

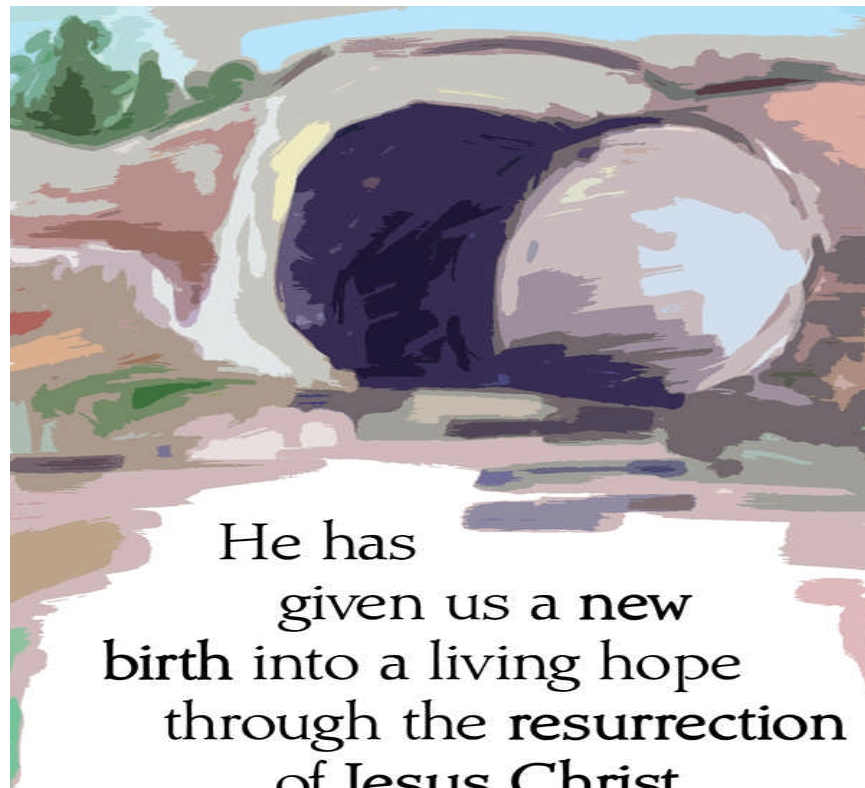
THE BETHEL NEWS



APRIL

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He has
given us a new
birth into a living hope
through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ
from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV



From Pastor Bret:

In the familiar story of the resurrection: the discovery that Jesus was no longer in the tomb and, in fact, his absence was a stunning shock to the women who had gone to complete the embalming process with their spices.

We can all remember ourselves arriving at some preselected location where we were to meet someone or a group of people, only to discover that there was no one there. At that point, questions begin peppering our brains and we begin to wonder if we had the right place, or the wrong time, or the correct day, or did we decide not to meet after all.

What if there had been no resurrection? What if we didn't have a resurrection to look forward to? What if, upon our death, that was it, our souls simply vaporized, and with no promises, there was nothing but a dark, empty bleakness awaiting us.

This Easter we again hear the story of the resurrection and I suppose for a number of people it is nothing but another event in the church year. But for those of us who believe in the resurrection, is it enough to hear the story and be reassured that we, too, will be taken from the grave and given a new life? Shouldn't we be doing something more than listening and taking part in the Easter services? How about asking ourselves if we need a resurrection of the heart? Why not dig around in our hearts and throw out anything that hinders us from being better and more faithful servants?

Why not resurrect the spiritual life we once had if it has somehow gotten buried in the ashes of daily living? Why not surprise ourselves and others by leaving them wondering about the new attitude in us? Let others come to us expecting the normal self only to find that we are burning with a new zeal much like Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them when they learned the true meaning of Jesus' absence.

Remembering the Easter story of the resurrection is one thing, living it is another. Why be a listener only? Why not be like the women going to the tomb and hearing the two angels tell them that Jesus had risen from the dead as he said he would? In our present state we cannot be resurrected physically until we have died, but we are in the position to resurrect our dormant feelings of the good news. Isn't that a big step toward a richer life with Christ?

Have you ever run into someone you hadn't seen for a long time, learned that someone who meant a lot to you was looking for you, or met someone dear who had been away for a long while? Wasn't that a grand discovery of seeing each other again? Just imagine how the women at the tomb felt when they learned the meaning of the empty tomb. Just imagine how you're going to feel when you resurrect the longing for a richer life in Christ. This Easter, don't just listen to the story, but allow it to make a difference in your heart.

