

# 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.*

## JULY 2019



There is a fascinating story about a man who saw to it that his family put God first in the use of their time, talents, and their possessions. He knew that our lives would best be “made” when we lived with a passion to serve God and conveyed this to his children in everything he did. He knew that if each of us wants to work on behalf of the Kingdom of God, then we are compelled to live as God’s heirs. To do so is to fulfill God’s plan for our existence.

This man lived a purposeful life for God. He was loyal to both God and others and obeyed the Commandments. He was a diligent worker at his job. He served, not only in his church, but in his community as well. He had time for what was good, but no time to waste foolishly.

Most importantly, he saw to it that there was joy in his family. They took time to pray together, share their lives, laugh and cry together, and comfort one another. It is no wonder that his children learned to use their brains and bodies and personalities as children of God. They learned to do their best in all their endeavors: school, sports, work, etc. They understood that to do less would be letting down their family, as well as God. Their father taught them how to handle their money wisely, as though they were accountable to God in its use. “In all they do,” the father told them, “they must be an honor to the King, our loving God.”

**Prayer:** Heavenly Lord, we thank you for those who have given their all in serving you. Give us the grace to follow their lead with faithfulness. 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.**

A great big thank you goes to Mark & Cheryl Welles for making our driving experience smooth sailing in our parking lot!!!!

A thank you has been received from Mike, Dee and Sofia Hatch –

To the parishioners of Bethel Lutheran Church, We want to thank you for your generous donation to our family after the tragic fire. It was greatly appreciated! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!



**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

Committee

Assignment

Bill Graves  
Ruth Brewer  
Linda Scott  
Doug Ploetz  
Ruth Brewer

Caroline Miller

Ron Kile  
Don Linn

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](mailto: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.

On July 26<sup>th</sup> Hilda will be 96 years old. Please shower her with cards for her birthday and bless her day!!!!

**Hilda Prosser**

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

The Scandinavian Folk Festival is celebrating its 18th anniversary this year on July 19-21, at the campus of the Jamestown Community College! The planning committee is looking for volunteers to help out in a variety of areas. Volunteering for three hours gets you in free for the day; five hours gets you in free for the entire weekend. If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities, please contact Mary-AnnEva Ingrao via email at [shimmer@flmtgif.org](mailto:shimmer@flmtgif.org) or via phone at 716-489-1570.  
Gwen Axelson

**Have you checked out Bethel's Facebook Group?**

The url is:

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



God's Huggers will be on vacation for July and August!  
We will be back in September!



**WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!**

**July 13<sup>th</sup> Garage Sale** at Bethel from 9-3. Start collecting your treasures. The Pavilion will be set up by June 16<sup>th</sup> for drop off. Clothes will be sold for 50 cents each and whatever is left will be donated to the St Pauly shed. All donations need to be at church by July 10<sup>th</sup>.

**July 13<sup>th</sup> annual Pie Sale** at Heritage Days in Portville. Proceeds will benefit the Portville Food Pantry.

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

**Aug 6<sup>th</sup> – Community Night at Bethel** – evening of fun with games and a chance to get to know your neighbors! Refreshments and drinks and games provided.

**October 12<sup>th</sup> – World Food Rally Day**

**October 17<sup>th</sup> - Pulled Pork Dinner.**

# July 2019

## Worship Assistants, Birthdays, and Anniversaries



### Worship Assistants

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

Communion Assistants.....  
*Ruth Brewer and Caroline Miller*

#### Lectors:

July 7<sup>th</sup> .....*Pen Yunghans*  
 July 14<sup>th</sup> .....*Haedyn Brewer*  
 July 21<sup>st</sup> .....*Nannette Giberson*  
 July 28<sup>th</sup> .....*Ruth Brewer*

#### Prayer Leader:

July 7<sup>th</sup> .....*Ruth Brewer*  
 July 14<sup>th</sup> .. .....*Linda Scott*  
 July 21<sup>st</sup> .....*Caroline Miller*  
 July 28<sup>th</sup> ... .....*Connie Matteson*

Usher/s .....*Don Linn*

Mail Greeter .....*Caroline Miller*

Altar Guild.....*Ruth Brewer*

Bread Baker.....*Ron Kile*

3—Doug Ploetz  
 5—Mark Welles  
 11—Cliff Nix  
 22—Mike Brewer  
 24—Cheryl Welles, Abbagayle Wolsky  
 26—Joelle Brewer, Hilda Prosser  
       Pen Yunghans, Yanna Mott  
 28—Ron Kile, Chelsea Shelander  
 29—Billy Snow



12—Chris & Molly Scott  
 16—Rick & Delores Chapman,  
 22—Kyle & Kristen Keenan  
 25—Chris & Joy Linn  
 26—Kurt & Carol Miller

## **BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR - JULY 2019**

- Sunday, July 7                      ***The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost***  
9:00am- Worship with Fellowship time following
- Saturday, July 13                      Annual Pie Sale at Heritage Days  
Garage Sale at Bethel
- Sunday, July 14                      ***The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost***  
9:00am - Worship with fellowship time following
- Sunday, July 21                      ***The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost***  
9:00am - Worship with fellowship time following
- Thursday, July 18                      Council meeting at 7pm
- Sunday, July 28                      ***The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost***  
9:00am - Worship with fellowship time following

***The monthly offering for July 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.

## Please visit us at the Mountain in 2019!

We welcome everyone to make a visit to the Mountain in the upcoming year. Whether it is to take a hike, sit by the pond, share a meal, relax on the porch or spend a few days with us ... please know you are always welcome to join us for some time on the Mountain ... this is home for everyone!

