

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



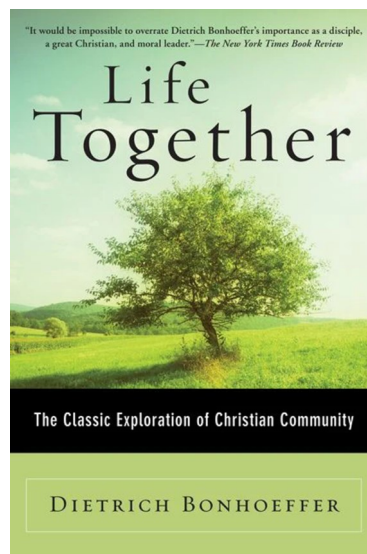


Pastor's Page

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a witness of Jesus Christ among his brethren. Born February 4th, 1906 in Breslau. Died April 9, 1945, in Flossenbürg. He was killed by the Nazis. Bonhoeffer was a great Lutheran theologian and in the next couple of newsletters I will be giving you insights from his book "Life Together" The Classic Exploration of Christian Community.

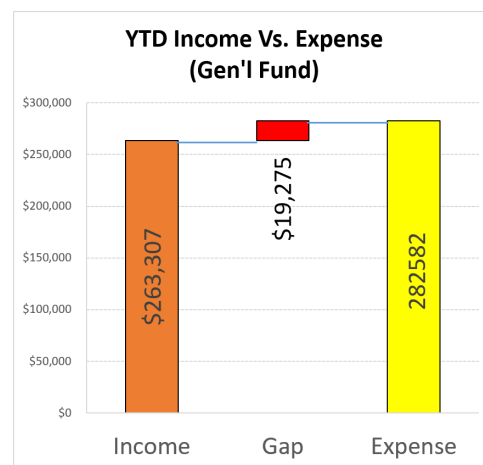
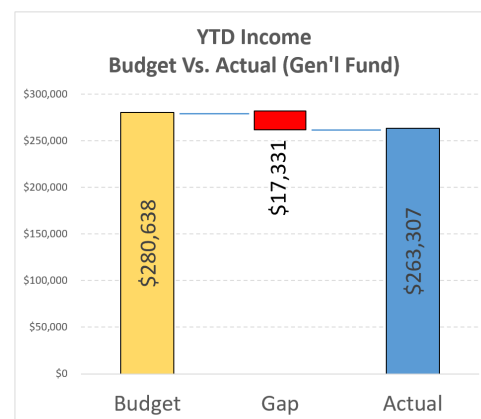
Chapter 1 is about Community. Psalm 133: 1 proclaims "How Very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in Unity (NRSVUE). We take it for granted that we can come together as Christians to worship. Jesus Christ lived in the midst of his enemies. In the end, his disciples deserted him. Remember even Peter denied him three times. He was forsaken and alone on the cross surrounded by his enemies and those who mocked him. He brought peace to his enemies on the cross. He died for all sinners including all of us. God's people come together in the midst of those who are against the truth of the gospel. God has called us not to be lone rangers but to come together in one body with other Christians to gather around Word and Sacrament. It is by the grace of God that a congregation is permitted to gather visibly in the world to share God's word and Sacraments. Not all Christians receive this blessing. The imprisoned, the sick, the scattered lonely, the proclaimers of the gospel in lands that forbid the preaching and gathering of Christians are alone. They know that visible fellowship is a blessing. Sadly, here in the United States and other Western countries it is not seen as a blessing. Many do not think fellowship with other Christians are not essential. Church attendance is in decline and churches are closing. Bonhoeffer said, "Christianity means community through Jesus Christ. No Christian community is more or less than this. We belong to one another only through and in Jesus Christ." We need one another because of Jesus Christ. The Christian no longer lives only to their own self, claims, or justification. The Christian lives totally by God's claim and justification alone. The Christian lives by God's word declared upon them. The Christian lives wholly by the truth of God's Word in Christ. The one Christ loved, became human, died and rose again for forgiveness of sins and new life. Remember we are bound together by faith not by experience. Our unity is in Jesus and it is not in sameness. There is no room for sectarianism and exclusivism in God's church. We are the body of Christ for the world. Making Jesus Known because of God's grace alone.

