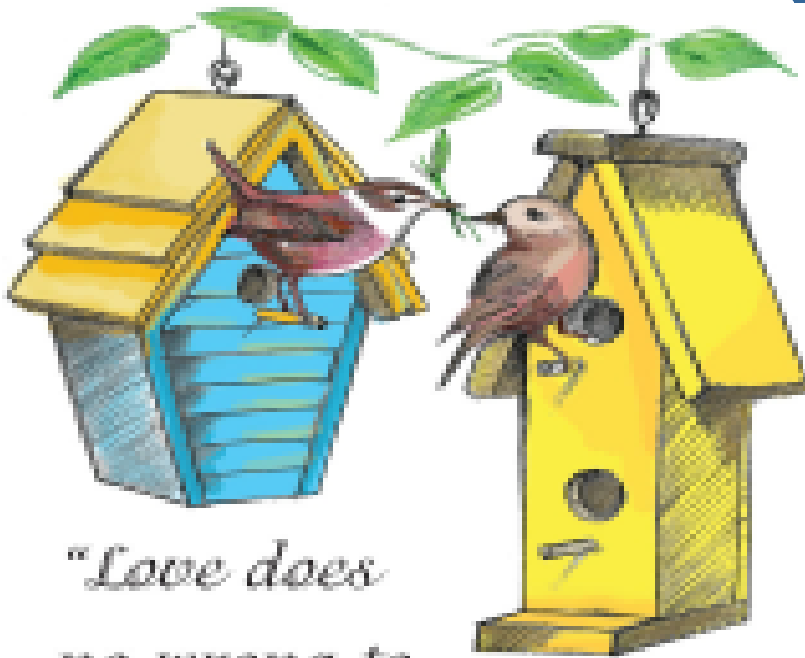


THE BETHEL NEWS



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*"Love does
no wrong to
a neighbor; therefore,
love is the fulfilling
of the law."* Romans 13:10, NIV





From Pastor Bret:

Why is it so hard to accept that we are loved? It seems so much easier to believe that we are ignored, hated, stupid, a bother and many other negative things. Many of us walk around wounded by broken and difficult relationships.

Reflect on these questions: Have you ever felt like you weren't good enough, maybe even worthless? Why did, or do, you feel that way? Are these feelings controlling your life?

Then consider this: Have you allowed unconditional love to be possible in your life?

Psalm 103:8-10 says "the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities."

This psalm describes the relationship between God and God's people. In the Old Testament, you will find plenty of evidence that the relationship between God and the chosen people of Israel was rocky and volatile. God's people could be faithful one moment and faithless the next. God would judge and discipline them for their faithlessness, yet in the midst of his judgment God's gracious heart would be revealed. What has your relationship with God been like over past decades? Where are you at now in that relationship?

Paul offers prayers for the church in Ephesus. "I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God," he says in Ephesians 3:18-19.

"The love of Christ that surpasses knowledge." What knowledge? Paul is very concerned that the church in Ephesus will falter as it faces great persecution and challenges. Paul knows that the Ephesians' possible dependence on human knowledge and philosophy to deal with these circumstances is not enough, and will only lead to hopelessness and discouragement, and he feared it could overwhelm the mission of Christ they have been called to participate in. So Paul speaks of Christ's love surpassing all of the evidence and knowledge that may feed despair. Don't we need the same encouragement?

God's love surpasses all negative conclusions about how hopeless we are. God's love cannot be limited or contained by any self-destructive or self-defeating thoughts or actions. God's love prevails, surpassing knowledge, filling us with the fullness of Himself. Do you believe that? If you don't, you ought a!

Peace! Pastor Bret

GREETINGS

Dear Fellow Members,

With a New Year beginning, we need to look back at the past year to see what we have done right and what we need to change, or maybe improve.

As a country, we seem to want change, and the way we do this is by putting different political parties in charge of running the country. History has proven that unless we communicate with the person(s) that we put in these positions, things continue the same. Their agenda continues, not the peoples, because they may think we are content. As members of an organization, many times, we feel, why bother making suggestions, or become involved. I feel that communication and involvement is the key to a successful organization. This is why the leadership at Bethel wants to hear your suggestions, and concerns. We need your input to make Bethel a Growing and Caring Church.

At the annual Council Retreat in January, we plan to set goals for the Church Council as well as each individual Council Team. This will be the easy part of our vision, the hard part will be accomplishing our goals. In order to accomplish our goal for 2011, your input and help are essential.

