your new pastor. Each person in the congregation has a part in this work! We'll talk more about that after August 14. Until then, please know that YOU are an important part of Bristol Lutheran AND the Body of Christ.

The contract that we signed together states what I will do for you and what you will do for me. With the help of God, I promise to:

- Lead worship and preach.
- Administer the Sacraments.
- Provide special services such as marriages and funerals.
- Teach in the congregation's education program.
- Do pastoral calling in the congregation.
- Be a consultant and resource to the church council, committees and programs, including the Call Committee.
- Be available to serve the whole church through synod or ELCA ministries.
- Pray for the congregation and the next spiritual leader.

You, as a congregation promise, with the help of God, to:

- Uphold and support in prayer, my ministry with you.
- Financially compensate me for our time together.

We can do this!

With Hope,
Pastor Jen

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Golf Season!!!
Mark your calendars, every third Thursday, 9 am at Kestrel Ridge Golf Course
(Columbus)
Next chance to golf with Bristol Golfers – **August 17th**

Hope Lutheran Church in McFarland is having a garage sale! **August 25th and 26th** from 8AM-4PM!
3702 County Road AB (corner of AB and Femrite).
No items are priced, pay what you think it's worth. Proceeds to go HLCW fundraising for charities.



Sunshine Supper is being served by Bristol Lutheran on **Monday, August 28th**. Our menu remains the same, sign-up sheets will be out at the beginning of August for volunteer work slots and donations of food! Questions? Call Jan Dorner at 608-837-7902

Our annual Norwegian bake sale is coming up on **Saturday October 7th from 9-12!** So far, the following dates have been set:

- Sandbakkles: Tuesdays in September from 6pm-8pm
- Lefse: Thursdays in September and the first Thursday in October from 5pm-8pm
- Krumkake: Mondays September 11th AND 25th from 6pm-8pm



Committee Blurbs

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

‘THE GIVING TREE’

Stop, look, and discover what this ‘Giving Tree’ will teach you about giving! Ideas will be posted on the branches of the tree for all of us to read. If there is an idea that you would like to do please take the leaf/fruit piece off the tree and do it.

The Stewardship ministry team would love your feedback on what you experienced with the idea that you chose. Please let us know with a note you can leave by the tree or an email to the church office.

We are all Stewards of God’s world and creation caring for and giving all that we are able to give to love God’s world and each other. Enjoy ‘THE GIVING TREE’!

The stewardship committee members are Peg Hanson and Janice Vollmert.

BRISTOL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

The annual Norwegian Specialties Food Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 7 from 9:00 – noon.

Food making scheduled so far:

- Sandbakkles – Tuesdays in September 6 – 8pm
- Lefse – Thursdays in September and first Thursday in October 5 – 8pm
- Krumkake – Mondays September 11 and 25 5 – 8pm

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

Meets at 6:30 p.m., 2nd Tuesday of the month

Committee members: Marilyn Betlach, Ken Forney (Director of Music Ministry), Kim Han,
Ron Radunzel (Council Liaison), & Cyndi Voeck (Chair, Secretary)

A Huge Thank You!

After almost 25 years on this committee, Cyndi Voeck is taking a break. As we consider the role that she has played over those years, we thought we would share a bit of what that looks like. As part of W&M Cyndi has helped prepare almost 2000 worship services, helped with fundraising our current organ and our grand piano. She has managed making the connections to make sure we have a pastor and musician for every service, including stepping in herself on occasion. She has been part in huge changes in our worship style, as we embraced new technology. The list goes on and on.

We will miss her commitment to detail and making sure nothing ever got overlooked. We are grateful that Cyndi has agreed to continue to be a resource to our committee, helping out behind the scenes.

Thank you Cyndi!

Ken and Ron

Bristol Lutheran Organ Fundraising Kickoff

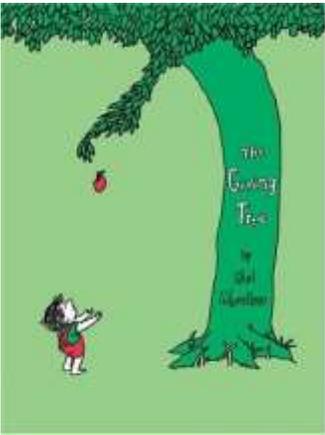
We currently own a 25 year old electronic organ made by Advent Organ Company of Green Bay which is now closed. Both the age of the technology and that Advent Organ is no longer in business has us in the position of the instrument not being repairable going forward.

Music and Worship has been gathering information and we believe that attempting to find a used pipe organ which is sized appropriately for our Sanctuary makes the most sense in the long run. We believe taking the course of starting fundraising before selecting a specific instrument will allow us to be ready when an instrument becomes available.

