

Celebrating 135 Years of Making Jesus Known

THE BETHEL NEWS

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<u>SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u>	
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)

November 28, 2024

Pastor's Page

Matthew 26:26-29

26 While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it[d] he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." 27 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, 28 for this is my blood of the[e] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

! Corinthians 11:23-26

23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for[f] you. Do this in remembrance of me." 25 In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

One of the ways to be thankful is to remember Christ's sacrifice for us and gather together around the Lord's table. Why do we gather at Church? We come together to hear God's Word and receive the Sacraments. How can we follow Jesus if we do not come together and know his words? Jesus commands us to come together and receive the Lord's Supper. Why would we not want to receive his gift of his body and blood with the bread and wine in Holy Communion? Jesus promises to be bodily present at the table with the bread and wine and is calling us a community to join with one another. Luther tells us in the Large Catechism, "what manner of Christian am I? Were I a Christian I would always have a least a little longing to do what my Lord commanded me to do." Christ's command should be enough to make us desire Holy Communion. We become cold when we withdraw from the hearing of God's Word in Holy Scriptures, and the sharing together of his gift of Holy Eucharist. We grow cold when we do not confess our sins and hear the words of forgiveness. The church is a gathered community called by the Holy Spirit and that call is open to you each Sunday. The good news is that the Sacrament depends not on our worthiness. We are not baptized or come to Church for confession because we are holy and perfect. We go because we know we are sinners that need God's grace daily. Jesus word's of "This is my body, given for you. This is my blood for the forgiveness of sins given for you" Reflect and include yourself in this word "you" so you will come to the table. Jesus offers us himself for strength and forgiveness. Do not neglect the gift. The gifts of God for the people of God.

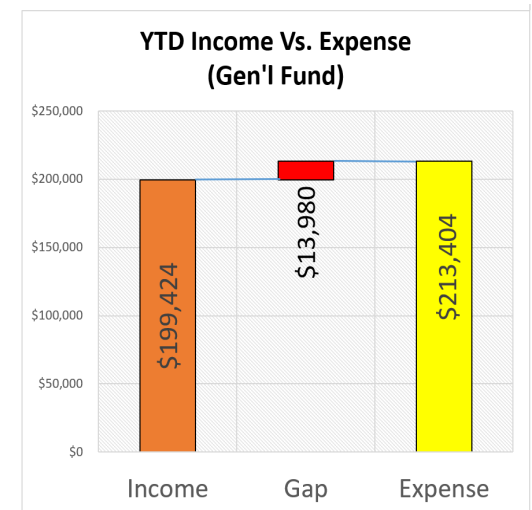
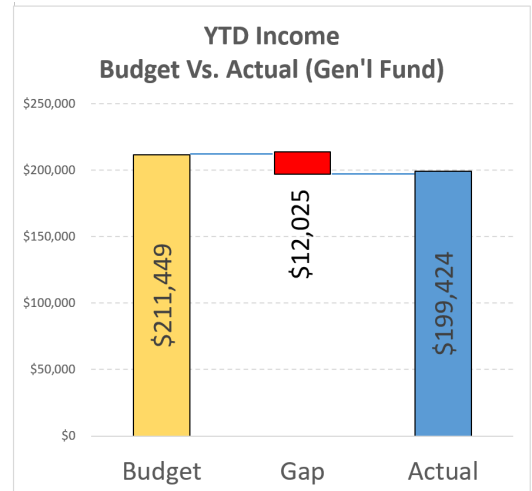
God's blessings in Christ,

Pastor Richard Kidd



On Going Prayers including occasional homebound folks

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| 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 | |



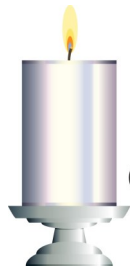
The Women of Bethel will be making Clothes Pin Cookies for this holiday season. We will be taking orders from now until November 24th. Cookies will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 8th. If you cannot pick up your cookies, but would still like to order, please call the church office (330-758-5745) and let us know. We can arrange something for you. Proceeds to benefit WELCA. See Rhonda Klase or Candy Rusinowski if you have any questions. Thank you in advance!

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 Berta McGuire who has gone home to be with our Lord. Well done, good and faithful servant, well done.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 17TH AFTER WORSHIP!



The following positions for council are available:
 Parish Life and Outreach
 Please consider the chairmanship for either committee. YOU are needed!

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.



