

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Service - Sundays at 9:00am; Sunday School, (Sept. thru May) at 10:15am
God's work. Our hands.

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact the church at: 716-933-6699 or Pastor Derek Cheek at 716-307-7963.

AUGUST 2019



Friends, do you know about the life of St. Francis of Assisi? He was one of the most fascinating Christians who ever lived! You will be astounded as you find out about this very faithful follower of our Lord.

You should know that St. Francis believed and taught that the world and all that exist in it: people, animals, plants, mountains, insects, and so forth, were all gifts of God's love. According to the Bible, immediately after God finished creating everything: "God saw everything he had made, and indeed, it was very good." (Genesis 1:31) He believed that since God created the earth and all good things in it, that God intended for us to be stewards (or caretakers) of the world.

St. Francis did his part. He lovingly cared for the earth and all on it as best he could. Every man was his brother; every woman his sister. He even thought of animals as his brothers and sisters. He cared for them all. It is said that one day he saw a worm crawling on a road, picked it up and carried it to a place where it would be safe. After all, did not God have a purpose for the worm? It could help cultivate the soil for one thing. It could be used to catch a fish for another. There are many stories of Francis, another of which is in this month's issue of Stewardship. It will help you think about how God

has provided for you and how you can show gratitude to God.

Prayer: Thank you Lord for St. Francis and his wonderful example of caring for the earth and all its inhabitants. Amen.



The Portville Food Pantry collects these items on an on-going basis: spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, pasta, mac and cheese, pork and beans, canned vegetables, tuna, soup, rice, egg noodles, and canned tomatoes. **Cereal is also needed as well.**



Pray First!

- For all service men and women, and their families, especially *Casey McCarthy, Tyler McCarthy, Kendra Linn, Travis Dorvit and Kyle Lust*. For Christ to be made known in our companion synods – *Zimbabwe and Zambia*, and our partner synod – *Central/Southern Illinois Synod*. For the Franciscan community at *Mt. Irenaeus* and the *Burkhart Retreat Center for Life* – retreats in our local area. For our Bishops, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton (ELCA) and John Macholz Upstate New York Synod), Assistants to the Bishop Dave Preisinger, Mary Johnson, and Dean Daniel Rumfelt. For the mission congregations in our synod—*Organic Faith* in Amherst and *Todos los Hijos de Dios* in Amsterdam. For the pastors and congregations in our Southwestern Conference and for our congregation council leaders – President *Bill Graves*, Secretary *Linda Scott*, Treasurer *Doug Ploetz*, Vice President *Ruth Brewer* and members *Caroline Miller, Donald Linn and Ron Kile*. For our sister congregation, *Peace Lutheran* and their ministry in Slidell, LA for the ministry of *ELCMA* – Evangelical Lutheran Coalition for Mission in Appalachia. For area ministries: *Genesis House, Portville Community Food Pantry, and Interfaith Caregivers, Accounting Beyond Borders*.

PLEASE SEE BULLETIN BOARD outside the sanctuary for a COMPLETE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Council Member

Assignment

Bill Graves
Ruth Brewer
Linda Scott
Doug Ploetz
Ruth Brewer

Caroline Miller

Ron Kile
Don Linn

Committee

Council President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Worship and Music &
Christian Education
Stewardship &
Fellowship

Property

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We NEED people to sign up as worship servants. We are in need of Lectors, Prayer Leaders, Ushers, Communion assistants and Altar Guild. There are sign-up sheets on the table in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up for one or more of these positions as you feel led. Thank you.

Prayer Chain:

If you have need of prayer, we have an e-mail prayer chain. Just call Bev Robinson – phone number 814-225-3341 or e-mail at grandmagee756@gmail.com

Fundraiser Funds are divided as follows:

- 10% Charity of our choice**
- 10% Benevolence**
- Rest in general fund**

Please keep these members in your prayers and send them a card if you are able.



Hilda Prosser

% Cuba Memorial Hospital
Nursing Home – Room 238W
140 West Main Street
Cuba, NY 14727
(585) 968-2000 Ext. 712

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!

August 3rd – Chicken BBQ, bake sale, and basket raffle – start thinking about your basket donation. Caroline Miller - chair

Have you checked out Bethel's Facebook Group?

The url is:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/127210584114232/>.

