

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Service - Sundays at 8:30am;
Sunday School starting in the fall
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.

August 2021



In the natural, it doesn't make sense that you will have more if you give more. But God's kingdom operates on the principle of sowing and reaping. This is one of the first things He established with Adam and Eve in the book of Genesis. He said, "As long as the earth remains, there will be seedtime and harvest."

We have to realize that everything we need in this life has been given to us in seed form. We set the blessing of God into motion in our lives when we plant those seeds and give what we have. Galatians tells us that whatever we sow, we will reap. Seeds produce after their own kind.. If you sow apple seeds, you reap apple trees. If you sow kindness and blessing, you reap kindness and blessing in the future. If you sow financial seeds, you'll reap a financial harvest.

Today, no matter what you need, you have it in seed form. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to plant and water that seed. Trust Him because He is faithful to His Word. Know that when you give, it will come back to you in greater measure. When you give more, you have more. So sow a seed and watch what God will do!

Prayer: Thank You for Your Word which is truth that sets me free! Today, I choose to sow good so I can reap a good harvest. Guide my thoughts today. Direct my path. Use me for Your glory. In Jesus' Name. **Amen.**



Pray First!

- For all service men and women, and their families, especially *Gavyn Neudeck, Hillary Peterson, Casey McCarthy, Tyler McCarthy, Kendra Linn, Travis Dorvit, Kurt Michael 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 Derek Cheek. 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 *Ruth Brewer*, Secretary *Trinette Brewer*, Treasurer *Doug Ploetz*, Vice President *JoAnn Kile*, and members *Skip Giberson, Rick Giberson 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.

<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Committee Assignment</u>
Ruth Brewer	Council President
JoAnn Kile	Vice President, Worship & Music, Christian Education
Trinette Brewer	Secretary
Doug Ploetz	Treasurer
Skip Giberson	Fellowship, Stewardship
Ron Kile	
Rick Giberson	Bldg./Property

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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

Carol Parr
Absolut of Allegany
2178 North 5th Street
Allegany, NY 14706

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

The url is:

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



The July, August, September edition of ***Christ in our Home*** is available and at church.

Deadline for the September newsletter is August 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**

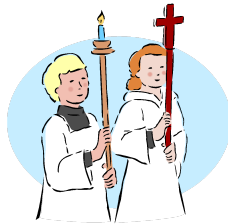


We NEED people to sign up as worship servants.

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.

August 2021

Worship Assistants, Birthdays, and Anniversaries



Worship Assistants

No acolyte this month

Communion Assistant:

Trinette Brewer

Lectors:

Aug. 1st *Ruth Brewer*
Aug. 8th *Jo Kile*
Aug. 15th *Myra Sprout*
Aug. 22nd *Caroline Miller*
Aug. 29th *Connie Matteson*

Prayer Leader:

Aug. 1st *Caroline Miller*
Aug. 8th *Connie Matteson*
Aug. 15th *Ruth Brewer*
Aug. 22nd *Linda Scott*
Aug. 29th *Myra Sprout*

Usher: *Don Linn*

Mail Greeter: *Nannette Giberson*

Bread Baker: *Ron Kile*

Altar Guild: *Trinette Brewer*



1—June Murray
4—Tess Wolsky
8—Carol Miller, Kassondra Lopes
Haedyn Brewer, Daniel Lewis
11—Matthew Fahnestock
14—Renee MacPherson
15—Sherrill Ehlers
24—Laura Giberson Schindler
28—Jean Morgan, Kathy Baughman
30—Pastor Lee Magneson
31—Jennifer Snow-Smith
Brenndon Wolsky



2—Mark & Cheryl Welles
4—Rick & Nannette Giberson,
Kevin & Sharon Hepfer
12—Bill & Candy Clemens
17— Pat & Laurie Dunn

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR - August 2021

Sunday, Aug. 1

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30am - Worship

Sunday, Aug. 8

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30am - Worship

Sunday, Aug. 15

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30am - Worship

Thursday, Aug. 19

Council meeting at 7pm

Sunday, Aug. 22

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30am - Worship

Sunday, Aug. 29

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30am - Worship, Healing Service

Contact Nannette Giberson if you would like communion brought to you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!



Sunday School class will begin again in the fall.

Bethel Zoom Service: 8am Sundays. The **meeting ID: 883 0502 7386** and **passcode: H9i7j9** are the same each time.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88305027386?pwd=L0pxbU9UK1lxcmlNEWdVpbXFiVjBVUT09>

Shepherd Zoom Service: 10:30am Sundays. Shepherd of the Valley's meeting ID and passcode change weekly.

August 3rd - Community Night Out.

