

Celebrating 135 Years of Making Jesus Known

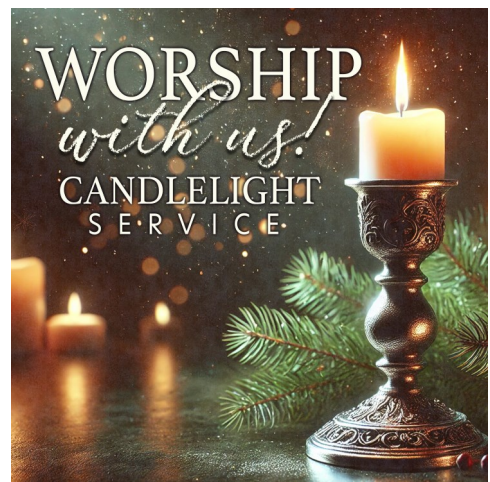
THE BETHEL NEWS



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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
9:00	Children's Choir



7:00pm Christmas Eve-Dec. 24th

Pastor's Page

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

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Advent is a time of waiting, expecting and celebration! Advent is overshadowed by all the commercial holidays. It is like right after Thanksgiving you start hearing about Black Friday and all the sales and the Christmas music is already started but somehow its used as a promotion to buy something than its proper function to point us to the reason for the season. Sadly, the Church calendar has been replaced by the marketing calendar that uses holidays for sales and promotions. Advent we look forward to Christ' second coming but we also celebrate the fact that God became flesh as a baby in his first coming. God's own Son Jesus our Lord and Savior put on human flesh and grew up like one of us! This is the Christmas miracle! The miracle of the Incarnation! The fact that God would put on fragile flesh and be vulnerable like a child is a wonderful mystery but it shows us who God is. God so loved the world that He gave his Son for us! God knows what it is like to be vulnerable, small, dependent, living and suffering on this earth. If this does not give you hope and faith I don't know what will? This is God's love in action and we celebrate his birth every year in December. The story of the Christ child gives us hope! Hope for salvation for us and the world! This Christmas is a time to gather and worship the Light that has come into our world. The Light came to us on that Christmas Morning as a child but now lives in all those who trust their lives in him as their Lord and Savior! Each week I will be posting Advent devotions from "God is in the Manger" reflections from Bonhoeffer online and we will continue to have our St. Lucia/Children's service on December 15th, Christmas Cantata on December 22nd and our Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7 pm with Holy Communion. O come O come Emmanuel!

Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas,

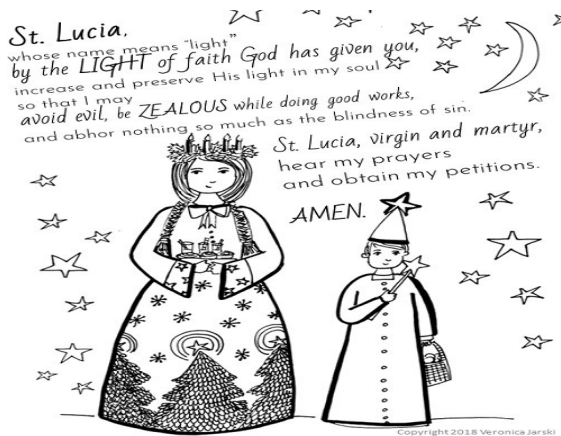
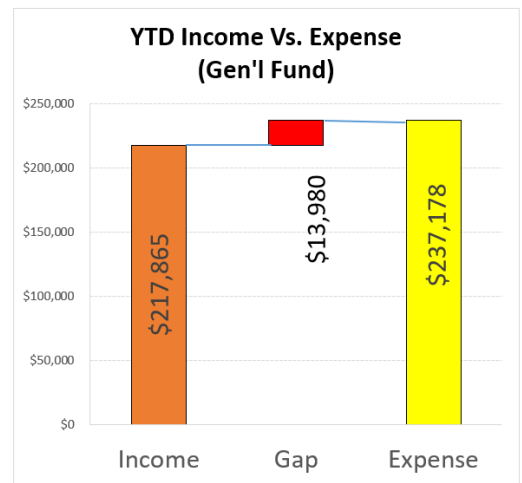
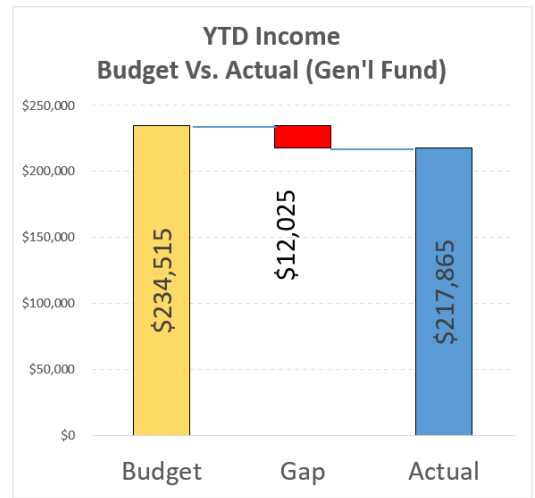
Pastor Richard Kidd