Pastor Richard Kidd



On Going Prayers including occasional homebound folks

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

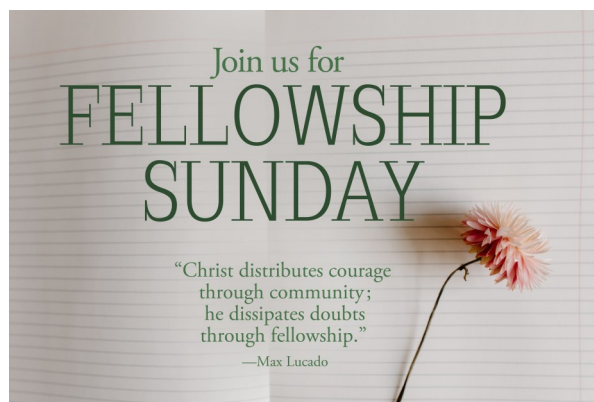


During the month of February, the Outreach Committee is holding a diaper drive. Please bring in any size, any brand of diaper for Making Kids Count. There is a box in the Narthex. Thank you!

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!!~



Join us in Memorial Hall for Fellowship and refreshments on February 16th after the worship service!

NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION:



The Bethel Lutheran Church Grief Support Group's Second Session will begin on Tuesday, February 11th at 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



Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper! March 5th 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 Bethel's General Fund. Thank you for your support! See Beth Applegate for more information.

Christian Ed Committee



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



- 2 Evan Conway, Chad Manchester
- 3 Ross Applegate, Linda Spencer
- 4 Richard Swanson, Sherri Remias
- 6 Diane Kirr, Mark Guthridge
- 7 Pastor Paul Burgeson
- 9 Brian Huddleston, Lloyd Murray
- 13 Sydney Miller Snyder
- 14 Raymond Fowler
- 16 Stacey Wollet
- 18 Jennifer Cicchillo
- 19 Corrine Gear, Donna Robinson, Don Wiff
- 20 Shawna Applegate
- 21 Alice Hartig
- 27 Bruce Coldren
- 28 Michael Kirr



- 1 Skip & Lin Gettman
- 17 Tommy & Gianna Doerr
- 22 Ben & Eliszabeth Rusinowski
- 23 Daryn & Jennifer Tallman
- 24 John & Deborah Conti (57!)
- 27 Lou & Ruth Schenker (71!)
- 28 Gary & Mary Ann Wollet

MISSION OF THE MONTH
FOR
FEBRUARY IS
SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK
TOTAL GIVING FOR DECEMBER MISSION
(SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK)
\$695.00



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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Worship 10:30 with Communion	27	28	29	30 Community Bible Study 7pm	31	1
2 Children's Choir 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 with Communion	3 Confirmation 6:00pm	4	5	6 Community Bible Study 7pm	7	8
9 Children's Choir 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 with Communion	10 Confirmation 6:00pm	11 Grief Recovery Group 7:00pm Staff Meeting 10:00am	12	13 Community Bible Study 7pm	14	15
16 Children's Choir 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am Fellowship after service Worship 10:30 with Communion	17 Confirmation 6:00pm President's Day Office Closed	18 Grief Recovery Group 7:00pm	19	20 Community Bible Study 7pm	21	22
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2025 EASTER PLANT ORDER FORM

Deadline for all orders is MARCH 10th. Thank you so much!

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

Payment must accompany your order.

I would like to order _____ Tulips at \$9.00 each.
_____ Hyacinths at \$9.00 each..
_____ Gerbera Daisy \$9.00
_____ Chrysanthemums at \$10.50 each.
_____ Lilies at \$10.50 each

Check enclosed for \$ _____

Make checks out to Bethel Lutheran Church

PLEASE PRINT

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____