Bids for a new Electronic Organ have run in the area of \$75,000 and so Music and Worship is making a recommendation that we set that amount as the goal, with the intention to acquire a used Pipe Organ and through using the many talents of our congregation keep the cost of installation under control. Funds raised above the final cost could, at our Council's discretion, be put towards other updates to the Sanctuary.

Make a JOYFUL noise unto the Lord! SERVE the Lord with GLADNESS! Come before his presence with SINGING!!!

LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT



The library wants to introduce you to a book written by Shel Silverstein titled “THE GIVING TREE”. This book is written for all ages with the following summary: “ ‘Once there was a tree...and she loved a little boy.’ So begins a story of unforgettable perception, beautifully written and illustrated by the gifted and versatile Shel Silverstein. Every day the boy would come to the tree to eat her apples, swing from her branches, or slide down her trunk...and the tree was happy. But as the boy grew older he began to want more from the tree, and the tree gave and gave and gave. There is a tender story, touched with sadness, aglow with consolation. Shel Silverstein has created a moving parable for readers of all ages that offers an affecting interpretation of the gift of giving and a serene acceptance of another’s capacity to love in return.” This book is beautifully written and it will touch your heart as you read the story. Come to library and check this book out.

Simply Giving? Or Simply Giving!

Missing a lot of Sundays due to that busy summer schedule? Consider Simply Giving!

What this means is that your duty and joy to give as a disciple in God's mission can be assured. Our duty is to support the ongoing daily ministry of God's church, and the joy is to see God changes lives through that ministry! Where we put our treasures is where our hearts follow. When we are excited and invested in the mission we are part of we want to give more. Simply Giving helps.

What it is...

1. Consistent Faithful Giving
2. First Fruits Giving – giving from the top of our income instead of what is left over
3. Green – No Envelopes!
4. Growth in Stewardship – You can still put offering in the plate for fun mission opportunities

What it is not...

1. Auto Giving to God
2. A Bill
3. A cheap way for the church to “get” money

It is okay if you do not want to join in Simply Giving, too! God provides many ways for us to support mission. Let us continue to pray for how God may be leading our lives of faith through these gifts. If you are interested in signing up please contact Michelle in the church office.

Altar Flowers

Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers that have adorned our worship space. Now that summer is here we want to remind everyone that your garden flowers or Farmer's Market flowers are a nice option and seem like even more of a sacrifice than florist flowers.

Also a reminder that plants are a welcome addition but they **are not** placed on the altar. They may be placed on the plant stands.

If you sign up for flowers that you want to order from Prairie Flowers on Main Street, it is your responsibility to order and pay for them directly with them. They will deliver to church on Saturday with no delivery charge. Two people may share the cost of these.



And if you choose to donate the flowers please indicate that on the side of the flower chart for that Sunday.

Have a beautiful, colorful, summer.

Let Us Pray...



Prayers of healing, comfort and support for members: Forrie Scott

For family & friends: Ed Knapton (friend of Candy Skibba), Kassi & Charlie Brown and family, Tommy Hoffman (nephew of Denise Bakke-Hoffman), Angie Alt (Coworker of Sonia Schwantes), Jean Hodel, (Tammy Weiss' mom), Malia Haynes (family of Nancy Schmelzer-Scott), Elaine Rogers (friend of Debbie & Mark Maley), Mary Margaret Kreager (sister of Diane Coudray), Denise Stier (Daughter in Law of Lea Nordness), Carol Fowler and Mary Jane Smith (Friends of Gloria Bartlett), Bernadine Cook (Jim Bauer's sister), Mary Ann Jacobi (sister of Roger Nolden), Chris Briggs (Jim Bauer's sister), Russ Lorenz, Jamie Falk (friend of Ken Forney), Christopher Flynn (Diane Coudray grandson), Mary Lynn Piezker (friend of Jim & Jean Bauer), Bev Gehrke (Gene & Bev Gehrke's family).

For our homebound: Arlene Sasser & Del Trevorrow, Bev & Gene Gehrke, Lorie Nolden, Clara Higgins, Betty Skrenes, Milt & Ilene Austin, Mary Wagner, David Grulke, Ruth Wipperfurth, and Phyllis Reinen.



Sunshine Supper Helpers: Bristol Lutheran Church will be helping out at the Sunshine Supper on Monday August 28th. The menu is the same from earlier this year. Please sign up in the lower entrance to help us with the community!

Nursery and Bristol Butterflies: Do you enjoy the children of the congregation? Would you like to help the children make a craft, read them a story, play with them during our service? Please contact Sandy Hundt if you would like to become a volunteer! The rotation is usually one time every 4-5 weeks. Let Sandy know if you are interested!!

