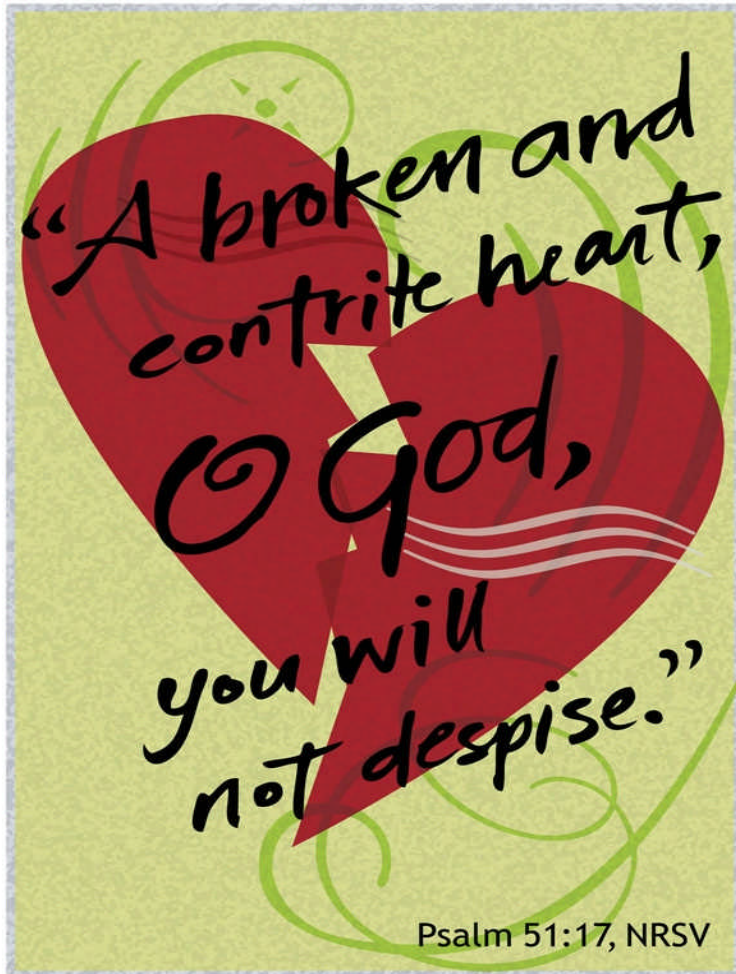


# THE BETHEL NEWS



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## From Pastor Bret:

As I write this there is another snowstorm hitting us, and I wonder, “will this snowy winter ever end?” Well the good news is that we begin the Lent/Easter cycle this month, which means that the rebirth of Spring will be here before we know it! This year our Lenten Series is called “CHRIST IN THE STRANGEST PLACES: *Foreshadowed, Fulfilled, Forever.*”

In two tablets of stone, a few vessels of oil, simple markings, a small army, a remote field, a solemn oath—we find some of the strangest people, places and things through which God revealed himself to his people in the Old Testament. The Old Testament is chock-full of passion themes, from the serpent being crushed in Genesis 3:15 to Isaiah’s Fourth Servant Song. Yet this series looks at some of the lesser-known Old Testament passion themes and focuses on them by means of single words: “Mine, Nothing, Marked, Enlist, Invest, Finish.”

March 9<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday • “Mine!” • Exodus 20:17

The commandments point out our desire to acquire

March 16<sup>th</sup> • “Nothing” • 2 Kings 4:1-7 • Elisha provides for a widow

March 23<sup>rd</sup> • “Marked” • Isaiah 44:5 • God marks his people

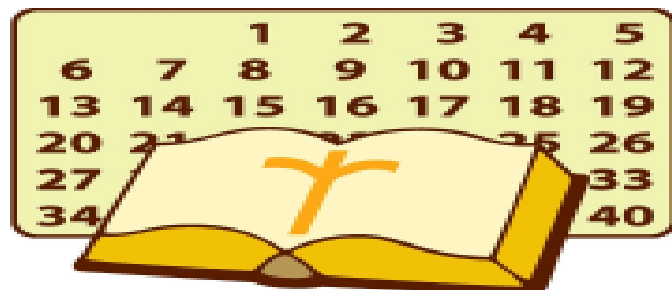
March 30<sup>th</sup> • “Enlist” • Judges 6:16 • Gideon’s call

