

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.

July 2021



Timothy was still a young man when he received a letter from the man we call St. Paul. In that letter Paul told Timothy how to conduct himself with the following words: "Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." (I Timothy 4:12)

I call your attention to the words: "Set the believers an example in speech and conduct." On the night before our Savior was crucified, he showed love and humility by washing the feet of his followers. When finished he said, "I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." (John 13:15)

There is a story of a widow who was left with five children. She lived on a farm and taught her children how to work hard, how to serve God, and how to give oneself totally for the kingdom of God. She had an

old-fashioned wooden coffee grinder that she used to save a healthy portion of her earnings. Each Sunday she would empty the grinder and take the money to worship as the family's offering to God.

This month's **Stewardship** points out that the power of her stewardship was memorable. She did what Paul told Timothy to do: "Set an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." As a result of her example, her children grew up into wonderful adults ... for it was of one who loved the Lord with heart, mind, soul, and strength.

Prayer: Stir up faithfulness and service in us, dear Lord, to the end that we may glorify you in the totality of our lives.

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
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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 August newsletter is July 18th



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**

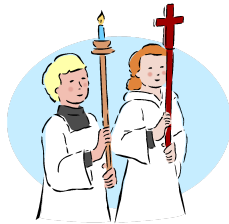


We NEED people to sign up as worship servants.

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.

July 2021

Worship Assistants, Birthdays, and Anniversaries



Worship Assistants



No acolyte this month

Communion Assistant:

Caroline Miller

Lectors:

July 4th *Myra Sprout*
July 11th *Jo Kile*
July 18th *Jo Kile*
July 25th *Ruth Brewer*

Prayer Leader:

July 4th *Linda Scott*
July 11th *Myra Sprout*
July 18th *Connie Matteson*
July 25th *Caroline Miller*

Usher: *Don Linn*

Mail Greeter: *Nannette Giberson*

Bread Baker: *Ron Kile*

Altar Guild: *Ruth Brewer*

3—Doug Ploetz
5—Mark Welles
11—Cliff Nix
12—Molly Scott
22—Mike Brewer
24—Cheryl Welles,
Abbagayle Wolsky
26—Joelle Brewer,
Hilda Prosser,
Pen Yunghans,
Yanna Mott
28—Ron Kile,
Chelsea Shelander
29—Billy Snow



16—Rick & Delores Chapman,
22—Kyle & Kristen Keenan
25—Chris & Joy Linn
26—Kurt & Carol Miller

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR - July 2021

Sunday, July 4

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30am - Worship

Sunday, July 11

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30am - Worship

Sunday, July 18

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30am - Worship

Sunday, July 25

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30am - Worship

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.

July 10th - Yard Sale - Jo Kile chairperson. There is going to be a pie sale fundraiser for Portville Food Pantry. Large pies will be \$10 and small pies \$5. If you have items to donate to the yard sale, call Nannette Giberson to make arrangements for drop off.



August 3rd - Community Night Out

August 7th - Drive thru chicken bbq with pie sale fundraiser, We are **not** having the pie sale with the chicken barbecue. Call Bethel to purchase presale tickets. They are on sale now for \$10. They are \$11 at the door.

October 2nd - Monthly breakfast

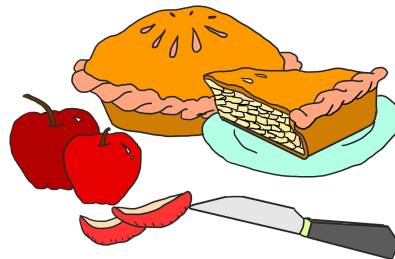


October 14th - Pulled Pork Dinner for Mission trip - Ruth Brewer chairperson.



October 16th - World Food Road Rally

Annual Pie Sale and Yard Sale

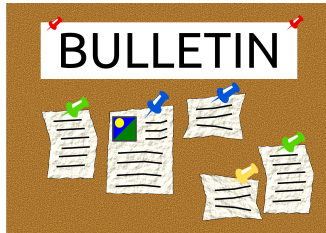


On July 10th we are going to have our annual pie sale at the church during the garage sale time. All proceeds will go to the Portville Food Pantry. I am asking everyone to PLEASE bake a couple of pies for us! We will have a small refrigerator so we can take any pie you decide to make. Small pies are big sellers for the elderly that don't want a big pie. We are all so very blessed to have what we need, so be generous to others that are in need of the foods from the Food Pantry.

Pies can be dropped off at the church on Friday. There will be people there setting up for the sale. Please label the kind of pie you bring.

