

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.

February 2020



The beloved UCLA basketball coach John Wooden, now in his nineties, began each basketball season by sitting his players on a bench and demonstrating the proper way to put on their socks before putting on their basketball shoes! Coach Wooden knew that if the socks were smooth and tight on their feet it would prevent them from getting blisters and probably not be able to play as they became worse. One of Coach Wooden's mottos was: "Little things make big things happen." Another of his quotes is "Failing to prepare is preparing to fail." He believed that being disciplined in one's life, habits and daily practices is the clue to living a successful and worthy life. Is it any wonder that his UCLA teams won National Championships 10 times? What the coach was teaching was that to be a good steward of the life God has given us,

one must be disciplined in all things: one's body, mind, spirit, talents, resources, even the use of our time. This month's issue of Stewardship makes highlights the point that if we are not so disciplined, we will not fulfill the plans God has for each of us. The last five verses of the 24th chapter of the book of Proverbs makes a similar point:

"I passed by the field of one who was lazy ... and it was all overgrown with thorns ... covered with nettles. Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction. A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed warrior." (Proverb 24:30-34)

Such is the life of one who fails to apply their God-given gifts in a consistent, disciplined manner.

Prayer: Teach us, dear Lord, to make our lives fruitful so that we become good and faithful servants of Christ. Amen.



Pray First!

- For all service men and women, and their families, especially *Hillary Peterson, 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 Rumpfelt. 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

Committee Assignment

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| Bill Graves | Council President |
| Ruth Brewer | Vice President |
| Linda Scott | Secretary |
| Doug Ploetz | Treasurer |
| Ruth Brewer | Worship and Music & Christian Education |
| Caroline Miller | Stewardship & Fellowship |
| Ron Kile | |
| Don Linn | Property |

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Prayer Chain:

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



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

Please show your support and keep in touch with our college students:

Dakota Brewer
122 Perry Lane
Highlands 2, Room 2254
Edinboro, PA 16444

Have you checked out Bethel's Facebook Group?

The url is:

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



Choir practice is held on Sunday mornings at 7:45am. All are welcome to join. **No audition necessary**

The special offering for February will be as follows:

1st Sunday Confirmation
Rest of the month will be Veteran's Van



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, cereals and canned tomatoes. **Especially needed is canned fruit.**

Fundraiser Funds are divided as follows:

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



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.

FEBRUARY 2020

Worship Assistants, Birthdays and Anniversaries



Worship Assistants

Acolyte*Haedyn Brewer*

Communion Assistants...*Ruth Brewer*
.....*and ??*

Lectors:

February 2nd*Doug Ploetz*
February 9th*Pen Yunghans*
February 16th*Ruth Brewer*
February 23rd*Nannette Giberson*

Prayer Leader:

February 2nd*Nannette Giberson*
February 9th*Doug Ploetz*
February 16th*Ruth Brewer*
February 23rd*Linda Scott*

Usher/s.....??

Altar Guild.....*Ruth Brewer*

Mail Greeter.....*Nannette Giberson*

Bread Baker*Ron Kile*



Happy Birthday to:

- 2....Marilyn (Ploetz) Perkins
- 2....Troy Giberson
- 3....Annie Blicharz
- 4... Pace Scott
- 5....Robert Baughman
- 7....Quinn Scott
- 9...Mitch Smith
- 12...Robert MacPherson
- 14...Kay Anderson
- 19...Irelynn MacPherson
- 20...Kevin Hepfer
- 20...Warner Johnson
- 26...Linda Scott



Happy Anniversary to:

- 20...Bill & Karen Snow

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR - FEBRUARY 2020

Saturday, Feb 1

8:00am-11:00am - Monthly Breakfast

Sunday, Feb 2

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

7:45am - Choir Practice

9:00am- Worship with Fellowship time following

10:15am- Sunday school

Sunday, Feb 9

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

7:45am - Choir Practice

9:00am - Worship with fellowship time following

10:15am - Sunday school

Sunday, Feb 16

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

7:45am - Choir Practice

9:00am - Worship with fellowship time following

10:15am - Sunday school

Thurs. Feb 20

7:00pm - Church Council

Sunday, Feb 23

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

7:45am - Choir practice

9:00am - Worship with Annual meeting following

No Sunday school

Wednesday, Feb 26

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00pm - Service at **St. John's**

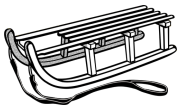
WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!



Our next **monthly breakfast** will be on **Saturday, February 1st, 8:00 till 11:00.**
Please come and join the fellowship and bring your family and friends.



God's Huggers will meet on **Monday, February 17th at 6:30pm!** All are welcome.



The **sled riding party** is scheduled for **February 9th** at Linda Scott's house as long as we have snow otherwise we will reschedule it. Chili and hotdogs will be provided and for those attending. Please bring a dish to share. Welcome to all! Come visit or slide down hill or both!

Our **ANNUAL MEETING** will be held following our worship service on **February 23rd.**
Please do your best to attend. **There will be no Sunday school.** Thank you.

Help in the fight against human sex trafficking! *But how?*

Join women from the Southwestern Conference for ~

The S.O.A.P. Project WORKDAY
Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 9:30 am
at Christ Chapel
Lutheran Home & Rehabilitation Center
715 Falconer Street
Jamestown, New York 14701

What is S.O.A.P. ? " **Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution**" is a hands-on national outreach to fight sex trafficking, founded by Theresa Flores, herself a survivor. **S.O.A.P.** National travels across the US, holding outreaches during large events, like the Super Bowl.

How does the S.O.A.P Project work? Together with local organizations, the **S.O.A.P. Project** distributes millions of bars of soap (free) and other resources to high-risk motels in these large-event areas as identified by trained volunteers. Each bar, wrapped with a red band, gives the National Human Trafficking Hotline on it.

So, what can we do to help? Simple. Join us at our **S.O.A.P. Project** workday and help place the red bands on the bars of soap (both provided). We'll send them back to **S.O.A.P.** headquarters and they take it from there. That's it. But in that small step we may have saved someone's life.

Please join the **S.O.A.P. Project** and help us as we fight against human sex trafficking.

Thank You

Thank you to Rick Giberson for cleaning the gutters, mowing, raking and getting us ready for winter. **Thank you!**

Thanks to everyone who sends in photos and info for the newsletter!

Dear Friend,

Please accept our warmest thanks for your support of Gift Tree. You helped to make this holiday season joyous for many families in the community.

Sincerely,

*Interfaith Caregivers
& The Olean Times Herald*



*Please accept our warmest thanks
for your
generous contribution of \$38.00.*

*Your gift will help us to
continue our mission in providing
service to those in need.*

Sincerely,

Megan Taylor

Executive Director



On Sunday December 22nd we were blessed to have our Sunday School children put on their annual Christmas program. It was a play called "Is It Really Christmas?" The kids knocked it out of the park. We are so very blessed to have so many children in our Sunday school.





Thank you April, Skip, Courtney and Nedeane for assisting with everything and helping to make it a success!! Thank you Sunday school. You make us so very proud!! Thank you Nannette!!

Your Mama's so Lutheran

all of her casserole dishes
have her name taped
to the bottom.



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