

# BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Service - Sundays at 9:00am; Sunday School, (Oct. 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.*

## NOVEMBER 2018



A previous issue of *Stewardship* describes how a husband and wife manage their money. They use the envelope system. They take 12 envelopes, each of which are labeled with a word indicating where money put in that envelope is to go. For example, one envelope might have the word "Home" on it, another "Food," still another "Utilities" and so forth.

The first envelope in the stack was labeled "Church." It was obvious that they realized God and the church were their first priority. That made sense because God is our Creator and the church is where we worship God, where we learn of God's will for our lives, where we join others in organizing to work on behalf of establishing God's kingdom on earth for which we regularly pray. The church is also where we have fellowship with other Christians, where we learn and laugh and share joys and sorrows, where we break bread together and where we sing:

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ  
her Lord,  
she is his new creation by water and the  
Word.*

*From heaven he came and sought her to be  
his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for  
her life he died. (Samuel J. Stone)*

The church was of great importance to this couple; here we are reminded that our lives are in God's hands and it is God's care that will guide us through whatever difficulties we face. It is here that we receive guidance and the assurance of God's love as we worship with the family of God.

**Prayer:** Merciful God, help us to keep our focus upon you and the helpful guidance you offer us throughout our lives. In Christ's name we pray.  
**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.**



**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*.

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

Council Member

Assignment

Bill Graves  
Ruth Brewer  
Linda Scott  
Doug Ploetz  
Ruth Brewer

Caroline Miller

Jerry Maerten  
Don Linn

Committee

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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.**

**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)

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

The url is:

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

**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.

**Hilda Prosser**

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



Our next monthly breakfast will be on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 till 11:00. Please come and join the fellowship and bring your family and friends. .



Choir practice is held on Sunday mornings at 7:45am. All are welcome to join.

**No audition necessary**

**New address for Ariel Kile**

Ariel Kile  
80 Eaton St- South Hall Room 212A  
Morrisville, NY 13408

**God's Huggers will meet on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Bethel. PROJECT LINUS**– Make a crocheted, knitted, tied fleeced, sewn, or quilted blanket for the children of McKean County, PA and Cattaraugus County, NY. National, non-profit organization which providing security through blankets to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans. For more info see the sheet in the fellowship hall.

**STROEHMANN'S DONATION PROJECT**

Stroehmann's employees collect new books and knitted or crocheted mittens. A long time resident of Portville, Alice Frost helps her son Mark Frost (who works at Stroehmann's) to collect these items and then donates them to need families. **Items need to be at Bethel by December 9<sup>th</sup>**



If you would like your Loved ones remembered during the All Saints Sunday Service on November 4<sup>th</sup>; please sign up in the fellowship hall with their name who have passed away **in the last year**.

Please bring in a photo to be shared.



**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** will be the Sunday School Christmas program during the worship service. Please plan to attend as the kids do such a great job with this program and they (and the teachers) need our support



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous contribution of \$775.00. The office staff at the Front Street Service Store make it so easy for us to shop the specials each week and hold the balance of the money for us. So far we have purchased hot dogs, spaghetti sauce, eggs, cereal and peanut butter. And we still have more to spend!

Thank you again for your generous support. We are looking forward to the Food Day road rally in October.

Stephanie Hill  
Program Coordinator  
Portville Community Food Pantry

**In Memory of Earl "Skip" Robinson**

Kurt Lindower

Bethel Church,  
Thank you all so much for your generous contribution to my ministry, Accounting Beyond Borders. It was so great to be back this spring and talk with all of you! I included a printed version of our summer update so you can see the work the Lord is doing through ABB. Looking forward to the next time we are up and I can visit again.

**In Memory of Sandra Myers Crawford**

Kurt and Caroline Miller

God Bless,  
Courtney

If anyone in the congregation would like to see our email updates throughout the year, simply email me at:  
[cweaver@abbministries.com](mailto:cweaver@abbministries.com) and we will add you to the list. God Bless.

Courtney

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## Worship Servants

### Lectors:

Nov. 4.....*Pen Yunghans*  
 Nov. 11.....*Judy Graves*  
 Nov. 18.....*Connie Smith-Matteson*  
 Nov. 25.....*June Murray*

### Prayer Leaders:

Nov. 4.....*Caroline Miller*  
 Nov. 11.....*Ruth Brewer*  
 Nov. 18.....*Caroline Miller*  
 Nov. 25.....*Connie Smith-Matteson*

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

## Worship Servants (For the entire month)

Acolyte.....*Haeyden Brewer*

Communion Assistants..... *Caroline Miller* .....