Worship and Music Committee: We're still needing at least one more committee member for Worship & Music. More ideas make for a better worship experience for all. Could YOU be our next member? Join us on August 8th for our next meeting.

Your Special Talent: Sharing your talents, **giving** of your time as a volunteer, is a blessed way to support the ministry needs of your church. If you want to volunteer with any committees or other ministry needs please let the church know.

You can contact the church office, church council members, and the stewardship ministry team to let us know what you would like to do.

All volunteer help is a **gift** to God's mission for Bristol Lutheran and the work God gives to us to complete. Thank You!

Assorted Items: We are collecting items for Lutheran World Relief! See Ann Schwanke for any questions or donations.

- **Personal Care Kits:** 2 bars of soap, 1 toothbrush, 1 sturdy comb, 1 nail clippers, 1 light bath towel
 - **School Kits:** 4 notebooks, 1 ruler, box 24 crayons, 1 blunt scissors, 5 pencils, 5 pens, 1 eraser
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship	31 9:00 AM Food Pantry 7:00 PM Yoga	1	2 6:30 PM Worship	3	4	5
6 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship and Congregational Meeting	7 7:00 PM Yoga	8 6:30 PM All Ministry Night	9 6:30 PM Worship 7:15 PM Youth Group (7th-12th Grade)	10 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast	11	12
13 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship	14 Pastor Jen's First Day!! 9:00 AM Food Pantry 7:00 PM Yoga	15	16 6:30 PM Worship	17 9:00 AM Bristol Golf Outing 6:30 PM Exec Committee 7:00 PM Council	18	19
20 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship	21 7:00 PM Yoga	22	23 6:30 PM Worship	24	25	26
27 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship	28 Sunshine Supper 9:00 AM Food Pantry 7:00 PM Yoga	29	30 6:30 PM Worship	31	1	2

Bristol Lutheran Church

Worship Assistants for August 6—September 3, 2017

If you can't attend on the date assigned, please contact someone to take your place and let the office know whom that will be. THANKS!

DATE, TIME	<u>8/6, 9:00a</u>	<u>8/13, 9:00a</u>	<u>8/20, 9:00a</u>	<u>8/27, 9:00a</u>	<u>9/3, 9:00a</u> (Labor Day Weekend)
ACCOMPANIST	Ken Forney	Ken Forney	Jeff Dorner and Jim Bauer	Ken Forney	Ken Forney
ACOLYTE	Lexie Shemanek	Braeden Moore	Ben Ward	Sophie Sehmanek	Samantha Schwantes
Assisting Minister	Cyndi Voeck	Bob Fett	Ann Schwanke	Roger Nolden	Anne Seitz
Computer Operator	Kathy Thorstad	Arlene Skrenes	Barbara Schnell	Blaine Moore	Marty Seitz
BUTTERFLIES	Sandy Barr-Hundt	Shelly Seehafer	Marsha Schwanke	Sandy Barr-Hundt	None
GREETER	Sue Reinen	Janice Vollmert	Ruth Carl	Sandy Junkeris	Ann and Arlynn Schwanke
LECTOR	Ann Schwanke	Arlynn Schwanke	Lorre Paulman	Marilyn Betlach	Sally Mortensen
NURSERY	Joy Moore	Debbie Waelti-Keller	Allison Betlach	Emma Seehafer	Joy Moore
USHER	TEAM 5	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 4	TEAM 3
HOST Fellowship	Jan Dorner	Open	Open	Open	Jan Dorner
Altar FLOWERS	Gayle Parker	Open	Open	Hanson Juetten	Open
Altar Guild	Kathy Thorstad and Carolyn Lyle	Anne Seitz and Edith Lorenz			
Communion Bread	Sue Stallman	Sue Stallman	Sue Stallman	Sue Stallman	Brittany Meyer

Head Ushers and teammates: (A.L. = Assistant Lead Usher)

USHERS, PLEASE USE USHER LAPEL PINS found on the back table of the sanctuary.

TEAM #1 - Lead Usher: Bill Gerke (837-8436), Bob Sherman, Gary Gehrke

TEAM #2 - Lead Usher: Gary Scott (837-3702), Fred Zweifel, Alice Zweifel

TEAM #3 - Lead Usher: Roger Nolden (837-9426), Dan Thorstad (A.L.), Gloria Bartlett, Marty Seitz,

TEAM #4 - Lead Usher: Darwin Anderson (837-5598), Don Hanson, Richard & Barb Schnell

TEAM #5 - Lead Usher: Lou Stallman (837-2987), Arlynn Schwanke, Gary Yager, Bob Hundt