

Bethel Council Highlights

Update from our meetings held December 2024

- Director of Youth Ministries: The Governing Elders have received a letter of resignation from Melanie Wright. She will not be returning to her position of Director of Youth Ministries after her maternity leave. We are sorry to see Melanie leave. We wish her God's blessings as she moves on to raise her family.

This fall, we have been reviewing our youth ministry and the staff role for it. Members for the most recent search team for a youth director will be meeting to determine what our next steps will look like for rebuilding the youth ministry. If you are a current parent of youth and have not filled out the survey form yet, please do so [here](#). You can also reach out directly to Pastor Cris. Please continue to pray for this process and all ministry with youth at Bethel.

- Administration Staff: We are pleased to announce that we have hired Nicole Wildeboer as an Administration Assistant to work alongside Tara Kilkenny. She will begin on January 2. We look forward to working with Nicole when she starts working with the administration staff.
- Congregational Meeting: As a reminder, the next congregational meeting will be held January 12, 2025 after the morning service. The focus of the meeting will be the presentation of the financial statements for the fiscal year ending August 2024. We hope to send out these financial statements and an agenda next week.
- Upcoming Listening Session about Synod's Decisions and the Human Sexuality Report: Our primary goal with this session is to provide information and to listen to one another. By listening, council's goal is to offer support to our church, as we reflect on Synod's decisions and consider how we can best pursue God's call on us as a church. The date of the meeting is January 19, 2025 in the evening. Time will be announced early January.
- From Shepherding Elders: Peter Rietveld will now be serving as a Chair of SE. We're grateful for the leadership from Kevin Magnes as chair this past year.

Grace and Peace

The Council of Bethel Community Church

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