

Celebrating 135 Years of Making Jesus Known

THE BETHEL NEWS



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30	With Communion (Livestream on Facebook)
9:30	Children & Adult Sunday School (out until Sept)
9:00	Children's Choir (out until Sept)



Join us for Sunday School kick off
on September 21st at 9:30 a.m.!

Give aways and snacks!

Pastor's Page

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

We have been looking at Lutheran Cards by Pastor Dave Daubert that talks about the basics of the Lutheran faith using a stack of cards to explain it. I am going to go through these points each month in our newsletter. The first Card was the Ace-There is no way to God (Period)God comes to us. This month we are looking at the Second Card "The King". Daubert says, "In itself, the presence of God can either be good or bad news. Many religions were grounded in appeasing the gods to keep something bad from happening. The idea was to discern how to appease the god or gods in question, which primarily raised anxiety. If the gods were not pleased, problems would come as a result. Early religions were often heavily grounded in ongoing rites of sacrifice. These range from offering livestock to human sacrifices." The God revealed in Christ is different. We come to our second card "The King" which reveals that Jesus reveals God is love. The crucified and Risen Jesus stands as the central figure in our faith. In Jesus we discover the truth that God is love. Jesus' willingness to suffer and die on the cross shows that his love is costly. And it is persistent, as is seen in the resurrection. Lutherans call this amazing grace and encounter with love in the death and resurrection of Jesus the "Theology of the cross". We meet God in the surprising place of the cross and in the death and resurrection of Jesus that shows us something that was hidden about God. The love is seen in Christ on how he brings forgiveness and new life. Despite what we may do, God always comes back again. And that return is a new chance to begin new life. The Incarnation (God becoming flesh for us) shows us God's love by his healing, forgiving, and giving us his life now and forever. Daubert concludes, "Many believe that God is just and judges first-loving primarily those who respond correctly. While faith matters greatly to those who walk along the same path as we do, we know that faith does not make God love us-it helps us trust that God already does(no footnotes or exception clauses)" Remember the words of the hymn on ELW 502 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is": The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever. Amen.

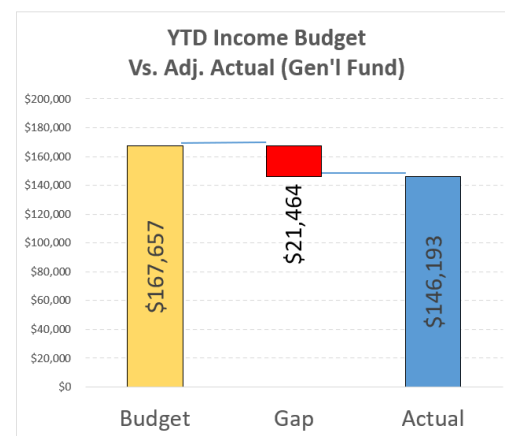
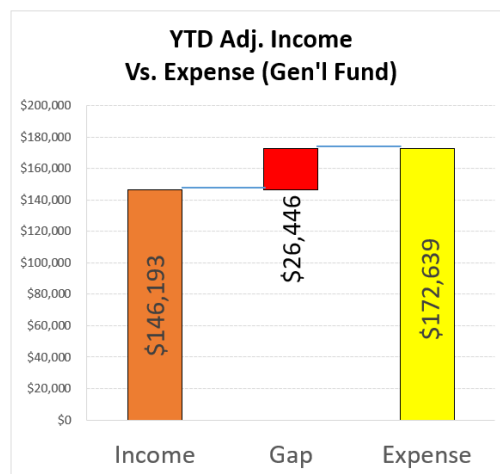
Next month: The Queen Card.

In Christ alone,
Pastor Richard Kidd



On Going Prayers including occasional homebound folks

Deanna Brannigan	Johnny Conti
Lynn Henry	Janet Phelps
Linda Martin	Sharon Chase
Cora Dixon	Janice John
Arlene McAtee	Doris Gluck
Joyce Fowler	Alice Ogden
Ron Kinnick	Elva Evans
JJ LoSasso	Carl Dahlgren
Lou & Ruth Schenker	Lori Richards
Nicole Gettman Wells	
Theresa Krazinski	



Do you love to sing, play an instrument and would like to share your talents with our congregation?? Young or old, if this is you please reach out to Marc Pupino as he is looking for new talent right here at Bethel Lutheran!

Fundraising



Dear Members:

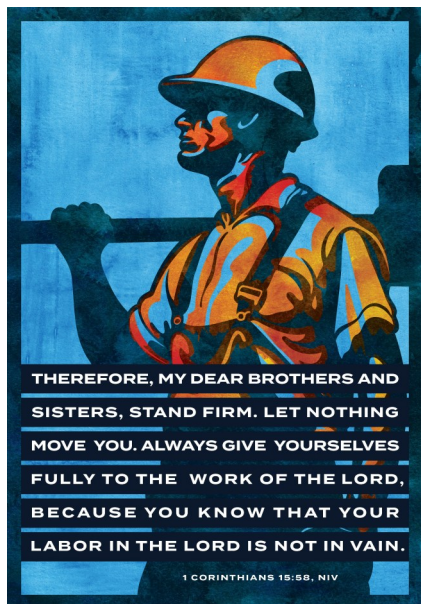


Contact for our e-mail for the **Prayer chain** is Nancy Kuivila. Her email is nkuivila41@gmail.com. If you would like to be a part of the e-mail prayer chain, contact Nancy. ~Thank you Nancy!!~

Parking Lot Sale on Saturday, September 20th—10:00-4:00. Reserve your spot for \$20.00 and sell your garage sale stuff without you having to hold the garage sale! Our parking lot, your sale!

