

Celebrating 135 Years of Making Jesus Known

THE BETHEL NEWS

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HAPPY FALL
Y'ALL!



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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| 10:30 | Inside w/communion
(and streamed on FaceBook) |
| 9:30 | Sunday School will return on
October 4th |

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
SEPTEMBER 7TH
FOR LABOR DAY

Pastor's Page

From the Pastor

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

We are continuing our series by Pastor Dave Daubert that talks about the basics of the Lutheran faith using a stack of cards to explain it. I am going through these points each month in our newsletter. The first card is the Ace-There is no way to God (Period) God comes to us. In other words, we are saved by grace alone. The Second card is the King: Jesus reveals God is love. The third card is the Queen: Grace for us includes hope for others. The fourth card is Jack: Vocation of the baptized. The fifth card is the Ten: Priesthood of all believers. The sixth card is the Nine: Life is sacramental. The seventh card of the deck of the Lutheran cards, and it is the Eighth: Worship is horizontal. The next card was the Seven-Love the Bible without worshipping it. Last month we looked at The Six: perfection is not the point. We do not have to measure up to be loved. God has declared us righteous and we know this through faith. God's love is the one thing that makes us worthy. We are not perfect, but we are perfectly loved. This is a gift freely given to us. We do not have to work to be perfect to be loved. Last month we looked at the Five: Response is Freedom and Gratitude. The Reformation emphasis is always start with Christ's grace as a gift. Lutherans and heirs of the Reformation were accused of discouraging good works. This could be further from the truth. The point of Justification by grace through faith in Christ alone is we do not have to work or earn God's love and Salvation it is freely offered to us and because of God's grace we will produce good works. How we use this freedom is shaped by gratitude. Gratitude is the natural response to any gift, especially a powerful one as God's love, acceptance, and forgiveness.

This month we will be looking at the next card-The Four: Faith Forms the Church (It's about people) *gathered around Word and Sacraments. You have heard me preach this before and I will repeat the Church is not the building it is the people who are gathered around the reading of scriptures, songs, and the sacraments (Baptism, Holy Communion). The Church is described in the Bible as the assembly of believers not the place they gather or the institution or denomination. When Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of the living God (Matthew 16:16). Jesus affirms this and says, "On this Rock I will build my church." Jesus is Lord is the foundation of the church. He is the Rock that gathers his people as the church. The Church is all of us. This includes laity and pastors working together and Bishops are called to be servant leaders. The question is how can we be the church outside the building and in our communities?

We have two more cards to go. Next month we will be looking at the Three-We have an ecumenical heart.

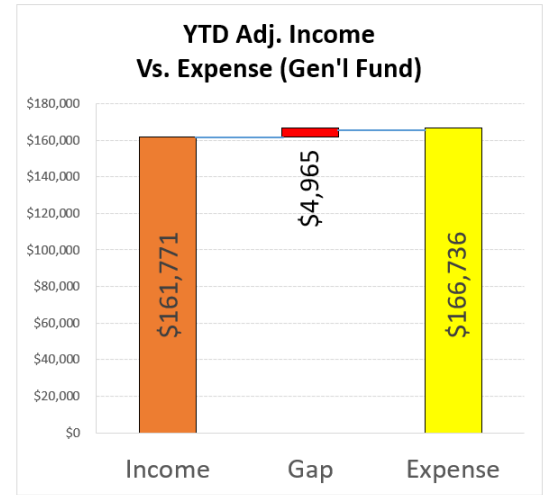
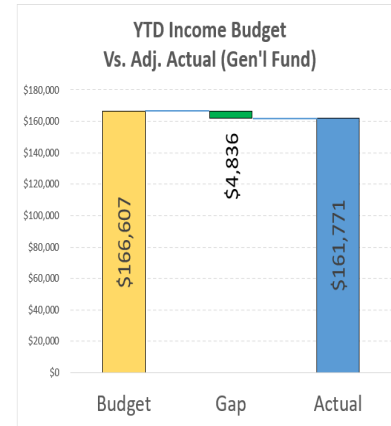
In Christ alone,

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	Alice Ogden
Ron Kinnick	Elva Evans
JJ LoSasso	Rick Swanson
Carl Dahlgren	Lori Richards
Nicole Gettman Wells	Justin Horn
Theresa Krazinski	Jen Seitz
Mary Ann Fees	Teddy Conway



