

# THE BETHEL NEWS



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# Mother's Day



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## From Pastor Bret:

The disciples are hiding in the upper room, fearing arrest by the Jewish leaders. Can you imagine what is going through their heads? They follow Jesus for three years, they run scared when he's imprisoned, they watch him die, they bury him, and now the body is gone. Isn't it amazing that they, like us, can listen, learn, hear, and try to apply all they've been told regarding Jesus Christ, and yet they do not fully grasp it?

Then Jesus appears, and says to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." He offers his pierced hands as proof of his true identity and gently nudges, through the presence of the Holy Spirit, the disciples back to the joy of the truth of his resurrection. Though still full of fear, they are now also filled with hope, and empowered to share God's grace.

But that is not all. Now, Jesus encourages the real work of the disciples. And, like the disciples, once we get beyond our past, and believe and accept the promise of eternal life through our faith in Jesus Christ, we know that we are forgiven and deeply loved. Because of our faith, we, too, are prepared to be sent out for the Father's sake.

Being present in that room that day must have been an astonishing moment, an astonishing revelation that Jesus is all about moving forward, not reliving the past. Never does Jesus remind them of failure. Instead, he brings peace and offers hope. Our hope is that, through our wounds and pains, we discover who we are and move beyond ourselves to share the good news.

Jesus brings "shalom," peace to you. He reminds the disciples, and each of us, that he is peace among us, the children of God. He brings us wholeness, justice and blessing; a wholeness that provides healing, justice that helps us transform, and blessings that take death away.

As we receive these gifts and the breath of the Holy Spirit, Jesus tells us that we cannot stay behind locked doors. We are called to bring the power of God's Spirit and forgiveness to the world. Make a difference by the way you live. Be filled with grace that spills over to others. Be "shalom" in your corner of the world. That is how we can make a difference for God and be transformed like the disciples, filled with Jesus' peace, God's grace, and the power to make a difference.

Peace, Love, Joy, Pastor Bret



## GREETINGS

Dear Fellow Members,

Here are some of the coming events implementing online giving through American Church Inc. April 18<sup>th</sup> Pastor Bret will meet with representatives from American Church to set up the online giving program at Bethel. April 24<sup>th</sup> there will be an announcement in the bulletin and Coming Soon announcement on the website. May 1-7 there will be a second bulletin and website announcement. The week of May 2 a mailing to all households, introducing the new online giving program will go out to all members. In addition, there will be information about the sign up event in the bulletin, during church service, and on our website. May 15<sup>th</sup> there will be an announcement informing you how to login and get started using this program. Representatives from American Church Ins. will be at church to assist those who have questions and or want to sign up for online giving at that time.

If you already use online giving, I would encourage you to continue this style of giving using the new program. Members who are not currently using online giving may want to consider the new program, it will allow you to manage your account, instead of going through our financial secretary.

What are the benefits for members to give online? There will no longer be a need to write checks, it will allow you to give even when you are not able to attend church, and contribution amounts are easy to adjust.

Some benefits to the Church are, increase in regular giving, and would help stabilize revenue throughout the year.

Bethel will be conducting a stewardship campaign for the coming fiscal year July 1, 2011 - June 30 2012. Members who signed pledge cards last November, are being ask to sign new cards indicating your intent to give for the new fiscal year. If you have not filled out an intent to give card, please consider signing one at this time. Signing an intent to give card enables our leaders to better plan programs for the coming year. Your intent to give is the amount that you feel comfortable giving at this time, you can make adjustments as circumstances change. In addition, for those who haven't filled out time and talent sheets, these will be available. In the past, you may have felt, why bother, I either am not called or it

seems as though I am the only one ever called. The church office now has in place, a computer program that enables committees to see who is interested in sharing time and talents.

Church Council is looking at the church income and expenses striving to be good stewards of member's contributions. As I have previously stated, this year we have had to rely on Endowment Funds for \$25,000.00, to meet our financial obligations for the first three month of this year. This is due in part, to low attendance because of weather, and members being sick. When members are unable to attend, we also experience a delay in contributions, a good reason to consider online giving. Members of Church Council are open to any suggestions for a balanced budget.

The constitution committee has finalized the updating of Bethel's constitution and bylaws. I will be presenting these changes to church council at our April Council meeting. If church council has any suggested changes, the committee will consider them and make the changes deemed necessary. On June 26, 2011 at a special congregational meeting, the congregation will have the opportunity to express their opinions on these changes. I was hoping to be able to present the constitution to the congregation at the annual meeting in May, but, due to language in our current constitution, this timetable is impossible. After church council makes its recommendations on the constitution, the constitution committee will prepare and make available copies of the changes for all members.

