

# 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.*

## OCTOBER 2018



There is a story about two young men discussing their personal goals in life. One fellow's attitude was to get everything he could get for himself: money, property, automobiles, stocks, bonds and so forth. One might say he focused on reaping and gathering. He wanted to store up as many treasures on earth as possible. All he wanted was everything!

The other young man said that he believed God had given him a good life. He had a decent body, a fair mind, and some talent. Therefore, he said that since he was a Christian he thought that he should use whatever gifts he had to glorify God and to try to make this world a better place. He wanted to store up treasures in heaven. They would be everlasting and no one could remove them from him.

That young fellow was trying to have a Christian attitude toward life. He realized that making a life is far more important than making a living. In fact, those who use their life to glorify God on earth find that somehow they have enough, often more than enough, to satisfy their worldly needs. This idea is summed up in the 23rd Psalm:

*The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, make our minds and hearts restless until we strive first for the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name. **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

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.**

**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, November 3<sup>rd</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 Easton St- South Hall Room 212A  
Morrisville, NY 13408

**-----SUNDAY SCHOOL----**

**Sunday school will be starting up again on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am.**

**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.

**CANCER WALK**

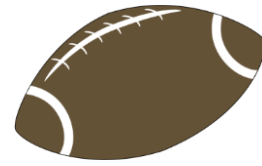
**The Leukemia, Lymphoma Society** is having their annual walk in Buffalo on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Mark and Cheryl Welles will be participating in this. If anyone is interested in walking or donating, please see Cheryl or Mark.



Thank you for selecting me to received the Gretchen Shavalier Scholarship. The money will be used for books and other college needs.  
Ariel



Thank you to Courtney for playing for us every Sunday. Thanks also to Myra for her support. We feel so blessed to have you both with us.



Brian Miller, son of Kurt and Caroline Miller, is going to be inducted into the Baldwin Wallace College Athletic Hall of Fame! This will take place on Oct. 13 at the Jackets football game. He is being awarded this honor for his 4 years of football and 4 years in track and field, doing the pentathlon. He went to Nationals in track and field for four years and placed as high a 2<sup>nd</sup> place one of those years! Brian lives in Hinckley Ohio with his wife Rochele and three daughters, Madison, Jillian and Delaney. He is a principal at a middle school. We are very proud of him and all his accomplishments!



**Chelsea Shelander** has accepted a position at the National Sales Center for Major League Soccer in Blaine, Minnesota. Chelsea is a graduate of Otto Eldred High school. **Allyssa Shelander** is a student at St. Bonaventure University and is enrolled in the dual admission program for physical therapy. The girls are the daughters of Mark and Kathy Shelander and the granddaughters of Bill and Judy Graves.



*We believe that this lily was planted beside our church by Skip. What a blessing he was to us all. He will be so missed.*

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

**Cliff and Marge Nix  
Nancy Renner  
Jean Morgan and Nedean Knowlton  
Linda Scott  
Ruth Brewer  
Marion McClarin**

**In Memory of Richard S. Johnson**

**Nancy Renner**

**In Memory of Thomas Braucher**

**Nancy Renner**

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## Worship Assistants, Birthdays and Anniversaries



### Worship Assistants

Acolyte .....*Dakota Brewer*

### Communion Assistants...

### Lectors:

October 7<sup>th</sup> ..... *Don Linn*  
October 14<sup>th</sup> ..... *Connie Smith-Matteson*  
October 21<sup>st</sup> ..... *Jo Kile*  
October 28<sup>th</sup> ..... *Service At Immanuel*

### Prayer Leader:

October 7<sup>th</sup> ..... *Linda Scott*  
October 14<sup>th</sup> ..... *Linda Scott*  
October 21<sup>st</sup> ..... *Nannette Giberson*  
October 28<sup>th</sup> ..... *Service at Immanuel*

Usher/s.....*Caroline Miller*

Altar Guild.....*Nedean Knowlton*

Mail Greeter.....*Caroline Miller*

Bread Baker .....*Ron Kile*

### **Happy Birthday to:**

2<sup>nd</sup> ---Ron Brewer  
6<sup>th</sup>---Jake Parr  
8<sup>th</sup> ---Jianna Nix  
9<sup>th</sup>----Rain Fahnestock  
15<sup>th</sup> ---Jean Benson  
17<sup>th</sup>---Joy Linn  
23<sup>rd</sup>---Kyle Keenan  
24<sup>th</sup> ---Delores Chapman, Tamera Linn  
31<sup>st</sup>--- Kerrie Parr



### Happy Anniversary to:

4<sup>th</sup>---Robert & Kathy Baughman  
21<sup>st</sup>---Chris and Molly Scott

