

Celebrating 135 Years of Making Jesus Known

THE BETHEL NEWS



The LORD
lifts up
those who are
bowed down:
the LORD
loves
the righteous.

Psalms 146:8

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30 Inside w/communion
(and streamed on FaceBook)

Children's Choir and Sunday School will
resume September 24th!!



Pastor's Page

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

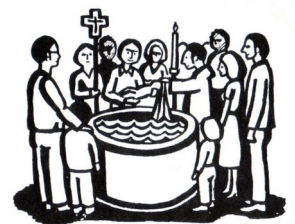
The Lutheran Church is a teaching and confessing church that centers itself around the Word of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Sacraments. Each month we are going through The Augsburg Confession which is the summary of our beliefs and what we have in common with the whole Christian church. This month we will look at the ninth article.

“Concerning baptism, it is taught that it is necessary, that grace is offered through it, and that one should also baptize children, who through such baptism are entrusted to God and become pleasing to him.”

Here's a question for you: Is baptism an act that we do for God or is it something God does to and for us? Timothy Wengert says that some people worry that infant baptism leads to all manner of evils in the church. They are only correct if the point of the church is to make legalists and moralists something that cannot occur if absolutely all are welcomed at the font. Against such legalism and at the heart of our relation to God stands baptism. For Luther, baptism was the central sacrament: a watery, visible sign and seal of God's promises to each and every person. At issue in baptism is whether God does something for and to us there, or whether we are simply undertaking an act of public commitment before God. As Lutherans and other Christians we believe baptism comes to us as a gift, the barriers we would put up to fence it (and God) disappear. We practice pan-baptism not just for infants but for all. As Jesus welcomed children, women, Gentiles, weak, the sick and dying, so now he uses baptism to welcome us, no matter who we are or what we are like. All are welcome at the font! This is why we don't say this is a Lutheran baptism but a Christian baptism. We don't rebaptize people that have already been baptized. Jesus' promise is good. There is no repeat except remembering your baptism and you are to put on Christ daily knowing that Christ daily forgives us. Baptism is God's commitment to you that you are God's beloved child and now we live in that reality. This is what distinguishes us from the evangelical and nondenominational churches. However, we do not look upon them as non-Christian and we do not rebaptize anyone who comes from that tradition. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:5-6) For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." (Acts 2:39) Baptisms of people of all ages are all foolishness when viewed only through the eyes of reason. But faith sees Christ's blood and righteousness, God's love and mercy, and the Holy Spirit's holiness promising forgiveness, life, and salvation to everyone. Can you believe it?

The perfect picture of a grace is a child who could not control their bowels, hold up their heads, or think deeply to decide or not being plunged in the waters but come out being a sanctified, justified child of God. God's love is in the waters and God's promise is in the word that says Baptism now saves you. (1 Peter 3:21) Remember you baptism. Put your faith in Christ alone.

Pastor Richard





On Going Prayers including occasional homebound folks

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| 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 | |

A Look at our Loyalty

The Church is a gift...assembly required.

General Operations Fund

To cover our 2023 approved budget, We need to bring in \$22,914.00 per month to our general fund.

Total received in July \$14,021.65

Capital Improvement Fund

Total received in July \$1,435.00



Where women find shelter in God.



All women are invited to join us September 16th & 17th for our annual women's retreat at Camp Frederick in Rogers, Ohio. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and the program begins at 10:00 a.m. Lunch is included! Cost is \$30.00. You can choose to spend the night and be there for our beautiful outdoor service at 10:00 on Sunday morning, or leave and come back on Sunday morning! Please see Rhonda Klase or Beth Applegate for more information. **Tickets are on sale now**

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

In what land and at what age did Moses die?

- A. The land of Israel; 100 years old
- B. The land of Canaan; 70 years old
- C. The land of Moab; 120 years old
- D. The land of Judah; 102 years old



Answer: C (See Deuteronomy 34:5, 7)

NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION:

HELP NEEDED:

Two Council Positions for 2023

- Finance Committee Chair
- Membership Committee Chair

Please Contact: Pastor Richard, Bill Conkey, Sue Mallery if you would be interested in filling these positions.

In addition, we need help one Sunday Morning a month after worship service to count the offerings. If you can help with this, please contact Bill Conkey at 330-727-0398. Thank you!!



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

2023 Church Council

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



Sunday School begins Sunday, September 24th at 9:30. Children's Choir begins at 9:00. All kids are invited! We are looking forward to planning our Christmas Program with our children's music ministry! We are showcasing a brand new curriculum that we are very excited about!

Adult Bible Study will begin the same Sunday from 9:15-10:15!

Bethel's Christian Education Team can't wait to welcome you all back for another great year!

Something new in the Narthex....We have removed the bulletin boards and have installed a large screen TV that will be continually playing all the news about Bethel. Come check it out!

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



- 4 Beth Lowe, Curtis Paul
- 6 Elaine Morlan, Kara Hitchcock
- 7 Tom Russ, Ryan Dunn
- 10 Cora Sotlar, Eva Karsti, Janie Morckel
- 11 Diana Thompson, Char Gluck, Tom Sapp
- 13 Dan Lyden
- 17 Jennifer Taraszewski
- 19 Jennifer Rusinowski
- 20 Bob DeMartino
- 24 Aron Del Monte
- 25 Rhonda Klase, Michael Gleydura, Anna Tallman, Christian Rusinowski
- 26 Dolores Ipe
- 27 Mike Klase, Debbie Carroce
- 30 Chris Wells



- 2 Howard & Wanda Wiff (74!)
- 4 Randy & Char Gluck
- 17 Jon & Kaitlin Conder
- 18 JJ & Helen LoSasso (69!)

MISSION OF THE MONTH
FOR
SEPTEMBER IS
THE MICKEY SCHUSTER SCHOLARSHIP
FUND

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