Our Women's Fall Retreat this year is September 12th & 13th. Please join us as we worship God and spend time together. This year's theme is "Rooted Within, Rising Together". The setting is at beautiful Camp Frederick in Rogers. Registration is 9:00a.m on Saturday and includes lunch and dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday. Worship is at the outdoor worship space. Cost is \$50.00. Guest speaker: Ashley Morena. We look forward to spending this time with you. Please call Rhonda Klase at 330-519-1203 to sign up for this special event. 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!!~



FAMILY MOVIE TIME! On Saturday, September 19th at 12:30 there will be a showing of "Daniel and the Fiery Furnace" at Cinema South in Boardman. We are planning a group gathering for this special showing. There will be a discussion time after the movie at Bethel. This includes the churches from the Mahoning County Cluster of Lutheran Churches. We will have pizza and refreshments afterward at church. All are welcome and invited! There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. I need a count as soon as possible. Please see or call Beth Applegate for more information or to sign up and for readings from Daniel for preparation of the movie.

Beth Applegate 330-696-4189 or at church 330-758-5745. Thank you!

NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION:

Save the Date! Sunday School

Begins October 4th

At 9:30am

For ages Pre-K through 12th grades

Please bring your children to Sunday School! We have a great year planned!

An adult SS class will begin in January 2027



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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Worship:	Karen Marchese

The Outreach Committee would like to sincerely thank you for your generous donations to the School Supply Collection in July. \$957 was collected to assist the children in need at West Blvd and Robinwood Lane Elementary Schools.

The committee hopes all who attended this year's church picnic had a great time and enjoyed the wonderful covered dishes that you freely offered.

This September, we are planning to participate in the Mahoning Valley CROP Hunger Walk sponsored by the Mahoning Valley Association of Churches. It is a community event held to raise awareness and funds to fight local and global hunger. The walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 11 at 1pm, beginning at the Unitarian Universalist Church near Wick Park in Youngstown. If anyone is interested in walking and/or donating, please see the sign up sheet and donation box in the Narthex. This walk is for all ages. Thank you so much for your ongoing concern and assistance in reaching out to our community and making Jesus known.

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. If you have any questions, please call Beth Applegate at the church.

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



- 4 Curtis Paul
- 6 Elaine Morlan, Kara Hitchcock
- 7 Ryan Dunn
- 10 Eva Karsti, Cora Sotlar, Janie Morckel
- 11 Char Gluck, Thomas Sapp
- 13 Gary Wollet
- 17 Jennifer Taraszewski
- 19 Jennifer Rusinowski
- 20 Bob DeMartino
- 25 Rhonda Klase, Michael Gleydura, Christian Rusinowski, Anna Tallman
- 26 Dolores Ipe
- 27 Mike Klase, Ben Zilavy, Debbie Carrocce
- 28 Becky Borman
- 30 Joan Keith, Chris Wells



- 4 Randy & Char Gluck
- 17 Jon & Kaitlin Conder

**MISSION OF THE MONTH
FOR
SEPTEMBER IS
MICKEY SCHUSTER SCHOLARSHIP
FUND
TOTAL GIVING FOR JULY
MISSION (SOJOURNER HOME)
\$815.00**



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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6 Worship 10:30 with Communion	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8	9	10	11	12
13 Happy grandparents day Worship 10:30 with Communion	14	15	16	17	18	19 12:30pm Movie at Cinema South
20 Worship 10:30 with Communion	21	22 First day of Fall!	23	24	25	26
27 Worship 10:30 with Communion	28	29	30	1	2	3

✦ Bethel Lutheran Church Emotional Support Group ✦

Break the stigma. Ease the pain. Find support. You are not alone.

A Safe, Compassionate Space for Healing: Open to all who are suffering or seeking support.

Who This Group Supports:

Grief after the loss of a loved one or friend
Anxiety
Job loss
Illness acceptance
Family challenges

Depression
Divorce or separation
Caregiving stress
Aging
Domestic Violence

About the Facilitator

Robert Marchese, MS Ed, CPC, CCMH 42-year veteran of mental-health work in Ohio Providing his time and expertise at **no cost** to attendees

Session Details

- **Dates:** Tuesdays, September 15th – December 15th
 - **Time:** Social time at **6:30 PM** Session begins at **7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**
- Location:** Bethel Lutheran Church 425 Crestview Ave Boardman, OH 44512

Interested in Attending?

Email: Bethelgriefrecovery@gmail.com **Phone:** Robert Marchese — 216-905-2540



*"And the God of all grace,
who called you to His eter-
nal glory in Christ, after you
have suffered a little while,
will Himself restore you
and make you strong, firm
and steadfast."*

~ 1 Peter 5:1