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*July 2017*

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

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## FROM PASTOR'S RICK'S DESK

As I sit to write this newsletter article, I'm having a hard time concentrating. Packing my office, packing for Germany, packing the house, packing my thoughts and emotions; wrapping up committees, visits, ministry tasks, final meetings, and worship services.

I will admit that writing a farewell service is difficult. Today the service is a month away, but when you read this article it will be just a week or so. But making final preparations to say goodbye is important for me, for you, and for Pastor Jen who comes in August. (I have talked with her and plan to meet with her – and she is incredible! God will do great ministry with you and Pastor Jen, as you seek to call the next pastor).

The office of pastor has been here at Bristol as long as Bristol has been a congregation – and that will never change, even though the person occupying the office does change. Over the course of 5 years – we have built deep and meaningful relationships. A lot of time and energy has been poured into our relationships – on both sides.

For five years our relationship has been defined as pastor and parishioner, however, after July 16<sup>th</sup> I will no longer have the title of pastor at Bristol. I will not have pastoral duties, nor pastoral relationships with you. It is important for us to keep that distinction, so that the next pastor in Bristol's journey has the same opportunities for communication and relationship that I had when I came. Managing our boundaries is essential for the next pastor. Nothing will erode the trust and foundation of the pastoral ministry quicker than me maintaining relationships within the congregation, when I am no longer pastor. I will not engage in discussions or offer advice concerning personal or congregational matters, or the current pastor.

We may run into each other along the way (the Church has a way of being smaller than we think), and I hope we can greet one another. (I hope I will remember your name!) As we move out to Colorado, I am sure you will wonder how we are doing. Once we are settled, I will try to communicate that we are doing okay. I hope that you will keep us in your prayers.

We have built relationships, but our relationship to God is most important. God brought us together for a specific time and place, and now sends us to new ministries. The time, history, and ministry that we have done together will never be forgotten. As we end worship, we trust that God sends us to serve in peace. Even if it no longer is side by side, we still serve the same God, in the same mission of the Church.

Thank you for these past years, and God bless.  
Love and Peace,  
Pastor Rick

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***YOGA!!! Breathe and Stretch, Stretch and Breathe.***  
***We continue our Yoga practice – every Monday night, from 7 to 7:45 pm.***  
***Audrey Drake is your instructor for the evening....***

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## Coming Up in July...



On Sunday July 9 Bob Lindmeier will be coming to present his message on Climate Change-The Real Story. Learning about the causes of climate change, the impacts on the environment, and what we can do to protect our climate is what we will hear from Bob. He is a meteorologist and scientist who wants everyone to share his passion for Caring for God's Creation. Please join us to hear his message after worship at 10 am on July 9.

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Pie and ice cream! You know you can't resist! Pastor Rick can't, so let's create a memorable event to celebrate the time he, Lindsay, and Anya have spent with us.

We'll gather at church on July 16 from 3-5 p.m. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. We'll need some pies, so bakers, get your rolling pins ready. We'll need some ice cream too. **Please sign up to help us celebrate!** For now, your assignment is to put this on your calendars. See you then!



For more information, please contact Kathy Thorstad or Eleanor Brinsko.



***Golf Season Begins!!!***  
***Mark your calendars, every third Thursday, 9 am at Kestrel Ridge Golf Course (Columbus)***  
***Next chance to golf with Bristol Golfers – July 20<sup>th</sup>***

## Committee Blurbs

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### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

#### STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S CREATION

Climate change – What is it all about and why is this issue important to all of our lives? On Sunday July 9 Bob Lindmeier will be with us to tell us about Climate Change-The Real Story. He has worked with the issue of climate change as the chief meteorologist at WKOW-TV in Madison and as an atmospheric scientist. His presentation will teach us about all of the impacts of climate change for the environment of this world we live in and help us to know what we can do to be a part of the solution. We all live in and need to understand how to care for God's creation so we will have a safe-clean environment now and for many more years. The South Central Synod discussed and adopted Resolution #4-Carbon Fee and Dividend, A Climate Solution at the 2017 assembly. The Synod adopted this resolution to show the support and need to care for the climate we live in with our work as Steward's of God's creation. Join us on Sunday July 9 when Bob Lindmeier will speak to us and teach us about the Real Story of Climate Change at 10am following the worship service. The stewardship committee members are Peg Hanson, Pastor Rick Reiten, and Janice Vollmert.

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**Thank you** to Adam Christopher and Allison Betlach for telling us about animals of the reptile world and their important place in God's creation. It was a fun learning time listening to Adam share his knowledge and care for these animals on June 11.

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**Thank you** to the people who gave of their time on June 17 to participate in the work of cleaning up the garbage left on County N from Happy Valley Road to Progress Way with the Adopt a Highway program.

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## 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 8 – 8pm

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## WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE

Meets at 6:30 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month

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

### **Outdoor Worship & Pet Blessing**

One Sunday, 6/18, we had our worship at Stoneridge Estates Community Park in Sun Prairie. Though it was a bit chilly and windy, we had a great service. Many animals came to be blessed. At one point they all joined in singing with us! “All God's creatures got a place in the choir. Some sing low and some sing higher, some sing out loud on a telephone wire, some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they've got now!”

