

Celebrating 135 Years of Making Jesus Known

THE BETHEL NEWS

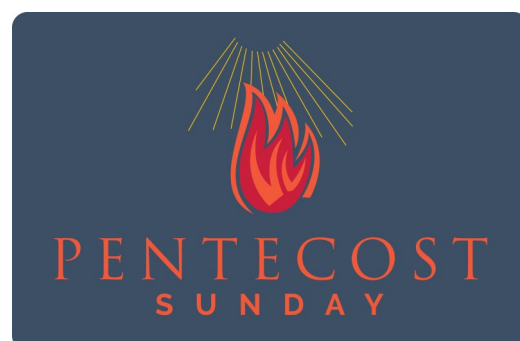


SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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JUNE 8, 2025

**Join us for a special service and don't
forget to wear your red!**

Pastor's Page

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in death, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his...So you must all consider yourselves dead to sin and alive in God in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:1-5,11

We are in the season of Pentecost and remembering the gift of the Spirit promised in our baptism. Sometimes Lutheran Christians forget that the Holy Spirit is present in our baptism and ever present in our lives. Why should we remember our baptism? What's the big deal about baptism at Bethel and why is it important for us to remember it? In Holy Baptism, we were washed of our sins; marked by the sign of the cross and called children of God. This is an important event in our lives – one that's worth celebrating! Martin Luther was said to have posted a plaque in his room that read: "When you wash your face, remember your baptism." In troubled times of his life as he recognized his own unworthiness and experienced the derision and condemnation of his church leaders, Luther struggled with doubts and depression. But in these moments, he clung to the promises that God made to him at his baptism: promises that God had granted him salvation not by his own works, but by grace alone. Luther took comfort in repeating the mantra: "I am baptized! I am baptized!" May we also, in times of doubt, hardship, and fear be comforted and strengthened by God's promises to us in the baptismal waters, calling us beloved children and promising to be with us forever. Often, for Lutherans, part of remembering our baptism each day is a way of daily dying and rising, confessing and hearing again God's words of forgiveness. This is a way of life, where we regularly remember who we are as baptized children of God, washed of our sins, welcomed into the family of God, and sent forth to serve and to follow Jesus in this world as we share that grace God has given us with others. You were encouraged on Pentecost Sunday to dip your finger into the water and trace the sign of the cross on your forehead at, touch the baptismal font and trace the sign of the cross on your forehead to remember your baptism. You can also do this practice at home like Luther. Being called God's children in the waters of baptism changes our lives forever! Learning to Live out our Baptismal Covenant is a life-long adventure. In the next couple of newsletters, we will be discussing the Covenant of Baptism.

We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up your people the gift of the Holy Spirit now and forever in Jesus name. Amen.

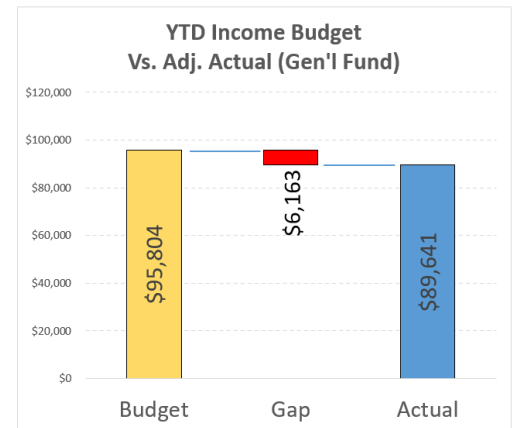
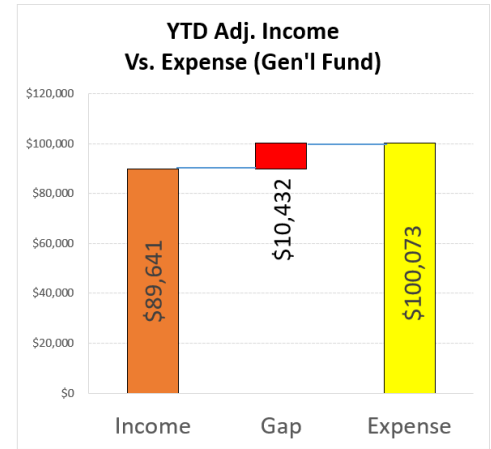
In Christ,

Pastor Richard Kidd



On Going Prayers including occasional homebound folks

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



Friendly Visitors Program

The Parish Life Committee wishes to reactivate Bethel's Friendly Visitor program. Pastor Paul implemented this program of lay members of Bethel contacting our shut-ins. Contact can be done by making a phone call, visitation, or visitation offering communion. These contacts would be done monthly. Please contact Bill Conkey at 330-727-0398 or billjanet2018@gmail.com or contact Pastor Richard if interested in become a FRIENDLY VISITOR!