CHRIST IS RISEN!! HE IS RISEN INDEED...ALLELUIA!!!



GREETINGS

Dear Fellow Members,

I have been telling you we need to change the way we do things to keep up with a fast changing society. I would like to introduce a couple of these changes we are implementing.

First, let us look at our offering. We need to get past the notion that giving to the church to pay utility bills, salaries, and upkeep, is not helping spread God's word. The fact is, we need to look at our financial support as an investment. God asks us to give back to him at least ten percent of what he has given us to do His work. I know, paying the utility company's two thousand dollars a month may not feel like we are spreading the word, but it is allowing us to provide a place of worship, and a means to reach out to the community and offer support. God asks us to spread the word. How would this be possible without a staff and a facility in which to conduct this mission? We need to look at the different parts of Bethel's ministry as an investment in doing God's work, not just money that maintains a building and pays support obligations.

The Support Team will be giving the congregation the opportunity to invest in Bethel's ministries this May. This stewardship opportunity will show some of the many things that your investments help to fund. Not only does your investment support the churches' financial obligations, it also funds Sunday school, choir music, communications with our membership, etc. Bethel provides a place where Celtic nutrition program is able to offer meals and fellowship to seniors, and, provides space for a day care center for children whose parents may work.

Invest in Bethel, help **MAKE JESUS KNOWN**:

Next, let us see what means our members have to contribute to the support of Bethel's ministry. Every year we order a booklet of envelopes for each of our giving units. They are placed on tables in the narthex, for you to pick up, those not picked up need to be mailed. We also offer a program called Simply Giving, this allows your investment to transfer from your bank account to the Church's account on a date you have set.

There are now additional options for giving to our church. Starting in 2012 instead of receiving a yearly booklet of envelopes, those wishing to receive

envelopes will receive a Bi-monthly offering envelope packet; this will contain weekly offering envelopes plus any special giving envelopes for those months. With this type of envelope service, the church only needs to purchase envelopes needed each mailing. The system now used requires us to order envelopes for all members and enough for anticipated new members, thus wasting unused booklets

Another option for giving is Online Giving. When you participate, your gift will be transferred conveniently from your bank account or credit card directly to our church.

Why use Online Giving? With sickness, bad weather, and vacation, some members are not able to attend church each week. When members are unable to attend church they tend not to give a weekly offering, causing a short fall of income. While we may have an income shortage, our expenses still need to be paid. By using online giving our income and expenses would continue to offset one another. A study shows an average decline in weekly giving by paper check of 43% from Easter to midsummer. Electronic giving to the church would provide convenience for members and a much needed donation consistency to the church.

Watch for our new on-line giving program promotion in April and May. American Church Inc. will be available to answer your questions and help get you started. You can maintain this user-friendly service or ask the Church Financial Secretary to maintain it for you.

With the inclement weather keeping people from attending church, plus the added expense of snow removal, and higher gas bills, we needed to ask the Endowment Board for \$15,000.00 already this year. Electronic giving may have helped us avoid this.

God Bless
Bill Conkey

Congregation President



APRIL ASSIGNMENTS

On Going Prayers

Helen Bell	Gert Bartell
Helen Bendel	Deanna Brannigan
Mary Burkey	Rosemary Brocius
Elaine Brocius	Brian Butcher
Cora Dixon	Dottie Coffin
Don Beckett	Johnny Conti Jr.
June Dahlgren	Betty Deskin
The Grangers	Donna Fredrickson
Garnet Floor	Mark DeMartino Jr.
Peggy Emery	Mary Gleckler
Bob Graves	Dale Goehring
Phyllis Evans	Lin Henry
Arvella Harris	Norm Johnson
Hazel Heuer	Vicki Lago
Irma Kika	Freda Hofmeister
John Kanna	Michael Kloos
Marlene Luzik	Kay Klamer
Alberta Nelson	Richie Martin
Steven Martin	Bonnie MacKeown
Carl McKnight	Howard Hagan
Dick Mumma	Wes Midgley
Becky Nilsson	Anna White
Janet Phelps	Garrett Schenker
Leroy Robison	Lillian Robison
Don Robinson	Melodie Rusinowski-
Rich Neff	Carlson
Tom Ring	Marie Schneider
Sally Shilliday	Sue Span
Mary Shively	Jack Sommerlad
Betty Stevens	Ruth Thomas
Matt Smith	Jackie Watson
Kay Varga	Stan Wittenauer
John Masko	Mal & Bea Wilkin
Kay Wean	Ginny Zetterquist



A Look at our Loyalty

The Church is a gift...assembly required.