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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 | |



Our Annual St. Lucia and children's pageants will be on December 15th during the 10:30 worship service. Who will be our 2024 Lucia? You'll have to join us to see! There will be fellowship following the service in Memorial Hall.

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:



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

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Who was governor of Syria when Joseph and Mary traveled to Bethlehem for a mandated registration, or census?

A. Theophilus
 B. Herod Antipas
 C. Pontius Pilate
 D. Quirinius

Answer: D (See Luke 2:1-7)

2024 Church Council

President:	Tom Peterson
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Christian Ed:	Erin Conway
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Outreach:	Karen Protzman
Worship:	Karen Marchese

This Christmas season you have 2 opportunities to hear “Come and Worship, A Christmas Celebration”! The St. Charles Choir is teaming up with Bethel Lutheran’s Choir to perform an excellent musical interpretation of the Christmas story of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!
The first performance will be Sunday, December 15, at 5:00 at Saint Charles, in the sanctuary; and the second performance will be at 10:30 AM at Bethel on December 22. There is no charge for both of these performances, but there will be a free will offering taken during the performance. So come on out and support our choir and witness the real reason for the season!

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



- 1 Janet Liga
- 4 Linda Swanson
- 6 Art Marrie
- 8 David Griswold
- 9 Bill Klase
- 10 John Scacchetti
- 12 Tina Dunn
- 14 Eleanor Laise, Sandy Dorman
- 16 Victoria Lee
- 18 Katie Butcher
- 19 Leah Griswold
- 20 Erin Conway
- 21 Carter Stockman
- 22 Cliff Protzman, Rick Hungerford
- 23 JJ LoSasso
- 26 Kay Kish
- 27 Glenn Garwig, Jeff Kulow, Fred Noday Sr.
- 28 Stan Huddleston
- 30 Lissa Bell
- 31 Marcie Lieb



- 6 Anthony & Kari Harris
- 18 Donald & Donna Robinson (70!)
- 26 Scott & Linda Adair
- 27 Guy & Beth Applegate

**MISSION OF THE MONTH
FOR
DECEMBER IS
SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK
TOTAL GIVING FOR OCTOBER MISSION
(ELCA WORLD DISASTER RELIEF)
\$180.00**



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

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Children's Choir 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am First Sunday in Advent Worship 10:30 with Communion	2	3 Confirmation 6:00pm	4	5	6 Clothes Pin Cookie Making at 5:30 pm	7
8 2nd Sunday in Advent Children's Choir 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 with Communion	9	10 Confirmation 6:00pm	11	12	13 6:30pm - 8:30pm Family Movie Night: Polar Express	14
15 Children's Choir 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 am St. Lucia and Children's Christmas Program- Fellowship after the service Worship 10:30 with Communion	16	17 Confirmation 6:00pm Council Meet- ing 7pm Staff Meeting and Christmas Party 10:30	18	19	20	21
22 Cantata "Come & Wor- ship" during the 10:30 Worship No Sunday School or Chil- dren's Choir Worship 10:30 with Communion	23	24 7:00pm - Christmas Eve Service with candle light	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28
29 Lessons & Carols Worship Service at 10:30	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31 OFFICE CLOSED	1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4



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

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

November 30, 2024

Dear Bethel Family:

In the spirit of giving during the Holiday Season, it has been customary to present our staff with a gift from the congregation. A "Christmas Purse" will be presented to each of our seven staff members the week of December 22, 2024.

If you would like to provide a monetary gift, please use an envelope and mark "Christmas Purse" on the outside of the envelope and return to church by December 22, 2024.

Bethel Staff and Church Council wishes everyone a Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Yours in Christ,
Bethel Lutheran Council



Merry Christmas

