

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)
9:30	Children & Adult Sunday School 9:30
9:00	Children's Choir

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
FEBRUARY 18, 2026 @ 7:00PM**

Pastor's Page

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

We have been looking at Lutheran Cards by Pastor Dave Daubert that talks about the basics of the Lutheran faith using a stack of cards to explain it. I am going to go through these points each month in our newsletter. The first Card was the Ace-There is no way to God (Period)God comes to us. The Second Card was the "The King. The God revealed in Christ is different. "The King' is Jesus who reveals God is love. The crucified and Risen Jesus stands as the central figure in our faith. The Third card is the Queen-Grace for us includes hope for others. As Lutheran Christians we emphasize grace. Grace is unconditional and comes freely as a gift by faith alone. If God is gracious to us, we should be gracious to others.

The fourth card is the Jack_Vocation of the Baptized. As baptized children of God we all have a calling and vocation from God. Holy Calling is not just for pastors, Sunday School, Bible teachers, and people who work at the church. Luther's insight was that God can and does use you anywhere.

This Sixth card is the Ten Card-Priesthood of all Believers which expands on the vocation of the baptized. It is also called the priesthood of all the baptized. There's a phrase that is attributed to Martin Luther that says we are to be "little Christs" for each other. Luther never said that. However, he said we are to "be Christ for each other." The focus on the priesthood of all believers is that our focus should be on our identity in the Crucified Risen Christ for others. This Card goes with Bethel's own Mission statement of "Making Jesus Known."

This month we are looking at the ninth card that Life is Sacramental. God is present within creation. The incarnation of Jesus is the center of this truth. 1 John 1:14 says, 'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.' God is already here and present because of the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. We are baptized in him, and Christ is already bodily present with the bread and cup in Holy Communion. God is present in the Word, Waters of baptism, and the bread and wine in Holy Communion. He promises to be with us where two or three are gathered. God's presence is always here for you and a gift. This is why Life is sacramental.

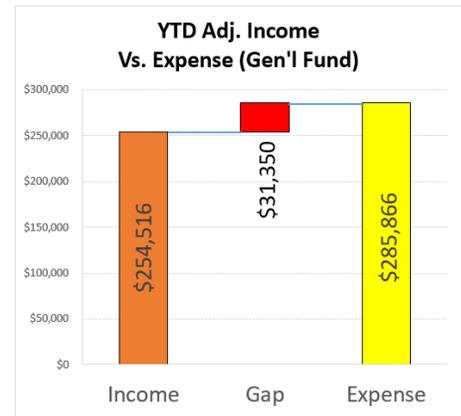
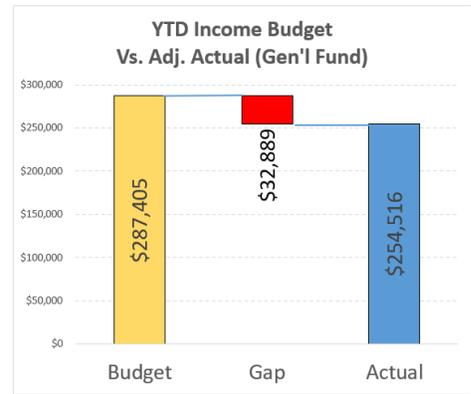
Next month we will discuss the next card which is the Eighth Card-Worship is horizontal.

In Christ alone,
Pastor Richard Kidd



On Going Prayers including occasional homebound folks

Deanna Brannigan	Johnny Conti
Lynn Henry	Janet Phelps
Linda Martin	Sharon Chase
Cora Dixon	Janice John
Arlene McAtee	Doris Gluck
Ron Kinnick	Alice Ogden
JJ LoSasso	Elva Evans
Ruth Schenker	Carl Dahlgren
Nicole Gettman Wells	Lori Richards
Theresa Krazinski	Rick Swanson



February 8, 2026 after worship in Memorial Hall.



WELCA Soup Sale—orders due by Feb. 22nd and soup will be distributed on March 1st!
 Wedding Soup & Beef Vegetable Soup



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!!~

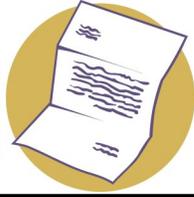
Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper! February 17th from 5:00-7:00pm. All you can eat pancakes with all the fixins'! Donation only. Join us for music, decorations and the BEST pancakes EVER! You guys know the drill! If you've been to our feast before, you know it will not disappoint! Proceeds to benefit the youth and WELCA. Thank you for your support! See Beth Applegate for more information.

