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**Christ-Centered**

*We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, "according to which all doctrines should and must be judged."*

**Mission-Driven**

*We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ.*

**Traditionally-Grounded**

*We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space.*

**Congregationally-Focused**

*We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servant hood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.*

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Not a day goes by where I don't see the Lord blessing Bethel through the lives and actions of my fellow members.

Joy-filled people have packed the Fellowship Hall for recent events including Create with the Creator, Stuff the Buckets, and Bingo Bonanza. We've broken bread and sliced cake at midweek meals and receptions. Young members celebrated their first communion this spring, grew the understanding of their faith at confirmation camp and were honored as graduates. I see the contributions of members at weekend worship, whether they are leading musically through the Praise Band, ushering, reading, writing the prayers, preparing coffee fellowship, or greeting us as we enter the church. Adult and intergenerational bible studies inspire and feed our faith. Volunteers help a record number of clients through the Food Pantry, and the Rummage Sale bringing us all together working for Jesus.

That is a sampling of what happens in Bethel beyond weekend worship. And yes, while we still face challenges, we have many opportunities to grow and countless reasons to be positive, hopeful, and thankful.

I encourage you to ask questions and learn more about all of that at the congregational meeting on Sunday, June 23 beginning at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. The primary piece of business will be to elect Church Council members. Nominees will be presented at the meeting and all Bethel members are eligible to vote for council.

The congregational meeting will also brief folks on our finances and ministries, opportunities in Christian education, and update you on the Call Committee's continuing work.

Thank you for your faithful membership in Bethel. The council and I look forward to seeing you at the June 23 congregational meeting.

Yours in Christ,

Jim Herr

Church Council President

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*Our mission is to engage the curious, encourage the convinced, and empower the committed to be fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.*