April 6<sup>th</sup> • “Invest” • Jeremiah 32:25 • Jeremiah buys a field in wartime

April 13<sup>th</sup> • “Finish” • 1 Kings 11:3 • Solomon can’t finish what he started

Join us Wednesdays at Noon and 6:30 pm each week until Easter. Come a little earlier in the evening and join us for Soup Suppers as well in our fellowship Hall beginning at 5:45 p.m.

Peace! Pastor Bret



**Pastor's Message**  
*for* **Lent**

## GREETINGS

Dear Fellow Members,

I hope by the time you receive this newsletter the weather has changed for the better.

I would like to thank all members of Bethel for the support we received towards the boiler fund. We had set a goal of \$30,000.00 last January and by the end of this January, we received \$30,934.83. With \$2,803.16 left for some repairs to the geo thermal heating system, we have officially closed this campaign. However, with some major work needing done to repair the church organ we have started an Organ Repair Fund. On January 13, 2011 at a special congregation meeting, we received approval to sign a contract with Schantz Organ Company to make the necessary repairs at a cost of \$6, 96.00, plus any applicable tax. Any money we collect not used for these repairs will go to the Memorial Fund for future tuning and minor repair.

When we had our stewardship campaign for 2011, we not only ask for your financial support, but also your support in the area of time and talents. As I went through the time and talent sheets I noticed many people who are presently sharing their time, did not check either what they are doing now, or did not bother to fill one out. I have heard comments "we filled them out before but never heard anything back." With the technology that is available to us today, we can correct this situation. We have a program in the office computer that will allow us to put this information in and when a committee needs to know who is willing to help with a project this information will be available. If you are an usher Andy Regan knows, if Andy is not available for some reason, we can simply go to the computer and see whose name is under usher. (Andy this does not mean that you are allowed to be unavailable.) If you have not filled out your time and talent sheet, please do, and turn it into me. They will be available at the welcome desk.

This is going to be a very busy year at Bethel. Last year we started working on updating our constitution and by-laws. With the leadership of

Don Wiff we expect this task will be complete this year. Once completed, we will need to have a congregational meeting to approve the changes in the constitution and by-laws, and another meeting to ratify the constitution without change. The Committee and Church Council's goal is, that with these changes more members are encouraged to become more involved in the life of Bethel.

Some reasons we needed to update the constitution and by-laws are:

Last time updated 2000

Congregation getting older and smaller.

Make the by-laws more member friendly.

Required and suggested changes by ELCA.

Council structure.

Some Council Teams, in the, present by-law section have been incorporated in other teams or are not applicable for today's church life.

Church Council held its annual retreat on Saturday January 22, 2011. While we have reduced the number of members on council, I left with the feeling that this was going to be a very active Council.

We set a goal of reviving and expanding the Children's Ministry at Bethel this year. We discussed how all teams would be able to participate in this goal. We also had a meaningful discussion about how, we as leaders could help inspire our Congregation. We cannot just say we believe we need to go out in the community and not be embarrassed to tell others. We need to encourage all members of Bethel to come to Sunday school and Worship Service weekly. **WE NEED TO WALK THE WALK AND TALK THE TALK!**

Come to Bethel Lutheran Church Monday March 14, 2011 5:30pm and attend the Boardman Township trustees meeting. We could use your support in attempting to persuade the trustees to allow us to put a church sign at the corner of Glenwood Ave. and Wildwood.