Christian Ed Committee



NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION:

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



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

2026 Church Council

President:	Tom Peterson
Vice President:	Gary Wollet
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Christian Ed:	Rhonda Klase
Communications:	Shelia Kidd
Finance:	Ed Rusinowski
Parish Life:	Candy Rusinowski
Property:	John Smiley
Outreach:	Karen Protzman
Worship:	Karen Marchese

If you would like your annual contribution statement, you **MUST** contact Beth Applegate by calling the church office or put your name on the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Once you have requested your statement, they will be available by the end of January to pick up at church at the Welcome Center. If you would like yours mailed, please let me know at the time of request. No statement is printed unless requested.

Thank you!

Beth Applegate, Financial Secretary



It has come time for me to retire. I will truly miss all of you here at Bethel that I have grown to love.

I appreciate the friendship over the past 20+ years, and working for you. Thank you. Keep in touch.

Yours in Christ, Georgette Kollay



The staff wishes to thank the congregation for the generous Christmas Purse. We love our congregation and are very appreciative of your gifts.

God Bless all of you. May you be blessed with joy, love, and peace in the New Year.

Georgette, Beth, Debbie, Alison, Marc, Jon, and Pastor Richard.

Georgette's Address: 190 Erskine Avenue, Boardman, OH 44512

Cold weather and snow keeping you away from church? If you can't be here in person, remember, **Online Giving** is a way to stay connected and up to date! Go to our web page www.bethelboardman.org you will find the Online Giving Link there.

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



- 3 Morgan Basista, James Kwiecien, Koltin Rust
- 6 Mason Rassega, Andy Ragan
- 8 Mary Fabis
- 12 Ronald Liga
- 14 Krista Sapp
- 18 Kelly Swanson, Tina Selner
- 19 Elliot Rusinowski
- 20 George Remias
- 21 Faith Morlan
- 22 Gianna Doerr, Jan Anderson, Fern Kelly, Carmine LoSasso/Maggini
- 27 Ella Tallman, Joan Johnson
- 29 David Neuberger



- 5 Michael & Marithanna Busco
- 24 David & Barbara Buker

**MISSION OF THE MONTH
FOR
JANUARY IS
PROTESTANT FAMILY SERVICES
TOTAL GIVING FOR NOVEMBER
MISSION (ELCA WORLD HUNGER)
\$680.00**



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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



- 2 Evan Conway, Chad Manchester
- 3 Ross Applegate, Linda Spencer
- 4 Rick Swanson, Sherri Remias
- 6 Diane Kirr
- 7 Pastor Paul Burgeson
- 9 Brian Huddleston, Lloyd Murray
- 14 Ray Fowler
- 16 Stacey Wollet
- 18 Jennifer Cicchillo
- 19 Corrine Gear, Donna Robinson, Don Wiff
- 20 Shawna Applegate
- 21 Alice Hartig
- 27 Chasity Blair
- 28 Michael Kirr



- 1 Skip & Lin Gettman (52)
- 17 Tommy & Gianna Doer
- 22 Ben & Liz Rusinowski
- 23 Daryn & Jennifer Tallman
- 24 John & Deborah Conti
- 28 Gary & Mary Ann Wollet (48)

**MISSION OF THE MONTH
FOR
FEBRUARY IS
SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK
TOTAL GIVING FOR DECEMBER
MISSION (YOUNGSTOWN
COMMUNITY FOOD BANK)
\$655.00**



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FEBRUARY 2026

February 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School at 9:30 Worship 10:30 with Communion	2 Confirmation 6:00pm	3	4	5 Community Bible Study 7pm	6	7
8 Fellowship after service Sunday School at 9:30 Worship 10:30 with Communion	9 Confirmation 6:00pm	10	11	12 Community Bible Study 7pm	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day
15 Sunday School at 9:30 Worship 10:30 with Communion	16 Confirmation 6:00pm	17	18	19 Community Bible Study 7pm	20	21
22 Sunday School at 9:30 Worship 10:30 with Communion	23 Confirmation 6:00pm	24	25	26 Community Bible Study 7pm	27	28



LISTINGS FOR WEDNESDAYS LENTEN SERVICES
MAHONING VALLEY CLUSTER OF LUTHERAN CHURCHES

All Wednesdays will have soup at 6:00 pm (except for Ash Wednesday) and service will be at 7:00 pm

February 18th	Ash Wednesday (at your own church)
February 25th	Lord of Life in Canfield
March 4th	Grace Lutheran in Austintown
March 11th	Bethel Lutheran Boardman
March 18th	Martin Luther Lutheran Church
March 25th	Prince of Peace in Poland