

# BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
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(ELCA) [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

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.*

## JUNE 2018



A past issue of **Stewardship** has a story about a writer for a Chicago newspaper some years ago. His name was Vaughn Shoemaker and he must have been quite saintly. I say that because when someone asked him about his spiritual life he did not boast, but he said that he took his faith seriously and started each morning at work praying for God's guidance. He said he began by kneeling and saying "God, whatever talent that I have you have given me and developed in me. Take it and use it. Guide my hand."

Wouldn't you have liked to know Mr. Shoemaker? He surely set an example for those who worked with him. What a steward he was ... What a saint!

A story is told about a teacher in a Christian seminary who one night made a vow to God that went something like this: "Dear Father, I vow tonight to take upon myself all saintly disciplines. I will pray often, spend time daily with your Word, and use any of my talents to serve you and your Kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven. It will be my goal to become a saint in this life with your

guidance and support. Amen." After some years of serving God with all of his being, he died. Many of the mourners present said that he truly was a saint through and through. Being realistic about how most of us live, not many of us will achieve sainthood. But we are required by Scripture to be worthy stewards. Here is what St. Paul said in First Corinthians Chapter 4, verse 2: "It is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy." Enough said!

**Prayer:** "Dear Lord, we are yours. Use us in whatever way we are needed. As long as we live."  
**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.**



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

**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 Jerry Maerten*. 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*.

Council Member

Assignment

Bill Graves  
Ruth Brewer  
Linda Scott  
Doug Ploetz  
Ruth Brewer

Caroline Miller

Jerry Maerten  
Don Linn

Committee

Council President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Worship and Music & Christian Education  
Stewardship & Fellowship  
Outreach/Evangelism  
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.**

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

The url is:

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

**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.

**Skip Robinson**

1262 Indian Creek Road  
Eldred, PA 16731  
(814) 225-3341

**Hilda Prosser**

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

**In Memory of Matthew Cole**

Ron & Nancy Wilcox  
Cheryl & Mark Welles  
Bev & Skip Robinson  
Rick Giberson Family  
Kurt & Caroline Miller  
Linda Scott

**In Memory of Wilma Sanford**

Cheryl & Mark Welles  
Bev & Skip Robinson  
Cliff & Marge Nix  
Rick Giberson Family

**In Memory of Terry Walden**

Kurt & Caroline Miller (Bldg. fund)

**In Memory of Ryan Aderman**

Mark & Cheryl Welles



Our Monthly breakfasts will start up again in October.



Choir practice is held Sunday mornings at 7:45am. All are welcome to join. **Sopranos' are needed.**

**No audition necessary**

***Thank You***

***Thank you Trinette Brewer for donating the new vacuum cleaner to Bethel!! It works great!!***

# June 2018

## Worship Assistants, Birthdays, and Anniversaries



### Worship Assistants

Acolyte.....*Dakota Brewer*

Communion Assistants.....*Caroline Miller  
and Linda Scott*

### Lectors:

June 3rd .....*Pen Yunghans*

June 10<sup>th</sup> .....*Connie Smith-Matteson*

June 17<sup>th</sup> .....*Linda Scott*

June 24<sup>th</sup> .....*Jo Kile*

### Prayer Leader:

June 3<sup>rd</sup> .....*Connie Smith-Matteson*

June 10<sup>th</sup> .. .....*Linda Scott*

June 17<sup>th</sup> . .....*Caroline Miller*

June 24<sup>th</sup> .....*Jo Kile*

Usher/s .....

