
September
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



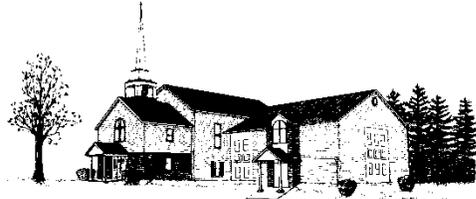
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THE BRISTOL BANNER

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

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**Back to Church Sunday is September
17th! See you then!**

From Pastor Jen's Desk

There is a Lenten hymn that comes to mind as I reflect upon our work together during this interim period. It's in the "Cranberry Hymnal," number 326.

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

Bless now, O god, the journey that all your people make,
The path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round;
Then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way;
Your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound;
Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.

Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road.
We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow,
But waiting not for places, you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written on roads as faith is found.

What speaks to me in this hymn is first, God's actions. God meets us and walks with us the entire time. The Holy Spirit guides us. The Body of Christ upholds us. The God of Love and Hope surrounds us.

Next I am struck by the words that are used to describe the human feelings. Fear, yearning, waiting, seeking, hoping. Naming our feelings helps us in our journey during the interim.

Finally, I am encouraged by the prayer that is this hymn. Each day I lift you to God, giving thanks and asking for blessings upon our work together in calling your new pastor. I invite you to join with me in using this hymn (or another hymn that speaks to you) as your prayer.

With Hope,
Pastor Jen

From Pastor Rick's Desk

Dear Bristol -

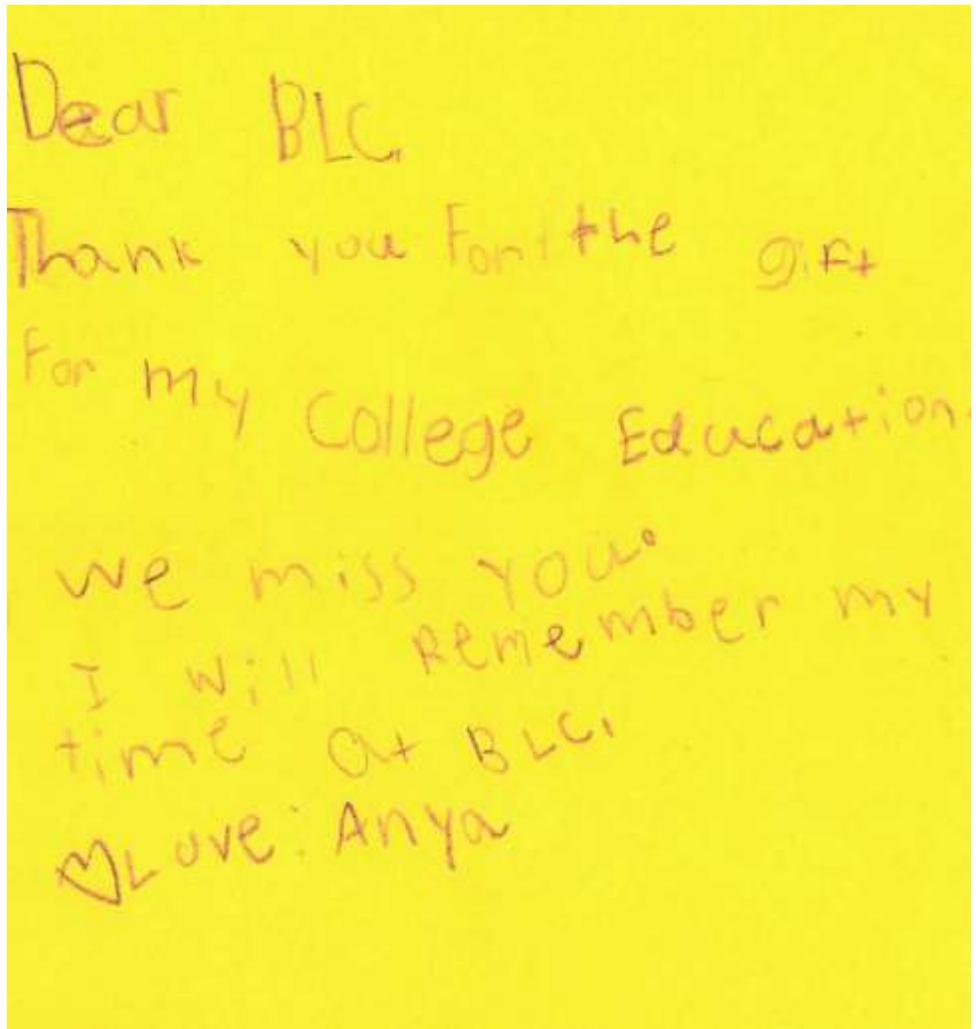
Thank you for your prayers, love, and encouragement as we made our transition to Colorado and the next chapter in our story. Thank you for the celebration and the donation gifts to Breaking Free, the organ fund, and Anya's college education. It is an honor to have served alongside you in ministry, and you will always have a place in our lives.