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

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 Tom Peterson, Laurie Wilson
- 5 Ron Griswold, Guy Applegate
- 6 Beth Applegate, Henry Gear
- 7 Pete Rassega
- 8 Pastor Richard Kidd
- 9 Autumn Fabian, Doris Gluck, Chris Stiver, Mackenzie Griswold
- 10 Randy Gluck, Val DeMartino
- 11 Jim Dorman, Miranda Noday
- 14 Taylor Griswold
- 15 Jacquelyn Fitzgerald
- 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 (48!)

**MISSION OF THE MONTH
FOR
NOVEMBER IS
ELCA WORLD HUNGER
TOTAL GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER MISSION
(MICKEY SCHUSTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND)
\$375.00**



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

November 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 Winter Coat Drive all month	2
3 Children's Choir 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 with Communion	4	5 Don't forget to Vote Grief Recovery Group 7:00pm	6 Pinch & Sip 5:30 pm	7 Community Bible Study 7pm	8	9
10 Children's Choir 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 with Communion	11 Office will be closed for Veteran's Day	12 Grief Recovery Group 7:00pm Staff Meeting 10:00am	13	14 Community Bible Study 7pm	15	16
17 Annual Congregation Meeting 11:30 Children's Choir 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am Poinsettia Orders Due Worship 10:30 with Communion	18	19 Council Meeting 7pm Grief Recovery Group 7:00pm (last one)	20	21 Community Bible Study 7pm	22	23
24 Children's Choir 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 with Communion Clothes Pin Cookie orders Are due	25	26	27	28 Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving!	29 Office Closed	30

Poinsettia Order Form



Time to order our Christmas Eve poinsettias

Deadline for all orders is November 17th.

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

In **HONOR** of _____

In **MEMORY** of _____

Given by _____

Phone # _____

Clothes Pin Cookie Sale

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

Orders due by November 24th

Cookies will be available Sunday, December 8th

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



ANNUAL COAT DRIVE FOR YOUNGSTOWN BLUE COATS THE ENTIRE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Help the Youngstown Blue Coats collect warming items to help our homeless Veterans, men, and women and children, and those in need this winter. We will be collecting here at Bethel. Bring your *gently used* coats or any of the items listed below on Sunday when you come for worship, or Monday thru Thursday, 9:30-1:00. **NO ONE SHOULD FREEZE TO DEATH**

***WHAT to bring: ** 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)**

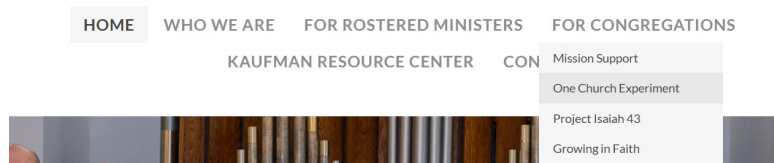
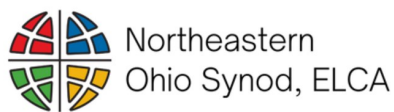
Thank you for your kind generosity!

Bethel Lutheran Church

One Church Experiment

Similar to what has been happening in the Catholic church for quite some time, the ELCA has noted a decline in the number of students entering seminary schools, which will eventually translate into fewer ordained ministers available to our parishes. Combine this issue with declining church membership and attendance, and it was recognized that we Lutherans needed to “get out in front of this” and look for ways to “do more with less”.

The Northeastern Ohio Synod (NEOS) launched a process to quantify the issues we face and identify solutions on how to successfully move forward with our ministries. The process began w/ Project Isaiah 43 in April, and is continuing with the One Church Experiment now under way. You can find summaries of both of these processes on the NEOS website: (<https://www.neos-elca.org/>)



Project Isaiah 43: *I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you see it? Isaiah 43:19a*
6 sessions in April/May, spread out across synod (Bethel hosted a session on 05/04)
Café setting, small group conversations between congregations and pastors
700 notes collected re: “Collaboration” theme

One Church Experiment

Developed from the Project Isaiah 43 work with input from the June Synod Assembly

Working Hypothesis:

Congregations are being called together in groups of 4-6 to be the Body of Christ together.
The Collaborative of congregations has a shared mission and vision within their communities.
Served by a staff of at least 2 pastors and potentially a deacon.

What's next?

Assemble committee to evaluate options – 2/3 council members + 2/3 congregation
Experiment! Get together w/ near-by parishes to see what is possible

If you would like to participate in this One Church Experiment, please email bethel-bdmn@gmail.com, call the church at 330-758-5745, or contact any member of Council.