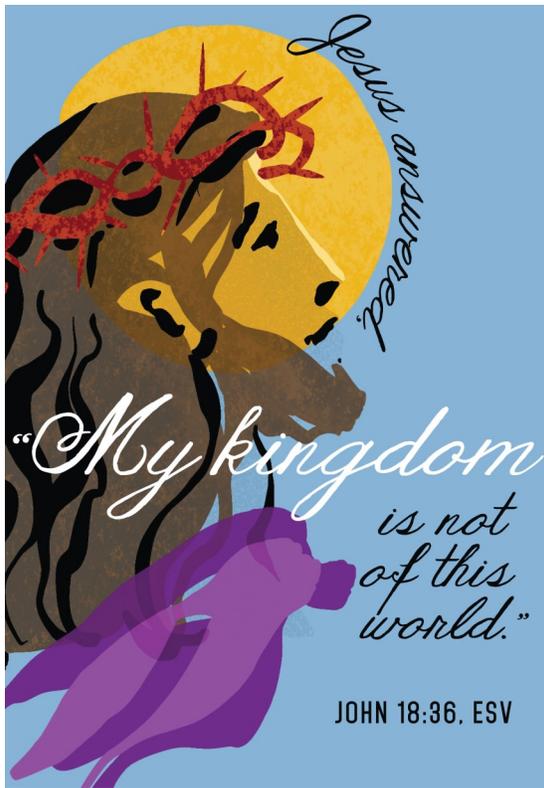


*Celebrating 135 Years of Making Jesus Known*

# THE BETHEL NEWS



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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

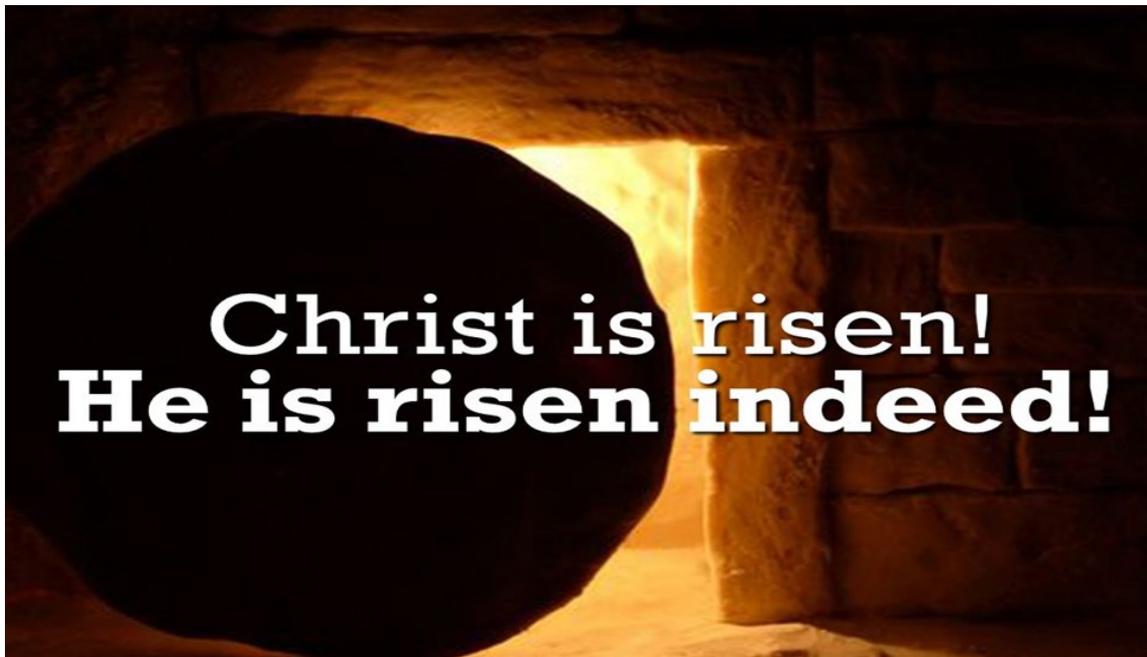
*Maundy Thursday Service  
April 14th at 7:00 pm.  
Good Friday Service  
April 15th at 7:00 pm.*