We know many of you were wondering about an update from us, and we wanted to tell you that we are doing well. It has been a wild month, but we are starting to feel settled. (If you need our new address, Eleanor has it available in the office.) We have been exploring the area, unpacking, landscaping the backyard, hiking in the mountains, and trying to rest a bit. Lindsay has started at the University and Anya started 1st grade already. Both are loving their school and positions, though it is an adjustment to a new schedule. Rick had a couple interviews in the synod, most recently at a congregation in a neighboring city. We just found out that his name is being brought forward to the council and congregation for a vote as the candidate of choice. Since it is not yet official, we can't share all the details, but we give God thanks for the opportunities and surprises that the Spirit puts in front of us.

This has been an amazing adventure so far, and it is just starting. We know the same is true for Bristol. Peace, grace, and love to you all.

Thank you.

Lindsay, Rick, and Anya



Opportunities!

God's Work our Hands – Cleaning up Sheehan Park, 925 Linnerud Drive, Sun Prairie

Bristol will be picking up trash in Sheehan Park on September 9th from 9:00 am – 11:00 am for God's Work our Hands. The alternate Date will be September 16th 9:00am – 11:00 am. The City of Sun Prairie will provide the bags and the grabbers to pick up the trash. Please meet at the Park at 9:00 am.

Signup Sheet down stairs in entrance of Church.



Golf Season is almost over!!! Sink that hole-in-one while you can!
Mark your calendars, every third Thursday, 9 am at Kestrel Ridge Golf Course
(Columbus)
Next chance to golf with Bristol Golfers – **September 21st**

Committee Blurbs

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Stewards of God's Creation is a ministry we all participate in. The efforts and work we do with 'Recycling,' 'Reusing,' and 'Cleaning' are important for our world, our climate, and our health. The people at Bristol do a good job with recycling at the church, but can we do it better. If you have an idea for improving the recycling at the church please share it with the property committee or with the stewardship committee.

Bristol members also work with reusing ideas, too. The Outreach committee is using this idea for **God's Work Our Hands** as items that are used and in good condition are being collected to give to people in need. The quilts that are created use fabric, blankets, and sheets that are donated and when they are done they are shipped to places and people who need warm quilts.

Cleaning is also included in being Stewards of God's creation. Our church is basically a clean building and that is good. Can we do things to help maintain and keep it clean? Some ideas are: dusting-washing all the blinds on the windows of the church, cleaning and washing the windows in the sanctuary, washing walls and or update with new paint in some areas of the church, and cleaning the carpet on the stairs and in the sanctuary. If you have time and skills to do some of these things you can volunteer anytime with September being the month that we are focusing on recycling, reusing, and cleaning. These are all things we can work with every month of each year. The property committee and the stewardship committee welcome anyone who can volunteer their time and skills to these tasks.

