



Bethel Lutheran Church

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We give thanks for

Sunday Worship—9:00 am,

Articles are due by 3rd Sunday of each month

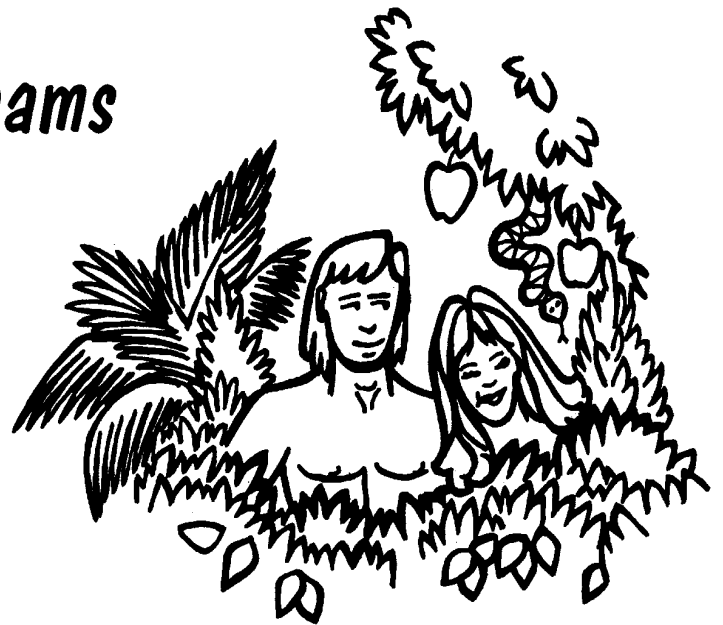
Husband and Wife Teams

The ways couples get together is sometimes very strange, sometimes funny and sometimes very romantic.

Have your parents tell you how they got together.

Here are some ways that couples in the Bible got together. Can you match them up?

1. This man's wife was made from his rib.
2. This man had to work for 14 years to get his wife.
3. A servant selected this man's wife when this man was 40 years old. He had never met her.
4. This man married his sister in-law, his brother's wife.
5. This man's parents objected to his marrying a Philistine woman, but finally gave in.



- a. Isaac and Rebekah
- b. Samson and Mrs. Samson
- c. Adam and Eve
- d. Jacob and Rachel
- e. Herod and Herodias

ANSWERS:

5. b
4. e
3. a
2. d
1. c

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Worship Service - Sundays at 9:00am; Sunday School at 10:30am

God's work. Our hands.



June, July & August, 2012

A Note from Pastor Dan

You have called Pastor Ivy to be your pastor! She will begin in the office on Tuesday, July 10, and her first Sunday will be July 15. This is exciting news and the beginning of a new blessing from God. Please come to church on the 15th and welcome Ivy and her husband Ray into the beautiful church home that is Bethel, Portville! Remember that Ivy's ordination and installation are set for Friday, July 6, 6 pm at Bethel, followed by a reception.

Also: Pastor Marie Meeks and I want to thank all the people of Bethel for welcoming us so warmly during the transition period! We have been proud to serve such a wonderful people. That service will continue through the first week of July – so if you have a pastoral need that week, please call Pastor Marie.

Bethel continues to be in my prayers. Prayers for abundant blessings from God in this new relationship of pastor and people. Prayers for Bethel to remain and grow as a beacon of Christ's love.

In Christ,
Pastor Daniel Rumfelt

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Greetings Bethel family,

As I write this, stacks of boxes surround me—some full and some empty. It is time to move! Tomorrow the trucks are loaded and Saturday we leave Gettysburg Seminary and arrive in Portville. This move is exactly one year from our move back to seminary from internship in West Virginia.

Moving is both exciting and stressful. We have found muscles we did not know we had. It is a big job. We could not have done this alone and we are grateful for the help of members of the body of Christ at Bethel. As the Apostle Paul wrote, “Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many” (1 Corinthians 12:14).

Friday night July 6 at 6:00 is my ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament and installation as your pastor. You are all invited and I hope many of you will be able to attend. Tuesday July 10 will be my first official day of work as pastor with Sunday July 15 being my first Sunday. If you see my car at church during the week, please feel free to drop in for a visit.