According to Bethel's present constitution C12.04 The Congregation Council shall have general oversight of the activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The duties of the church council shall include the following.

To lead this congregation in stating its mission, to do long range planning, to set goals and priorities, and to evaluate its activities in light of its mission goals.

To seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service and support.

To oversee and provide for the administration of this congregation to enable it to fulfill its functions and perform its mission.

To maintain supportive relationship with the pastor(s) and staff and help them annually to evaluate the fulfillment of their calling appointment, or employment.

To be examples individually and corporately of the style of life and ministry expected of all baptized persons.

To promote a congregational climate of peace and goodwill and, as difference and conflicts arise, to endeavor to foster mutual understanding.

To arrange for pastoral services during sickness, vacation time, or authorized absence of the pastor.

To emphasize partnership with the synod and churchwide organizations of the ELCA as well as cooperation with other congregations, both Lutheran and non- Lutheran, subject to the established policies of the synod and the ELCA.

To recommend and encourage the use of programs resources produced or approved by the ELCA.

Sunday, January 9, 2011, the members of Church Council came before you in the presence of God and solemnly swore to uphold the duties of their positions as members of church council, with the help of God. The congregation also swore to support the members of church council, with the help of God. Now the work begins for both parties, as council members, and members of the congregation, we need to uphold the constitution and develop growth within our congregation, as well as outside of our congregation, **MAKING JESUS KNOWN TO ALL.**

God Bless,

Bill Conkey
Council President

MINISTRY OVERVIEW PAGE

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 Fredrickso
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	Jean Hagan
Dick Mumma	Wes Midgley
Becky Nilsson	Anna White
Janet Phelps	Garrett Schenker
Leroy Robison	Lillian Robison
Tom Ring	Marie Schneider
Sally Shilliday	Sue Span
Mary Shively	Jack Sommerlad
Betty Stevens	Ruth Thomas
Matt Smith	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

1/02	134
1/09	141
1/16	157
1/23	200

Sunday School

General Operations Fund

1/02	14
1/09	14
1/23	19

To cover our 2010 approved budget, We need to bring in \$24,731 per month to our general fund.

Total received in December \$20,501.50

Building Fund Income

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

Total received in November \$3231

Original cost of building \$850,000

We now owe (12/28/10) \$148,773.53

FEBRUARY ASSIGNMENTS

Assisting Pastor Bret

8:30	Fred Noday
1100	Guy Applegate, Beth Applegate Steve Ausmann

Altar Flowers:

Dottie Coffin, scheduling
330-758-4283

Ginny Zetterquist, treasurer
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	Rick Swanson, Don Wiff
11:00	Guy Applegate, Brian Klase Jim LoSasso, Paul Orend

Altar Group A~ For FEBRUARY

Barb Buker, Chairperson	
Janice Anderson	Beth Applegate
Valerie DeMartino	Sandy Dorman
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



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.**

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.

BETHEL YOUTH NEWS



Join the Youth Group



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

“SOUPER BOWL OF CARING” EVENT

COLLECTING MONIES & NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS FOR CLEANERS FOOD BANK

PICK UP PEPPERONI ROLLS TODAY!



NO CHRISTIAN ED
TEAM
MEETING
THIS MONTH.

FEBRUARY 13TH

“SUNDAE SOCIAL”

LIGHT LUNCH & SUNDAES!
YOUTH GET TO MAKE VALENTINES
BOXES & VALETINES FOR MONDAY
AFTER 11:00AM SERVICE

MISSION OF THE MONTH
THANK YOU NOTE FROM
RESCUE MISSION
FOR \$318.00
THAT WAS COLLECTED!



SHORT SPECIAL
CONGREGATION MEETING

Sunday, February 13th
Following the 11:00 Service
Concerning Organ Repairs



FEBRUARY TEAM MEETINGS

Tuesday	February	1st	7:00 pm Property Team
Tuesday	February	8th	6:00 pm Mickey Schuster
Thursday	February	10th	9:15 am Staff Meeting
Tuesday	January	15th	6:30 pm Welcome
Tuesday	January	15th	7:30 pm COUNCIL
Thursday	February	24th	9:15 am Staff Meeting

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

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

WELCA NEWS

ABIGAIL CIRCLE – NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH AT 7:00 P.M. in Memorial Hall. Come and enjoy Joyce Meyer’s DVD “Battlefield of the Mind” for inspiration and fellowship. Our leader will be Sandy Dorman and hostess is Rhonda Klase. All women and friends of Bethel warmly welcome.

