

## **Bios for Bethany's Elected Leadership**

### Executive Council & Ministry Council

#### **Arlis Adolf**

Executive Council Role: Vice President-Personnel

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Bio: I have attended Bethany for 37 years, & joined in '87. When I was searching for a new congregation, I felt after attending 2-3 times, that even though I had never been a member of such a large congregation, Bethany knew what its mission was. Having served on Council, Global Missions, Outreach, Choir, & other teams, I still feel that Bethany is responding to God's call "to whom much is given, much is expected". I grew up as 1 of 6 on a farm in Idaho, and was blessed to become a Family Physician. I now have 3 of my 6 sibs, their spouses, & 7 nephews & nieces in the Denver area.

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#### **Mary Brook**

Executive Council Role: Treasurer

Email: [Mbbrook59@gmail.com](mailto:Mbbrook59@gmail.com)

Bio: I have been a Bethany member since 1991. I have enjoyed volunteering in a variety of capacities at Bethany including teaching Sunday school and confirmation, and working on the benevolence task force, MOPS, and other committees. I work in the healthcare field and my husband Tom and I have three grown children.

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#### **Judi Burchfield**

Executive Council Role: Secretary

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Bio: Enjoying Adult Ed and Growth Groups offered this year. Appreciate being able to participate in outreach opportunities even with Corvid restrictions such as the blanket making. Hope to get back to participating live in Carillons Bell choir, Faithful Readers book club, Centering Prayer and of course Sunday morning worship safely and soon!!

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## **Jack Lindsey**

Executive Council Role: Immediate Past President

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Bio: Jack has a Ph.D. in psychology, was board certified in neuropsychology, and is now “very happily retired,” he likes to say. His career predominately involved working with children with a variety of skills and challenges, and over the years he was invited to teach at Metropolitan State University, University of Colorado Denver & Health Sciences Center, the University of Northern Colorado, and the University of Denver. A committed Christian, he loves Bethany and has been very active in lay leadership and Chancel Choir here. He enjoys retreats with his wonderful wife, Jean, to their mountain home near Pike’s Peak.

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## **Laura Weber-Meyers**

Executive Council Role: President

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Bio: It seems impossible, but I have been a member at Bethany for nearly 30 years now; almost as long as we've been in Colorado! My husband Steve and I enjoy the fellowship we share with others at Bethany. We live in Englewood with our pups, Sam and Frodo. Over the years, I have spent my professional life in health insurance and IT as a project manager and service delivery director. I am so grateful to be part of the leadership team at Bethany. There are so many exceptional people in this congregation (you) and you serve and live out your faith in so many amazing ways. Thank you for all you do!

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## **David Craven**

Ministry Council Role: Faith Formation Ministry Representative

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Bio: Bethany member since 1983. Wife Tammy. Two daughters Andrea Ingalsbe (Scott), and Megan McCreesh (Mike). Six grandchildren. Involvement at Bethany: Sunday School Teacher (1 year), Youth Director (2 years), Church Council Member (2 terms), BECC Board (1 term), Confirmation Small-Group Leader (20 years), Sounds of Praise choir member (30+ years), other youth and music support (mostly playing guitar)

## **Tim Eklund**

Ministry Council Role: President-Elect

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Bio Text: Tim and his wife Lois have been Colorado residents since 2012, coming from the Twin Cities area of Minnesota. Professionally, Tim is a Managing Partner in Rail Partners Management Group, a rail transportation investment and management company, and serves as CEO of one of its managed companies. Personally, Tim and Lois are the proud parents of three children, Ryan, Andrew and Brittany, and the proud grandparents of three beautiful granddaughters, Clara, Edie and Florence. Tim and Lois enjoy outdoor activities in this beautiful state and have recently begun exploring other parts of the US in their motor coach.

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## **Marie Friedemann**

Ministry Council Role: Outreach Ministry Representative

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Bio: I am a fourth generation Lutheran, and a 47-year member of Bethany. I am honored to have served in a number of capacities at Bethany as usher, lay reader, Council member and Council President. My current role as Co-Chair for the Outreach Ministry Team is a joy and a privilege.

Professionally, I serve as the Regis Director of Jesuit Worldwide Learning and a Professor of Communication at Regis University. Jesuit Worldwide Learning provides an online undergraduate diploma in liberal studies to refugees and displaced individuals in ten countries throughout the world. 2021 marks my 30th year at Regis, also a joy and a privilege.

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## **Kristin Hamilton**

Ministry Council Role: Faith Formation Ministry Representative

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Bio: I am married to Scott (who is patient enough to let me have three dogs and two cats) ;) a mom of four, and a veterinarian. I really like the ministry council because it is a great way to stay connected and know the inner workings of the church. When I am not with my family or at work, I love being out in the sunshine walking my dogs.

**Jim Katschke**

Ministry Council Role: Hospitality Ministry Representative

Email: [kat47@comcast.net](mailto:kat47@comcast.net)

Bio: Member of Bethany Lutheran church since 1994, Married to wife Cheryl at Bethany in 1995, We have a daughter Alexandra born in 1999

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**Matthew Kersten-Gray**

Ministry Council Role: Hospitality Ministry Representative

Email: [mpgray@mpgray.com](mailto:mpgray@mpgray.com)

Bio: Matthew was married to his husband Dean at Bethany in May of 2019. He is a St. Olaf Alumnus, who currently works for Nordstrom on technologies that support payment processing and fraud detection. He has great friends at Bethany and feels passionate about being part of a big church that can provide such a vast array of ways to participate.

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**Sally Brandt Lieb**

Ministry Council Role: Worship Ministry Representative

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Bio: Sally has been a member of Bethany for 20 years. Her passion is working with youth and has spent the last 13 years volunteering in faith formation as a teacher, mentor and small group leader. She enjoys time in the mountains skiing and hiking with her husband Kevin, son Brandt and daughter Sophie, or running solo for some peace and quiet. Sally is a Certified Financial Planner and founder of her own wealth management firm, Curated Wealth Solutions.

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**Cathy Nixon**

Ministry Council Role: Outreach Ministry Representative

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Bio: My vision for Bethany is continuing to create an open, welcoming environment for the community to gather to celebrate and follow Christ's teachings. Continue to be enriched by worship, music, education and fellowship; support the church and our outreach organizations with our

time, talents and monetary contributions. Our traditions are wonderful, yet change may also bring us new joy. Let us be open to new ideas that help our church to flourish.

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**Kathy Singh**

Ministry Council Role: Worship Ministry Representative

Email: [hksaj@comcast.net](mailto:hksaj@comcast.net)

Bio: My husband Harmeet and I have 3 boys, who for many years have been a part of Bethany. I have always been an organist since I was a teenager and have been a part of worship in the Lutheran church. What a blessing and a gift! I hope to serve enriching our worship life together.