

*Celebrating 135 Years of Making Jesus Known*

# **THE BETHEL NEWS**



*"I will pour out my Spirit  
on all people."*

Joel 2:28, NIV



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**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

10:30	Inside w/communion (and streamed on FaceBook)
9:15	Children & Adult Sunday School
9:00	Children's Choir

**Sunday, May 28th, 2023**  
**Wear your red for Pentecost!**  
**Special musical celebration!**

# 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 Fifth Article: Faith comes through means through the Holy Spirit. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God and Sacraments:

“So that we may obtain this faith, the ministry of teaching the gospel and administering the sacraments was instituted. For through the Word and the sacraments as through instruments the Holy Spirit is given, who effects faith where and when it pleases God in those who hear the gospel, that is to say, in those who hear that God not on account of our merits but on account of Christ, justifies those who believe that they have received into grace on account of Christ. (Galatians 3:14b)”

Timothy Wengert on his commentary on the fifth article recalls how popular Christianity talks a lot about “amazing grace” and the love of Jesus but when it comes to faith there is always an insistence of “a decision we make, a commitment we undertake in order to get into a right, saving relationship with God.” There is always something that is all up to us and “because God loves us, we must etc, etc. When that happens then all is lost, and we are thrust back upon ourselves and our work. Faith does not depend on our working but rather on God’s action. God acts by sending the Word and Holy Spirit to make believers out of them. God uses the preaching office of giving the Word and Sacraments to people. The Holy Spirit uses the means of grace to make us believers. We receive the promises of God by faith.

As Martin Luther explains in the Third article of the Creed in the Small Catechism:

“I believe that by my own understanding or strength that I cannot believe in Jesus Christ or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith.”

The Word from God did everything. The gospel is a gift, and the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion are too. These gifts are for you!

Pastor Richard

\*The Augsburg Confession: Renewing Lutheran Faith and Practice by Timothy Wengert Chapter 5





**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       |              |
| 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 March \$25,688.76

**Capital Improvement Fund**

Total received in March \$1,320.00



Honoring

Our Mothers

On

May 14, 2023

Happy Mother's Day

To all the wonderful and loving mothers 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!!~

It's spring cleaning time and Mother's Day, the Outreach Committee is having a collection in May for the Beatitude House. The Beatitude House strives to offer family support services with a focus on the betterment of an individual by creating a home, providing educational opportunities, and fostering healthy families. It is in need of new home setup items and the following for mothers: nail polish, scented hand sanitizers, chapstick/lip gloss for key chains, body wash sets, and hair accessories. Thanking you in advance for making Jesus known.

**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!



Deaths in Our Church Family

*Praying for the family and friends of George Anderson, who passed away on April 14th.*

*Praying for the family and friends of Sallie Wright, who passed away on April 23rd.*

**No pain or grief or sighing but life which does not end in the arms of our Heavenly Father.**

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**

**MAY Birthdays**

- 1 David Coffin
- 4 Sarah Gleydura Henry, Jane Midgley, Korie Swanson
- 5 Marc Pupino, Elise DeMartino
- 8 Presley Kulik
- 10 Debbie Coffin, Jon Johnson
- 12 Ted Conway
- 13 Bill Conkey
- 15 Jason Wiff, David Cisine, Fred Noday Jr.
- 16 Judy Pasquale, Scott Morlan
- 18 Walter Baust
- 20 Deborah Ogden, Debra Gleydura
- 22 Elaine Kamps, Toni Juergensen
- 23 Alexia Applegate, Karen Protzman
- 24 Nancy Kissel
- 25 Linda Adair, Cheryl Taraszewski
- 29 Jim Kitelinger

**MAY Anniversaries**

- 12 Ross & Shawna Applegate
- 21 Bob & Becky Butcher
- 25 Richard & Marcie Lieb
- 27 Mark & Lori Guthridge
- 30 David & DeAnna Griswold

**MISSION OF THE MONTH  
FOR  
MAY IS  
ENDOWMENT FUND**

**Bible Quiz**

According to Peter, at what time of day did the Holy Spirit come upon the disciples on Pentecost?

- A. 9 a.m.
- B. Noon
- C. 3:30 p.m.
- D. 9 p.m.



Answer: A (See Acts 2:15.)

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