Our Worship Attendance

2/27 169

3/06 140

3/13 160

3/20 164

Sunday School

2/27 35

3/06 ??

3/13 28

3/20 35

General Operations Fund

To cover our 2011 approved budget,
We need to bring in \$24,327 per month
to our general fund.

Total received in February \$16,684

Building Fund Income

We need to bring in \$2155 per month to
pay our building mortgage

Total received in February \$3174

Original cost of building \$850,000

We now owe (02/28/11) \$136,129.82

Dear Members:

Contact for our e-mail for the
Prayer chain is Diana Wiesner

Her email is

RX300258@aol.com

If you would like to be a part of the
e-mail prayer chain, contact Diana.

~Thanks Diana!~

Dottie Coffin is the contact
for the phone prayer chain



**OUR PRAYER LIST is posted
on Narthex Bulletin
Board...**

**so that you might be able
to send cards to them.**

Assisting Pastor Bret

8:30 Dig Coffin

11:00 Dig Coffin, Dee Snyder,
Mary Ann Wollet

Altar Flowers:

Dottie Coffin, scheduling
330-758-4283

Ginny Zetterquist, treasure
330-758-1892

Flower Deliverers:

Dottie Coffin 330-758-4283

Acolytes:

Tom Crew 330-501-8537

Counters:

Bill Conkey 330-270-0113

Greeters:

Don Peterson 330-533-4064

Ushers:

Andy Ragan 330-549-2376

Brian Klase 330-707-0508

Ushers this month

8:30 John Conti, Howard Wiff

11:00 Ed Larson, Paul Orend
Frank Weaver, Bob Wright

Altar Group C For APRIL

JoAnn Johnson, Chairperson

Becky Butcher Dolores Ipe

Alice Hartig Barb Mauch

Ruth Ragan Theresa Reilly

Patsy Anne Zabel

NEEDED:

Volunteers are needed to serve on
communion groups to **PREPARE**
communion for church services.

We have 4 groups, so you would only
serve 3 times a year.

Contact JoAnn Johnson 330-757-9478



Communion groups: Check with Pastor each month you
serve to see if there are any other times for communion.

**Please remember to let the office know when any of the
communion supplies are getting low.**

BETHEL YOUTH NEWS



EASTER at 11:00
Service
Kids will Sing!

CHILDREN'S LENTEN MESSAGES
6:30pm Memorial Hall
From March 16th -- April 13th

I am looking for a BIBLE STORY Vacation bible school teacher!!! Please See Starr ASAP if you can help out. VBS is June 13-17 and program on 19th. (13th-17th 5:30-8 pm.)



ASKING FOR OLD KEYS no longer needed by anyone to be donated to the Youth Department for a fundraiser. Any kind of key is welcome – skeleton, car, house, lock, door, screen door etc. They can be dropped in the clear shoe box in the hall on the white table. Thank You if you need any further info contact me..... webmaster@bethelboardman.org

APRIL TEAM MEETINGS

Tuesday	April	5th	7:00 pm	Property Team
Tuesday	April	12th	7:00 pm	Support (Finance)
Thursday	April	14th	9:15 am	Staff Meeting
Tuesday	April	19th	6:30 pm	Welcome
Tuesday	April	19th	7:30 pm	COUNCIL

PALM SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30am
Breakfast WHILE FOOD LASTS
from 9 to 11:00am
Kids will walk with palms
@ 11:00am service
First Communion -
Abigail Rizzo at 11:00 service
Cake reception after in
Memorial Hall

We are looking for someone (student) to fill a spot for the **MISSION TRIP**. \$150.00 can be made in payments...

See Rick or Starr to join the group going to Webster County, WV July 3-9 April 3rd..