God Bless,

*Bill Conkey*

Council President



# MINISTRY OVERVIEW PAGE

## On Going Prayers

Helen Bell	Gert Bartell
Helen Bendel	Deanna Brannigan
Mary Burkey	Rosemary Brocious
Elaine Brocious	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
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
Pastor Paul	



## A Look at our Loyalty

The Church is a gift...assembly required.

### Our Worship Attendance

1/30	150
2/06	178
2/13	184
2/20	164

### Sunday School

1/30	23
2/06	37
2/13	28
2/20	29

### 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 January \$22,020

### Building Fund Income

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

Total received in January \$7462

Original cost of building \$850,000

We now owe (01/28/11) \$147,455.38

## MARCH ASSIGNMENTS

### Assisting Pastor Bret

8:30 Debbie Coffin  
11:00 Dig Coffin, Bill Conkey  
Sue Mallery

### 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 Dan Lyden, Bob Graves  
11:00 Steve Ausmann, Gary Baker  
Bill Bjorson, Chuck Reilly

### Altar Group B~ For MARCH

Helen LoSasso, Chairperson

Adele Cisine Janet Conkey

Annie DeChellis Delaine DeChellis

Doris Gluck Susie Granger

Arlene McAtee

## 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](mailto: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*



**LOCK IN**  
GRADES 1-6  
7:00PM MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> TO 8:00AM MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>  
BRING SLEEPING BAGS!

**CHRISTIAN ED  
TEAM  
MEETING  
MARCH 1ST AT 7:00PM**

## MARCH TEAM MEETINGS

<b>Tuesday</b>	March	1st	7:00 pm Christian Ed Team
<b>Tuesday</b>	March	8th	6:00 pm Mickey Schuster
<b>Tuesday</b>	March	8th	7:00 pm Support (Finance)
<b>Thursday</b>	March	10th	9:15 am Staff Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	March	15th	6:30 pm Membership
<b>Tuesday</b>	March	15th	7:30 pm COUNCIL
<b>Thursday</b>	March	24th	9:15 am Staff Meeting

Anyone wishing to join the "BETHEL WEBSITE TEAM"...

We are looking for anyone wishing to find/write articles and send me pictures or anything pertinent to Bethel news. We want to put these things on the website and are looking to form a team to help each other.

Please contact Rita Rider at [ritarider@zoominternet.net](mailto:ritarider@zoominternet.net) or [webmaster@bethelboardman.org](mailto:webmaster@bethelboardman.org)

# IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

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

## WELCA NEWS

**ABIGAIL CIRCLE – NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND AT 7:00 P.M.** in Memorial Hall. Come and enjoy an hour of Joyce Meyer’s “inspiration message” and fellowship. Our leader will be Lynnae Rassega and hostess is Sandy Dorman. All women are welcome!



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** is Thursday, March 3rd at 11:00am at St. Luke Church in Boardman. A light lunch will follow. No reservations are needed. All are 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. Could we get a group of women to attend? Contact Delaine DeChellis at 330-549-9116.

### NO TRASH, JUST TREASURE SALE

SEPTEMBER 9TH AND 10TH

Bring items to church anytime, no heavy items.

Benefit Organ Repair Fund

Need items to be picked up

call Andy Ragan 330-549-2376



### EASTER PLANTS

Orders must be placed by

**Sunday, March 20th**

Order form enclosed and

Available at Welcome Center and table outside main office!

### CELTIC HEALTHCARE

HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

Provided by: Celtic Community Services

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Time: 10:30—11:30 am

At Bethel Lutheran Church Hall

### LYDIA-MIRIAM, SARAH RUTH CIRCLE

Thursday, March 10th, 12 Noon

Delaine DeChellis will be showing pictures of churches and cathedrals she visited in Europe. ALL MEN AND WOMEN are invited to this special program. We will be serving pizza and dessert for lunch.

Please sign up on the WELCA bulletin board so we have enough food.

**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, March 10th at Noon  
 ~ Pizza & Dessert~

Delaine DeChellis will be showing pictures of her visit to Europe. All men & women invited-sign up on WELCA board.

