

THE BETHEL NEWS



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Thanksgiving Day



**"We give
thanks to
you, O God;
we give
thanks;
your name is near.
People tell of your wondrous deeds."**

Psalm 75:1, NRSV



From Pastor Bret:

How are your investments lately? If you are like me you probably took a big hit in your retirement funds a year or so ago, and have still not seen them return to their previous levels. It takes time to wait out a rough patch in the economy, and this rough patch has been the toughest anyone can remember in their lifetimes (unless you lived through the Great Depression...and even then you were most likely a kid back then).

What counts in good and wise investing is finding a high-quality company to invest in even if it is for the short term. A company that has great fundamentals and vision that you are confident will be able to make it through the storms, and arrive positioned well once those storms have passed.

Keeping that in mind...I have a hot tip! I know an investment that has been around for a very long time, because it is able to ride out the different rough seas that inevitably come up. Its owner/CEO is able to do miracles with the people he has to work with. He also has a vision that is out of this world. I believe so much in the owner/CEO that I have invested over 10% of my personal income with him!

Yes...you know who I'm talking about! It's our Lord Jesus Christ, and his people the church. Can any group say they have a better head than us? NO! So I want you to start seeing your offering as what it really is...an investment in eternity with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our investment return has little to do with our own salvation [you can't buy Jesus' love], but it will most likely determine the eternal fate of many others. Just as the investment of many who came before us enabled you and me to believe in our own salvation...our investment makes it possible for others to learn about Jesus and to eventually meet him and have a cherished relationship with him for the rest of their earthly life and beyond. That's something that should not be taken lightly!

2nd Corinthians 5:15 says, "And [Jesus] died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again." Our investment of money and time is one of the ways we live for Jesus...because it really is not about giving to bricks and mortar, but about investing in the eternal life of other people. Plus, money is actually stored up service that can be given away for others.

So please consider Jesus and his church when you look at your investment portfolio. It may determine the spiritual life and death of someone who needs Jesus, but may not hear about him because you did not invest properly!

Peace, Love, Joy, PBret



GREETINGS

Dear Fellow Members,

I would like to discuss a couple of topics in this month's newsletter article.

First, as many of you know, on October 3 we celebrated Pastor Appreciation month by showing our appreciation to Pastor Bret. While I believe we need to show our Pastors that we appreciate all they do for the congregation, I also believe that we, as members, need to show each other how much we appreciate one another.

While I may not have told you personally, how much I appreciate your support, whether it is a gift of your time, talent, or possessions, every one of Bethel's members needs to know how much I appreciate your membership and support. However, this does not mean that I will stop encouraging you to consider what you can do to help Bethel grow in its ministry.

I recently attended a workshop entitled CHURCH FORWARD 9-15-2010 Essential Tools to Move Your Church Forward. I came away from this workshop feeling that Bethel Lutheran Congregation could benefit by implementing some of these tools.

The one program that I would like to talk about is "Expanding the Vision of the Church and Deepening Its Resources." In order for us to implement this program, Church Council, and the Congregation, need to make some changes to our by-laws. I will be proposing these changes to the Church Council by our November Council meeting. However, there is not time to make these necessary changes before our Congregational Meeting November 21, 2010.

Per our current by laws, we need to hold an annual meeting of this congregation in November for the purpose of passing a budget, elect members for council and various teams, and making any constitutional changes.

In the past, we have always held the annual Stewardship Campaign before the budget meeting, thus giving us some indication of what income to expect. This idea of Church Finances was used, feeling, that we want people to give back to God not a budget. This seems to work in just the opposite way. If we don't know the cost of operations, how can we give an appropriate amount to sustain the Church, while still doing what God is asking? Remember Our Mission: MAKING JESUS KNOWN, and Our Vision: is to be a center for the

discovery of Christ, and the transformation of people's lives into fully devoted followers of Jesus through the renewal of their minds in Him. (Romans 1 : 2)
How can we accomplish this?

1. Propose an annual budget broken down into six-month increments. Thus making it possible to start a fiscal year in July, if proposed changes are approved, while still following the current constitution.
2. Make our budget a flex budget: after three months of meeting operating budgeted expenses, and having an average of a five percent income over monthly budgeted operation costs, this would allow us to fund outreach programs that you, as members, have approved.
3. Change our Accounting Year from a calendar year, to a fiscal year, running from July 1 thru June 30. This would help with cash flow by making income and expenditures more in line with one another.
4. By increasing giving, that will support our current operating expenses and support new outreach programs.

Attend our annual meeting, November 21, 2010, following the 10:30 am. Worship Service.