This is an exciting time for us on so many levels: doing what I’ve been studying to do for four years, moving into a house, being closer to family and friends living in New York State, and making new friends. We look forward to our journey together with you as part of the body of Christ in this place.

Peace,

Almost Pastor Ivy

Pray First!

- for all service men and women, and their families, especially *Juan Fraustro, Andrew Wright, Crystal Benson, Casey McCarthy, Mike Copponi, Lee Walden, Josh Canaan, and Zachary Russell*
- 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 area
- for Bishop *Marie Jerge* and her staff - *Mary Johnson and Dave Preisinger, and*

former Assistant to the Bishop John Kroschel

- 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 our Dean *Allie Leitzel*, LCLC and LSS
- for our congregation council leaders - President *Bryan Hatch*, Vice President *Gary Murray*; Secretary *Jo Kile*, Treasurer *Doug Ploetz*, and members *Rick Giberson, Carol Miller, Jon Wolsky, and Marie Franquet*
- for our sister congregation, *Peace*

Lutheran and their ministries in Slidell,
LA

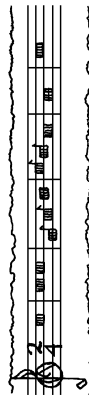
- for the ministry of *ELCMA* - Evangelical Lutheran Coalition for Mission in Appalachia
- for area ministries: *Genesis House*, *Portville Community Food Pantry*, and *Interfaith Caregivers*



**BETHEL COUNCIL MEMBERS
And their phone numbers**

<u>Council Member</u>	
Bryan Hatch	3716-373-2481
Gary Murray	814-698-2394
Jo Ann Kile.....	585-593-4726
Doug Ploetz	585-928-1262
Jon Wolsky.....	716-933-6659
Carol Miller.....	716-373-1642
Rick Giberson	716-933-8855
Marie Franquet.....	814-697-7774

Choir will be taking a well-earned summer break until fall, when practice and anthems at service will resume with our new choir director, Dawn Both. All are welcome to join. **No audition necessary!**



**MAKE
A
JOYFUL
NOISE
UNTO
GOD**

Portville’s “**Music in the Park**” has resumed on Wednesdays for the summer. The concerts will be held in the Pioneer Park gazebo (in the fire hall in case of rain). On July 18 the featured singer will be our own *Dawn Elizabeth Both*.

On April 12th and 13th Rick, Nannette, and Troy Giberson traveled to NYC. The Portville Varsity baseball team played Wellsville on the old Yankee Stadium field. The field is marked in blue so you know exactly where the old field was. It was great for the kids to have such an experience.

We also went to the 9/11 Memorial, rode on the Staten Island Ferry, saw the Statue of Liberty, and walked to the Rockefeller Center. We even saw a camera crew taping a show for *Person of Interest* and saw one of the main characters Mr. Reese.

It was beautiful weather and we thoroughly enjoyed our trip especially when we got to sit back and relax on the Covered Wagon charter bus.

Bethel’s Heritage Day Pie Sale will be held on July 14th. If you are able to furnish a fruit pie (no cream pies, please) or pies, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Funds will be supplemented by Thrivent Financial and will be given to the Portville Community Food Pantry. See *Linda Giberson* or *June Murray* for details



Food Donations

Please don’t forget that the Portville Community Food Pantry still needs your food donations. There is a basket in the fellowship hall to put canned and packaged foods.

The foods needed for the summer are:
Rice, Soups, Baked Beans, Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce

Thank you, Mary Hatch
Bethel representative to the
Portville Community Food Pantry