May the Lord Bless you all
Caroline





Tithing - Online Giving for Bethel:

<https://bethelportvillenyl.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>

News from Synod: The new bishop is Rev. Lee Miller from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Buffalo, NY. He will begin his call on September 1. We ask your prayers for Pastor Miller, Bishop Macholz, our Synod Staff and Synod Council as the transition takes place in the coming months.

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

Hi Everyone,

It's been over a year since the women from Southwestern Conference have gathered together for spiritual growth and fellowship. But things are slowly improving. So, we are excited to announce that our Conference and Niagara Frontier Conference will be co-hosting our third joint-retreat this fall.

The flyer and half-page insert are attached with all the necessary information to include in your July and August or July/August newsletters. Please help spread the word. It is so important for all of us to provide faith and spiritual life opportunities for our women. We all need it, especially in light of the isolation many of us have felt for far too long.

Thank you for your help in this endeavor and please contact me if I can be of any further assistance in any way as we share in the Lord's work together.

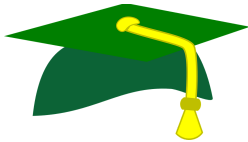
In Christ's service,

Lois Rumfelt, Secretary
Southwestern Conference
Upstate New York Synod, Women of the ELCA

Michael Brewer has relocated to Cheyenne, Wyoming to work with the VA hospital as Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner and focusing on homeless vets. His wife Joelle, Dakota and Haedyn will be moving there. Haedyn will be going to college in Pittsburgh. Ruth Brewer will give addresses when available.



Hi Lisa, thanks so much for your recent donation to the SPCA. With all the new dogs and abundance of kittens coming our way, we welcome all contributions - whether material goods or financial. All donations are essential to allow us to give the best possible care to these wonderful animals. Thank you for keeping us in mind. Sincerely,
Your SPCA Team



On May 15, 2021 **Kendra Linn**, granddaughter of Donald Linn and daughter of Tamera Linn received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mandarin Chinese from the University of Hawaii in Honolulu.

Kendra is presently serving in the military and is on assignment in Florida for the next 5 months. During that time she will pursue her opportunities within her field and also the opportunities available to her in the military.

She began her career with the United States Air Force in 2011 and became fluent with the Chinese language and has worked as a linguist while serving our country.



Congratulations
to Betty and
Jerry
Maerten
Married June 5th



June 15, 2021 by *Impacto Ministry*

It's June! How exciting! As we celebrate that we are halfway through the year, we would like to share some Praises and Requests that are on our hearts.



Praises

- We praise God because last June we were not able to host a single team, Guatemala was still under strict shut down and the airport was closed. This week we are hosting our first team in a year and four months! Can you believe it? Our staff and workers are used to hosting close to 40 teams yearly (some sharing weeks) and this is our first team in 16 months!
 - We praise God as we are seeing progress in the construction in Xejuyu, things are moving along, and we could not be more excited!
 - Praise God we have been able to go back to in-person Happy Tummies and Abuelitos! We are so excited to be able to have that fellowship back and see many of them slowly returning
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“Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my

joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love,

being one in spirit and of one mind.”

Philippians 2:1-2



- Please, pray for our staff, we are all feeling a bit rusty hosting teams. Pray that we are able to give the best of ourselves to the teams and the ministries they will be taking part in.
 - We ask that you pray for provision for us to continue moving forward with Construction at Xejuyu. We are starting to see our dreams for this place come to life and we know many North Americans as well as locals will benefit from this compound.
 - Pray that covid numbers stay low enough to where we can continue to hold in-person Happy Tummies and Abuelitos for the remainder of the year. It has been a hard year and we want nothing more than to be able to minister to these beautiful souls face-to-face
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“How Can I Help?”

That’s a question we get very often. It’s such a blessing when someone feels God touch them to help us with our ministry efforts. There are so many ways to help.

- You can [come minister with us](#) ... for a week, two weeks, a month, as long as you can!
- You can [bring a team](#) ... we have volunteers that will help you with coordinating and planning.
- You can [pray for us](#) ... satan does not like when God is being glorified so your prayers help us battle his trials.
- You can [donate](#) ... we need donations to help us continue ministering through all the programs we have (i.e., Happy Tummies, Construction, Stitches of Blessings, Abuelitos...).
- You can sign up for [Amazon Smile](#); you can raise funds to send to help support our ministry efforts.

We’d love to have you help us and there are many other ways. If you have the desire to help and wish to be a partner with us, please contact Jan Landrum (janmarie.landrum@gmail.com). Jan is the head of "Friends of Impacto" and this group strives to lend help to us in many ways. Jan can direct you to someone who is ready and willing to help you discover ways to be involved with helping Impacto



When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36

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