Praying for Bethel Lutheran Church.
God Bless You,
Bill Conkey
Council President



BETHEL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2010, AFTER 10:30 CHURCH SERVICE. The purpose of this meeting is to approve a budget, elect Church Council Members, and other Committee positions as per our Constitution. We will also discuss some ideas that we are currently discussing that we hope would move our Church forward. Remember one Church Service on November 21, 2010 at 10:30 am followed by our annual Congregational Meeting. Come join us as we conduct the business of Bethel Lutheran Church, and also come enjoy a great turkey dinner put on by our youth group immediately following the meeting.

MINISTRY OVERVIEW PAGE

On Going Prayers

Helen Bell	Gert Bartell
Helen Bendel	Deanna Brannigan
Mary Burkey	Rosemary Brocious
Elaine Brocious	Brian Butcher
Cora Dixon	Tracy Fox
Dottie Coffin	Johnny Conti Jr.
June Dahlgren	Betty Deskin
The Grangers	Jenny Dubic
Garnet Floor	Mark DeMartino Jr.
Peggy Emery	Helen Engelhardt
Mary Gleckler	Donna Fredrickson
Bob Graves	Dale Goehring
Phyllis Evans	Lin Henry
Arvella Harris	Norm Johnson
Hazel Heuer	Alice Kindler
Irma Kika	Freda Hofmeister
John Kanna	Michael Kloos
Marlene Luzik	Anna White
Alberta Nelson	Richie Martin
Steven Martin	Bonnie MacKeown
Carl McKnight	Link Murray
Dick Mumma	Wes Midgley
Becky Nilsson	Robert Patrick
Janet Phelps	Garrett Schenker
Leroy Robison	Lillian Robison
Tom Ring	Marie Schneider
Sally Shilliday	Sue Span
Mary Shively	Jack Sommerlad
Betty Stevens	Ruth Thomas
Bob Urig	Jackie Watson
Kay Varga	Stan Wittenauer
Bea Wilkin	Mal Wilkin
Kay Wean	Ginny Zetterquist



A Look at our Loyalty

The Church is a gift...assembly required.

Our Worship Attendance

10/03	175
10/10	170
10/17	176
10/24	181

Sunday School

General Operations Fund

To cover our 2010 approved budget,

10/03	29
10/10	31
10/17	27
10/24	33

We need to bring in \$24,731 per month to our general fund.

Total received in September \$17,901

Building Fund Income

We need to bring in \$215 per month to pay our building mortgage

Total received in September \$2607

Original cost of building \$850,000

We now owe (09/28/10) \$157,656.86

NOVEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

Assisting Pastor Bret

8:30	Dig Coffin
1100	Mary Ann Wollet, Dig Coffin, Dee Snyder

Altar Flowers:

Dottie Coffin, scheduling
330-758-4283

Ginny Zetterquist, treasure r
330-758-1892

Flower Deliverers:

Dottie Coffin 330-758-4283

Acolytes:

Tom Crew 330-501-8537

Counters:

Bill Conkey 330-270-0113

Greeters:

Beth Applegate 330-542-9360

Ushers:

Andy Ragan 330-549-2376

Brian Klase 330-707-0508

Ushers this month

8:30	John Bachinger, Barney Davison
11:00	Gary Baker, Jim Coalmer Brian Klase, Jim LoSasso

Altar Group A~ For NOVEMBER

Barb Buker, Chairperson
Janice Anderson Beth Applegate
Sandy Dorman Valerie DeMartino
Kay Kish Wanda Wiff

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

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
330-758-4283

~Thanks Dottie!~



OUR PRAYER LIST is posted on Narthex Bulletin Board... so that you might be able to send cards to them.



Communion Preparation Volunteers
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

FAMILY NIGHT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

We start with dinner at 5:30 and then decorate the church for Christmas.



**CHRISTIAN ED
TEAM
MEETING
TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 2ND
7:00PM**

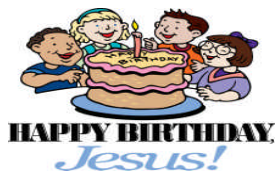
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
ANNUAL SENIOR
APPRECIATION DINNER
after the one service at
10:30am
that morning.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
Basket Making for the needy.
After the 11:00am service we will prepare and deliver baskets to the needy families in our area. If you have a nomination, please see Rick or Starr.



IN DECEMBER we look forward to the Birthday party for Jesus, a children's Christmas program and caroling...see the calendar on Christian Ed bulletin board for these updates and other opportunities that may pop up for us.



