

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.

SEPTEMBER 2018



There is a small country in Europe named Macedonia. St. Paul traveled there and spread the Good News about Christ our Lord. Many people accepted Jesus as their Savior and several churches were started. Sadly, St. Paul wrote to Christians living in Corinth, Greece, telling about some sort of affliction the Macedonians were suffering. Paul did not say what the trouble was but what impressed Paul was they did not let their troubles kill their joy. In fact, the Macedonians enjoyed being Christians so much that they begged Paul to take a gift of money to use to tell others about salvation.

Paul told the Corinthians about how generous the Macedonians had been. Even though the Macedonians were mostly poor, they had given cheerfully, not begrudgingly. He wanted the Corinthian Christians to know that "God loves a cheerful giver." Someone may ask, "Does not God love everybody?" The answer is "Yes, of course!" But those who give of themselves readily, cheerfully, generously discover a certain satisfaction, a sense of well-being, they had not known before.

Paul compares what we reap in life to what we sow. If we sow love, good will, and gifts to God meagerly, we will reap meagerly. On the other hand, if we sow love, good will, and gifts to God generously, we will reap bountifully.

As Paul put it to the Corinthians: "God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

The September issue of *Stewardship* has a story about farmers or gardeners who plant small-size potatoes. Of course, they reap small-size potatoes. Planting big potatoes results in harvesting big potatoes. Paul wrote: "...the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

Prayer: Dear Lord, enable each of us to discover the joy which comes from generous giving." **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.

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

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 first monthly breakfast of the season will be on Saturday, October 6th. 8:00 till 11:00. Please come and join the fellowship and bring your family and friends. As usual we could use some volunteers to help us cook and serve. If you are able to help we would be grateful. Thanks.



Choir will be singing again starting September 16th
Practice is held 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 7th 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.

PULLED PORK DINNER

We are having a pulled pork dinner here at Bethel Lutheran on Tuesday, October 16th from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm. This dinner is to raise funds for Ruth Brewer and her mission work in Guatemala. Price of the dinner to follow.



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

Gordon & Sherry Slifer, Jon & Sue Gardner, Sue Gardner

Ronald and Nancy Wilcox family

Donald & Cindy Oltmann Family

Francis & Deborah Ritz

Rick and Nannette Giberson Family

Maxine Kruger Junker

Shirley Levernier

Roy & Edna Folley

Bill and Judy Graves

Bill Cornelius

Warner and Joan Johnson

Kurt and Caroline Miller

Chris and Marie Franquet

Bonnie Enke

Mark and Cheryl Welles

June Murray

September 2018

Worship Assistants, Birthdays, and Anniversaries



Happy Birthday to:

- 2—Bev Robinson
- 7—Joan Johnson
- 12—Sydney Blicharz, Ariel Kile
- 13—Barbara MacPherson
- 14—Hunter Kile
- 15—Dawn Campbell
- 17—Deb Kolkowski
- 18—Brittany Seal
- 22—Karen Snow
- 24— Bill Clemens
- 27—Victoria Lopes
- 28—Felicia Kile
- 29—Jason Gabler, Jo Ann Kile
- 30—Candy Clemens

Worship Assistants

Acolyte—*Haedyn Brewer*

Communion Assistants—
..... *Linda Scott and Cheryl Welles*

Lectors:

Sept 2.....*Pen Yunghans*
Sept 9.....*Ruth Brewer*
Sept 16.....*Dakota Brewer*
Sept 23.....*Haedyn Brewer*
Sept 30.....*Judy Graves*

Prayer Leaders

Sept 2*Mark Welles*
Sept 9.....*Mark Welles*
Sept 16.....*Mark Welles*
Sept 23.....*Mark Welles*
Sept 30.....*Mark Welles*

Usher:.....*Mark Welles*

Altar Guild.....*Ruth Brewer*

Mail Greeter*Caroline Miller*

Bread Bakers:.....*Ron Kile*



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday, Sept. 2

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00am- Worship with Fellowship following

Sunday, Sept. 9

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00am - Worship with Baptism of Perkins baby and Fellowship following

Sunday, Sept. 16

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7:45am - Choir Rehearsal (first of the year)

9:00am - Worship with Fellowship following

Thurs. Sept. 20

7:00pm - Church Council

Sunday, Sept. 23

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7:45am - Choir Rehearsal

9:00am- Worship with Fellowship following

Sunday, Sept. 30

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7:45am - Choir Rehearsal

9:00am - Worship with Fellowship time following.

The monthly offering for September will be going to the Veterans Van

2018 Chicken Barbecue

First, we need to thank God for the beautiful day and the success we had! Next, I want to thank everyone that worked on the Pavilion. What a wonderful place to host the BBQ! People really enjoyed eating and visiting there.

We took in \$1,410!! I think this is wonderful. The council will decide where 10% of the monies go, the rest will stay at Bethel.

Also, I want to thank the people that donated baskets for the raffle. They were great, such good ideas for the contents! We took in \$380 in ticket sales, how wonderful is that! Another big thank you to the people that took time to bake for our bake sale. Ariel did a super job taking care of the sales, thanks Ariel! We took in \$135.