The annual congregational meeting will be on May 22, 2011, for approving the fiscal year budget of July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2012. At this meeting, I will be asking the congregation to approve extending the terms of all present council members and other committee positions six months, so their terms expire at the time of our future May annual meeting

God Bless  
Bill Conkey  
Congregation President

## MAY 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
	Bonnie MacKeown
Howard Hagan	Dick Mumma
Wes Midgley	Rich Neff
Becky Nilsson	Anna White
Janet Phelps	Garrett Schenker
Leroy Robison	Lillian Robison
Don Robinson	Melodie Rusinowski-Carlson
Tom Ring	Marie Schneider
Sally Shilliday	Sue Span
Mary Shively	Jack Sommerlad
Betty Stevens	Ruth Thomas
	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

3/27	156
4/03	161
4/10	206
4/17	281

#### Sunday School

3/27	36
4/03	30
4/10	41
4/17	??

#### 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 March \$18,896

#### Building Fund Income

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

Total received in March \$2781

Original cost of building \$850,000

We now owe (03/28/11) \$134,729.30

#### Assisting Pastor Bret

8:30	Fred Noday
11:00	Linda Adair, Steve Ausmann, Bill Conkey

#### Altar Flowers:

Dottie Coffin, scheduling  
330-758-4283

Ginny Zetterquist, treasure  
330-758-1892

#### Flower Deliverers:

Dottie Coffin 330-758-4283

#### Acolytes:

Starr Hungerford 330-758-1890

#### 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 Fred Noday, Sr.

11:00 Jeff Kulow, Jim LoSasso  
Chuck Reilly, Don Zabel

#### Altar Group D For MAY

Nancy Kuivila, Chairperson

Dale Morckel Janie Morckel

Alice Ogden Jan Gabriel

Linda Swanson Candi Rusinowski

Elizabeth Crowll

### 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



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

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

## BETHEL YOUTH NEWS



**MOTHER'S DAY**  
 Craft  
 May 8th during  
 Sunday School

**YOUTH GIANT BUBBLE MAKING**  
**MAY 15TH** at Noon  
 Kids will sing at 11:00am Service

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.)

MAY 22ND ~ ONE SERVICE AT 10:30AM

**LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL**

DUNKIN DONUT PARTY FOR CLASS WHO BROUGHT IN  
 THE MOST OFFERINGS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

(DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL)



**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](mailto:webmaster@bethelboardman.org)



## MAY TEAM MEETINGS

<b>Tuesday</b>	May	3rd	7:00 pm Christian Ed
<b>Tuesday</b>	May	10th	7:00 pm Support (Finance)
<b>Thursday</b>	May	12th	9:15 am Staff Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	May	17th	6:30 pm Membership
<b>Tuesday</b>	May	17th	7:30 pm COUNCIL

## JOIN HANDS DAY

Saturday,  
 May 7th  
 9:00am  
 At Camp Frederick

# IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

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

## WELCA NEWS

### WOMEN'S DAY OF PAMPERING

Ladies, Mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 22nd** following the 11:00 service until 3:00 p.m.

We begin with a light luncheon and enjoy an afternoon of pampering.

There will be a presentation by Lissa LoSasso Bell on "Beauty Secrets of the Bible."

Cost will be \$5.00 to help defray expenses.

Tickets go on sale May 1st, 8th and 15th following worship.

Bring your mothers, daughters, aunts, girlfriends. All women of all ages invited.

Contact Lissa Bell, Lynnae Rassega or Rhonda Klase for details.

**ABIGAIL CIRCLE** will resume meetings in the fall. Our 2011-12 study will be 7 sessions from WELCA website titled "Lessons for Today's Disciples" which detail the Marks of Discipleship.

We will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Watch for our summer get-together for all new, interested members and guests.

### 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 RUTH CIRCLE** Thursday, May 5th, 12 Noon

Everyone please bring a salad to share.



## 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



**ABIGAIL CIRCLE**

No meetings until Fall

**LYDIA RUTH CIRCLE**

Thursday, May 5th at Noon

Everyone is to bring a salad to share.

### ANNUAL MEETING



One Service  
Sunday,  
May 22nd  
at 10:30 AM

### BOOK LIST for 2011

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

(DATE CHANGE to the 4th Monday due to Holiday on the last Monday)

**MAY 23**-The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society by Mary Ann Shaffer—Sherri Remias , 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!



### HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

Provided by Celtic  
Community services

THURSDAY, MAY 12TH

10:00-11:30AM

### CONGRATULATIONS:

**DON & PATSY ANNE ZABEL**

GIVEN THE TOP AWARD OF

CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

FOR 2011 ~ BY THE

BOARDMAN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

We are now taking orders for:

**BEDDING GERANIUMS & PETUNIAS**

to be placed on the altar for Memorial Day Weekend and Pentecost and then they will be planted outside to beautify the grounds of our church this summer.

