

Celebrating 135 Years of Making Jesus Known

THE BETHEL NEWS



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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



| <u>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u> | |
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| 10:30 | Inside w/communion (and streamed on FaceBook) |
| 9:30 | Children & Adult Sunday School |
| 9:00 | Children's Choir |

Maundy Thursday, March 28th—7:00p.m.
Good Friday, March 29th—7:00p.m.

Pastor's Page

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

I am taking a break from the Augsburg Confession series to write about our Lenten theme: Living our Baptism: The five gifts of discipleship. When a baptized Christian affirms the faith (often called Confirmation) the presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism and ask the question: Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

- . To live among God's faithful people.
- . To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper.
- . To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed.
- . To serve all people, following the example of Jesus.
- . And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth

And the response is "We do, and we ask God to help and guide us."

Each Wednesday at noon during Lent we go over a gift each week. For those who cannot make the study there will be handouts in the Narthex of the each weeks study.

Martin Luther taught us we are to daily renew our baptism. We rise and say, I am baptized into Christ. We might make the sign of the cross over our foreheads or splash cold water on our face to remember God's promises given to us in Holy Baptism. Whether we are young or old, this daily renewal of baptism leads to a practicing of faith and deepening of discipleship. Living our baptism describes our faith journey as we come from the baptismal waters to live a new life in Christ.

We do not have to discern how to follow Christ alone or without assistance. Instead God sends the Holy Spirit to call, gather, and sustain us in God's grace, connecting us to brothers and sisters in Christ who also are living out their baptism.

On a daily basis, we are invited to live, hear, share, proclaim, serve, and strive-in the name of Christ. This is living out Bethel and Christ's mission of Making Him Known. God guides and shapes us in the living of our baptism in the newness of life in Christ as we practice our faith each day. These gifts help us practice our faith and serve as a reminder of who has claimed us in baptism. It is easy to get confused, complacent, chase other dreams, lose focus, and wander away from God's calling-not reflecting our new life in Christ and the love of God. Remember its all God's work but our hands are sent out into the world to our neighbors to experience the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Blessed Lent!

Pastor Richard Kidd

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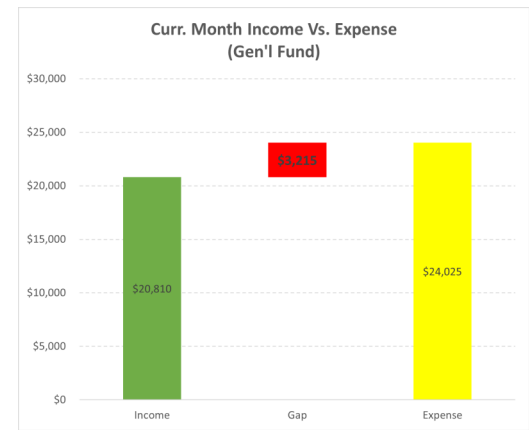
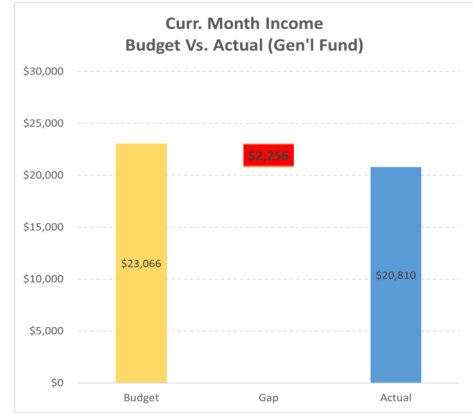


On Going Prayers including occasional homebound folks

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| Deanna Brannigan | Johnny Conti |
| Lynn Henry | Janet Phelps |
| Linda Martin | Nancy Kissel |
| Cora Dixon | Eleanor Laise |
| Sharon Chase | Arlene McAtee |
| Berta McGuire | Janice John |
| Barney Davidson | Joyce Fowler |
| Teresa Krasinski | Doris Gluck |
| Ron Kinnick | Joe DeArcangelis |
| Alice Ogden | JJ&Helen LoSasso |
| Debbie Wilson | Elva Evans |
| Lou & Ruth Schenker | Marie Klase |
| Nicole Gettman Wells | |



The graphs to the right give a more accurate understanding of where our church is with our budget on a monthly basis. These will be provided monthly for you .



Congratulations to these children who are making their First Communion on March 28th at 7:00p.m.:

Alexia Applegate, Elijah Rusinowski, Xoe Rusinowski, Koltin Rust

Congratulations!!! May God Bless you always!

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!!~



Set your clocks one hour ahead! Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10th!

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 **\$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

Our church is turning 135 years old! Join us for a very special celebration on April 7th! During the service at 10:30 there will be former Pastors , and former and current musicians.
 After the service, in Fellowship Hall, there will be a catered lunch. This will be \$15.00 per plate.
 More information will be forthcoming.
PLEASE RESERVE THIS DATE FOR THE CELEBRATION!

2024 Church Council

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| President: | Tom Peterson |
| Vice President: | Gary Wollet |
| Secretary: | Linda Titus |
| Christian Ed: | Erin Conway |
| Communications: | Shelia Kidd |
| Finance: | Ed Rusinowski |
| Parish Life: | Candy Rusinowski |
| Property: | John Smiley |
| Outreach: | Karen Protzman |
| Worship: | Karen Marchese |

EASTER BASKETS

The Outreach Committee is collecting monetary donations until March 17th for Easter Food baskets for the less fortunate. Donations can be given on-line by selecting "Easter & Thanksgiving Food Basket" Fund or by check payable to Bethel Lutheran Church & mailed or placed in the offering basket or the collection box in the Narthex. If you know of anyone in need, please give their names to Pastor Richard. Thank you in advance for Making Jesus Known in our Community!



Deaths in Our Church Family

Peggy Shaw was called home to be with our Lord on February 26th. Her funeral is March 1st at Lane Funeral Home.

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 Adam Gear
- 3 Theresa Laverock, Liese Kirr
- 4 Eric Kulik
- 5 Nicole DeMartino, George Nerone
- 6 Kirsten Midgley
- 8 David Buker
- 9 Barb Buker
- 10 Sue Haynes
- 15 Anne Garwig
- 16 Olivia DeMartino
- 18 Emily Griswold, Kimberly Thomas
- 21 Shelia Kidd
- 23 Georgette Kollay
- 27 Donald Robinson
- 30 Renee Griswold
- 31 Jason Fabian Jr.



20 Jim & Sandy Dorman

MISSION OF THE MONTH
FOR
MARCH IS
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND



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



March 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | |
| 3 10:30 Service with communion | 4 | 5 | 6 Noon Study "Living Our Baptism" | 7 Community Bible Study 7pm | 8 | 9 |
| 10 10:30 service with communion DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Community Bible Study 7pm | 15 | 16 |
| 17 10:30 Service with communion Easter Cantata | 18 | 19 | 20 Council Meeting 7pm Zoom | 21 Community Bible Study 7pm | 22 | 23 |
| 24/31 Palm Sunday--24th Easter--31 Both 10:30 with communion | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28  First Communion 7pm Service | 29  7 pm service | 30 Easter Vigil at Lord of Life--Canfield 7 pm |