

# BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Service - Sundays at 9:00am; Sunday School, (Sept. 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 2019



We are dependent on earth for all of the necessities of life. Sadly, too many humans are being greedy regarding the earth, which does not really belong to us. As Psalm 24:1 puts it: "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." In Psalm 50:7-12 God says: "Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle of a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains; and the wild beasts of the field are mine ... for the world is mine, and the fullness thereof." Everything on the planet exists because of the goodness of our loving Creator.

Therefore, we are expected to manage the earth and all that exists on it in a caring, responsible manner. Not to do so is an affront to God. To pollute the air, water or land is wrong. To destroy forests without replanting trees and plants is an insult to God.

An article in this month's *Stewardship* points out that most of the seven billion people on earth are not well-fed, well-clothed, well-sheltered, or well in health or in spirit. Yet, each year almost a hundred million people are added to those already here. We must decide now to clean up our environment, plant trees and gardens, use wind and solar power, recycle whatever is recyclable, and provide for the poor and hungry, and so on. We

must be aware that this is God's earth and remind others that we are to care for our Creator's world.

**Prayer:** Lord of heaven, earth, and sea give us the knowledge, will and strength to take care of this beautiful world as you would have us do. **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 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

Assignment

Bill Graves  
Ruth Brewer  
Linda Scott  
Doug Ploetz  
Ruth Brewer

Caroline Miller

Ron Kile  
Don Linn

Committee

Council President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Worship and Music &  
Christian Education  
Stewardship &  
Fellowship  
  
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)

**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.



Our first monthly breakfast for fall will be on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 till 11:00. Please come and join the fellowship and bring your family and friends.

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

Please show your support and keep in touch with our college students:

Ariel Kile  
80 Eaton Street  
Onondaga Hall Room 333  
Morrisville, NY 13408

Dakota Brewer  
122 Perry Lane  
Highlands 2, Room 2254  
Edinboro, PA 16444



**WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!**

**October 17<sup>th</sup> - Pulled Pork Dinner.**

**STROEHMANN'S DONATION PROJECT**

Stroehmann's employees collect new or gently used books and knitted or crocheted mittens. A longtime resident of Portville, Alice Frost helps her son Mark Frost (who works at Stroehmann's) to collect these items and then donates them to needy families. **Items need to be at Bethel by the first of December.**



**God's Huggers are back. We will meet on Monday,  
September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm !**

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

The url is:

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

# September 2019

## 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—  
..... *Bill & Judy Graves*

### Lectors:

Sept 1.....*Pen Yunghans*  
Sept 8.....*???*  
Sept 15.....*Connie Matteson*  
Sept 22.....*???*  
Sept 29.....*???*

### Prayer Leaders

Sept 1 .....*Linda Scott*  
Sept 8.....*???*  
Sept 15.....*Caroline Miller*  
Sept 22.....*Connie Matteson*  
Sept 29.....*Linda Scott*

Usher:.....*Don Linn*

Altar Guild.....*Marge Nix*

Mail Greeter .....*Caroline Miller*

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

## **BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR - September 2019**

- Sunday, September 1                    ***The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost***  
9:00am- Worship with Fellowship time following
- Sunday, September 8                    ***The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
*Choir practice at 7:45am (first of the year)*  
9:00am - Worship with fellowship time following
- Sunday, September 15                    ***The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
*Choir practice at 7:45am*  
9:00am - Worship service outside at the pavilion with  
installation of Sunday School teachers  
10:15am Sunday School begins  
11:15 am Church Family picnic and stewardship ice cream social.  
Meat and dessert will be provided. Bring a dish to pass.
- Sunday, September 22                    ***The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
*Choir practice at 7:45am*  
9:00am - Worship with fellowship time following  
10:15am Sunday School
- Thursday, September 26                    Council meeting at 7pm
- Sunday, September 29                    ***The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost***  
*Choir practice at 7:45am*  
9:00am - Worship with fellowship time following  
10:15am Sunday School

***The special offering for September will be as follows:***

***1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Confirmation***

***Rest of the month will be Genesis House***





One ornament

Front of second ornament

Back of second ornament

Ruth Brewer is selling these 2 ornaments for a fundraiser for the mission trip to Guatemala. They are \$24 each. Ruth will bring them to church to display and sell.