Aug 6th – Community Night Out at Bethel – from 6pm-8pm. An evening of fun with games – volleyball, corn hole, badminton, bocce ball, can jam, and board games and a chance to get to know your neighbors, community leaders, safety responders, local departments, fire departments, educators and community churches! Refreshments and drinks, music and games provided.



October 12th – World Food Rally Day

October 17th - Pulled Pork Dinner.

**God's Huggers will be on vacation for July and August!
We will be back on Tuesday, September 17th !**

THANK YOU!! Ron Kile for cutting up the tree that fell after the storm.

THANK YOU!! Trinetta Brewer and Don Linn for taking care of the sawed up tree.

On July 13th Bethel held our annual pie sale at Heritage days in Portville. We had over 40 pies and made \$455 that will be donated to Portville Food Pantry. Thank you to Ruth, Joyce Kratts, Caroline, Linda, Joan and Ron for making all the pies.

August 2019

Worship Assistants, Birthdays, and Anniversaries



Worship Assistants

Acolyte.....*Dakota & Haedyn Brewer*

Communion Assistants.....

4th – *Linda Scott and Caroline Miller*
 11th – *Linda Scott and Caroline Miller*
 18th – *Linda Scott and Cheryl Welles*
 25th – *Linda Scott and Cheryl Welles*

Lectors:

August 4th*Jo Kile*
 August 11th*????*
 August 18th*????*
 August 25th*Jo Kile*

Prayer Leader:

August 4th*Linda Scott*
 August 11th.....*Caroline Miller*
 August 18th*Linda Scott*
 August 25th*Caroline Miller*

Usher/s*Bill Graves*

Mail Greeter*Caroline Miller*

Altar Guild.....*????*

Bread Baker.....*Ron Kile*

- 1—June Murray
- 4—Tess Wolsky
- 8—Carol Miller, Kassondra Lopes
Haedyn Brewer, Daniel Lewis
- 11—Matthew Fahnestock
- 14—Renee MacPherson
- 15—Sherrill Ehlers
- 24—Laura Giberson
- 28—Jean Morgan, Kathy Baughman
- 31—Jennifer Snow-Smith
Brenndon Wolsky



Happy Anniversary

- 2—Mark & Cheryl Welles
- 4—Rick & Nannette Giberson,
Kevin & Sharon Hepfer
- 12—Bill & Candy Clemens
- 17— Pat & Laurie Dunn

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR - August 2019

Saturday, August 3 **Eleventh Annual Chicken BBQ, bake sale, and basket raffle**

Sunday, August 4 ***The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost***
9:00am- Worship with Fellowship time following

Tuesday, August 6 **Community Night Out at Bethel - from 6pm-8pm**

Sunday, August 11 ***The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost***
9:00am - Worship with fellowship time following

Sunday, August 18 ***The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost***
9:00am - Worship with fellowship time following

Thursday, August 22 Council meeting at 7pm

Sunday, August 25 ***The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost***
9:00am - Worship with fellowship time following

The monthly offering for August will be Interfaith Caregivers



One ornament

Front of second ornament

Back of second ornament

Ruth Brewer is selling these 2 ornaments for a fundraiser for the mission trip to Guatemala. They are \$24 each. Ruth will bring them to church to display and sell.

Guatemala mission update.

The Guatemala mission team is asking for donations of kitchen towels, peanut butter, and thread for sewing. The kitchen towels don't have to be new.

Sunday, August 4, Ruth Brewer and Dakota Brewer will be commissioned. They leave on August 10th and return August 17th.

Thanks.

Ruth Brewer

Please give your favorite hymns to the worship and music committee by the end of August. Ruth, Pen and Terri will incorporate the hymns into the service this fall.



Happy 97th Birthday Hilda Prosser!
Queen for the Day! Enjoy!!



Lynn White
Pictured in the front row (from left to right) are Jamie Cline, Dr. Douglas Pierson, Sandra Burdick, and Laurie Dunn. In the second row (from left to right) are Christian Vernam, George Merry, Jeanine Rose, and Nathan Monroe.

Alfred State College honors 10-year employees

ALFRED - Members of the faculty and staff at Alfred State were recently honored for their 10 years of services at the college this June.