A big thanks to a member of our congregation for paying for the chicken! God bless you! Thanks to Miller's Farm Market for donating the corn, it was delicious! Also, thanks to Sanzo Beverage and Olean Beverage for donating all of the drinks.

The BBQ is a community project, and the community of Bethel Lutheran Church is a wonderful group of hard working, God fearing, compatible people all working together to make this event as successful as possible!

THANKS EVERYONE FOR ALL THAT YOU DID TO HELP!

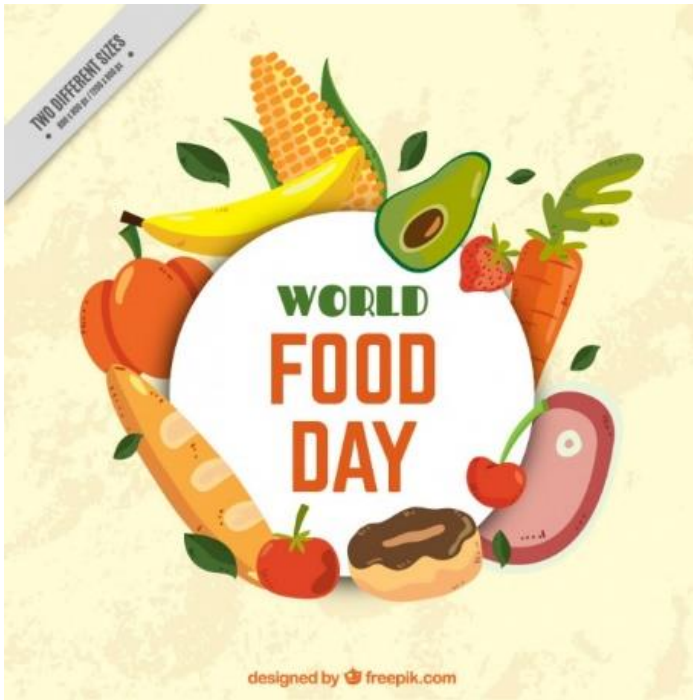
Your sister in Christ

Caroline









**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.

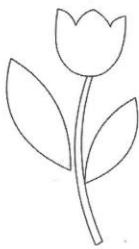
Romans 15:2 “Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor.”



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.

Greetings everyone;

Again, I was blessed to make my 3rd trip to Guatemala for the Impacto Ministry in San Juan, Guatemala with a team of 11 from Cuba and 14 from Avon Wesleyan churches. When we arrived, we were teamed up with another team from Michigan and Illinois. There was a total of 38 team members.

As in last year, we ministered to the abuelos (the elderly) had the children in Happy Tummies program and a sewing ministry to 16 women. This year's sewing project was making fleece vests for adults and children. This went very well with the ladies and we plan on doing it again next year.

We had the opportunity to visit classrooms in San Juan and also in Panachel. Panachel is a poorer village further in the mountains from San Juan. The elementary children are not taught English until high school. The kids received us very well, played a song for us and also prayed for us. The children were given the bible story of when Jesus told the disciples to let the children come to him. One child asked why the disciples didn't want Jesus to be with the kids. The message was the disciples thought that the children would bother him or disrupt him. Jesus wanted the children to know that they are important to him also.

I am happy to report that the library at Happy Tummies in San Juan is completed and there are 5 laptop computers there, books, desks for everyone to use. In San Juan the impacto ministry is in the process of building a center for the abuelos so they can have a place to go for the entire day and get feed 3 meals instead of one.

We also made several homes visits and brought food for the families. In one home there may be 5 or 6 people sharing one bed to sleep on. One family had 2 sick children with the measles. This was an eye opening to me, as I didn't realize that many children aren't vaccinated.

As I plan to go again next year, I will be going to ask for donation of wash clothes, bath towels, deodorant, toothpaste, soap and toothbrush so we can make hygiene kits. We are going to do the fleece sewing project again, so I will be asking for donations for that also.

Thank you for supporting me in this mission with the Wesleyan church.

Ruth Brewer







On Tuesday, September 21st we had a PORTVILLE COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT at our church. This was an event for the entire community and designed to bring the community officials and residents together for a night of fun, food, games and just generally getting to know each other better. Due to the rainy weather we didn't have a really big turnout, but the ones that came had a great time. We were honored to have Cattaraugus County Sheriff Tim Whitcomb and his family with us as well as Village Board member and teacher Gene Rogers. All and all it was a great success.







On August 20, 2018 Bethel's Volleyball team finished up their season with a 1st place championship win. Bethel competed with 8 other teams from June 4th to August 20th playing every Monday night at Good Times in Olean. This is our third undefeated season!! Thank you to Rick, Skip, April, Troy Giberson, Molly and Chris Scott, Emily and Joy Linn. We don't want to forget our mascots Grace and Corben Giberson and Clair, Quinn and Pace Scott. We had an awesome time!! See you all next year!!!!







DEAR LORD,

Please help my child to
grow in wisdom, and in
stature, and in favor with
you and others this year.

LUKE 2:52