STUDENTS NEEDING SERVICE STARS
For the mission trip this year...
Service stars will be provided for:
Gleaners food bank outing, Basket Making for the needy, Senior Appreciation Dinner and Family Nite!
PLEASE try your BEST to attend these events.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

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

WELCA NEWS

ABIGAIL CIRCLE MEETING: Tuesday, November 16th at 7:00 in Memorial Hall. "No Other Gods" Study Guide on "Lies". Marilyn Weaver will be hostess. **Need a leader for this month.**

55 SCHOOL KITS and \$30 donations in shipping fees were collected for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this cause.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS Now on Sale! Now at Bethel. \$30 for coupon book of savings on restaurants, shopping and services. Profits from sales to WELCA for church needs. On sale in narthex after services until December 15th or contact Lynnae Rassega at 330 - 965-2472. Make great gifts



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Rhonda & I just want to thank everyone that helped make the International Buffet a success! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!! From everyone who cooked, baked, served, cleaned, advertised, sold tickets, ate, etc. etc. you name it... We love you all!!!! *Diana Wiesner & Rhonda Klase*
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Calling all Bethel Bakers!! Your fancy, holiday cookies, candies and confections are needed for our annual Holiday Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 11th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cookie dropoff by 3 p.m. Friday, December 10th. If every family baked one batch or purchased one batch would make for a successful sale. Proceeds benefit church needs and outreach charities. Contact Sandy Dorman at 330 758-7796 or Delaine DeChellis at 330 549-9116 however you can help with this event.

Where to WELCA fundraising efforts go? Remodeled bathroom in Sunday School hall, purchased new freezer for big kitchen, \$700 for youth mission trip, \$1000 towards Boiler Fund and several outreach charities including ELCA World Hunger and Rescue Mission.

Bethel Members

The Property Committee wishes to thank all the members who contributed to the Boiler and those who are continuing to donate. These funds: **Boiler Fund** dinners, and a contribution from a member's estate, have made it possible to pay for the new boiler and related heating repairs (for \$5,500) were also paid along with an intensive inspection to #2 boiler (for \$1200).

However, we still have a few related repairs left to ensure we can properly heat Bethel for the future.

- #1.... Relag piping that was removed. This will ensure that we don't loose heat thru exposed pipes.
- #2.... New steps from big kitchen down to boiler room with railing.
- #3.... 3 of 6 North wall heaters in the sanctuary are not working. With these not operating, it makes it very hard to get the sanctuary warm for 8:30am service on cold days.
- #4.... A leaking water pipe in the geo-thermal pump room. We are losing water, which has to be treated to avoid freezing.

Through your continuing donations, and a proposed pork/sauerkraut dinner for the Boiler Repair Fund in January 2011, we hope to raise money to complete all heating related repairs.

Yours in Christ, Bethel Property Committee

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



LYDIA MIRIAM & SARA RUTH CIRCLES
 Thursday, November 4th @ 12 Noon



Thank you to the people of Bethel for your prayers and kind support following Don's passing
 Barb Mauch & family

VASES OF FLOWERS NEEDED:

1 vase of each of these Sundays:
 November 21st
 November 28th
 December 12th

ABIGAIL CIRCLE

Tuesday, November 16th @ 7:00pm
 Leader: Nancy Kuivila
 Study will be on Prayer



ONE SERVICE AT 10:30PM
 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
 ANNUAL MEETING
 TO FOLLOW
 With SENIOR APPRECIATION
 DINNER after the meeting

BOOK LIST for 2010-2011



NOTE : Meet the last Monday of each month at 12:00pm
NOV. 29-Peace Like a River-by Leif Enger-Nancy Kuivila leader
JAN.31-A Thread Of Grace-by Mary Doria Russell-Marilyn Weaver leader
FEB.28-The Memory Keepers Daughter- by Kim Edwards-Ruth Ragan leader
MAR. 28-The Secret Life of Bees- by Sue Monk Kidd-Delaine DeChellis leader
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

PROTESTANT FAMILY SERVICES CONCERT
HERE AT BETHEL
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH AT 4:00PM

We need donations of cookies, cheese & crackers, fruit and nuts for the refreshments for the concert.
 Please bring in between 2:00 and 3:00 as the refreshments are at 3:00pm to 4:00pm.
 Call Ruth Ragan with any questions.