**Memorials have been given during the months of
April, May and June 2012**

To Bethel Lutheran Memorial Fund
in memory of

Beatrice A. Husband

given by

Wilda & Norm Miller and family

Mary Jean Brooks

Ann Balas

Susan B. Hunsicker

Helen Hoban

Mary Hoban

Joan B. Hoover

Kurt & Caroline Miller

Connie Smith-Matteson

Nancy A. Renner

June & Gary Murray

in memory of

Catherine "Kay" Linn

given by

Chris & Marie Franquet

Nancy A Renner

Virginia Cummins

in memory of

Richard Johnson

given by

Nancy A Renner

in memory of

Dorothy Burrell

given by

Chris & Marie Franquet

To Bethel Lutheran Memorial Fund
in memory of

Teresa Harmon

given by

Bryan & Mary Hatch

Rick & Nannette Giberson & Family

Linda Giberson

Nancy Patrick

Virginia "Ginny Faulkner

given by

June & Gary Murray

Bill & Judy Graves

Rick & Nannette Giberson & family

Bruce & Gloria Fox

Don & Katie Todd

Dylan Fox

Tara Ash & Nick White

Jack & Betty Rutterman

David A. Pupo

Linda Giberson

Memorial to BETHEL ORGAN FUND

in memory of

Rev. Donald Anderson

by Greta Anderson

in memory of

Bea Husband

by Judith Anderson

Bethel Lutheran Church Calendar

July, 2012

Sunday, **JULY 1**

PENTECOST 5

The Rev. Marie Meeks - guest preacher and presider

9am - Worship with fellowship following

Tuesday, **JULY 3**

6pm - Book of Faith Bible Study

Friday, **JULY 6**

6pm - Ordination and installation of

Ivy Marie Gauvin

Sunday, **JULY 8**

PENTECOST 6

The Rev Marie Meeks - guest preacher and presider

9am - Worship with fellowship following

Tuesday, **JULY 10**

Pastor Ivy Gauvin's first official day of work at Bethel Lutheran Church

Tuesday, **JULY 10**

6pm - Book of Faith Bible Study

Saturday, **JULY 14**

Bethel's Heritage Day Pie Sale

Sunday, **JULY 15**

PENTECOST 7

The Rev Ivy Gauvin's - first service

9am - Worship with fellowship following

Tuesday, **JULY 17**

6pm - Book of Faith Bible Study

Sunday, **JULY 22**

PENTECOST 8

9am - Worship with fellowship following

Tuesday, **JULY 24**

6pm - Book of Faith Bible Study

Sunday, **JULY 29**

PENTECOST 9

Tuesday, **JULY 31**

6pm - Book of Faith Bible Study

Bethel Lutheran Church Calendar

August, 2012

Sunday, AUGUST 5

PENTECOST 10

9am - Worship with fellowship following

Tuesday, AUGUST 7

6pm - Book of Faith Bible Study

Sunday, AUGUST 12

PENTECOST 11

9am - Worship with fellowship following

Tuesday, AUGUST 14

6pm - Book of Faith Bible Study

Sunday, AUGUST 19

PENTECOST 12

9am - Worship with fellowship following

Tuesday, AUGUST 21