Thank you to all who pulled this together!

### **WANTED!**

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 July 11 for our next meeting.

### **Organ Update**

Ken Forney is putting a lot of time into researching our options for our failing organ. We'll have more info for you in the near future. Thank you, Ken, for everything you've done with this!

*Make a JOYFUL noise unto the Lord! SERVE the Lord with GLADNESS! Come before his presence with SINGING!!!*  
Cyndi Voeck, W & M Chair

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## YOUTH

**Youth Lock-in on Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup>!**



### **Quick facts:**

- When: July 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>
- Time: 6PM Wednesday-8AM Thursday
- What to bring: pajamas, pillows, blankets, and can-do attitude!
- **RSVP:** [grichmond279@gmail.com](mailto:grichmond279@gmail.com)

We will be playing games, watching movies, eating pizza, and doing a service project for the church (making blankets for the new baptism babies).

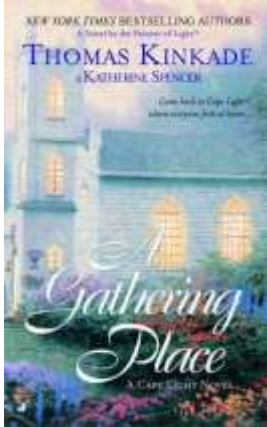
## Birthdays and Anniversaries!!

It's a brand new month!! - July 2017.

Along with this new month comes some new birthdays and anniversaries.  
Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to our members who celebrate the occasion in July!!



### LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT



The library wants tell you about a book written by Thomas Kinkadee and Katherine Spencer that is titled *A Gathering Place*. This story takes place in the New England village of Cape Light where you will meet characters like Mayor Emily Warwick, her daughter Sara, Reverend Ben, and newspaper publisher Dan Forbes. You will read about the relationships of these people and their stories that have conflict, turmoil, hope, and the healing power of love. This is a community that truly focuses on care and support of each other through all the circumstances of their lives. This book will warm your spirit as you read about the people of Cape Light. Come to your library and check this book out, enjoy the story.

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### *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.

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### 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.

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## 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), Sarah Nissen (Friend of Lindsay and Pastor Rick), 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.

**Prayers of comfort for the family of:** Roger Haertrich (father of Lori Powers).



**Pies, Ice Cream, Cutlery, Oh My!** We need your help for Pastor Rick's farewell celebration! Look for the sign-ups in the lower entrance.

**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 July 11 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!



## July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> Germany Trip 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship	<b>26</b> Germany Trip 7:00 PM Yoga	<b>27</b> Germany Trip	<b>28</b> Germany Trip 6:30 PM Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship	<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Food Pantry 7:00 PM Yoga	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30 PM Worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM Yoga	<b>11</b> 6:30 PM All Ministry Night	<b>12</b> 6 PM Youth Group (7th-12th Grade) 6:30 PM Worship	<b>13</b> 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship 3:00 PM Pastor Rick's Farewell	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Food Pantry 7:00 PM Yoga	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30 PM Worship	<b>20</b> 9:00 AM Bristol Golf Outing 6:30 PM Exec Committee 7:00 PM Council	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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## Bristol Lutheran Church

## Worship Assistants for July 9 –August 6, 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	7/9, 9:00a	7/16, 9:00a	7/23, 9:00a	7/30, 9:00a	8/6, 9:00a
ACCOMPANIST	Jeff	Ken Forney	Terry Peterson	Ken Forney	Ken Forney
ACOLYTE	Braeden Moore	Sophie Sehmanek	Samantha Schwantes	Ben Ward	Lexie Shemanek
Assisting Minister	Roger Nolden	Arlene Skrenes	Ann Schwanke	Anne Seitz	Cyndi Voeck
Communion Assistant (CA)	Arlene Skrenes	Arlynn Schwanke	Catherine Pierce	Jeff Seehafer	Lynn Kreuger
Computer Operator	Blaine Moore	Barbara Schnell	Arlene Skrenes	Marty Seitz	Kathy Thorstad
BUTTERFLIES	Shelly Seehafer	Sandy Barr-Hundt	Sandy Barr-Hundt	Lori Taylor	Sandy Barr-Hundt
GREETER	Dan & Kathy Thorstad	Jean Moe	Art & Lorre Paulman	Gary Gehrke	Sue Reinen
LECTOR	Janice Vollmert	Shelly Seehafer	Audrey Drake	Gloria Bartlett	Ann Schwanke
NURSERY	Joy Moore	Debbie Waelti-Keller	Allison Betlach	Emma Seehafer	Joy Moore
USHER	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3	TEAM 4	TEAM 5
HOST Fellowship	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>
Altar FLOWERS	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>
Altar Guild	Sue and Michelle Reinen	Sue and Michelle Reinen	Sue and Michelle Reinen	Sue and Michelle Reinen	Kathy Thorstad and Carolyn Lyle
Communion Bread	Jean Moe	Jean Moe	Jean Moe	Jean Moe	Sue Stallman

**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