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

Altar Guild.....*Nedean Knowlton*

Mail Greeter .....*Caroline Miller*

Bread Bakers.....*Ron Kile*



10<sup>th</sup>—Bob & Cheryl Warner  
 15<sup>th</sup> ---Keith and Rain Fahnestock  
 26<sup>th</sup> —Cliff & Marge Nix

## **BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2018**

- Saturday, Nov. 3                    8:00am-11:00am - Monthly Breakfast
- Sunday, Nov. 4                    **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**  
7:45am - Choir Practice  
9:00am- Worship with Fellowship time following  
10:15am- Sunday school
- Friday, Nov. 9                    6:00pm - Shopping for Gift Tree (Meet at Walmart)
- Sunday, Nov. 11                    **TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
7:45am - Choir Practice  
9:00am - Worship with Annual budget meeting to follow.  
10:15am - Sunday School
- Thurs. Nov. 15                    7:00pm - Church Council
- Sunday, Nov. 18                    **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
7:45am - Choir practice  
9:00am - Worship with Fellowship time following  
10:15am - Sunday School
- Sunday, Nov. 25                    **CHRIST THE KING**  
7:45am - Choir practice  
9:00am - Worship with Fellowship time following  
10:15am - Sunday School

***The monthly offering for November will be going to the Lutheran Disaster Fund***

### **NOVEMBER BUDGET MEETING:**

Our annual budget meeting will be held on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> following our worship service,

### **THE GIFT TREE**

The Stewardship committee is once again sponsoring the "Gift Tree through Interfaith Caregivers. Please let Nannette know how much you would like to donate. We will take donations through the 1<sup>st</sup> of November. We have set the date of Friday evening, November 9<sup>th</sup> as our shopping trip and wrapping time. We will meet at the Wal-Mart in Olean at 6:00pm and begin the Christmas shopping evening. We invite you all to participate in the venture.

It's a lot of fun!!

### **THE ADVENT DINNER**

Our annual Advent dinner will be held on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> following our worship service. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in Fellowship Hall listing the food items needed.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

It may seem a little early to be planning this, but Christmas time is creeping up on us. We are scheduling our Christmas Caroling time for Sunday afternoon on December 16<sup>th</sup> from 2pm - 4pm. Everyone is welcome to join us. You don't need to be choir member or even good singers to have a great time.

It is so rewarding to see how much we are appreciated by the people we sing to. Please make time in your schedule to come and join us.

**Christmas card exchange** - the first of December we will have our little red sleigh ready to take your Christmas cards to share with each other. Stewardship will deliver the cards to members. Have fun!

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School Christmas Program during worship!**

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Eve service - combined service with Immanuel at 5:00 pm. It will be a candlelight service with communion.

**Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>** is Lessons and Carols Sunday. Please let Ruth Brewer, Terri Ploetz, or Pen Yunghans know your favorite Christmas hymns to be included in the service.





The First Annual World Food Day Rally was a huge success. We collected over 250 non-perishable food items for the Portville Food Pantry. Food, Fun and fellowship followed the scavenger hunt. Thanks to all who participated, whether figuring out the clues or collecting the food. The boxes were decorated and judged.

Many thanks to Jo and Ron Kile for their undying efforts to make this a success. Jo spent many hours organizing and contacting businesses etc. to get this set up. The success of this fundraiser was due to her hard work.





Our monthly breakfasts have started up again. November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be our breakfast for this month and the next one will be on December 1<sup>st</sup>. We have such a good time of fellowship as we prepare and serve these breakfasts. If anyone would like to come and help us we would love to have you.



The pulled pork dinner held on October 16<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for Ruth Brewer's trip to Guatemala in August was also a success. We made around \$475.00 dollars. Many of our church members supported this dinner as well as many of our local people in the community. Thanks to everyone for their hard work in making this happen and supporting this event.



Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA 

Southwestern Conference

*presents*



Advent -  
a season  
for all generations

Saturday, December 8, 2018

*at*

Christ Chapel

Lutheran, Jamestown

715 Falconer Street

Jamestown, New York 14701

No Cost

Registration & Fellowship: 9:15 AM

Catered Continental Breakfast: 9:30 AM

*\* Compliments of Lutheran's own Chef Dave \**

RSVP Deadline: November 30, 2018

Call Lois Rumfelt: 664-4409

*Free-will Offering to benefit Chaplain's Discretionary Fund at Lutheran*

