

*Celebrating 135 Years of Making Jesus Known*

# **THE BETHEL NEWS**



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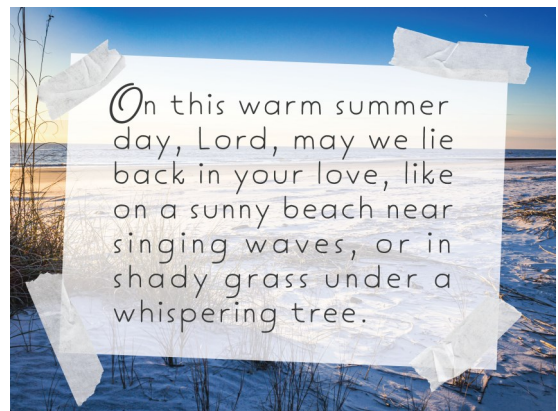
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### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**10:30**      **Inside w/communion**  
**(and streamed on FaceBook)**

**Children's Choir and Sunday School will  
resume in September!**



# Pastor's Page

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

The Lutheran Church is a teaching and confessing church that centers itself around the Word of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Sacraments. Each month we are going through The Augsburg Confession which is the summary of our beliefs and what we have in common with the whole Christian church. This month we will look at the Sixth Article: Faith will produce good works.

"It is also taught that such faith should yield good works and that a person must do such good works as God has commanded for God's sake but not place trust in them as if thereby to earn grace before God. For we receive forgiveness through faith in Christ, as Christ himself says (Luke 17:10) When you have done all things...say we are worthless slaves." The Fathers also teach the same thing, For Ambrose says: "It is determined by God that whoever believes in Christ shall be saved and have forgiveness of sins, not through works but through faith alone, without merit (as a gift)."

Timothy Wengert on his commentary on the Sixth article describes teaching a class on the Lutheran witness to the gospel on grace that a member says, "So we're saved by grace alone, right?" "Yes" Wengert replied with some pride. "Well", he added, "Just don't tell the kids!" His comment demonstrates that Paul's objection in Romans 6 can only arise when all works are excluded in our relationship to God."

Wengert continues that the way we describe things in theology makes a difference. This is why the "before and after" or "If..then" can be problematic if you make it about how we must do something to make God love or save us then our view of salvation is no longer is God's work but becomes our work alone and we carry the burden of trying to please and appease God. We are set free to do good works when we realize that our salvation is in God's hands and God's love is always there for us. The ELCA motto of God's work, our hands" is not meant to say our hands bring about God's work but because of God's work we are free and able to use our hands, feet, voice for our neighbors and it is all a gift. So the preachers job is to place "the word of the promise of God's mercy and grace in people's ears not a agenda of things that must be done or else." In other words, preach the word and give them the sacraments (give them Jesus) and they will bear fruit.

Pastor Richard

\*The Augsburg Confession: Renewing Lutheran Faith and Practice by Timothy Wengert Chapter 6



The Fruits of Justification



**On Going Prayers including occasional homebound folks**

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| Deanna Brannigan    | Johnny Conti |
| Peggy Shaw          | Lynn Henry   |
| Janet Phelps        | Audrey Wylie |
| Nancy Kissel        | Linda Martin |
| Eleanor Laise       | Cora Dixon   |
| Arlene McAtee       | Sharon Chase |
| Berta McGuire       | John Beggs   |
| Barney Davidson     | Janice John  |
| Teresa Krasinski    | John Smiley  |
| Ron Kinnick         | Joyce Fowler |
| Alice Ogden         | Doris Gluck  |
| Debbie Wilson       | Neil Gaines  |
| Lou & Ruth Schenker |              |

**A Look at our Loyalty**

The Church is a gift...assembly required.

**General Operations Fund**

To cover our 2023 approved budget,

We need to bring in \$22,914.00 per month to our general fund.

Total received in April \$15,100.00

**Capital Improvement Fund**

Total received in April \$1,240.00



Honoring

Our

Fathers

On

June 18, 2023

Happy Father's Day

To all the wonderful and loving fathers out there!