NOVEMBER TEAM MEETINGS

Tuesday November 2nd 7:00 pm Christian Ed Team
 No Mickey Schuster Meeting this Month
Tuesday November 9th 7:00 pm Finance team
Thursday November 11th 9:15 am Staff Meeting
Tuesday November 16th 6:30 pm Welcome
Tuesday November 16th 7:30 pm COUNCIL
Tuesday November 30th 7:00 pm Constitution Meeting

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



- 2 Laurie Wilson
- 4 Martin Cisine, Tom Crew, Meghan Thomas
- 5 Guy Applegate, Daniel Durkin, Ron Griswold, Peggy Shaw, Kyle Viars, Jaci Weaver, Marilyn Weaver, Ingrid York
- 6 Beth Applegate, Pastor Chuck Lundquist, Kirsti Sierra
- 7 Pete Rassega
- 8 Marissa Borosky
- 9 Autumn Fabian, Doris Gluck, Jamian Pesta
- 10 Jessica Banks, Valerie DeMartino
- 11 Gia DiMaiolo, Kay Klamer, Miranda Noday, Delphine Vandervoort
- 14 Sandra Parobek
- 15 Hannah Hallewell, Holly Shalabi, Marie Zinz
- 16 Deborah Fuline, William Oyler, Sallie Wright
- 17 Bill McGuire, Tony DeNiro
- 19 Bill Bjorson
- 20 James Juergenson, Jr.
- 22 Carolyn Marshall, Kent Wright
- 24 Edwin Mannion, LeRoy Robison
- 25 Robert Zielke
- 26 Teresa Lyons, Shirley Peterson, Brooke Weibling
- 27 Andrew Swanson
- 29 Martha Konrad, Gianna Taaffe
- 30 Daniel Borosky, Gail DeMartino, Avie Karsti, Max Rassega, Patrick Sierra

- 5 Bob & Grace Bayne (50th)
- 7 Ed & Marjorie Larson
- 8 Bob & Valerie DeMartino, James & Janet Bartell
- 16 Robert & Debra Greene
- 19 Brittany & Patrick Sierra (5th)
- 21 Sandra & Bill Parobek
- 23 Georgette & Al Kollay
- 24 David & Janice Gabriel, Michael & Beth Zellhart
- 27 John & Diane Scacchetti



**MISSION OF THE
MONTH FOR
NOVEMBER
Salvation Army**

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

PUMKIN ROLLS FOR SALE
\$8.00 EACH
TO SUPPORT THE BOILER &
HEATING FUND
SEE ORDER BLANK ENCLOSED IN THE
NEWSLETTER
ORDERS MUST BE IN BY NOV. 14TH



POINSETTIA ORDERS are due in the
church office by November 24th.
Please be sure and fill out an order
form.



NOVEMBER



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

7
8:30 Worship with communion
11:00 Worship with communion
All Saints Sunday



1

2
Election Day
7:00pm Christian Ed Team



3
1:00 & 6:30pm Bible Study

4
Noon Ladies Circle meeting
7:00 Choir
8:30 Bells



5

6
Turn clocks back 1 hour before bed



14
8:30 Worship with communion
11:00 Protestant Family Services Concert

15
1:30 to 7:00pm Blood Drive at Westminster Presbyterian Church

16
6:30 Welcome
7:30 Council
7:00pm Abigail

10
1:00 & 6:30pm Bible Study

11
9:15am Staff meeting
7:00 Choir
8:30 Bells



12

13

17
1:00 & 6:30pm Bible Study

18
7:00 Choir
8:30 Bells

19

20

21
One Service with communion
10:30 Worship with BUDGET MEETING
Appreciation Dinner



22

24
NO Bible Study
Deadline to order poinsettias



25
Thanksgiving



26

27

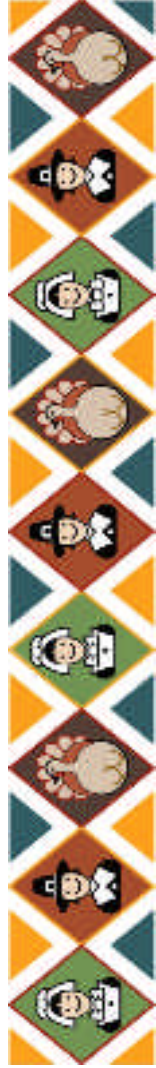
Office closed

28
8:30 Worship with communion
11:00 Worship
5:30 Family Nite



29
Noon Book Club

30
9:00am Newsletter team



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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

The Entire Bethel Family

Senior Pastor

Bret D Rizzo

Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Georgette Kollay

Director of Visitation Ministry

Paul Burgeson

Youth Directors

Rick & Starr Hungerford

Building Manager

David Walsh

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LaRue Murray

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Emma Cowell

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