WELCA

Sunday, February 13th is the deadline for the Women of Faith “Imagine” conference in Nationwide Arena in Columbus on April 29th-30th. The cost of the conference is \$89.00. There is a group from Bethel going and sharing rides and hotel expenses. Contact Marilyn Weaver 330 549-2251 or marilynw50@zoominternet.net for details. Checks payable to WELCA.

Interfaith Tea sponsored by the Church Women United will be held on Tuesday, February 1st at 1:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church 201 Wick Avenue in Youngstown. This is open to all faiths and a great way for interdenominational fellowship. The CWU is asking for a \$5.00 donation to defray the cost.

Tea Sale!!

All boxes of tea in the narthex for the Lutheran World Relief is on sale the month of February.

All tea is on sale for \$3.00/box. This is a great savings.

The pyramid tea bags are regularly \$4.00/box.

This makes a nice Valentine gift, get well gift and winter warmup!

All are invited to the Women of Faith convention in Columbus on April 29-30.

All money for the Women of Faith convention needs to be turned into Marilyn Weaver by Feb. 13. The cost is \$89.00-checks made out to WELCA. The rooms needed will then be reserved (any special requests-let Marilyn Weaver know). The rooms will sleep 4. The cost to be determined. If there is a desire to spend more than one night (Fri. 29th) let that be known. Thank you.

The Women of Faith Conference... lunch on both days, April 29th and 30th is included. Go to Women of Faith website for list of speakers and entertainment.

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, February 3rd at Noon

~ Pizza ~

Bible Study Leader, Ginny Zetterquist

ABIGAIL CIRCLE

Tuesday, February 15th @ 7:00pm

VASES OF FLOWERS NEEDED:

1 vase needed for February 13th & 20th. Also 2011 Flower Chart is up and ready for you to sign-up for dates you would



THANK YOU SO MUCH TO SANTA for the wonderful Christmas gift! It was greatly appreciated! Georgette

BOOK LIST for 2010-2011



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

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

SCRAPBOOKING

All day at Bethel from 9 to 9 or so
February 12th

Anyone interested or have questions call Jodi Fernholz 330-629-2326 or email at pfern33@sbcglobal.net

February 6, 2011 we will be selling homemade soup to benefit the ORGAN FUND. We will sell Chicken Dumpling, Chicken Noodle & Wedding Soup. First come, first serve.

Buy your pepperoni rolls and soup and have your supper!

We will have a **NO TRASH, JUST TREASURE SALE**
 Date to be announced.

You can start saving items to be brought in.

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

The Murray Family would like to thank our friends at Bethel for their kindness and sympathy after the death of Lloyd's father. And the Bethel Choir for the flowers. It was deeply appreciated.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Gert Bartell
- 2 PJ Rassega
- 3 Ross Applegate, Serena Stoneberg
- 4 Peggy Dulin, Pierce Rassega, Richard Swanson
- 5 Abby Rizzo
- 6 Barbara Mauch
- 7 Paul Burgeson, Grace Boggio
- 8 Dick Almblad, Mitzie Martin
- 9 Brian Huddleston, Lloyd Murray
- 11 Colin Thomas
- 12 Chris Wilson
- 14 Brian Butcher, Paul Hagman, Allison Parobek
- 17 John Kanna
- 19 Donna Robinson, Don Wiff
- 20 Shawna Applegate, Sarah Burgeson, Shelbi Fornolz
- 21 Michelle Dorman-Badolato, Alice Hartig, David Gabriel
- 22 James Baer
- 23 Matt Martin
- 25 Diana Wiesner
- 27 Bruce Coldren, Karyn Stoneberg
- 28 Liz Crew, Michael Kirr

- 01 Skip & Lin Gettman
- 11 Gail & Tony DeMartino
- 14 Stephen & Susan Ausmann
Ruth & Andy Ragan
- 23 Daryn & Jennifer Tallman
- 27 Lou & Ruth Schenker (58th)



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 FEBRUARY
 Mickey Schuster
 Scholarship Fund**



Sun

Mon




Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>6 8:30 Worship with communion 11:00 Worship with communion Soup Sale & Pepperoni Rolls Souper Bowl of Caring</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 6:00pm Mickey Schuster Team</p>	<p>9 1:00 & 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>10 9:15am Staff 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 8:30 Worship with communion 11:00 Worship Sundae Social Special Meeting</p>	<p>14 Newsletter deadline</p> 	<p>15 6:30pm Welcome 7:30pm Council 7:00pm Abigail</p>	<p>16 1:00 & 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>17 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 8:30 Worship with communion 11:00 Worship</p>	<p>21</p> 	<p>22</p>	<p>23 1:00 & 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>24 9:15am Staff 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 8:30 Worship with communion 11:00 Worship</p>	<p>28 9:00 Newsletter team 12 Noon Book Club</p>					