Pickup your form at the Welcome Center or table outside the main office, and also in this May newsletter.

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



**WE'RE PLEASE TO ANNOUNCE** that Bethel now provides Online Giving – a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring gift to the church. You will be able to access Online Giving through our website [www.bethelboardman.org](http://www.bethelboardman.org), by clicking on the Online Giving link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the church bank account. You won't have to remember to write a check or stop by the ATM on Sundays. If you choose, you can set up your gift automatically. Online Giving will also allow you to give to designated funds. Watch for more information and our sign up event for

**May Birthdays & Anniversaries**



- 1 Brian Lee Bjorson, David Coffin, Drake Trolio
- 2 Carol Johnston
- 4 Sarah Gleydura, Jane Midgley, Korie Swanson
- 5 Alexander Anzelmo, Jordan Anzelmo, Don Sokoloski
- 6 Elise DeMartino, Jean Hagen, Georgia Noday
- 7 Cindy Karsti, Wayne Niemi
- 8 Walter Hagman, Steve Kirr, Jon Weaver
- 9 Evan Butler, Edward Larson, Paige Rassega
- 10 Debra Coffin, Donald DeChellis, Jr., Tammy DeMarco, Jon Johnson
- 11 Joshua Bartell, Charles Reilly, John Zellhart
- 12 David H Buker III, Ted Conway
- 13 Bill Conkey
- 14 Ellen Banks, Gwenyth Lesnansky
- 15 Kristine Beauchamp, David Cisine, Freddie Noday, Jr., Jennifer Trolio, Jason Wiff
- 16 Scott Morlan, Sally Shilliday
- 17 Virginia Durkin, Racheal Pesta
- 20 Debra Gleydura, Deborah Ogden
- 21 Ed Gluck, JoAnn Johnson
- 22 Toni Juergensen, Elaine Kamps
- 23 Frieda Sherman
- 24 Nancy Kissel
- 25 Linda Adair, Ken Patterson, Cheyl Tarazewski
- 26 Freda Hofmeister, Victoria Manos
- 27 Mark Stoneberg
- 28 Brian Hull, Jennifer Spenser
- 29 Katherine Muto
- 30 Tracy Bjorson, Ruth Burkey, George Richardson, Kyleigh Sierra



- 03 Norm & JoAnn Johnson
- 08 Danielle & Raymond Boggs
- 09 Pastor Bret & Lisa Rizzo
- 10 Shaun & Kristen Oles
- 12 Ross & Shawna Applegate
- 17 Don & Patsy Anne Zabel
- 19 Linda & James Untch
- 21 Bob & Becky Butcher
- 24 Jack & Judy Sommerlad, Franklin & Frieda Sherman
- 25 Michael & Amy Garland
- 27 Mark & Lori Guthridge, Gerd & Kathy Schuetz
- 28 Fred & Susan Noday
- 30 David & DeAnna Griswold, Chuck & Teresa Reilly



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 MAY**  
**Endowment Fund**



# May 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 Worship 11:00 Worship with communion	2 7:00pm Christian Ed Team 10-2:30 Piecemakers	3 7:00 Finance Team 10-2:30 Piecemakers	4 1:00 & 630pm Bible Study	5 Noon Lydia-Ruth Circle National Day of Prayer 7:00 Choir	6 Join Hands Day 9:00am at Camp Frederick	7
8 <b>Mother's Day</b> 8:30 Worship with communion 11:00 Worship	9 7:00 Finance Team 10-2:30 Piecemakers	10 7:00 Finance Team 10-2:30 Piecemakers	11 1:00 & 630pm Bible Study	12 9:15am Staff Meeting 6:30-2:00pm Woman's Heart day at Covelli Centre 7:00 Choir	13	14
15 8:30 Worship 11:00 Worship with communion Youth Bubble Making	16 6:30 Membership 7:30 Council 10-2:30 Piecemakers	17 6:30 Membership 7:30 Council 10-2:30 Piecemakers	18 1:00 & 630pm Bible Study	19 7:00 Choir	20 	21
22 Day of Pampering One Service at 10:30 Last day of Sunday School 	23 Noon Book Club	24 10-2:30 Piecemakers	25 1:00 & 630pm Bible Study	26 7:00 Choir	27	28
29 8:30 & 11:00 Worship	30 <b>Memorial Day</b> Office Closed	31 10-2:30 Piecemakers				

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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

Bret D Rizzo

Georgette Kollay

Paul Burgeson

Rick & Starr Hungerford

David Walsh

LaRue Murray

Emma Cowell

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