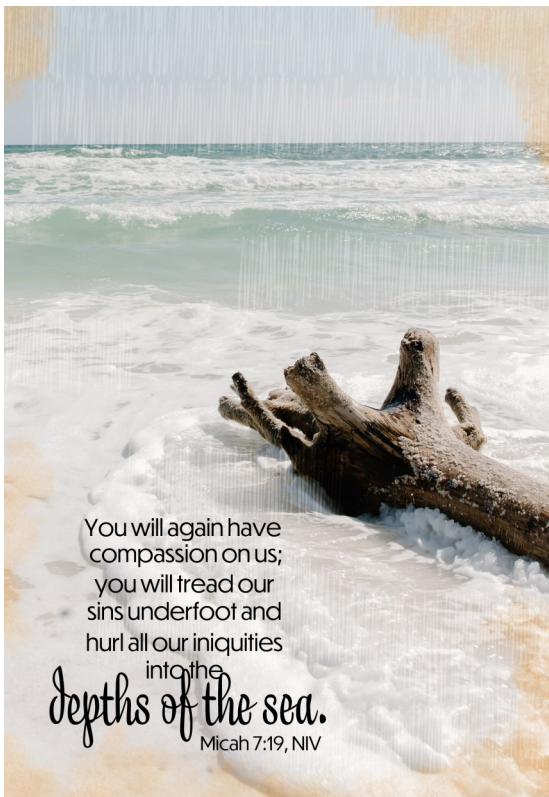


Celebrating 135 Years of Making Jesus Known

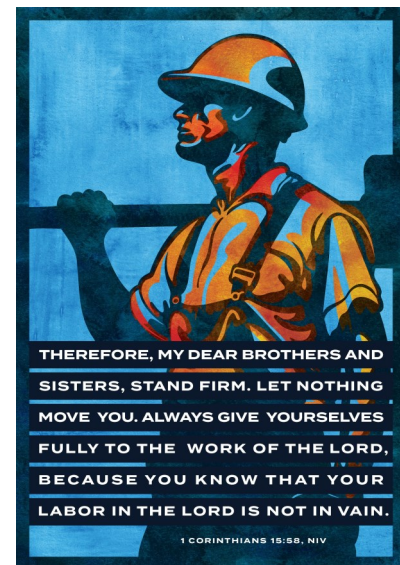
THE BETHEL NEWS



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE	
10:30	Inside w/communion (and streamed on FaceBook)
9:30	Children & Adult Sunday School 9:30 (Sept. 22)
9:00	Children's Choir (Sept. 22)



Happy Labor Day, September 2, 2024

Pastor's Page

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42

not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:25

Why go to church?

We are not saved by anything we do. Ephesians 2:8-9 tells us For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. However, we come to Church to hear the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection for us and we are baptized in the Triune God and given his bodily presence in the bread and wine in the Holy Supper. Church is not the building but the gathering around Word and Table. We are called to listen to God's Word, receive the sacraments, and pray and encourage one another through the scriptures, songs, and prayers. God has called the Church together and not to be scattered and cut off from one another. Here's a list of 5 reasons Church is beneficial

1. We speak the truth together about our messed up lives(confession) and hear the words of forgiveness proclaimed. Confession reminds us not to think more of ourselves than we ought. Absolution reminds us not to think less of ourselves in Christ than we ought.
2. A time to be together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. No one is an island. We need each other for community and support. We rejoice and mourn with one another.
3. The Third Commandment in Keeping the Sabbath day means we need a day of rest and we need time to come together to listen to God's word and to recharge and reorient ourselves.
4. Receive the Lord's Supper! Jesus gives us his own bodily presence in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.
5. Jesus is here! God calls us into baptism into one body and a gathering of Christians. In Matthew 18:6, Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am among them."

(paraphrased from Hope Lutheran in Highland, Illinois)

See you Sunday!

God's blessings in Christ,

Pastor Richard Kidd



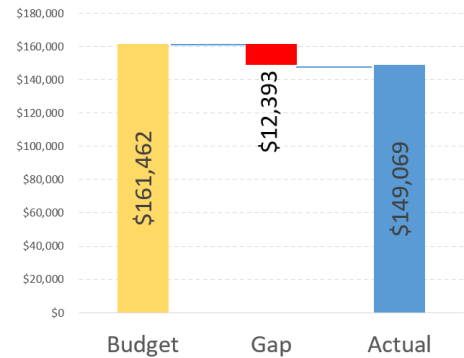


On Going Prayers including occasional homebound folks

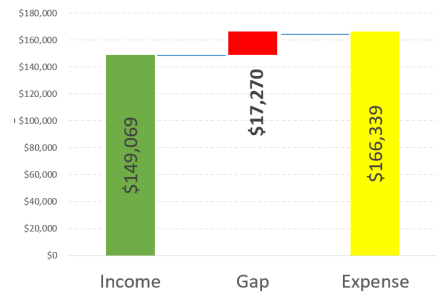
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| Berta McGuire | Janice John |
| Joyce Fowler | Doris Gluck |
| Ron Kinnick | Joe DeArcangelis |
| Alice Ogden | JJ LoSasso |
| Debbie Wilson | Elva Evans |
| Lou & Ruth Schenker | Howard Wiff |
| Nicole Gettman Wells | |



YTD Income Budget Vs. Actual (Gen'l Fund)



YTD Income Vs. Expense (Gen'l Fund)



Sunday School begins on Sunday September 22nd at 9:30. Please join us this year for learning, fun, and crafts!



