

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
79 Brooklyn Street PO Box 606 Portville, NY 14770
(716)-933-6699

[e-mail:bethelportville@gmail.com](mailto:bethelportville@gmail.com)

Websites: (congregation)www.bethelportvilleny.org;
(synod)www.upstatenysynod.org; (ELCA)www.elca.org

Worship Service - Sundays at 8:30am;
Sunday School, (*Oct. thru May*) at 9:30am, zoom class
Confirmation Class at 9:45am
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.

November 2020



The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.

Proverbs 10:22

Theologians debate about the central theme of the Bible—like redemption, the Kingdom of God, and love. Another good candidate is stewardship—what scholar N. T. Wright calls “the covenant of vocation,” which God entered into with man in the beginning. God gave us creation as a gift; our vocation was to oversee it for His glory and to reflect His glory throughout the earth.

When it comes to stewardship, our thoughts usually turn to money. Financial management is certainly a part of stewardship. Regardless of how much money we have, it is by the blessing of God that we have any at all.

Therefore, we are to use it in ways that glorify Him. But King David of Israel recognized that “all things come from [God]” (1 Chronicles 29:14)—not just our money, but our health, our gifts and abilities, our families and relationships, and more. So, stewardship is not just about managing money; it is about managing all that we are and have in ways that glorify God.

Think of all you have and all you are today. Consider how you can spend your life today so that it brings glory to God.

Stewardship is what a man does after he says, “I believe.”



Pray First!

- For all service men and women, and their families, especially *Hillary Peterson, Casey McCarthy, Tyler McCarthy, Kendra Linn, Travis Dorvit, Kurt Michail Miller 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 *Trinette Brewer*, Treasurer *Doug Ploetz*, Vice President *JoAnn Kile*, and members *Skip Giberson, 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

Bill Graves
JoAnn Kile

Trinette Brewer
Doug Ploetz
Skip Giberson

Ron Kile
Don Linn

Committee Assignment

Council President
Vice President,
Worship & Music,
Christian Education
Secretary
Treasurer
Fellowship,
Stewardship
Bldg./Property

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact the church at: 716-933-6699 or Pastor Derek Cheek at 716-307-7963 cell phone or at Immanuel 716-372-0650. When you call the church phone number it will be automatically forwarded to Nannette Giberson's cell phone. You will be able to talk directly to her or leave her a message and she will return your call. Thank you.

Prayer Chain:

If you have need of prayer, we have an email prayer chain. Just call Nannette at 716-933-8855 or e-mail rangiberson@gmail.com.

This is temporary while Bev's computer is down.

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

Bryan Hatch's email address:
bryanhatch68@gmail.com

Have you checked out Bethel's Facebook Group?

The url is:

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



Deadline for the December newsletter is November 15th.



The Portville Food Pantry collects these items on an on-going basis: spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, pasta, mac and cheese, pork and beans, canned vegetables and fruit, tuna, soup, rice, egg noodles, cereals and canned tomatoes.

Fundraiser Funds are divided as follows:

10% Charity of our choice

10% Benevolence

Rest in general fund

The November and December issue of *Christ in our Home* is available to pick up at church.



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.

November 2020

Worship Assistants, Birthdays, and Anniversaries



Worship Assistants

No acolyte this month

Communion Assistant:

Trinette Brewer

Lectors:

November 1st*Jo Kile*
November 8th*Myra Sprout*
November 15th*Ruth Brewer*
November 22nd*Connie Matteson*
November 29th*Ruth Brewer*

Prayer Leader:

November 1st*Myra Sprout*
November 8th*Nannette Giberson*
November 15th*Linda Scott*
November 22nd*Linda Scott*
November 29th*Ruth Brewer*

Usher/s:*Rick Giberson*

Mail Greeter:*Nannette Giberson*

Bread Baker:*Ron Kile*

Altar Guild:*Trinette Brewer*

3rd----Cheryl Warner
14th---Joan Rosell, Kurt Miller
17th---Lorena De Asis
19th---Victoria Rice
20th---Grace Jane Giberson
21st---Joey Blicharz
24th---Kendra Linn
25th---Eric MacPherson
28th---Leah Doty
29th---Carly Keenan,
Terri Ploetz,
Connie Smith-Matteson