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

Saturday, October 6                    8:00am-11:00am - First Monthly Breakfast of the season

Sunday, October 7                    **TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
7:45am - Choir Practice  
9:00am- Worship with Fellowship following  
**10:15am- Sunday school**

Saturday, October 13                **WORLD FOOD DAY RALLY**  
9:00-9:45am - Check In  
10:00-12:45pm - Rally/Scavenger Hunt  
1:00-2:00pm - Lunch

Sunday, October 14                **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
7:45am - Choir Practice  
9:00am - Worship with Fellowship following  
10:15am - Sunday School

Tues. October 16                    4:00-7:00pm - Pulled pork dinner

Sunday, October 21                **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
7:45am - Choir Rehearsal  
9:00am - Worship with Fellowship following  
10:15am - Sunday School

Thurs. October 25                    7:00pm - Church Council

Sunday, October 28                **REFORMATION SUNDAY**  
**COMBINED SERVICE WITH BETHANY AT IMMANUEL**  
Prelude music at 10am with service beginning at 10:30am.

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





**World Food Day Rally  
Sat, Oct. 13, 2018**

Bethel Lutheran Church  
79 Brooklyn St  
Portville, NY 14770

9:00am – 9:45am – sign in  
10:00am-12:45pm – Rally/Scavenger  
Hunt  
1:00pm-2:00pm – lunch

Register by calling: 716-933-6699  
Entry fee: minimum 2 non-perishable  
food items  
per person



All non-perishable food items will benefit the Portville Food Pantry.

Romans 15:2 “Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor.”





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

## *Bethel Lutheran Church*

79 Brooklyn Street  
Portville, NY 14770



We will once again be having a contest to see how many bags of clothing you can bring to our clothing drop off box during the month of October. Bags will be judged according to size as we get paid by St. Pauly's by the pound. Please let me or Nannette know how many bags you brought and what sizes they were. At the end of the month, the family with the most bags given will receive a prize.

## **PULLED PORK DINNER**

We are having a pulled pork dinner here at Bethel Lutheran on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. This dinner is to raise funds for Ruth Brewer and her mission work in Guatemala. The menu is as follows: Sandwich, baked beans, applesauce or coleslaw, beverage and apple pie. Price: \$8.00 for meal and \$5.00 for an extra sandwich.

### **Ruth and her group.**



Anyone making an apple pie for this dinner can get pie tins to use at the church.

### **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!***

On Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> we were blessed to have another baptism in our church. Miss Abigail Perkins, daughter of Marc and Marilyn (Ploetz) Perkins and granddaughter of Doug and Terri Ploetz. Terri was blessed to be able to officiate at this important ceremony.









## Kentucky Forward JJ Williams - College Soccer News National Player of the Week - September 9, 2018

JJ is the grandson of Don Linn.



Williams came up big for the Big Blue Nation when he scored twice in the first half of play to propel Kentucky past in-state rival Louisville 3-0. His first goal when he made a nice move to create space after receiving a well played long ball from teammate Tanner Hummel. His second goal was a header set up by a pass from Hummel and a cross from Marcel Meinzer.

Williams also contributed the insurance goal with an assist from Meinzer in Kentucky's 2-0 win on the road over UAB in CUSA play.

The Wildcats are off to a 4-0-0 start for the first time since the 2009 season.

Williams and his Kentucky teammates will seek to keep their win streak alive when they travel to Cincinnati to face Xavier on Tuesday.

Hi all:

One of the things we've discussed is cross listing Bible Class opportunities between all our congregations.

Obviously, Sunday midmorning classes are out for our members but others may appeal to people from each of our churches.

Immanuel is holding at least 2 such groups (and maybe a third...though they many join the other 2)

Tues evening from 530 to 7 PM at Immanuel, discussion of my book "Onward Christian Soldiers?"

Wed morning 10 to 1130 AM at Immanuel, same

EVERYONE is welcome to attend these groups!

The book is available thru Amazon...search for Derek J Cheek—and please select "paperback" as format. The hardcover is pricy!

Bulletin BLURB:

This book presents a scriptural basis for the beliefs of Mainline Churches, the other half of American Protestantism, which are grounded on an abiding trust in God's goodness, especially as we see it in Jesus. It discusses how discipleship in our communities is driven by the belief that the sacrificial love we see expressed by Jesus *for* us, should also be expressed by *us* in our everyday lives. Jesus calls us to follow his way of life, which is reflected in the Beatitudes. That kind of Christianity looks a lot different from what is being taught in most big-box churches across the country.

Please send me info about what's happening in your congregations so we can list it in our bulletin.

Pastor Derek



**HAPPY FALL TO ALL OF YOU.**