Mail Greeter .....*Caroline Miller*

Altar Guild.....*Ruth Brewer*

Bread Baker.....*Ron Kile*

### Happy Birthday to:

1—Joe Shoff

2— Nedeane Knowlton

3—Bryan Hatch, Trinetta Brewer

4—Chris Linn

8—Deb Wolsky

14—Tom Olson, Carol Parr

20—Lindsey Nicholas

21—Rick Giberson & Chris Badger

22—Justin Brewer, Emily Linn

23—Jon Wolsky

28—Lisa Andrus



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

4—Jon & Amy Giberson

9—Doug & Terri Ploetz

10—Dan & Kerrie Parr

11—Bill & Judy Graves

23—Skip & Bev Robinson

25—Chris and Mary Jane Badger

29—Warner & Joan Johnson

## **BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR JUNE 2018**

Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

### ***THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

7:45am - Choir Rehearsal

9:00am- Worship with fellowship following

Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

### ***THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

7:45am - Choir Rehearsal

9:00am - Worship with fellowship following

Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

### ***THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

9:00am - Worship with fellowship following

Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

7:00pm - Council Meeting

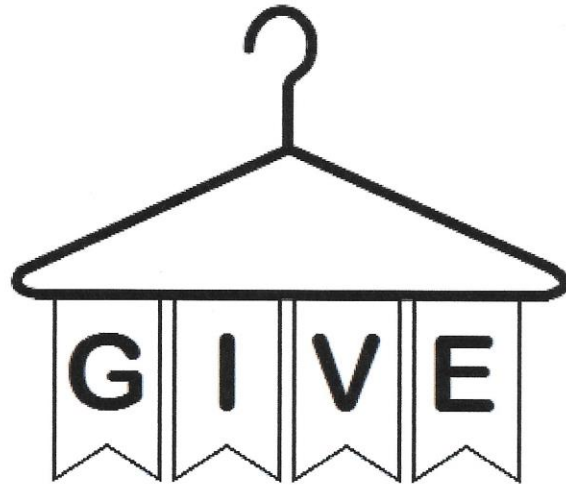
Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

### ***THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

9:00am - Worship with Fellowship following

The charity for the month of June is Interfaith Caregivers

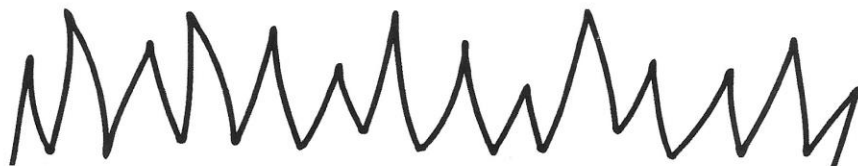
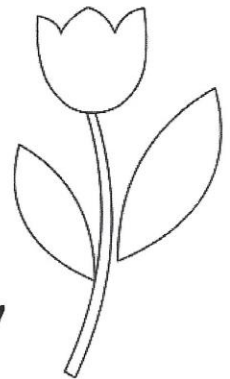
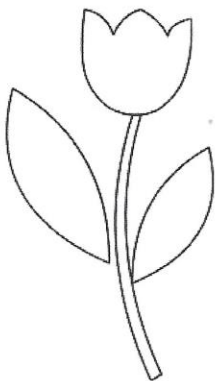
# Spring Cleaning?



Bring your old clothes, shoes,  
towels, and stuffed animals to;

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## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH BANQUET

The Women of the church banquet was held on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. The food was prepared and served by the men of our church. We had a really good attendance and the food was wonderful. Many thanks to Bill Graves who chaired this event and to all the men who stepped up to help him.

*Thank you to Shelley Sassaman (Beatrice Linn Scott Husband's granddaughter) for donating the money for the food and flowers for this banquet!*