An evening of fun and a chance to get to know your neighbors. Come join us!



**August 7th - Drive thru Chicken BBQ.,
noon - ?**

*We are **not** having the pie sale with the chicken bbq.*

Call Bethel, 716-933-6699, to purchase presale tickets. On sale now for \$10. They are \$11 at the door.

Meal includes ½ chicken, potatoes, baked beans, roll and desert.



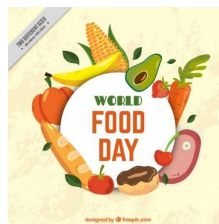
October 2nd - Monthly breakfast



October 14th - Pulled Pork Dinner for Mission trip - Ruth Brewer chairperson.



October 16th - World Food Road Rally



Women^{of the}ELCA 

Niagara Frontier & Southwestern Conferences



*Spiritual Renewal ~
Centered in Prayer*

Saturday, September 18, 2021

at

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

6360 Route 242E, Ellicottville, New York 14731

Program presented by

Contemplative Outreach Buffalo

9:30 AM-3:30 PM

Closing worship at 2:45PM

Cost \$10.00

Luncheon provided

Registration deadline September 11, 2021

Registration forms available by contacting

Lois Rumfelt (716) 664-4409 e-mail: rumfelt@stny.rr.com

2021 Yard Sale and Pie Sale

2021 Yard Sale

Thanks to all who donated items to this year's yard sale that was held July 10th. We had eight tables and all the countertops full of treasures for all to buy. We had steady customers from 8:30am (yes, before the sale opened at 9) til we closed at 4pm. All total we profited \$247.90. 10 percent of that will go to this year's charity – Veterans Van; 5 percent to Synod benevolence and the rest to general funds. Thanks to Jo and Ron Kile, Ariel Kile and Ruth Brewer for setting up; Trinette Brewer for taking what was left to other organizations for their use.

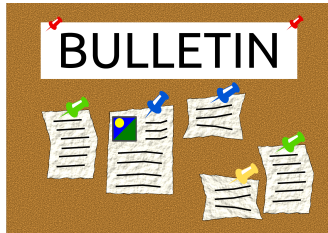




Pie Sale

The pie sale was a hit (as usual). There were 31 pies with some of the pies being sold before they even were brought to the church. Flavors included apple, apple/blackberry, peach, blueberry, strawberry rhubarb, pecan, tollhouse, tri-berry, lemon meringue and coconut cream. \$420 was raised from the sale which will go to the Portville Food Pantry. Thanks to all who made the pies. Caroline Miller and Ruth Brewer were excellent sales people.

Submitted by Jo Kile



Titling - Online Giving for Bethel:

<https://bethelportvilleny.breezechms.com/give/online>

Give through texting. The number is 716-477-3131. The first time it takes you to the giving page and then after that you text "give \$50".

Prayer during this pandemic. <https://www.elca.org/Faith/DailyBible>

Wearing a mask while singing in church is optional for fully vaccinated people.



Happy 98th Birthday Hilda!

Hilda celebrates her 98th birthday on July 26th.



Impacto Ministry

GIVE GOD THE PRAISE FOR PROGRESS

July 16, 2021 by impacto

As we say goodbye to our last team of the summer and we switch gears we want to share with you a few praises and requests. We ask you to bring to God in prayer with and for us



Praises

- We are so happy and praise God that we were able to host 3 amazing teams and 1 awesome week of training for all 4 Happy Tummies!
- We know we often mention the Bible Institute but we cannot help but feel so grateful that many of you have supported and continue to support. The number of churches and individuals joining virtually is incredible. Moreover, the students (a large majority being pastors) are all part of a group chat and the prayer requests, encouragement, teaching, and learning fills us with gladness. The fellowship has touched the personal lives of the students. Especially during this time of alienation, the students/pastors have formed a village, a support system, and multiple prayer partners.
- The construction has begun on our first duplex/cabin in Xejuyu! This is one step closer to us being able to host teams, Pastors Congress, Bible Conference, VBS, and Zona Cero at Xejuyu! Thank you to all who have so selflessly supported the construction.



"And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,"

and he was called God's friend."

James 2:23



Requests

- Please join us in prayer as we pray for the political, spiritual, and medical unrest we are seeing all over the world. Our heart aches for our brothers and sisters in Christ as well as those lost souls who still need to hear the Good News.
- Please pray as we continue to raise funds for construction and monthly internet for the Bible Institute.
- We are praying that God will send the funds for our Christmas festival this year. Like last year, we plan on making a big basket filled with essential food as well as nice Christmas treats. We would also like to give a snack and/or meal per festivity. While we plan to be able to celebrate with the community, it will still look different from years prior.



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