6pm - Book of Faith Bible Study

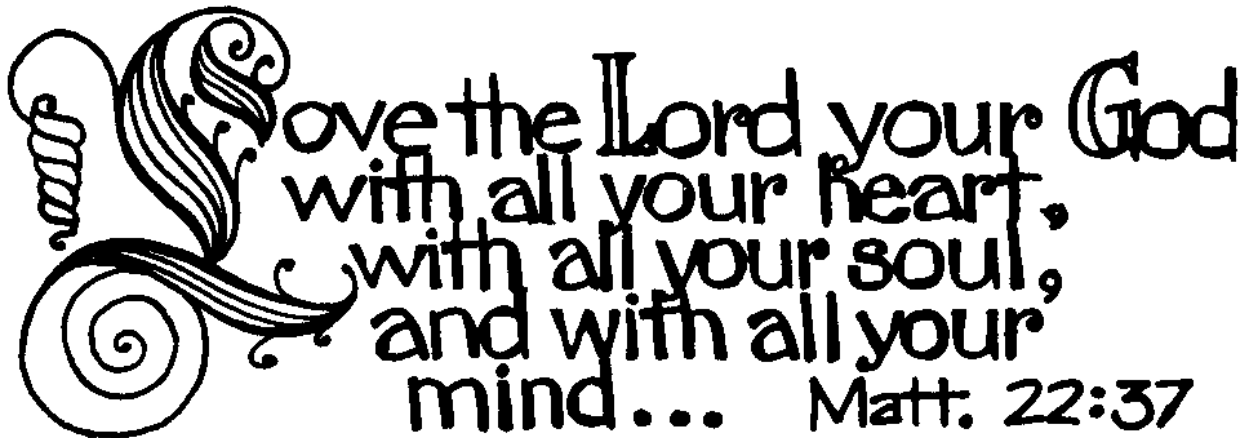
Sunday, AUGUST 26

PENTECOST 13

9am - Worship with fellowship following

Tuesday, AUGUST 28

6pm - Book of Faith Bible Study



July 2012



02—Ben Reynolds
03—Doug Ploetz
05—Mark Welles
11—Cliff Nix
17—Grant Reynolds
22—Mike Brewer
24—Gary Murray
24— Cheryl Welles
24— Abbagayle Wolsky
26— Joelle Brewer
26— Hilda Prosser
26— Pen Younghans
26— Yana Mott
28— Ron Kile
28— Chelsea Shelander
29— Bill Anderson
29— Billy Snow
29— Jay Welles



01— Ted & Linda Scott
16— Rick & Delores Chapman
16— David & Jinny Robinson
22— Kyle & Kristen Keenan
25— Chris & Joy Linn
26— Kurt & Caroline Miller

Worship Assistants

Lectors

July 1st *Ruth Brewer*
July 8th *Doug Ploetz*
July 15th *Ruth Brewer*
July 22nd *Doug Ploetz*
July 29th *Ruth Brewer*

Prayer Leaders

July 1st *June Murray*
July 8th *Jo Kile*
July 15th *Bev Robinson*
July 22nd *Judy Graves*
July 29th *Nannette Giberson*

Assistants for July

Communion Assistants *Jo Ann Kile*
Nannette Giberson
Usher/s *Bryan Hatch*
Mary Hatch
Altar Guild *Judy Anderson*
Mail Greeter *Carol Miller*

Bread Bakers*Ron Kile*

August 2012



- 01—June Murray
- 06—Donna Frungillo
- 08—Caroline Miller
- 08—Kassondra Lopes
- 08—Haedyn Brewer
- 10—Marie Franquet
- 11—Don Frungillo
- 11—Jon Clark
- 14—Renee MacPherson
- 15—Nathan
- 23—Sherrill Ehlers
- 24—Laura Giberson
- 28—Jean Morgan
- 28—Kathy Baughman
- 29—D Stedman
- 31—Jennifer Snow-Smith
- 31—Brenndon Wolsky



- 02— Mark & Cheryl Welles
- 04— Rick & Nannette Giberson
- 04— Kevin & Sharon Hepfer
- 12— Bill & Candy Clems
- 17— Scott & Lisa Nix
- 17— Pat & Laurie Dunn
- 23— Jon & Erica Clark

Worship Assistants

Lectors

- August 5th *Tess Wolsky*
- August 12th *Caroline Miller*
- August 19th *Tess Wolsky*
- August 26th *Caroline Miller*

Prayer Leaders

- August 5th *Linda Giberson*
- August 12th *June Murray*
- August 19th *Bev Robinson*
- August 26th *Bryan Hatch*

Assistants for August

- Acolyte..... *Ariel Kile*
- Communion Assistants *Hunter Kile*
Bryan Hatch

- Usher/s *???*
???

- Altar Guild *Linda Giberson*
- Mail Greeter *Carol Miller*
- Bread Bakers *Ron Kile*

Volunteers Needed



Bethel is in need of volunteers to do the following:

Mow the grass

Ushers (2 each month)

Communion Assistants (2 each month)

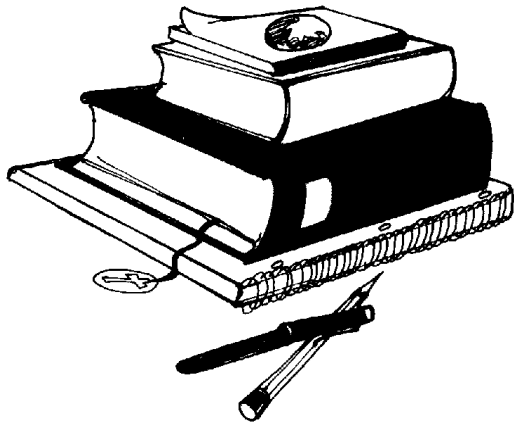
Altar Guild

Lay Lectors

Prayer Leaders

If you are interested, see the sign-up sheets in the
Fellowship Hall

Classes are being considered for training new people to do these tasks.