**Dear Members:**



Contact for our e-mail for the **Prayer chain** is Nancy Kuivila. Her email is [nkuivila41@gmail.com](mailto:nkuivila41@gmail.com) If you would like to be a part of the e-mail prayer chain, contact Nancy. ~Thank you Nancy!!~

**Congratulations to our two High School graduates:**

**Autumn Fabian**—graduating from Boardman H.S. and will be attending Kent State in the Fall

**Evan Conway**—graduating from Boardman H.S. and the MCCTC.

God Bless you as you begin your new journey!!

**NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION:**

**HELP NEEDED:**

Two Council Positions for 2023

- Finance Committee Chair
- Membership Committee Chair

Please Contact: Pastor Richard, Bill Conkey, Sue Mallery if you would be interested in filling these positions.

In addition, we need help one Sunday Morning a month after worship service to count the offerings. If you can help with this, please contact Bill Conkey at 330-727-0398. Thank you!!



If you have **Altar Flowers** or a **Candle**: Please pay when you reserve your flower date. Make checks payable to the church \$25.00 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 Susan know 330-360-4537  
*Thanks, Altar Flower Committee*

2023 Church Council

<b>President:</b>	<b>Bill Conkey</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Tom Peterson</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Linda Titus</b>
<b>Christian Ed:</b>	<b>Erin Conway</b>
<b>Communications:</b>	<b>Shelia Kidd</b>
<b>Finance:</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Parish Life:</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Property:</b>	<b>John Smiley</b>
<b>Outreach:</b>	<b>Karen Protzman</b>
<b>Worship:</b>	<b>Candy Rusinowski</b>

Anyone interested in being on the Altar Guild, please contact Candy Rusinowski at 330-720-9764. She is looking for people to help set up communion!



Calling all children!!  
 Vacation Bible School is COMING!!  
**WHEN:** July 10–13th  
**TIME:** 10:00a.m.-12:30  
**WHERE:** Westminster Presbyterian  
 We are in outer space this year! Join us for great times, friends, crafts, games and full lunch is included!  
 See Beth Applegate for more information!

The Outreach Committee is seeking new members to organize and provide activities in order to reach out to others in our community. Please contact Karen Protzman at 330-980-5769 or karen\_caldwell@yahoo.com

**All Council Committee Meetings:** If you would like to attend a Committee Meeting, please contact the Chair person of that committee to find out when that committee meets. All committee members and associate members should attend monthly meetings.  
**Church Council Meeting** on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. each month unless notified of changes. All council members should attend monthly meetings.  
**Mickey Schuster Meeting** will be as meetings are scheduled.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Taylor Klase
- 2 Erica Johnson, Mary Lou Binder
- 3 Nancy Frejd
- 4 Chelsea Dunn, Trevor Dunn, Debie Wiff
- 7 Jeff Bjorson, Lauren Adair
- 8 Carl LoSasso, Dustin Sokolowski
- 10 Lin Gettman, Helen LoSasso
- 12 Marithanna Busco
- 13 Joseph Taraszewski, Trudy Serrino, Lindsie Shood
- 14 Judy Gibboney
- 15 Kyle Peters
- 17 Frank Weaver, Brian Morlan
- 20 Lindsey Selner, Shirley Gomori
- 22 Donna Frederickson, Marge Teutsch
- 26 Laura Billock
- 27 Wanda Wiff, Andrew Midgley
- 28 Rebecca Nerone, Camryn Griswold
- 29 Dale Morckel



- 3 Jim & Karen Kitelinger
- 6 Richard & Shelia Kidd, Brian & Rhonda Klase, Chris & Nicole Wells
- 12 Loren & Dee Beck (69!)
- 18 Ron & Renee Griswold
- 24 Tom & Krista Sapp
- 26 Frank & Marilyn Weaver (52!)

MISSION OF THE MONTH  
FOR  
JUNE IS  
SALVATION ARMY

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**  
Bethel Youth's 17th annual car/bike show will be July 29th  
12:00 to 4:00  
Come out and enjoy the day with us! Great food, music, TV raffle, Chinese Auction, 50/50 Raffle, and Santa!  
You won't want to miss it!

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