# Pastor's Page

Gail Ramshaw has written a great little booklet on Holy Week Called "The Three-Day Feast" referring to the Holy Week of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Of course, the week starts off with the Palm Sunday Service of palms and shouts of hosannas and singing All glory, Laud and Honor. We also have the dramatic reading of the Passion story. Ramshaw's book focuses on the three days starting with Maundy Thursday. Ramshaw says, "to be embraced by Easter, we need also to embrace Maundy Thursday and Good Friday". A lot of people want to skip Holy Week and go right to the celebratory Easter celebration of Christ's resurrection. The problem is without Jesus' suffering and death and the Last Supper we would get away from the meaning of his life, death, and resurrection. The Christian life is every day returning to one's baptism, but every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord. Easter is the big celebration of the Resurrection and is recognized as a present event. Easter calls us not into the past but into the future. Christ is risen so that means we will be raised from the dead on the final day too. The good news is we do not have to wait to have a foretaste of Christ's resurrection power. The Apostle Paul says in Romans 8:11: "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you." This holy season remember whose you are. Remember Christ died for you and overcame death, hell, and the grave so you will live eternally with Resurrection power. We can go in peace and share the good news of Christ's life, death, and resurrection for the world. See you Holy Week and Easter!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Pastor Richard Kidd





**On Going Prayers including occasional homebound folks**

Deanna Brannigan	John Conti
Peggy Shaw	Lynn Henry
Janet Phelps	Audrey Wylie
Nancy Kissel	Jean Thorpe
Linda Matin	Eleanor Laise
Cora Dixon	Arlene McAtee
Barb Ferro	Sharon Chase
Berta McGuire	Jeri Neff
Barney Davidson	John Beggs
Angie Maietta	Jeanne Eakins
Janice John	Butch Neff
Teresa Krasinski	Jody Stepan



**A Look at our Loyalty**

The Church is a gift...assembly required.

**General Operations Fund**

To cover our 2022 approved budget,

We need to bring in \$21,307.00 per month to our general fund.

Total received in February \$16,487.34

**Capital Improvement Fund**

Total received in February \$2,455.00



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*Easter Sunday*



**CALLING ALL CHILDREN!!!** Please attend the Palm Sunday Service April 10th! Be at church at 10:15 to get ready to wave those palm branches! We need lots of kids to make our service special! Thank you!

Get your photo taken on Easter after the worship service! We will have a beautiful Easter backdrop set up. You are already dressed in your Easter best, so have you or your family pose for an Easter photo that we will have ready for you the following Sunday for pick up! Courtesy of the Christian Education Committee!

**Dear Members:**



Contact for our e-mail for the Prayer chain is Nancy Kuivila. Her email is [nkuivila@zoominternet.net](mailto:nkuivila@zoominternet.net)

If you would like to be a part of the e-mail prayer chain, contact Nancy. ~Thank you Nancy!!~

See flyer enclosed for information on the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 9th!



## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

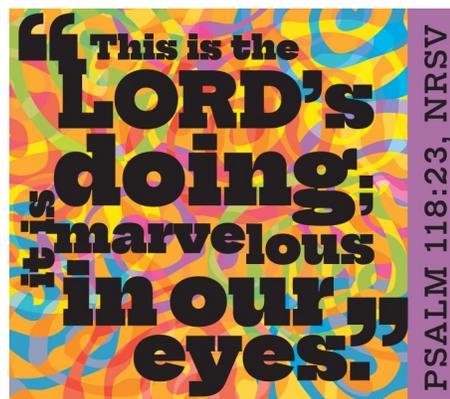
### March 2022 Church Council Summary

The Sunday school teachers are looking forward to seeing your children at Sunday school. With COVID cases declining in our area – and hopefully they'll stay low, it might be a safe and comfortable time to get back into the habit of regular Sunday school attendance. If there are any parents with questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding Sunday school, please do not hesitate to reach out to staff or council members. We hope to see you soon! Easter Egg Hunt and Vacation Bible School activities are also being planned. The teachers and staff are looking forward to an exciting summer program!

The new heating and cooling system was installed – Pastor shared pictures of the installation on Facebook. The new dishwasher is installed in the kitchen. Maintenance, Bill, and staff continue to work hard to identify issues, get quotes, consider finances, and keep the church in safe and comfortable repair. Thank you for all your efforts!

Outreach is providing Easter baskets to community families that need assistance. Thank you to Karen and her team for the planning, shopping, and delivery of these baskets. Our Outreach program certainly makes Jesus known in our community. Outreach is also looking into Bethel participating in the Relay for Life. If you would be interested in walking, let Candy or Karen know – they are trying to gauge interest.

The Lenten season and Easter are a time of reflection. The last two years have looked different at Bethel, but Pastor has led us spiritually through these times of change. Worship is planning Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday services that continue to strengthen our congregation spiritually. The brass quintet and bell choir are resuming practice and participation in services. Thank you to all of those at Bethel who share their gifts of musical talent, planning and preparation to make these services impactful for all.



**NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION:**

**COUNCIL POSITION OPENING**

The position of Finance Committee Chairman is open. If you are interested in this position, please contact Bill Conkey at 330-727-0398. Thank you! And thank you to all outgoing and incoming council members. You are the strength and support of our church. We appreciate your commitment to our church and our members!