August Mission trip in San Juan , Guatemala.

Thank you for the prayers and support for this mission in Guatemala. Dakota and I went with a team from North Park Wesleyan church in Cuba, NY and Avon Wesleyan Church. There a total of 19 and we were grouped with a team from Michigan – a Methodist church group which the Pastor leader called the Michigan Misfits. The Michigan team had a medical team and construction team. Our team was assigned to care for the Abuelos (elderly) and the school children at Happy Tummies.

Our day started with the Abuelos in the morning serving them a hot breakfast, doing a bible study and crafts/exercise/ games. I was with Joyce( my leader) in the sewing ministry , teaching the ladies to make vests out of fleece. Dakota was assigned to construction of monkey bars on the Happy Tummies playground under the leadership of Andy (Avon group). There he learned how to dig pole holes, make cement from scratch, use some power tools. In the afternoon we had the school kids in which we served them a hot meal, gave a bible story and played games, sang songs and crafts.

We had the opportunity to go on home visits which we presented bags of food, hygiene kits, and prayed for the families we visited. We visited families in San Juan and in Panabar which is located in the mountains ( 1 ½ hour bus ride) The families in Panabar are more poorer than the families in San Juan. The one family we visited the woman has 9 children, she usually walks 2 ½ hours to get into San Juan so she can attend the sewing ministry. She sells wood to get money to take transportation into the village. It costs her 50 Ques ( \$7.00) a trip. The average income a week is 350ques (\$49.00)

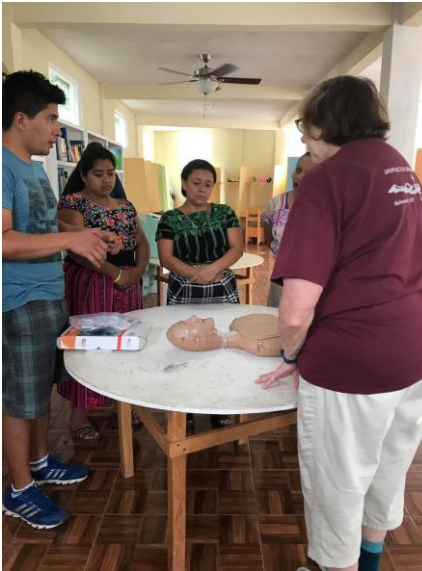
It is interesting of the behavior in San Juan and in Panabar- the children in Panabar are more malnourished, shorter attention span compared to the children in San Juan. There is a Happy Tummies in both locations which provide the children with a daily vitamin and hot meal. In San Juan, the ministry is building a separate location for the Abuelos so they can provide a full day program for them .

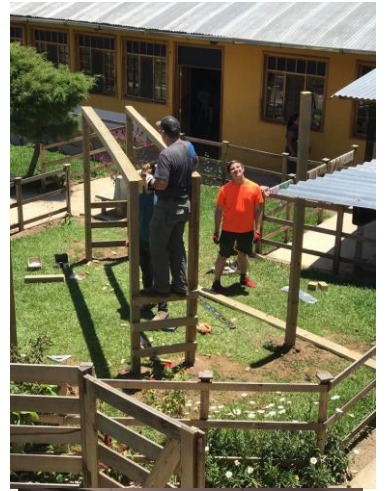
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I am truly blessed to be able to serve these people and see them every year. These people have so little and they are so appreciative of service and love we give and I receive great more in return. I hope I am physically able to continue to serve in years to come.