**ABIGAIL CIRCLE**

Tuesday, March 22nd @ 7:00pm  
 Leader: Lynnae Rassega Hostess: Sandy Dorman



**VASES OF FLOWERS NEEDED:**

1 vase needed for April 3rd and  
 2 vases for April 10th.

**May vases needed:**

2 for May 1st, 2 for May 8th  
 and 1 for May 15th.

Be sure to **call** Dottie Coffin  
 at 330-758-4283  
 for any dates you need.

**BOOK LIST for 2010-2011**



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

**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

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

Congratulations to Daryn & Jennifer Tallman  
 on the birth of their 1st child, Ella Grace Tallman  
 born Januaty 27th ~ 8 lbs 8 oz.



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,

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**



- 1 Ruth Thomas
- 2 Betty Seemann
- 5 Jeff Coldren, Nicole DeMartino,  
Melanie Morlan, Liz Wiesner
- 6 Kirsten Midgley
- 7 Olivia Garland, Anthony Marshall
- 8 David Buker, Aliyah Pattie
- 9 Barbara Buker, Erik Thoreson
- 11 Benjamin Rizzo
- 16 Olivia DeMartino, Michael Kloos
- 17 Terry Deidrick, Charles Hagman
- 20 Henry Stinner
- 21 MaryAnn Richardson, Brendan Thoreson
- 22 Jennifer Weaver, Laura Wiesner
- 23 Sofie Kloos, Georgette Kollay, Michael Viars
- 24 Jason Bjorson, Bob Graves
- 27 Donald Robinson
- 28 Donald Liga
- 29 Amy Garland
- 30 Matthew Gleydura, Dee Snyder
- 31 Tyler, Bartell, Howard Hagen

- 20 Sandy & James Dorman
- 21 Berta & William McGuire
- 25 Don & Janet Liga



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 MARCH**  
**Second Harvest**  
**Food Bank**



Sun

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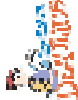







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	<p>6 Transfiguration of the Lord 8:30 Worship 11:00 Worship with communion</p>	<p>13 8:30 Worship with communion 11:00 Worship</p> 	<p>20 8:30 Worship with communion</p> 	<p>27 8:30 Worship with communion 11:00 Worship</p> 	<p>1 7:00pm Christian Ed Team</p>	<p>8 6:00pm Mickey Schuster Team 7:00pm Support</p>	<p>15 6:30 Membership 7:30 Council</p> 	<p>22 7:00pm Abigail Circle</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>2 1:00 &amp; 6:30pm Last Bible Study</p>	<p>9 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Services at Noon and 6:30pm 5:45 potluck supper 7:15 Choir 8:30 Bells</p>	<p>16 Services at Noon and 6:30pm 5:45 soup supper 7:15 Choir 8:30 Bells</p> 	<p>23 Services at Noon and 6:30pm 5:45 soup supper 7:15 Choir 8:30 Bells</p> 	<p>30 Services at Noon and 6:30pm 5:45 soup supper 7:15 Choir 8:30 Bells</p> 	<p>3 11:00am St Luke for World Day of Prayer 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>10 9:15am Staff Meeting Noon Lydia Miriam, Sara Ruth Circle</p>	<p>17 </p>	<p>24 9:15am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>31 9:00am Newsletter Team</p>	<p>4  1st Communion</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>18 Lock</p>	<p>25</p>		<p>5 Retreat</p>	<p>12 Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm</p> 	<p>19 In Grades 1-6</p>	<p>26</p>	
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Senior Pastor

Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Director of Visitation Ministry

Youth Directors

Building Manager

Organist

Director of Music

Treasurer/Financial Secretary

The Entire Bethel Family

Bret D Rizzo

Georgette Kollay

Paul Burgeson

Rick & Starr Hungerford

David Walsh

LaRue Murray

Emma Cowell

Paul Orend/Sue Mallery

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