Thank you!



Dear Members:

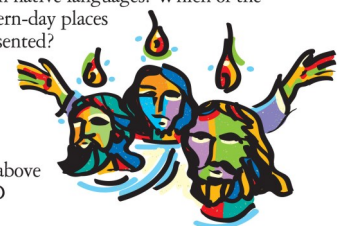


Contact for our e-mail for the **Prayer chain** is Nancy Kuivila. Her email is nkuivila41@gmail.com. If you would like to be a part of the e-mail prayer chain, contact Nancy. ~Thank you Nancy!!~

Bible Quiz

While in Jerusalem for Pentecost, people from many faraway lands miraculously heard the disciples preaching in their own native languages. Which of the following modern-day places was/were represented?

- A. Egypt
- B. Libya
- C. Crete
- D. Rome
- E. All of the above
- F. A, B and D



Answer: E (See Acts 2:9-11.)

NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION:



The Bethel Lutheran Church Grief Support Group's next session will begin on Tuesday, May 6th @ 7:00pm. It is FREE of charge.

Social Time begins at 6:30pm

If you are interested in joining the Grief Support Group, please contact

Bethelgriefrecovery@gmail.com

Or Robert Marchese at 216-905-2540

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

Congratulations to our
confirmands:

Michael Applegate
Ella Tallman

God bless you both!



Vacation Bible Camp this year is June 9-12. 10:00-12:45. The Jesus Tour! You'll have fun joining in games, crafts, and bible stories! Full lunch is included all 4 days. Hosting this year is Westminster Presbyterian on Stadium Drive in Boardman. Pre-register or just come as you are on Monday, June 9th to register!



Congratulations to the newly married, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Rusinowski. Ed & Tammy were married on May 31st and we wish them many years of happiness!

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



- 1 Taylor (Klase) Roden
- 2 Mary Lou Binder, Erica Johnson
- 3 Nancy Frejd
- 4 Chelsea Dunn, Trevor Dunn, Debie Wiff
- 7 Jeff Bjorson
- 8 Dustin Sokoloski, Carl LoSasso
- 10 Lin Gettman
- 12 Marithanna Busco
- 13 Joseph Taraszewski, Lindsie Shood, Trudy Serrino
- 14 Judy Gibboney
- 15 Kyle Peters
- 17 Brian Morlan
- 20 Lindsey Selner, Shirley Gomori
- 21 Dave Walsh
- 22 Marge Teutsch, Donna Fredrickson
- 23 Gryffin Conder, Nicole Wells
- 26 Laura Billock
- 27 Andrew Midgely
- 29 Dale Morckel
- 30 Carol Coalmer, Theo Sapp



- 6 Richard & Shelia Kidd, Brian & Rhonda Klase, Chris & Nicole Wells
- 18 Ron & Renee Griswold
- 24 Tom & Krista Sapp

MISSION OF THE MONTH

FOR

JUNE IS

ENDOWMENT FUND

TOTAL GIVING FOR APRIL(CAMP
FREDERICK) \$740.00

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

We would like to bring back Greeters to our Sunday Services. Your role would be to greet members and visitors as they are entering the sanctuary and give them a bulletin. If you are interested in serving as a greeter, please reach out to Karen Marchese or Pastor Richard. We would like to begin with greeters on Palm Sunday. Thank you!



June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Confirmation Sunday Worship 10:30 with Communion	2	3 Grief Recovery Group 7:00pm	4	5	6	7
8 Pentecost Worship 10:30 with Communion	9 Vacation Bible Camp begins! 10:00-12:45	10 Grief Recovery Group 7:00pm	11	12 Vacation Bible Camp last day!	13	14
15 Worship 10:30 with Communion	16	17 Grief Recovery Group 7:00pm	18 Council Meeting 7pm	19	20	21
22 Worship 10:30 with Communion	23	24 Grief Recovery Group 7:00pm Staff Meeting 10:00am	25	26	27	28
29 Worship 10:30 with Communion	30	1	2	3	4	5

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

Joel 2:28, NIV

