

Celebrating 135 Years of Making Jesus Known

THE BETHEL NEWS

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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



Pastor's Page

Grace and peace to you from God, the Father, the Son+ and Holy Spirit!

People from different faith backgrounds and even those who grew up Lutheran may wonder why we worship in a particular way. The main point is we all worship the same God, and we believe Jesus is our Lord and Savior. Christian worship is the gathering of Christians to praise God, to give thanks for God's blessings, to hear what the Lord is speaking to us in the Word, to offer our prayers, and to receive God's grace in the sacrament of Holy Communion. We are called to gather together as a body and community as Jesus says, where two or more are gathered I am there among you (Matthew 18:20). We follow a pattern of worship that was developed and adopted by the Church over the centuries, and we have much in common with the early church, Catholic, Orthodox, and other historic Christian traditions. The order of service is around the Word and Table. The Word meaning it is centered on hearing and receiving God's word and the Table centers on celebrating the risen Lord Jesus bodily presence and receiving God's grace in the Lord's supper. The roots of our worship go back to the synagogues worship we see in the Bible and the life of the early church. The language we use in our worship service is mainly taken directly from the Bible. A lot of the hymns, prayers, and liturgy comes from holy scripture and saints before us. We do believe God uses the gift of music and different worship styles, but we believe the focus should always be on Christ. Christian worship is liturgical. Liturgy simply means the work of the people. Rev. Daniel Biles says, "Christian worship is not a spectator sport, in which the congregation just watches what the worship leader does. It is not a show performed by a few for the entertainment of others. All persons participate in the worship of God through prayer, singing hymns, listening to God's Word, making responses, etc. Pastors and laypersons have different roles in worship." We all have different gifts and talents that God has given to us to use for the common good and for the glory of God. The most important part of worship is that you will hear and receive from God and be empowered to go out into your community and Make Jesus Known by loving your neighbor. Word and Sacraments are God's gifts to strengthen you on your life's journey. See you in Church!

Pastor Richard Kidd



On Going Prayers including occasional homebound folks

Deanna Brannigan	John Conti
Peggy Shaw	Lynn Henry
Janet Phelps	Audrey Wylie
Nancy Kissel	Jean Thorpe
Linda Matin	Eleanor Laise
Cora Dixon	Arlene McAtee
Barb Ferro	Sharon Chase
Berta McGuire	John Beggs
Barney Davidson	Janice John
Teresa Krasinski	Jody Stepan
Irma Emerich	Susan Marry



A Look at our Loyalty

The Church is a gift...assembly required.

General Operations Fund

To cover our 2022 approved budget,

We need to bring in \$21,307.00 per month to our general fund.

Total received in July \$20,368.96

Capital Improvement Fund

Total received in July \$1,215.00



Welcome back, kids!! Sunday School begins on September 25th! AND...so does Children's Choir! If your child is not crazy about singing, we have a wonderful set of chimes and instruments that we need hands to fill! Come see!

We have lots of things planned this year...a GREAT Christmas Program and Fall activities! Come and see what all the fuss is about! Children's Choir at 9:00 a.m. and S.S. at 9:30-10:15

Love,

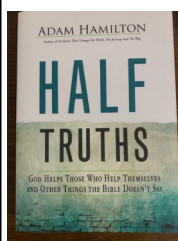
Beth and the Christian Education Team!

Dear Members:



Contact for our e-mail for the Prayer chain is Nancy Kuivila. Her email is nkuivila@zoominternet.net

If you would like to be a part of the e-mail prayer chain, contact Nancy. ~Thank you Nancy!!~



Adult Sunday School will begin on September 25th! The class will continue with the lessons from the book "Half Truths".

Class begins at 9:15 on Sunday mornings!

NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION:

COUNCIL POSITION OPENING

The position of Finance Committee Chairman is open. If you are interested in this position, please contact Bill Conkey at 330-727-0398. Thank you! And thank you to all outgoing and incoming council members. You are the strength and support of our church. We appreciate your commitment to our church and our members!



I want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone for their prayers, cards, and well wishes during my recuperation from knee surgery! I am doing much better!

Love,

Georgette Kollay



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 Susan know 330-758-4283

Thanks, Altar Flower Committee

2022 Church Council

President:	Bill Conkey
Vice President:	Tom Peterson
Secretary:	Linda Titus
Christian Ed:	Erin Conway
Communications:	Bob Wright
Finance:	OPEN
Parish Life:	Joyce Fowler
Property:	John Smiley
Outreach:	Karen Protzman
Worship:	Candy Rusinowski



Wedding bells will be ringing in our church sanctuary on September 17th for Kaitlin Applegate and Jonathon Conder! Congratulations!!