Thank You!

SERVICE is how we enact God's great love for the entire world.

The stewardship committee is Peg Hanson and Janice Vollmert.

BRISTOL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

NORWEGIAN SPECIALTIES APPRENTICES WANTED – NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

The annual Norwegian Specialties Food Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 7 from 9:00 – noon. Let the food-making begin!

- Lefse – Thursdays **starting on September 14th** through the first Thursday in October 5 – 8pm
- Krumkake – Mondays 9/11 and 9/25 5 – 8pm
- Pecan Tassies – Saturdays 9/9 and 9/16 9am – noon
- Rosettes – Mondays in September 1 – 4pm (including Labor Day)
- Sandbakkles – Tuesdays in September 6 – 8pm



Please join in on the baking, fellowship, and tasting (we have to make sure it tastes good, you know).

Thrivent News

“Making Krumkake” on Monday September 11th and 25th from 5-8PM is a Thrivent-sponsored event. The \$250 seed money has already been received to pay for ingredients and containers. The T-shirts—free to those who help—are navy blue and ready to be worn in a photo opportunity. This Thrivent team expects to make \$500 to be given to Shelter from the Storm in Sun Prairie from the sale of Norwegian Specialties on Saturday, October 7th. Please sign the volunteer pages in the lower entry if you can help with this fun project! If you have never experienced it before, we will be happy to teach you how to make krumkake.

Fun Fact: The plural is krumkaker, but Americans tend to ignore the ‘r.’”



Other teams have applied to Thrivent for similar seed money from Thrivent for making lefse, sandbakkles, pecan tassies, and rosettes. Note the dates and times elsewhere in this Bristol Banner, on Sunday bulletins, and in the email Bristol Blurb.

Also, don’t forget to call Thrivent.com to designate your “Choice Dollars” to Bristol Lutheran Church or to your favorite qualifying charity.

Alice Zweifel, Congregational Advocate for Thrivent

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)

Join us in September to get in on the ground floor of fundraising for our new organ!

Organ Fundraising Launch

Worship and Music Committee will be brainstorming on ideas to launch fundraising to replace the sanctuary organ at our September meeting. Some members have asked how we chose the \$75,000 goal. This is roughly the cost of a new electronic organ similar to our existing instrument. While we were researching the replacement costs for a new organ, we discovered that we could buy a less expensive instrument if we were

willing to consider a pre-owned instrument. There are a handful of instruments available both electronic and small pipe organs. These instruments will likely be gone before we can raise enough money to enter into an agreement, and so our goal is to get started. Working with council we came to a plan where excess funds could go towards updates and repairs to our Sanctuary. Look forward to more information and fundraising plans in the Bristol Banner as we set this project in motion.

LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

September 10 is Grandparents Day and the library wants to tell you about a book that is a collection of character-building stories from grandmothers.

From Grandma with Love is a collection of real-life stories written by grandmothers. The publisher Wayne B Hilbig states:



“Generations are often separated, but whether living in the same community or across the continent, most grandparents wish to reach out to help their children and grandchildren. They desire to leave a legacy of influence for good, a legacy of values. It is hoped that this book will help young people appreciate and more fully live the values which shaped the lives of their grandmothers. These experiences have the power to build character in all those who read them. You too, whether young or old, will enjoy these stories. Some will pull at your heartstrings; some will make you laugh; others will remind you of your life. But all will influence you as you read this legacy of lessons learned and taught by wise, loving grandmothers. Experience is a great teacher.”

Stop in at your library and check this book out and celebrate the love of Grandmas in these stories. Remember to celebrate all Grandparents on September 10.

Bristol Lutheran Church Archives

The History Committee met 9-11AM on Tuesday, August 8. It has an ongoing list of tasks that need attention and meets whenever Alice calls the committee member to find a convenient day and time.