*Happy
Anniversary*

10th----Bob & Cheryl Warner
15th ---Keith and Rain Fahnestock
26th ---Cliff & Marge Nix

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR - November 2020

- Sunday, November 1 ***All Saints Day***
8:30am - Worship
9:30am - 10:00am Sunday School Zoom Class
9:45am - 10:45am Confirmation Class
- Sunday, November 8 ***The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost***
8:30am - Worship
No Sunday School Zoom Class or
Confirmation Class
- Sunday, November 15 ***The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost***
8:30am - Worship
9:30am - 10:00am Sunday School Zoom Class
9:45am - 10:45am Confirmation Class
- Thursday, November 19 Council meeting at 7pm
- Sunday, November 22 ***Christ The King***
8:30am - Worship
9:30am - 10:00am Sunday School Zoom Class
9:45am - 10:45am Confirmation Class
- Sunday, November 29 ***First Sunday Of Advent***
8:30am - Worship
9:30am - 10:00am Sunday School Zoom Class
9:45am - 10:45am Confirmation Class

Vicar Gerry Zimmerman wants all to know that he can get communion to those of you that would like to have it, just let him or Nannette know.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!



November 8th - Annual budget meeting after worship service. The meeting will be on Zoom. Info will be sent out a few days before.

November 15th - Shopping for the Interfaith Caregivers Gift Tree. Participants will meet at Walmart at 11am. After shopping, returning to Bethel to wrap presents and have a pizza lunch. **If anyone is interested in donating please let Nannette Giberson know through the 1st of November.** All are invited to participate in this venture. It's a lot of fun!! Masks will be required.



November 29th - Non-touching Healing Service during worship service.



Zoom **Sunday School** class will be held **Sunday mornings from 9:30am – 10:00am.**

Confirmation class will be held **Sunday mornings from 9:45am – 10:45am,** also on Zoom. **Jo Kile and Ruth Brewer** are the confirmation class teachers.

Thank You!



Thank you to our Sunday school and confirmation teachers!

Thank you to Nannette Giberson and Courtney Sprout for all the work they have done setting up the Zoom class for Sunday School! And to Nannette's computer helpers **Skip and Troy Giberson.**



Thank
You

Trinette sent this link out to help us stay in prayer during this pandemic. <https://www.elca.org/Faith/DailyBible>

Trinette also sent this if you are interested in staying up with your tithing - Online Giving for Bethel: <https://bethelportvilleney.breezechms.com/give/online>

Nannette has been letting us know when Gerry Zimmerman is scheduling a Zoom church service and sending the bulletin. (You need the meeting number and the password): <https://zoom.us/j/93191647520?pwd=bmRRRFdZTE5OdmsrTjFRMExpT2dTUT09>



Thank You Cliff and Marge Nix for paying for the removal of the tree stump at church.





Thank you to **Ron Kile, Rick Giberson, Trinette and Ron Brewer,** and **Ruby Costanza** for all the work they did on Oct. 18th for cleanup day at Bethel. They replaced the broken window in the church office, cleaned the gutters out, trimmed the shrubs, pruned the hostas back, winterized the pavilion, fixed a downspout and cut a low hanging branch. Great job! Bethel looks great!!



Thank you to **Don Linn** who organized the steeple repair, **Matt Faulkner** who brought his bucket truck and **Rick Giberson** who made the steeple repairs.



Commentary by
Jo Kile.







World Food Day Rally



What a fun day everyone had on October 10th participating in the World Food Day Rally. Being the 3rd year of the rally, the clues got harder but was still fun to try to figure them out. There were nine cars and 23 people scrambling to find 12 "bonus point" Panda blow-ups. There were seven boxes of non-perishable food items collected from community residents to bring our total collected to 482 items for the Portville Food Pantry. Also collected was \$145 in cash donations. Prizes were collected from local businesses for 1st Place Rally Team - Stephanie and Joe Hill/Dave and Pixie Porter; 2nd Place Team - Lerin Hill and Adrienne Hill; 3rd Place Team - Ron and Trinette Brewer. Community Box winners - Carolyn Smith for most items in box and Courtney and Myra Sprout for best decorated box. Lunch and gathering was held outside under our pavilion because it was a beautiful day and to help with the social distancing. Thanks to everyone who helped and participated.

