

*Coming This Month...*

*June 6 Christian Ed*

*7 Council Meeting*

*9 WMF Meeting*

*15-18 AFLC Annual Conference*

*19 Father's Day*

*Happy Father's Day*

**TRANSITIONS**

Moving out of the spring season and into summer is not only a seasonal transition here at Bethany but transitioning from interim pastoral ministry to a permanent pastoral ministry with the arrival of Pastor Rich Carr.

So as a part of out-with-the-old and in-with-the-new, I would like to take advantage of this place in the newsletter to give to you some brief parting counsel:

As Paul counseled the Philippian church regarding, "... Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my need ... Therefore, receive him in the Lord will all joy, and hold men like him in high regard." I take the liberty to add, Pastor Carr is called and set aside by God as a minister of the Lord Jesus. He represents the Lord in the office as your called pastor.

After spending these short eleven months working together with you, I want to acknowledge and thank you for the time we had to be a part of Bethany and to serve you as your shepherd. It was easy!

We always felt appreciated and I would encourage you to continue to do likewise for the Carrs. I join Paul as he wrote to the Thessalonian church saying, "But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction and that

you esteem them very highly in love because of their work."

Continue to be supportive for Pastor Carr and family as they join you to minister to the Astoria community. Paul wrote to the Corinthian church exhorting them saying, "... that you also be in subjection to such men and to everyone who helps in the work and labors."

And yes, pray and keep praying for your pastor and family. It is the most honoring thing you can do as your partner together as a Bethany family. A last Gundersonian, "A Family That Prays Together Grows Together.

Thanks for the opportunity to be a part of this time of transition here at Bethany. You will be prayed for by us the rest of our days here on earth.

Pastor Richard Gunderson

## Worship With Us

8:45 A.M. Glad Tidings Radio 1370 A.M.  
11:00 a.m. Worship Services

## Live Stream

We also live stream our 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship services on Facebook Live. Links can be found on our website: [bethanyfree.com](http://bethanyfree.com).

## Christian Ed Meeting

Monday night June 6th at 6:00 p.m.

## Church Council Meeting

Board of Deacons and Trustees will be meeting Tuesday June 7th, at 6:00 P.M.

## WMF Meeting

Women's Missionary Federation (WMF)



Thursday June 9th at 11:00 a.m.  
Everyone is asked to bring a sack lunch. Dessert provided, all ladies are welcome.

## Carr's Arrival

We welcome Pastor Richard and Brenda Carr, Madelyn, Moses and Naomi. They arrived on Sunday May 29th and are settling in. Pastor Carr will begin Sunday June 5th.

## Thank You!

We thank Pastor Gunderson and Clara for tirelessly serving Bethany for the past 11 Months. We pray God's blessings as they enjoy retirement. Their mailing address is

PO Box 147  
Grass Valley, OR 97029

## Vacation Bible School

July 11-15, ages 5yrs-12yrs, more information to come.

## Brown Bag Ministry

Every Tuesday at 1:30 P.M. Each week our Brown Bag Ministry prepares as many as 100 or more brown bag lunches that are distributed to the homeless by local nonprofits and individuals. Each lunch is created to feed the body and share the good news of God's love and salvation through Jesus. Join us in packing the bags.

## AFLC Annual Conference

THE 60th ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the ASSOCIATION OF FREE LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS

June 15th - 18th, 2022 Host Site – The ARC-Association Retreat Center, Osceola, WI  
"God Rewards the Faithful".....Hebrews 11:6

The annual conference is a time of spiritual renewal and conducting business of the association. It also includes a special women's day June 15. Please be in prayer for all those participating.

<https://www.aflc.org/about-us/conferences/>

## Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

June 17,18,19, 2022. Lots of booths, food and entertainment. You can find information at <https://astoriascanfest.com/>

Our own Bonnie Fisher has been named Grand Marshal for the 2022 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Stationary Optog from 11 AM to 12 noon on June 11 in front of the Maritime Museum and for the Walking Parade at the Midsummer Festival at 11:30 AM on June 18 at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

Bonnie's granddaughter is Miss Sweden 2022 Kaylee Falleur.