Eleanor Brinsko is rapidly learning where everything pertinent to save for BLC History is kept. Bob Sherman continues his project with the historical cemetery records. Debbie Waelti-Keller re-inventories d the contents of the display cabinets since items were added. Now that we know what items have been placed there and the significance of each, we plan to find a better way to display the most important items. One of the photo album cabinets was overrun with audio visual equipment, so we plan in the future to re-address the photo storage area.

Those who wish to help with similar projects in the future, please call 837-6013 to let me know of your interest.

Alice Zweifel, Congregational Archivist

Simply Giving? Or Simply Giving!

Missed 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 to a nursing home, please indicate that on the side of the flower chart for that Sunday.

Have a beautiful, bountiful fall.



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, Angie Alt (Coworker of Sonia Schwantes), Jean Hodel (Tammy Weiss' mom), Mary Margaret Kreager (sister of Diane Coudray), Carol Fowler and Mary Jane Smith (Friends of Gloria Bartlett), Mary Ann Jacobi (sister of Roger Nolden), Russ Lorenz, Jamie Falk (friend of Ken Forney), Christopher Flynn (Diane Coudray grandson), Mary Lynn Piezker (friend of Jim & Jean Bauer), Bev Gehrke.

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

In Remembrance and Peace for: Dan Hartig (colleague of Eleanor Brinsko), Eugene Skrenes



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 September 12th for our next meeting.

Assorted Items: We are collecting items for Lutheran World Relief! See Ann Schwanke for any questions or donations. Donations due by September 20th!

- **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, 1 pencil sharpener



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
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10 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship	11 9:00 AM Food Pantry 1:00 PM Rosettes 5:00 PM Krumkake 7:00 PM Yoga	12 8:30 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Sandbakkles 6:30 PM All Ministry Night	13 6:30 PM Worship 7:15 PM Youth Group (7th-12th Grade) 7:15 Choir	14 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 5:00 PM Lefse	15	16 9:00 AM Pecan Tassies!
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Worship Assistants for September 3—October 1, 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>9/3, 9:00a</u> (Labor Day Weekend)	<u>9/10, 9:00a</u>	<u>9/17, 9:00a</u>	<u>9/24, 9:00a</u>	<u>10/1, 9:00a</u>
ACCOMPANIST	Ken Forney	Jeff Dorner and Jim Bauer	Ken Forney	Ken Forney	Ken Forney
ACOLYTE	Samantha Schwantes	Lexie Shemanek	Ben Ward	Sophie Shemanek	Samantha Schwantes
Assisting Minister	Anne Seitz	Bob Fett	Ann Schwanke	Cyndi Voeck	Roger Nolden
Computer Operator	Marty Seitz	Arlene Skrenes	Blaine Moore	Kathy Thorstad	Marty Seitz
BUTTERFLIES	None	Sandy Barr-Hundt	Shelly Seehafer	Marsha Schwanke	Sandy Barr-Hundt
GREETER	Ann and Arlynn Schwanke	Larry and Donna Weisensel	Gloria Bartlett	Lynn Krueger	Jan Dorner
LECTOR	Roger Nolden	Catherine Pierce	Darwin Anderson	Jean Moe	Donna Weisensel
NURSERY	Joy Moore	Allison Betlach	Debbie Waelti-Keller	Emma Seehafer	Allison Betlach
USHER	TEAM 3	TEAM 4	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 5
HOST Fellowship	Jan Dorner	Open	Open	Open	Open
Altar FLOWERS	Open	Open	Joy Moore	Brinly Schwanke	Bonnie Lee
Altar Guild	Anne Seitz and Edith Lorenz	Anne Seitz and Edith Lorenz	Anne Seitz and Edith Lorenz	Anne Seitz and Edith Lorenz	Kathy Thorstad and Carolyn Lyle
Communion Bread	Brittany Meyer	Brittany Meyer	Brittany Meyer	Brittany Meyer	Emme Thorpe

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