CAR/BIKE SHOW meeting...after late service...let Rick or Starr know if you can make it...we are **ORDERING** lunch out. We are looking for filled baskets for the **CHINESE AUCTION** for the car show and medium and large empty baskets that we can fill ourselves for the auction. May...27-28th...**30 HOUR FAMINE** with area churches for ages 12 and up. Check bulletin board for times. **MOTHERS DAY CRAFT** on Mothers Day during Sunday School for grades pre-6. May 22 last day of Sunday School for the **YOUTH**

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Women of the **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA** 

WELCA NEWS

ABIGAIL CIRCLE – NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH AT 7:00 P.M. in Memorial Hall. For our study which is a 1 hour DVD of Joyce Meyer series on "Battlefield of the Mind" Hostess will be Delaine DeChellis and a leader is still needed to present the study. All women and guests are welcome to attend. This is our last meeting until fall. We are looking for interesting Bible study topics. Suggestions welcome!

EASTERN CLUSTER MEETING will be Saturday, April 2nd at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Cortland. Time is 9am to 12 noon. Breakfast is included. The brief program is on women's health concerns. Let Ruth Ragan know if you are able to attend and/or carpool. They ask that you bring hand wipes, grocery gift card, hygiene item for in-kind donation.

WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

Held at Schottenstein Arena in Columbus Friday, April 29th through Saturday April 30th.

We have a group of women attending. There is one ticket available if you are interested, let Marilyn Weaver know. Cost of ticket for event is \$89.00. We are sharing cost of hotel and gas expenses. Leaving Bethel at 6:00 a.m. Friday, April 29th.

Save the date of Sunday, May 22nd for our **Women's Day of Pampering** following the 11:00 a.m. church service. A light lunch is provided. More details will follow... Our chairwomen are Lisa LoSasso Bell, Rhonda Klase and Lynnae Rassega. A presentation of "Beauty Secrets of the Bible" and pampering treatments are scheduled as part of the event. See these ladies if you would like to help out in any way.

If you would like to receive emails of women's events throughout the year, please sign up on WELCA bulletin board outside of church office or email Delaine DeChellis at dechellis@zoominternet.net

PIECEMAKERS

The Bethel Piecemakers are a sewing/quilting group that meets every Tuesday from 10-2:30 in the Quilting Room in the upper hallway. If you would like to brush up on your sewing skills or just come and socialize, the ladies would love to have you join them. We are a unique bunch with lots of talents that will keep you in stitches!!

LYDIA-MIRIAM, SARAH RUTH CIRCLE Thursday, April 7th, 12 Noon

JoAnn Johnson and Arlene Bjorson are Hostesses. Virginia Zetterquist is Bible Study Leader

NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION:



If you have **Altar Flowers or a Candle:** Please pay when you reserve your flower date. Make checks payable to the church \$20.00 for flowers and \$8.00 for a candle, and mail to the church or put in the offering plate.

If you have a date you want, let Dottie know 330-758-4283
Thanks, Altar Flower Committee

May vase needed: 1 for May 15th. CALL Dottie Coffin



LYDIA MIRIAM & SARA RUTH CIRCLES

Thursday, April 7th at Noon
 Hostesses: JoAnn Johnson & Arlene Bjorson
 Study Leader: Virginia Zetterquist

ABIGAIL CIRCLE

Tuesday, April 12th @ 7:00pm
 Hostess: Delaine DeChellis

CONGRATULATIONS:

**JOHN BACHINGER &
 EVA KARSTI
 SAXON CLUB'S MAN AND
 WOMAN OF THE YEAR FOR
 2011!**

HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

Provided by Celtic
 Community services
**THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH
 10:00-11:30AM
 HERE AT BETHEL**



APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

for the Mickey Schuster Memorial
 Scholarship Fund and
 Endowment Fund can now be
 picked up in the office.
 Applications must be completed
 and returned by April 30th.
 Separate application forms must be
 completed for the Mickey Schuster
 Memorial Scholarship Fund and
 the Endowment Fund
 Scholarships.

BOOK LIST for 2010-2011



NOTE : Meet the last Monday of each month at 12:00pm

APRIL 25-My Sister's Keeper- by Jodi Picoult-JoAnn Johnson leader

MAY 30-The Meadow-by James Galvin-Marian Miller leader

All sessions begin at 12:00 in the quilter's room.

It is not necessary to have read the book! Come and enjoy the fellowship!

Any questions contact Marilyn Weaver-330-549-2251

We will have a **NO TRASH, JUST TREASURE SALE**
 Date September 9th & 10th

Bring items to the church anytime, no heavy
 items. Benefit Organ Repair Fund.
 Call Andy Ragan, 330-549-2376

SWISS STEAK DINNER



Saturday, April 9th 5-7:00pm
 Adults \$9.00 Children under 12 \$4.00
DONATION OF PIES ARE NEEDED!