ATTENTION CRAFTERS & GARAGE SALERS!

Reserve your spot today for our Parking Lot Sale on Saturday, September 28th. Cost is \$20 per spot and must be pre-paid. Call the church at 330-758-5745 for more information or to reserve your spot. Proceeds go directly to the church.

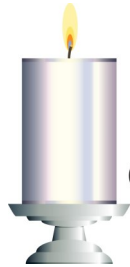
*Reservation forms included on page 8 of newsletter

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!!~

NOTES TO THE CONGREGATION:



Deaths in Our Church Family

Please pray for the family and friends of Helen LoSasso who has gone home to be with our Lord. Well done, good and faithful servant, well done.

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

2024 Church Council

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



WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT! September 14th & 15th. Come and experience a wonderful experience and program! The theme this year is "Wonderful World". Come for the day on Saturday, or spend the night and join us for worship at the outdoor chapel on Sunday morning. Cost is \$35.00 and includes meals and program and overnight stay. If interested, please see Rhonda Klase after church to sign up or give her a call at 330-519-1203.

School is back in session, and summer vacays are over. We hope to see you back in church, but 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



- 4 Curtis Paul
- 6 Elaine Morlan, Kara Hitchcock
- 7 Ryan Dunn, Tom Russ
- 10 Cora Sotlar, Eva Karsti, Janie Morckel
- 11 Thomas Sapp, Char Gluck
- 13 Dan Lyden
- 17 Jennifer Taraszewski
- 19 Jennifer Rusinowski
- 20 Bob DeMartino
- 25 Rhonda Klase, Christian Rusinowski, Michael Gleydura, Anna Tallman
- 26 Dolores Ipe
- 27 Debbie Carrocce, Mike Klase
- 30 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 HOUSE) \$865.00



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



SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 Service with communion BLESSING OF THE BACK- PACKS	2	3	4	5 Community Bible Study	6	7 Women's Retreat at Camp Frederick
8 10:30 service with communion	9	10	11	12 Community Bible Study	13	14
15 10:30 service with communion	16	17	18 Council Meeting 7pm	19 Community Bible study	20	21
22 10:30 Service with communion FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 First Day of Fall	23	24	25	26 Community Bible Study	27	28 PARKING LOT SALE 10:00-4:00
29 10:30 Service with communion Sunday School 9:30	30					

Bethel Grief Recovery Group

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

NIV Psalm 34:18

When death happens, we are often left with conflicting emotions. These emotions can be about the individual, ourselves and even about the relationship that we had with the deceased. Recent studies show 4 out of 10 people will suffer the lingering effects of emotional loss for many years, but guided grief recovery groups lead by professional offer great relief and long-lasting emotional psychological wellness.

Pastor Richard shared in late spring that St. John / St. Paul Evangelical Church Endowment Fund were offering grants to provide seed money for new outreach programs. Their mission is: Enabling faith-based organizations to share God's gifts with those in need. They support projects and programs affiliated with the ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod. Karen and Robert Marchese had spoken for several years about beginning a grief recovery group, but had done nothing other than talk about the possibility. When Pastor shared this information Karen shared with council that she and Bob were going to start working to submit a grant request. August 9th, we received the email that we had indeed received a grant and immediately put are plans into work! We are excited that The Bethel Grief Recovery Group will begin the first nine-week session On Tuesday, September 24th at Bethel. Social time will be shared from 6:30 – 7:00 and the session will run until 9:00. Each session will include a faith-based component with an opening devotion and time for meditation in our sanctuary with music.

Although there are grief support groups throughout the three-county area, none of them are recognized by the State of Ohio as grief recovery. Grief recovery groups can help participants feel less alone and isolated by connecting them with those who have experienced similar loss. Group participants can learn from each other and establish a sense of belonging. We are blessed that Robert Marchese will be giving of his time and talents to facilitate this group. Bob has over 45 years of experience in all aspects of mental health including grief counseling. Bob has been able to support many people throughout his career and a participant of grief recovery shared with Bob "There were questions and ideas that plagued me after my daughter left this world at 31. I participated at a friend's recommendation. I only needed a few sessions for me to realize I already have people I can confide in and understand my journey with grief. I wasn't alone and this is the first time since my daughter's death that I felt uplifted and enlightened."

If you feel that you would benefit from this group or have any questions please reach out:

BethelGriefRecovery@gmail.com. Please share this opportunity with your family and friends who may need recovery and support in their journey with death.

Attention Crafters and Garage Salers

Parking Lot Sale

Saturday, September 28, 2024

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Setup starts at 8:00 AM

Bethel Lutheran Church

425 Crestview Drive – Boardman, Ohio 44512

330-758-5745

Reserve your spot today!

\$20.00 per space (Must be prepaid)

Make Checks Payable to Bethel Lutheran Church

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number of Spaces _____ x \$20 = _____

Email: _____

Event is rain or shine