

*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)

9:00 Children's Choir

9:30 Sunday School

**October 29th!  
Wear Your Red!**

# 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 tenth article.

"Concerning the Lord's Supper they teach that the body and blood of Christ are truly present and are distributed to those who eat the Lord's Supper."

Lutherans stick with God's promise that Jesus words mean what they say. Jesus says, This is my body and this is my blood given for you as he held up the bread and the wine. Timothy Wengert talks about asking a question to children in a First Communion Class:

"How do we know Christ is present in the Lord's Supper?" I asked. "Because Jesus promises to show up." Silence. "Come on, Michelle, this is important." Still silence, and her fair skin begin to turn red. Her parents slumped in the cushions. "Pastor Tim, I don't know." "Right answer!" I exclaimed. "Oh, Pastor!" she sighed.

Lutherans insist absolutely that with the bread and wine Christ is truly present with the body and blood. Our certainty rests on the promise: "This is my body! That is, "Here I am! So that as close as the bread comes to your teeth and the wine to your lips, so close does Jesus come to you with his body and blood."\*

That is the good news and one of the ways that God comes to us for forgiveness and strength to remind us of Christ's unconditional promise to not only show up in the Word but also in the waters of baptism and to show up in his meal: "This is my body and blood given for you for the forgiveness of sins."

We do not explain Holy Communion(Lord's Supper/Eucharist) but we receive it by faith. The real bodily presence is a mystery but is a gift for us. This Sunday and every time you are gathered at the table you are partaking the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world right here, in the bread and wine. Amen.

Pastor Richard



\*The Augsburg Confession: Renewing Lutheran Faith and Practice by Timothy Wengert Chapter 10

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**On Going Prayers including occasional homebound folks**

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	Joyce Fowler
Ron Kinnick	Doris Gluck
Alice Ogden	Joe DeArcangelis
Debbie Wilson	JJ&Helen LoSasso
Lou & Ruth Schenker	Elva Evans
Nicole Gettman Wells	Marie Klase



**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 August \$14,021.65

**Capital Improvement Fund**

Total received in August \$1,435.00



On October 29th from 5:00-7:00 p.m., we will be having our annual trunk or treat! A \$25.00 gift card will be given to the best decorated trunk! There will be pumpkin decorating and candy! All are welcome to join us. Creative Corner Daycare will be helping to host. See Beth Applegate for any questions. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex for all participants.

**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!!~

St. Luke/Healing Service on October 18th at Zion Lutheran Church in Cornersburg. All Lutheran Churches in Mahoning County are invited for this special service. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Richard.

**NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION:**



Pastor Richard, Shelia, and Beth Applegate wish to express their sincere thanks for the wonderful 10th anniversary reception that was given on September 24th. They also wish to express a very big thank you to the women who were involved in making Memorial Hall a beautiful place of celebration and for the wonderful food that was served. We love our congregation and are blessed beyond measure to be a part of it. Thank you!  
 Pastor Richard, Shelia, and Beth Applegate

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

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



Our women's retreat at Camp Frederick was wonderful! Thank you to all the women who helped make it possible! To all the women who were there, thank YOU! You are the reason we have these awesome retreats! These are a few photos to share with you.

Something new in the Narthex....We have removed the bulletin boards and have installed a large screen TV that will be continually playing all the news about Bethel. Come check it out!

**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



- 2 Glenn Fabis
- 3 Laurie Nunez
- 6 Becky Butcher
- 7 Arlene McAtee, Nora Lee Klase
- 9 Lori Guthridge, Teddy Conway, Teri Gear
- 10 Tom Billock
- 14 Nancy Kuivila
- 16 Fred Noday, Jr.
- 18 Brian Klase
- 19 Cassie Wilson
- 20 Elaine Bader, James Gear
- 21 Olivia Elcock
- 22 Jacob Morlan
- 23 Ron Kinnick
- 27 Jacob Shood, Francesca Noday
- 31 Nick Rusinowski



- 9 Fred Jr. & Danielle Noday
- 12 Stan & Sandy Huddleston
- 14 Cliff & Karen Protzman

MISSION OF THE MONTH  
FOR  
OCTOBER IS  
ELCA WORLD DISASTER RELIEF

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

Below is your 2024 Commitment Card. You may print and cut this card out to fill out and return by mail or in person on October 22, 2023, or you can pick one up on the Welcome Center in the Narthex on any Sunday prior to October 22nd. Thank you, for committing to keeping our church a thriving and giving place to worship. Thank you, for Making Jesus Known!

### **MY 2024 COMMITMENT TO BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR MY LORD**

Your Acts of Faith help us plan for a brighter future. Please help support the ministries and mission of BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

GENERAL BENEVOLENCE FUND \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PER WEEK/MONTH/YEAR. (CIRCLE ONE)

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PER WEEK/MONTH/YEAR. (CIRCLE ONE)

I/we commit to grow in my tithing of my/our possessions, time and talents to the LORD!

Name(s) (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return on Commitment Sunday October 22, 2023 or send to the church office.**