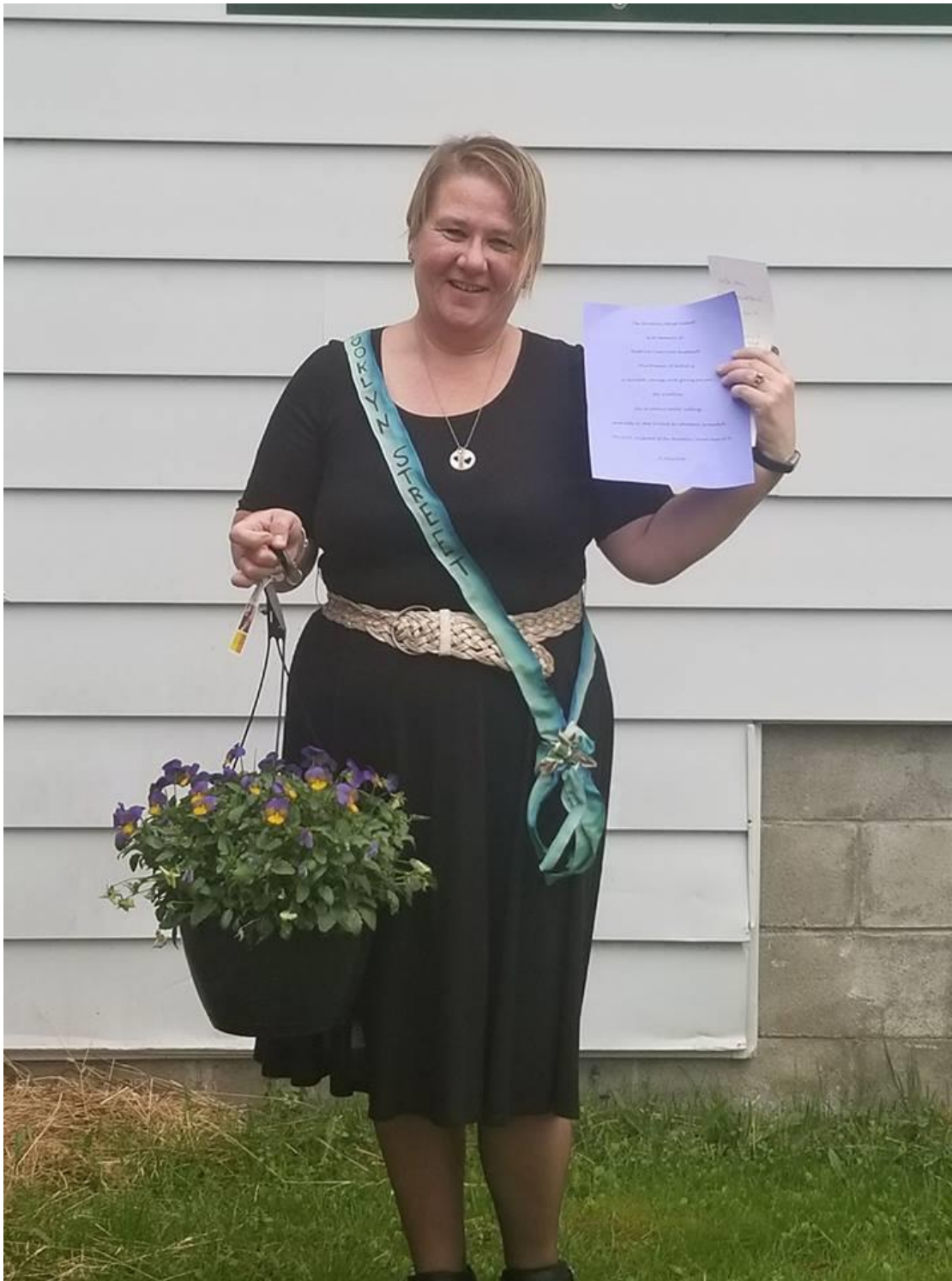








WINNER OF THE BETHEL LUTHERAN BROOKLYN STREET WOMAN OF THE  
YEAR AWARD FOR 2018 – JO KILE



*CONGRATULATIONS*

On May 20th we had our last day of Sunday school until fall. We performed during church; Chatter with the Angels, Do Lord, Jesus loves the little children and Halelu Praise ye the Lord. We had 10 children who did an outstanding job! We have a super bunch of kids!!! After service we had Sunday school coffee hour with delicious cookies made by Crystal Confections. Thank you parents for bringing your kids to Sunday school every week. Thank April, Courtney and Skip for all of your help each week!!! Have a great summer and see ya in ya the fall!!!

Blessings,  
Nannette