### Summer 2019 - Evenings of Re-Creation

Celebrating the Mountain's responding to the call of Jesus to "Go into all the world and proclaim the Good News to the whole of creation." (Mark 16:15)

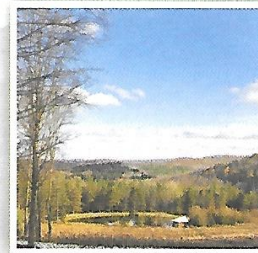
#### Wednesday Evenings - June 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24

- 5:15 pm Evening Prayer followed by quiet time on the land
- 6:30 pm Dish to pass supper
- 7:30 pm Eucharist with discussion of theme

Feel free to come to all or part of any evening and to come early to spend time on the land.

For any questions about the evenings, call the friars at 585-973-2470.

*"Climb the Mountain!"*







Our young ones intently listening to Pastor Lee share a children's sermon!!! And enjoying it!!!





*Do you know where this is? Do you recognize it?  
This is the Cross on top of Bethel looking from  
Chestnut Hill Cemetery!*



*We have a little snapchat going on!!*

### **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.

Thanks.

Ruth Brewer



# Congratulations!!!!!!

Haedyn Brewer received an award from American Chemical Society on Wednesday evening.

## American Chemical Society recognizes outstanding students

JAMESTOWN, N.Y. – The Penn-York Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS) honored area chemistry students recently at their annual awards night at Moon Brook Country Club in Jamestown, N.Y.

The American Chemical Society is a congressionally chartered independent membership organization that represents professionals at all degree levels and in all fields of chemistry and sciences that involve chemistry. It is the largest scientific society by membership, and the Penn-York is one of the largest geographical sections of the ACS, covering the western Southern Tier of New York and the adjacent area of Pennsylvania.

All high school teachers in the Penn-York area were invited to select their outstanding chemistry student and submit his or her name to the Section. The teachers, students and their families were invited to the dinner, where Secretary-Treasurer Charles Brininger, retired

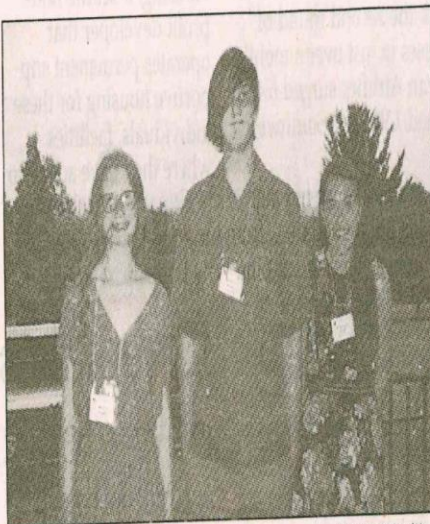


Photo submitted

The Penn-York Section of the American Chemical Society recognized outstanding chemistry students at their awards night on June 12. Pennsylvania students honored at the event at Moon Brook Country Club in Jamestown, N.Y., were, from left, Mia Ambuski, Port Allegany High School; Haedyn Brewer, Otto-Eldred High School; and MaKenzie Mesler, Oswayo Valley High School.

and adjunct Professor of Chemistry at Jamestown Community College's Jamestown Campus, welcomed everyone and gave background on the ACS. Penn-York Chair Donna Brestensky, Professor of Chemistry at St. Bonaventure University, presented the awards.

Pennsylvania students recognized were Mia Ambuski, Port Allegany

High School; Haedyn Brewer, Otto-Eldred High School; and MaKenzie Mesler, Oswayo Valley High School.

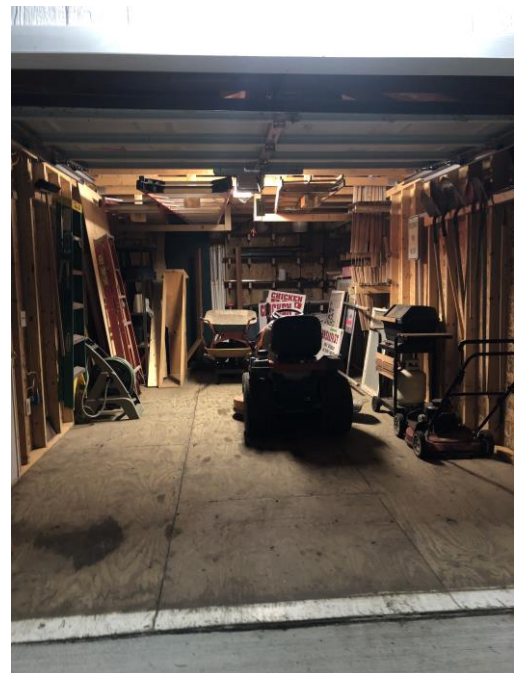
After receiving their cash prize, each youth spoke briefly on their academic plans and professional aspirations. Award certificates had been sent to the students' schools for presentation at their awards assemblies.



Christ gave us a beautiful night to do his work!!!!



Now you see it and now you don't!!!! The shed has a new life!!!!





Southern Love and Blessings



If God can make a  
bugs bottom light up  
to decorate the night  
sky, imagine all He  
can do in your life!

**Have an awesome Fourth of July!!**