Jo Kile

Thank you to the following businesses for making this WFD Rally a success!!

DBT Faith INTO ACTION

American Legion Post # 814
 Community Bank, NA
 Cubic Storage
 Dewey's Discount Beverage-Deli
 Fibercel **GIVE -freely-**
 First Presbyterian Church
 Fyre & Ice
 Hand & Hand Therapy
 Highway Auto Sales
 IA Construction Corp 

Jays Automotive
 Mark's Auto **act from your HEART**
 Mike's Bait & Tackle
 Myrge Café 
 Neighbor's on Goss Ave and Mersereau Place
 North Pro Hardware
 Park N Shop **GIVE OF YOURSELF**
 Pine Street Cemetery
 Portville Central School
 Portville Dental

Portville Historical Society
 Portville Drive In 
 Portville Concrete Products
 Premium Free Range Turkey
 Red's & Trudy's Diner
 Rivers Edge Church
 Rusty's Rooster **SHARE YOUR GIFTS**
 Scoop's
 Sprague's Maple Farm 
 Subway

Village of Portville
 Wilson Farmers Market

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS







October 15th was the pulled pork dinner at Bethel. The dinner was to raise funds for Ruth Brewer and her mission work in Guatemala. Ruth sent this note:

Big thank you to Nannette and Trinette for helping me prepare for the pulled pork dinner. I was able to raise \$540.00 . The drive through procedure worked very well. Thanks to everyone that supported me.



Ruth



Impacto Ministries Newsletter



Can you believe we are less than 3 months from celebrating Christmas?! As we near the Christmas season we encourage you to remember why we celebrate. We celebrate the birth of our Savior. The One who came down and died for us for our sins, not for the promise of an ok life, but an incredible and perfect eternity!

Below we'd like to share a few Praises and a specific Request we'd like you to include in your prayer list. Once more, we are so grateful for you, for supporting us, praying for and with us and being part of our ministry.



- We praise God because we were able to re-open Happy Tummies To Go earlier this month.

- Our staff is so grateful as we have been receiving some much-needed training and encouragement from many. We are working on some internal matters and hope to continue to grow as a ministry.

- We are so thankful God has continued to provide for our Compassion Ministries. Healing Hands has been a vital ministry during this pandemic, with so many not having a steady income to buy medicines for issues such as high blood pressure, diabetes, asthma, infections, etc. Of course, all this is given with the correct prescription from local doctors. We also have continued to help two children who must travel to Guatemala City often for cancer treatments.



“I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.”

1 Timothy 1:12-14



December is always a special time for Impacto. We spend a week celebrating Christmas with each of our Happy Tummys, Abuelitos, Happy Tummys' moms, and workers. During the celebration we do games, a special meal, small gifts, piñatas, and tell the Christmas story. However, this year, due to the current circumstances we will be doing things a bit different. Many of the families in San Juan live off of tourism, and that has been shut down since March! We know for many families Christmas will look different this year. Therefore we would like to gift each family with a big food basket.

This basket will include everything our food bags include, plus, we'd like to add a few splurge items some families might not be able to enjoy this year. Such as, but not limited too, Christmas cookies, sodas, and other snacks. We would also like to gift each family with a chicken for their tamales, which is the traditional Guatemalan Christmas meal. We pray that you will prayerfully consider joining the effort of bringing a smile to these families for Christmas. We will need 150 baskets and chickens. Each bundle will have a cost of US\$35 - you can make a donation to the Compassion Ministry fund from our website and/or get information how right [here](#). We know, with your help, we can make this Christmas a special one for many.



When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36

You can support this ministry through Amazon Smiles
Impacto Ministry Inc. 9690 Shepherds Creek Place, La Plata, MD 20646

visit our website

amazon smile
You shop. Amazon gives.

choose
TO BE
GRATEFUL

CrossCards