Ruth and Dakota Brewer











# **World Food Day Rally**

## **Sat, Oct. 12, 2019**

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

**Registration Deadline: Oct 9,  
2019**



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.

John 6:35 Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Women of the ELCA  
Southwestern Conference  
presents



Saturday, September 28, 2019

at

**Bethel Lutheran Church**

904 West Third Street, Jamestown, New York 14701

*Guest Speakers*

**Leasen Robinson**

**Michelle Buccola**

*UPK Teacher, Temple Elementary School    AIS Reading Specialist, Temple Elementary School*

**Registration: 9:30 AM**

**Continental Breakfast 10:00 AM**

**Cost: \$5.00**

***Ingathering: Bring a pair of socks (any size)***

**RSVP to Cecile Wilson: 483-0101**

**Deadline: Friday, September 20, 2019**

Please give your favorite hymns to the worship and music committee by the end of August. Ruth, Pen and Terri will incorporate the hymns into the service this fall.

On Saturday August 3rd we had our annual Chicken BBQ. What a big success this day was! The bake sale made \$178.00, the Basket Raffle and Bazaar made \$225.00, and the Chicken sales made \$2171.00! A big thank you to Bryan Hatch for making a donation in memory of Mary Hatch. I would like to thank all the people that gave very generously of their time, talents and money to help make this event the success that it was. It takes an entire congregation working together to make our events so successful, so I want to say **THANK YOU BETHEL CONGREGATION!!!** Let's think big and make next years Chicken BBQ even bigger and better!!













The second annual Community Night Out was held on August 6, 2019 at the Bethel Outdoor Pavilion and grounds. There was food, fun, and lots of visiting going on. New friends were made, old friendships were given a chance to renew and grow, games were played, and everyone enjoyed the beautiful August evening. This event was a chance for members of the Portville community to come and enjoy meeting new people and old friends, plus creating a great time to enhance and enjoy the wonderful beauty of the outdoors, and to remind us what a great place we live! Everyone seemed to really enjoy the evening! We are looking forward to next year's Community Night Out!



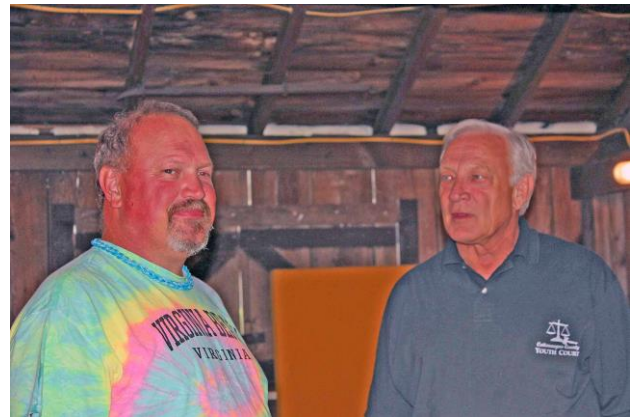




A thank you was received by Bob & Holly Fischer saying it was a great gathering and they had such a nice time!!

ELCA God's work, Our hands is recognized on September 8, 2019 this year. We held our dedication of service, Community Night Out on August 6!







On August 19, 2019 Bethel's Volleyball team finished up their season with a 1st place championship win. Bethel competed with 15 other teams from June 3<sup>rd</sup> to August 19<sup>th</sup> playing every Monday night at Good Times in Olean. This was our fourth consecutive championship season! Thank you to Rick, Skip, April, Troy Giberson, Molly and Chris Scott, Emily Linn and our substitute Chris Miller. 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!!!!







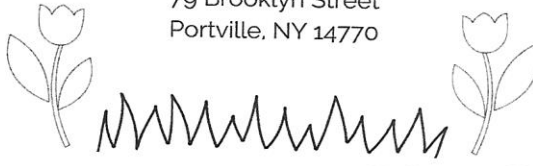
We celebrated our victory each week by stopping by Hi Ho for an ice cream treat!  
YUM YUM



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 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.



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