Those honored included Sandra Burdick, event concierge, Student Engagement; Linda Chase, cleaner, Facilities Services; Jamie Cline, cleaner, Facilities

Services; Laurie Dunn, associate professor, Nursing; George Merry, assistant professor, Computerized Design and Manufacturing; Nathan Monroe, cleaner, Facilities Services; Mary Perkins, cleaner, Facilities Services; Dr. Douglas Pierson, associate professor, Agriculture and Veterinary Technology;

Jeanine Rose, assistant director, Health and Wellness Services; Laurie Spike, supervising janitor, Facilities Services; and Christian Vernam, assistant director of financial aid, Student Records and Financial Services.

Honorees received a certificate and a college umbrella.

Congratulations!!!!!!



Here is a picture of my two grandkids that graduated in May. Connie Miller graduated from UB in Buffalo NY, with a degree in Community Health, on May 19, 2019. She plans to attend Brockport State College in the fall to get a degree in Meteorology. Her brother Kurt Miller graduated on May 18, 2019, with a degree in Criminal Justice. He is planning to apply to New York State Troopers School. They are the children of Bob and Maria Miller of Franklinville, NY and the grandchildren of Kurt and Caroline Miller.

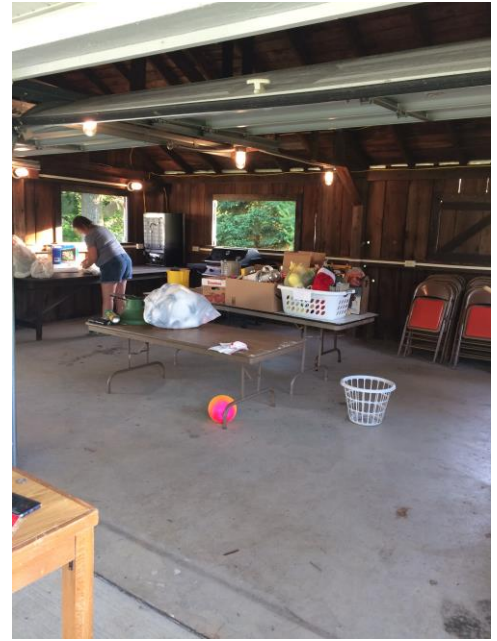
Bethel Lutheran Church Scholarship recipients for 2019

Leigha Haberly, Olean, graduate of Portville Central School, plans to attend St Bonaventure University

James Daley, Olean, graduate of Portville Central School, plans to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Lauren Schifley, Allegany, graduate of Allegany-Limestone Central School, plans to attend Canisius College

Sydney Colligan, Portville, graduate of Portville Central School, plans to attend Edinboro University



On July 13th Bethel held a yard sale. Lots of treasures were donated for the sale. Proceeds totaled \$318. 5% of the total will be donated to ABB Ministries as the charity of choice. Thank you to all who donated and helped with setup and cleanup. Thank you Jo for organizing the yard sale.



Headline: Bethel Lutheran Church Continues to Collect Donations!

Cleaning out your closets? We have a place for you to drop them off!! Bethel Lutheran Church is seeking clothing donations from community members. We have been partnering with St. Pauly Textile Inc. to collect used clothing for the past 5+ years. St. Pauly Textile Inc. works with non-profit organizations, like Bethel Lutheran Church, to set up used clothing drop off sheds designed to give community members a clean, attractive, and well-monitored place to donate gently used textile items, which are then distributed both here in the U.S. and worldwide to people who need them.

The Church receives funding for all the used clothing collected and is able to use the funds towards special projects and missions. Additionally has the option to use any of this clothing to serve community needs.

St. Pauly Textile, Inc. collects over 120,000 pounds of clothing every day and estimates that this clothing ends up in 44 different countries (including the United States) yearly. The company was able to help keep over 20 million articles of clothing out of landfills. The company was founded 23 years ago in Rochester, NY and is an A+ rated member of the Better Business Bureau.

Accepted items include clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, drapes, linens, pillowcases and stuffed animals. Donors are asked to donate items in a plastic bag to protect against dirt and the elements. There is a small box on the shed that contains receipts to help donors take a tax deduction.

Consider donating your used clothing items today at 79 Brooklyn Street in Portville, NY.





Congratulations Laura & Jake!
June 29, 2019



Bethel has an adorable new friend!!!
Welcome!!