**Love of learning
is the key to
knowledge.**

Always keep learning.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The Portville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is looking for donations of school supplies to help our local students in August. This will be their third year holding this event. The first year they helped seventeen students, last year that increased to 111 students.

Some of the supplies they are asking for help with, but not limited to are: backpacks, pens (no red please), pencils, markers, colored pencils, crayons, highlighters, pencil

sharpeners, white poster board, three ring binders (1/2; 1; 2; 3 inches), 1 subject notebooks, loose leaf paper, glue, glue sticks, composition books, tissues, hand sanitizer, dividers (with and without pockets), soft pencil boxes, book covers, rulers, safety scissors, post-it notes, index cards and dry erase markers.

If you are interested in hosting a donation box, have any questions or are interested in making a donation please contact Mindy Latten at (716)307-2284.



PORTVILLE

Allison Renee Doty

- Dollars for Scholars
- Student Council Award

Sarah Jane Linn

Jennifer Lynn Olson

- Dollars for Scholars
- Pell Grant
- TAP Award
- Federal College Workstudy
- Juniata College Heritage Award
- Juanita Grant
- Juanita Grant Merit

CUBA-RUSHFORD

Casey Amelia Cappelletti

- CRCS Student Council Leadership
 - o Award
- Ideal CRCS Student Award

Katelyn Jean Hatch

WELLSVILLE

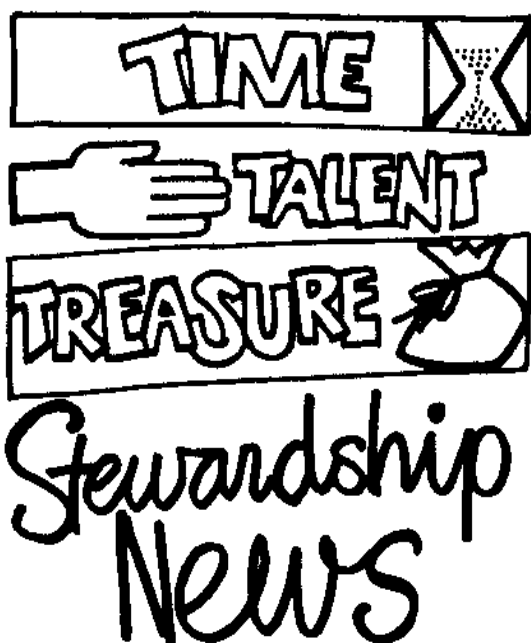
Felicia Kile

- Wayne Elliott Scholarship
- Bethel Lutheran Church Scholarship

KETTERING UNIVERSITY

Thomas Ploetz

- Mechanical Engineering with a
 - o Concentration in Design



“...Freely you have received, freely give.”;
(Matthew 10:8, NKJ)

Every command God gives us in His Word is for our good. He is a good God, and He works all things together for our good because He loves us. He wants to bless us, multiply us and fill us with His exceeding joy and peace, but we have to do our part. We have to obey His commands in order to set the blessing into motion.

One of the best ways to see the blessing of God operating in your life is by sowing a seed of your time, abilities or resources.

Proverbs says that those who scatter seed generously reap even more. That’s because when you give, God promises that it will come back to you in abundance — pressed down, shaken together and running over. But, you have to freely receive in order to have something to give.

Remember, giving is tied to receiving. I have found that the more we freely receive from God, the more we desire to freely give to others. Today, I encourage you to keep your heart and mind open to what God has for you. Look for ways to sow seeds. Freely give and set the blessing in motion in your life today!

A PRAYER FOR TODAY

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your goodness and faithfulness in my life. I choose to honor Your Word by freely giving to others. Help me to find creative ways to give the way You have given to me. In Jesus’ Name.
Amen.

Upcoming event – Stewardship committee:

Sunday – August 26th ---immediately following the worship service.

“Ice Cream Social” .

Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy homemade ice cream.

The Stewardship Committee has organized an ongoing committee to initiate a card shower where the congregation would be invited to send a note, card, or make a phone call to those members who need encouragement due to job loss, major surgery, ongoing illness and or because of a life tragedy.