The Worship and Music committee is looking for willing individuals that would like to sing or play a musical instrument during the 8:30 church service. Please prayerfully consider using your time and talents for God's purposes and at the same time, providing a special message for the congregation. You could let anyone on the committee know of your interest. Here is the list of members: Marilyn Weaver, Elaine Morlan, Emma Cowell, Colleen Sokoloski, Pastor Bret, Beth Lowe, LaRue Murray

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Sara Haynes, Todd Wilson
- 2 Jeffrey Johnston, Benjamin Rusinowski
- 3 Robert Anderson, Ashley Klase,
- 4 Dig Coffin, Jean Orr, Donald Robinson
- 5 Sierra Martin, Neal Martin, Jordan Thoreson
- 6 Katherine Hermann, Donald Peterson
- 7 Joan Blaurock, Karen Galehan
- 8 Dolores Beck
- 9 Jerilyn Manos, Valerie Wilson
- 11 George Briach, Shaun Oles
- 13 Rosemary Hamilton,
- 14 Jack Granger
- 16 Karla Beauchamp
- 17 Janice Gabriel
- 18 Ian Coldren, Bob Wright
- 19 Grace Bayne, Starr Hungerford
- 21 Justine Banks, Michael Garland, Noah Stoneberg
- 22 Cora Dixon, Jennifer DeNiro, Judy Sommerlad, Kendra Trolio
- 23 Ashley Albrecht, Danielle Noday, Debbie Wilson
- 24 Patrick Fernholz, Irma Kida, Linda Kulow
- 25 Todd Freeman
- 26 Brady Frank
- 27 Kristian Bjorson, DeAnna Griswold, Debra Kovach
- 28 Betty Davis, Liz O'Hara, David Spencer, Howard Wiff
- 29 John Atwood, William Cafaro, Amber Pattie
- 30 Justin Bartell, Joshua Bryan (Dulin), Jodi Shood



- 08 Linda & Richard Swanson
- 19 Jeff & Linda Kulow
- 24 Lloyd & LaRue Murray
- 25 Erin & Ted Conway



Let the office know of any changes,
 corrections or additions,
 or if celebrating a
 "milestone" birthday or anniversary.
 Thank you!

**MISSION OF THE MONTH
 FOR APRIL
 Pastor's
 Discretionary Fund**

April




Sun

Mon





















Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>3 8:30 Worship 11:00 Worship with communion 12:15 Bells</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>5 7:00pm Property Team Meeting 10-2:30 Piecemakers</p>	<p>6 Services at Noon and 6:30pm 5:45 Soup supper 7:15 Choir</p> 	<p>7 12 Noon Lydia-Miriam Sarah Ruth Circle Meeting 7:00pm Band</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2 9-Noon Eastern Cluster at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Cortland</p>
<p>10 8:30 Worship with communion 11:00 Worship 12:15 Bells</p> 	<p>11</p>	<p>12 7:00pm Finance 7:00pm Abigail Circle 10-2:30 Piecemakers</p>	<p>13 Services at Noon and 6:30pm 5:45 Soup supper 7:15 Choir</p> 	<p>14 9:15am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Band</p>	<p>8  5-7:00pm Swiss Steak Dinner</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>17 8:30 & 11:00 Worship with communion 9:30 Egg Hunt 9-11 Breakfast 7:00 Concert</p> 	<p>18  HOLY WEEK</p>	<p>19 6:30 Welcome 7:30 Council 10-2:30 Piecemakers</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Services at Noon & 7pm</p> 	<p>22 Service at 7:00pm</p> 	<p>23 Service at 5:00pm</p> 
<p>24 Communion Services at 8:00 9:30 11:00</p>  <p>EASTER</p>	<p>25 Easter Monday Office Closed Noon Book Club</p> 	<p>26 10-2:30 Piecemakers</p>	<p>27 </p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 9:00am Newsletter team Women of Faith</p>	<p>30 Conference at Schottenstein Arena in Columbus</p>
						

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Nursery provided at all Services

Holy Communion:

1st & 3rd Sundays at 11 am & 2nd & 4th Sundays at 8:30 am

Our Staff

The Ministers

Senior Pastor

Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Director of Visitation Ministry

Youth Directors

Building Manager

Organist

Director of Music

Treasurer/Financial Secretary

The Entire Bethel Family

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David Walsh

LaRue Murray

Emma Cowell

Paul Orend/Sue Mallery