If you have Altar Flowers or a Candle: Please pay when you reserve your flower date. Make checks payable to the church \$20.00 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*



Congratulations to Anna Tallman who will celebrate her First Holy Communion at the 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service!  
Congratulations to Anna and her family!

2022 Church Council

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

The week of April 18th is Volunteer Appreciation Week! I know we don't say this enough, but "Thank You"! To all of the volunteers who put their sweat and tears into making our church a wonderful place to be.



~ IMPORTANT NOTICE ~

**Mickey Schuster Memorial Scholarship Fund  
and Endowment Fund Applications**  
are now available in the church office.  
Applications **MUST** be turned into the office **BY APRIL 30TH.**  
**To qualify for both scholarship grants,  
eligible students must submit an application for both.**

**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**



- 1 Karen Rutan, Karen Kitelinger
- 2 Ben Rusinowski
- 3 Ashley (Klase) Basista
- 5 Neal Martin
- 6 Katherine Hermann
- 8 Dee Beck
- 13 Gary Baker, Donatello Nerone
- 15 Robert Marchese
- 18 Bob Wright, Linda Antinone
- 19 Alfred Thompson, Starr Hungerford
- 22 Jennifer DeNiro, Cora Dixon, Judy Sommerlad
- 23 Debbie Wilson, Aniston Rusinowski, Danielle Noday
- 24 Silvia Baust, Linda Kulow
- 27 DeAnna Griswold
- 28 David Spencer, Howard Wiff
- 30 Jodi Shood



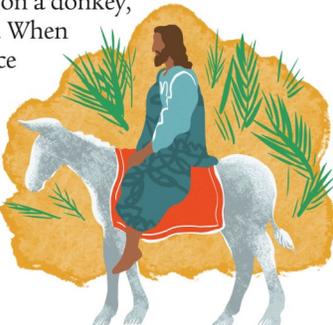
- 3 Glenn & Heidi Garwig
- 8 Richard & Linda Swanson
- 19 Jeff & Linda Kulow
- 25 Ted & Erin Conway
- 30 David & Linda Spencer (51)

**MISSION OF THE MONTH  
FOR  
APRIL IS  
SOJOURNER HOME**

**Bible Quiz**

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?

- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides



Answer: A (See Luke 19:40.)

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

## Special Congregational Meeting

### Sunday April 24, 2022

Bethel Lutheran Church Council, approved that we call a special Congregational Meeting to be held on April 24, 2022 immediately following 10:30 a.m. worship service. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the need for some major repairs to our Church Building. We also so discuss some different options to cover these expenses.

1. Major repairs to the boiler heating systems, thermostats in order to control the temperatures in the building. (Some repairs have been completed at a cost of \$ 4,177.48,) more repairs are still need to complete these repairs.
2. A new boiler will need to be installed. (Received four bids from Prout Boiler: (a) install outdoor air sensor-Stem Boilers \$2,2700.00 (b) finish repairing heating issues \$ 6,730.00 (c) Replace Boiler #2 that is not operational \$45,760.00 (d) Replace #1 Boiler which is working this is optional. (Seeking more quotes.)
3. The roof needs replaced, over the garage and storage room off fellowship hall. We have received two estimates ranging from (\$21,000.00-\$32,00.00.)
4. Some masonry work (pointing) needs done that is causing leaks in the memorial hall and fellowship hall. (Waiting on Quotes)
5. Other water issues are on the east side of the building water is coming in around the foundation that needs to be addressed and also, we need to look at what can be done in the Memorial Garden area to stop flooding coming in to the small kitchen and hallway off Memorial Garden.

We have already replaced our roof top heating unit being paid for by Bethel Endowment Fund.

Church Council has given me permission to contact Thrivent and get information on applying for a loan. Bethel took a loan out with Thrivent in 2015, for \$ 100,000.00 when we replaced a large section of roof. We owe \$30,000.00 on that loan, which would be paid of in about two and half years. These repairs can't wait that long.

Church Council is committed to seeing that we get back on track with maintaining our biggest physical asset (the building and equipment) more proactively so we don't get more surprises like recently.

Please plan to attended this very important meeting on April 24th, 2022 we all need to work together in order to accomplish these repairs and continue MAKING JESUS KNOWN

God Bless

Bill Conkey

President Bethel Lutheran Church



**SAVE THE DATE!  
EASTER EGG HUNT**

Sponsored by:

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & CREATIVE CORNER  
LEARNING CENTER**

**WHERE: Bethel Lutheran Church  
425 Crestview Drive, Boardman**

**WHEN: April 9, 2022**

**TIMES: 10:00-11:00 AM**

**(AGES 4 & under 10:00-10:15, 5 yrs & up 10:15-10:30)**

**Please join us for a visit by the Easter Bunny, Face Painting, egg  
hunting. PLUS golden egg prizes!**