Parents are Beth and Guy Applegate & Susan and Barry Clever

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Besides being known for his proverbs about wise living, King Solomon was knowledgeable in other fields, including which of the following?

- A. zoology, including ornithology and ichthyology
- B. botany
- C. herpetology
- D. songwriting
- E. A and C
- F. B and D
- G. All of the above



Answer: G (See 1 Kings 4:29-34)

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



- 4 Beth Lowe, Curtis Paul
- 6 Elaine Morlan, Kara Hitchcock
- 7 Tom Russ, Ryan Dunn
- 10 Cora Sotlar, Eva Karsti, Janie Morckel
- 11 Diana Thompson, Char Gluck, Tom Sapp
- 13 Dan Lyden
- 17 Jennifer Taraszewski
- 19 Jennifer Rusinowski
- 20 Bob DeMartino
- 24 Aron Del Monte
- 25 Rhonda Klase, Mike Gleydura, Christian Rusinowski, Anna Tallman
- 26 Dolores Ipe
- 27 Carrie Clyde, Mike Klase, Debbie Carrocce
- 30 Chris Wells



- 2 Howard & Wanda Wiff (72!!)
CONGRATULATIONS!
- 4 Randy & Char Gluck
- 5 Mike & Marge Teutsch Sr. (58!)
- 18 JJ & Helen LoSasso (68!)
CONGRATULATIONS!

MISSION OF THE MONTH
FOR
SEPTEMBER IS
MICKEY SCHUSTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND



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



PASTA DINNER

Proceeds to benefit the Mickey Schuster Scholarship Fund

Saturday, September 24, 2022

4:00-7:00pm

Adults \$10.00 ~ Children under 12 \$7.00

DINE IN OR CARRY OUT!

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, FELLOWSHIP HALL



WHERE WOMEN BASK IN GOD'S PRESENCE

BETHEL WOMEN'S RETREAT!

September 10, 2022 and September 11, 2022

Come for the day, or stay for the night! Beautiful outdoor worship service on Sunday morning!

Cost: \$30.00 ~ at beautiful Camp Frederick, Rogers, OH

Includes lunch and dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, as well as lodging for the night!

Fellowship with good friends while being with God!

See Rhonda Klase or Mary Ann Wollet for more details

THE BEACH IS CALLING!

IT'S OFFICIAL!

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

CELEBRATE COMING BACK TO CHURCH WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

10:30 A.M.

LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

MAKING JESUS KNOWN

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: November 20, 2022, Bethel Lutheran Church, will hold its 133rd Congregational Meeting.

The purpose of this meeting will be to elect its officers, Congregational, and committees that need filled, and to approve a budget for the coming year. As voting members of Bethel Lutheran Church, you are called on to fulfill these obligations.

This past year, with the help of Bethel's Endowment Fund, we have invested around \$100,000.00 in major Capital Improvement repairs to the facility. These much-needed repairs could not have been accomplished without your generosity. We also are continuing to pay our ten-year mortgage loan of \$100,000.00 for roof replacement down, leaving us about 26 months left at this time.

Bethel's General Fund pays our employee's salaries, general maintenance repairs, supplies, utility bills, and Council Committee expenses. While we have been able to cover this, inflation is increasing these costs. Our paid staff has not had an increase in salary for about ten years. (We need to consider increasing staff salaries this coming year. Inflation will affect the cost of operations, plus the need for yearly maintenance of our heating system, and other building upkeep).

Church Council realizes that inflation is affecting every member, the same as Church. Church Council is committed to being good stewards of your generous gifts, while at the same time offering inspirational Worship Services, Sunday School programs, Fellowship, Outreach programs for those in need, and maintaining our Church Property.

For some, the topic of money is uncomfortable, especially in church. I wonder why. God gave us everything we have and all our abilities to earn money, yet is it perhaps that deep down our uncomfortableness is out of guilt? Jesus was no stranger to the topic. Is it any wonder that Jesus spoke more about money than he did about prayer. He knew just how serious his followers, including us, could be tempted to forbid God from being Lord even over our check books, bank accounts, investments, and material wealth. Luke 16: 19-31 is so poignant and so sad – the story of the rich man and Lazarus, and where they both end up. As each of us contemplate on our tithe to Bethel's 2023 budget, read 1st Timothy 6:6-19. (Tithe Sunday will be October 23, 2022).

As President of the Congregation, I ask each member to consider, an increase in their weekly tithe. Also consider accepting a Council position, or Committee position, which will be coming available for the 2023 year. Council Position that needs filled in 2023 is Finance Chairperson.

LET'S CONTINUE MAKING JESUS KNOWN THROUGH OUR GENEROSITY!

God Bless

Bill Conkey

President Bethel Lutheran Church