

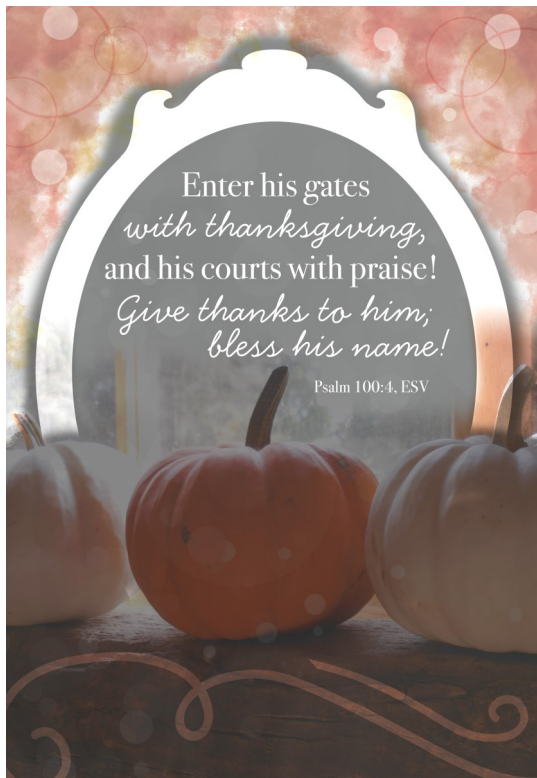
*Celebrating 135 Years of Making Jesus Known*

# THE BETHEL NEWS



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, November 5th is the celebration of All Saints Day

# Pastor's Page

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

We are getting closer to the end of our series on the Augsburg Confession. 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 Eleventh article.

“Concerning confession it is taught that private absolution should be retained and not abolished. However, it is not necessary to enumerate all misdeeds and sins, since it is not possible to do so. Psalm 19:12: “But who can detect their errors?”

In Forde and Nestigen’s book on the Small Catechism, *Free To Be*, with Luther’s explanation of private confession conclude that is virtually unknown among many American Lutherans. They begin with the question: “What has happened to private confession? Answer: The Old Adam stole it from us.” It is true that our churches practice a General Confession and Absolution in our worship services but the use of private confession is sadly lacking in our churches. Why? Many complain it is unbiblical or too Roman Catholic but the early Lutherans practiced private confession because it delivers the word of forgiveness one to one. Private Confession, like its twin, Public Confession, allows people to hear the gospel addressed directly to their conscience. Many people today still struggle with guilt and shame and the neglect of this sacrament of absolution causes many to live in despair. Who does not want to hear that they are loved and forgiven in Christ? Some feel like they are too far gone to receive the grace and mercy of God or worse think they are too righteous enough to need it. Remember we are both Saint and Sinner and depend totally on the grace and mercy of God alone. Many times people in recovery groups like AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) understand Confession better than church people. Those in 12-step programs knows one does not graduate from being an addict to non-addict only a recovering addict. The key to proper confession is to confess one is a sinner, and at the same time, to hear the absolution and believes it truly applies to the one confessing and makes them righteous. In our worship services this is why we begin with General Confession and Absolution to prepare one’s heart for worship and to receive Holy Communion which also gives us Jesus. We come to hear the Word of the gospel that we are loved, forgiven in Jesus name! My office is always open to deliver you the good news.

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**On Going Prayers including occasional homebound folks**

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	Joyce Fowler
Ron Kinnick	Doris Gluck
Alice Ogden	Joe DeArcangelis
Debbie Wilson	JJ&Helen LoSasso
Lou & Ruth Schenker	Elva Evans
Nicole Gettman Wells	Marie Klase



**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 \$22,914.00 per month to our general fund.  
Total received in September \$18,850.00

**Capital Improvement Fund**

Total received in September \$3,703.00

It's that time of year again to rid your closets of those old coats that you never wear anymore! Please consider donating your gently worn coats for someone in need! We will be collecting coats through the month of November. Many of these coats will be donated to The Rescue Mission and if they are here in time, to the Blue Coats Organization that helps the homeless. If you have any questions, see Beth Applegate. Thank you!



**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!!~

The Women of Bethel will be making Clothes Pin Cookies for this holiday season. We will be taking orders from now until November 26th. Cookies will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 10th. If you cannot pick up your cookies, but would still like to order, please call the church office (330-758-5745) and let us know. We can arrange something for you. Proceeds to benefit WELCA. See Rhonda Klase if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance!

# NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION:

There is an order form on the last page of this newsletter for ordering clothespin cookies...



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 330-758-4283**  
*Thanks, Altar Flower Committee*



1st Sunday in Advent is December 3rd

**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>



**ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE POINSETTIAS**

Now taking orders for our Christmas Eve Poinsettias! All orders **MUST** be placed by Sunday, November 19th.

An order form is included in this newsletter for your use, or you can pick one up on the Welcome Center at Church.

Thank you! Georgette

**Bible Quiz**

Which of the following is not called a "fruit of the Spirit" – but probably could be?

- A. love
- B. faithfulness
- C. self-control
- D. gratitude
- E. gentleness

Answer: D (See Galatians 5:22-23.)

**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 Laurie Wilson, Tom Peterson
- 5 Ron Griswold, Guy Applegate
- 6 Beth Applegate, Henry Gear
- 7 Pete Rassega
- 8 Pastor Richard Kidd
- 9 Chris Stiver, Mackenzie Griswold, Autumn Fabian, Doris Gluck
- 10 Valerie DeMartino, Randy Gluck
- 11 Jim Dorman, Miranda Noday
- 14 Taylor Griswold
- 15 Jacquelyn Fitzgerald
- 16 Sally Wright
- 18 Jonah Gluck
- 20 Luke Manchester, Joey Wollet
- 22 Kathleen Holden
- 25 Helen Pelton, Robert Zielke
- 27 Andrew Swanson
- 29 David Strom
- 30 Max Rassega, Gail DeMartino



- 8 Bob & Val DeMartino
- 15 Ray & Joyce Fowler
- 27 John & Diane Scacchetti

**MISSION OF THE MONTH  
FOR  
NOVEMBER IS  
ELCA WORLD HUNGER**



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

### Clothes Pin Cookie Sale

We will be taking orders for clothes pin cookies this holiday season.

Orders due by November 26 th

Cookies will be available Sunday, December 10 th

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ dozen x \$10.00 / dz = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due

If you can't pick up your cookies, but would still like to order, please let the church office know.

Proceeds to WELCA



## YOUNGSTOWN BLUE COATS

### STUFF THE BUS

Help the Youngstown Blue Coats stuff our bus with warming items to help our homeless Veterans, men, and women and those in need this winter.

**\*WHEN:** Tuesday, November 21, 2023 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**\*WHERE:** Bethel Lutheran Church, 425 Crestview Drive, Boardman, OH 44512

**\*WHAT to bring:** **\*\*ADULT SIZES ONLY, NO KIDS PLEASE \*\*** Sleeping bags \* Coats & Hoodies \* Winter Boots \* Hats \* Warm Winter Gloves \* Scarves \* Hand/Foot Warmers \* Blankets Twin/Full Size (No Comforters) \* Tents \* Tarps \* Large Book Bags \* Warm Socks (MUST BE NEW)





# Poinsettia Order Form

Time to order our Christmas Eve poinsettias

**Deadline for all orders is November 19.**

Please fill out the form below and put in the Office Manager's mailbox on the main office door, or hand to an usher.

Payment must accompany your order.

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_poinsettia(s) at \$8.50 each.

Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE PRINT

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In **MEMORY** of \_\_\_\_\_

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**Given by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_