See Candy Rusinowski for details and a sign up sheet.

NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION:



Labor Day, September 1st
Office will be Closed



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

2025 Church Council

President:	Tom Peterson
Vice President:	Gary Wollet
Secretary:	Janie Morckel
Christian Ed:	Rhonda Klase
Communications:	Shelia Kidd
Finance:	Ed Rusinowski
Parish Life:	Sue Haynes
Property:	John Smiley
Outreach:	Bill Conkey
Worship:	Karen Marchese

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

What did Jesus say brings greater joy in heaven than 99 righteous people?

A. The singing of angels
B. One sinner who repents
C. 100 righteous people
D. None of the above

JOY

Answer: B (See Luke 15:7.)

School has started, and Fall sports are upon us, don't forget we are still here!
Online Giving is a way to stay connected and up to date! Go to our web page
www.bethelboardman.org you will find the Online Giving Link there.

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 Wednesday 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 Curtis Paul
- 6 Elaine Morlan, Kara Hitchcock
- 7 Tom Russ, Ryan Dunn
- 10 Eva Karsti, Janie Morckel, Cora Sotlar
- 11 Char Gluck, Tom Sapp
- 13 Gary Wollet, Dan Lyden
- 17 Jenny Taraszewski
- 19 Jennifer Rusinowski
- 20 Bob DeMartino
- 25 Rhonda Klase, Michael Gleydura, Christian Rusinowski, Anna Tallman
- 26 Dolores Ipe
- 27 Mike Klase, Debbie Carrocce
- 30 Chris Wells



- 4 Randy & Char Gluck
- 17 Jon & Kaitlin Conder

MISSION OF THE MONTH
FOR
SEPTEMBER IS
MICKEY SCHUSTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND
TOTAL GIVING FOR JULY MISSION
(SOJOURNER HOME) \$710.00



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



SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Office Closed	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:30 Service with communion Happy Grandparents Day!	8	9	10	11	12	13 Women's Retreat at Camp Frederick
14 10:30 service with communion	15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17 Council Meeting 7pm	18	19	20 Parking Lot Sale 10:00-4:00
21 10:30 Service with communion Sunday School begins at 9:30	22	23 <i>Grief Recovery</i> 7pm	24	25	26	27 One Church Meeting 9:00- Noon
28 10:30 Service with communion	29	30 'Grief Recovery 7pm				

Bethel Lutheran Church Grief Recovery Group

Grief only exists, where love lived first. When death happens, we are often left with conflicting emotions. These emotions can be about the individual, ourselves and even about the relationship that we had with the deceased. Recent studies show that 4 out of 10 people will suffer the lingering effects of emotional loss for many years, but guided grief recovery groups led by licensed professionals offer great relief and long-lasting emotional psychological wellness.

Bethel Lutheran Church has again been awarded a grant for the 2025-2026 year to run a Grief Recovery Group. The grant has been provided through the St. John / St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church Endowment Fund. We are blessed and so very thankful for the opportunity to support this important mission for health and healing.

The Grief Recovery Group is open to anyone who has suffered the loss of family, friends or co-workers, animals or who have experienced divorce or caregivers for the terminally ill are all encouraged to participate. This group is facilitated by Robert Marchese, MS Ed, CPC, CCMH a 42-year veteran of mental health work in Ohio. Robert is providing his time and talents as someone who attended a grief recovery program shortly after the death of his wife and immediately saw the impact the program made in his recovery.

Details

First Session of 2025 begins on **Tuesday September 23rd** through **Tuesday November 18th**

Sessions **start at 7:00 PM** and with social time beginning at 6:30 pm

Sessions are limited to the number of participants

Interested in Attending

Please reach out to: Bethelgriefrecovery@gmail.com or [Robert Marchese at 216-905-2540](tel:216-905-2540)

Bethel Lutheran Church, 425 Crestview Ave, Boardman, OH 44512



*Be merciful to me,
LORD, for I am in dis-
tress; my eyes grow
weak with sorrow, my
soul and body with
grief. Psalm 31:9 NIV*

Attention Crafters and Garage Salers

Parking Lot Sale

Saturday, September 20, 2025

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Setup starts at 8:00 AM

Bethel Lutheran Church

425 Crestview Drive – Boardman, Ohio 44512

330-758-5745

Reserve your spot today!

\$20.00 per space (Must be prepaid)

Make Checks Payable to Bethel Lutheran Church

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Spaces _____ x \$20 = _____

Email: _____

Event is rain or shine