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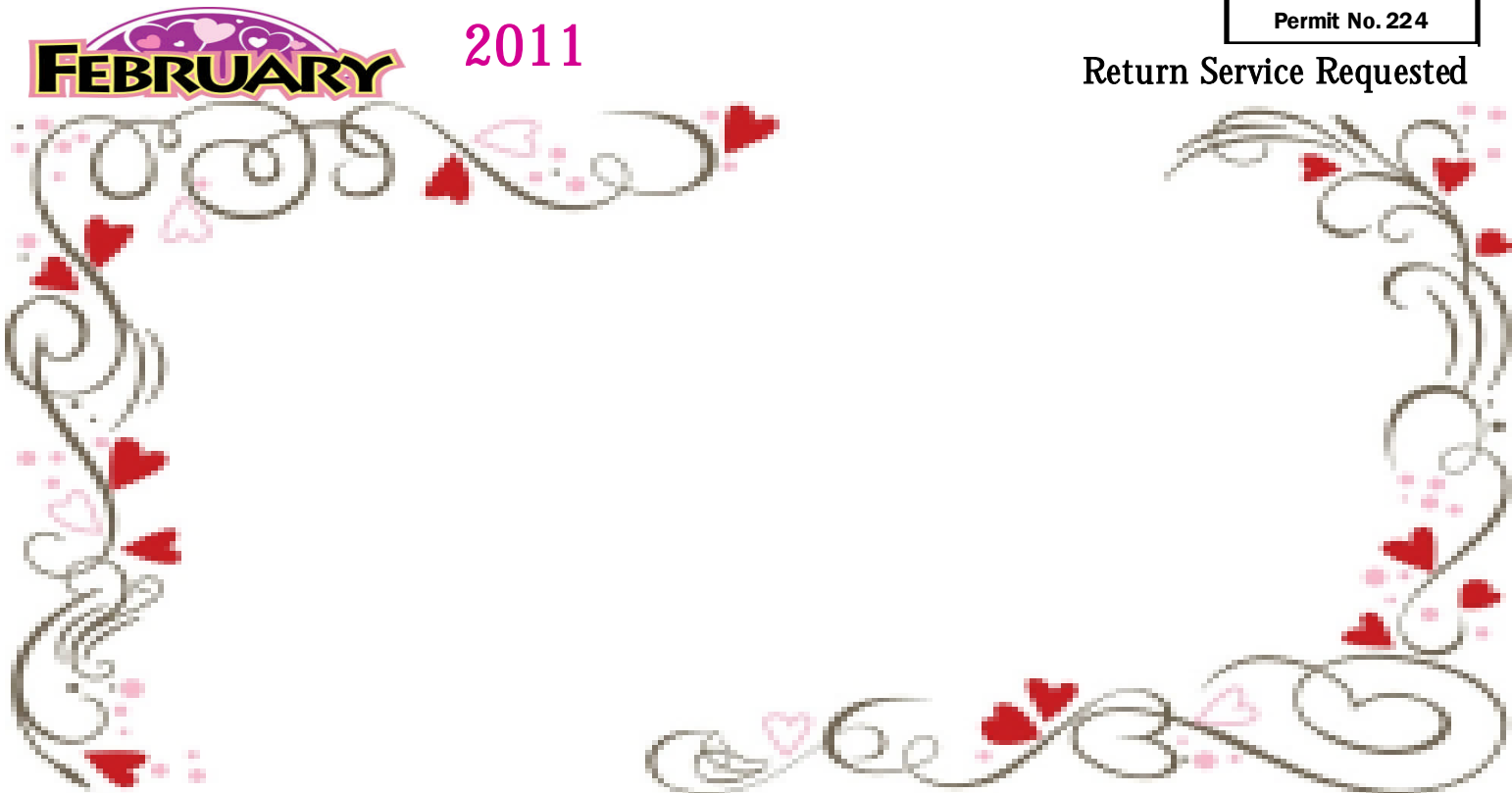
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Senior Pastor

Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Director of Visitation Ministry

Youth Directors

Building Manager

Organist

Director of Music

Treasurer/Financial Secretary

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