

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.

June 2021



There was a woman who tells about how challenging sermons, family devotions, and a visit from Every Member Canvassers challenged her to reconsider her family's priorities regarding the use of money. Like many of us, she had focused on worldly goods more than Christian stewardship. Do we not think about the next "worldly thing" we want to get, far more than we consider what we can do on behalf of God and the Kingdom?

In short, don't we often put our "wants" first and God's work somewhere down the list in our priorities? Well, she came to realize that even when their income had doubled to \$40,000 annually, they were still giving the church the same \$500 annually that they had when their income was lower. She thought this was like embezzling money from God.

Should not God have a healthy portion of a family's income? And certainly, given the fact that God enables us to have whatever we have: life, talent, energy, guidance, our church, and time on earth ... should we not glorify God with worship, service and with responsible and generous stewardship?

God gives us the freedom to choose what sort of a steward we will be! Jesus gave us the direction we need to follow: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth," he said. "But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven ... for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:19-21)

Prayer: Stir us up to give as you would have us give, O Lord, source of all that we have. In Christ's 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.

Council Member

Ruth Brewer
JoAnn Kile

Trinette Brewer
Doug Ploetz
Skip Giberson

Ron Kile
Rick Giberson

Committee Assignment

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

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

**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 June newsletter is June 20th



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

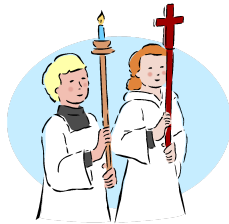


We NEED people to sign up as worship servants.

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.

June 2021

Worship Assistants, Birthdays, and Anniversaries



Worship Assistants

No acolyte this month

Communion Assistant:

Trinette Brewer

Lectors:

June 6th*Ruth Brewer*
June 13th*Jo Kile*
June 20th*Connie Matteson*
June 27th*Caroline Miller*

Prayer Leader:

June 6th*Linda Scott*
June 13th*Myra Sprout*
June 20th*Ruth Brewer*
June 27th*Caroline Miller*

Usher:*Don Linn*

Mail Greeter:*Nannette Giberson*

Bread Baker:*Ron Kile*

Altar Guild:*Trinette Brewer*



- 1—Joe Shoff
- 2—Nedean Knowlton
- 3—Bryan Hatch, Trinette Brewer
- 4—Chris Linn
- 8—Deb Wolsky
- 14—Tom Olson, Carol Parr
- 20—Lindsey Nicholas
- 21—Rick Giberson, Chris Badger
- 22—Justin Brewer, Emily Linn
- 23—Jon Wolsky
- 28—Lisa Andrus



- 4—Jon & Amy Giberson
- 9—Doug & Terri Ploetz
- 10—Dan & Kerrie Parr
- 11—Bill & Judy Graves
- 25—Chris & Mary Jane Badger
- 29—Warner & Joan Johnson

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR - June 2021

Sunday, June 6

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30am - Worship

Sunday, June 13

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30am - Worship

Thursday, June 17

Council meeting at 7pm

Sunday, June 20

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30am - Worship

Sunday, June 27

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30am - Worship

Vicar Gerry Zimmerman wants all to know that he can get communion to those of you that would like to have it, just let him or Nannette Giberson know.

Beginning June 6, if you are fully vaccinated, you will not be required to wear a mask when sitting or during communion, however when singing a mask needs to be worn. If you desire you may continue to wear a mask all the time.

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.



June 3-5, Synod Assembly, held virtually. Our delegates are Terri Ploetz and Ruth Brewer.

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. Pre-sale tickets are \$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

Cliff and Marge Nix's granddaughter Lindsey Nicholas with Vivian



Vivian heading from Hinsdale to Westminster Dog Show

By KATE DAY SAGER
Olean Times Herald

HINSDALE — When Vivian, a German shorthaired pointer, is outside the show ring she is described as being a bit silly and something of a diva.

In a show, however, she is a whole different dog and quite the professional.

That was the word from Vivian's owner, Lindsey Nicholas of Hinsdale, who learned that her beautiful 2-year-old canine has been invited to compete at the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in June.

The 145th annual show, slated to be held June 12 and 13 in Tarrytown, will have live coverage across Fox Sports networks. The show, usually held in February at Madison Square Garden, was moved to June and an outdoor venue outside of New York City.

The owner of Waggy Tails Resort & Spa on Wagner Hill Road in Hinsdale, Nicholas also owns three other German Shorthaired Pointers with her husband, Joel.

Nicholas described how she acquired Vivian, the daughter of



Photo provided

Lindsey Nicholas of Hinsdale is shown with her German shorthaired pointer, Vivian, who will compete in the famed Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in June.

a former Westminster winner, a couple of years ago.

"Her dad, CJ, won

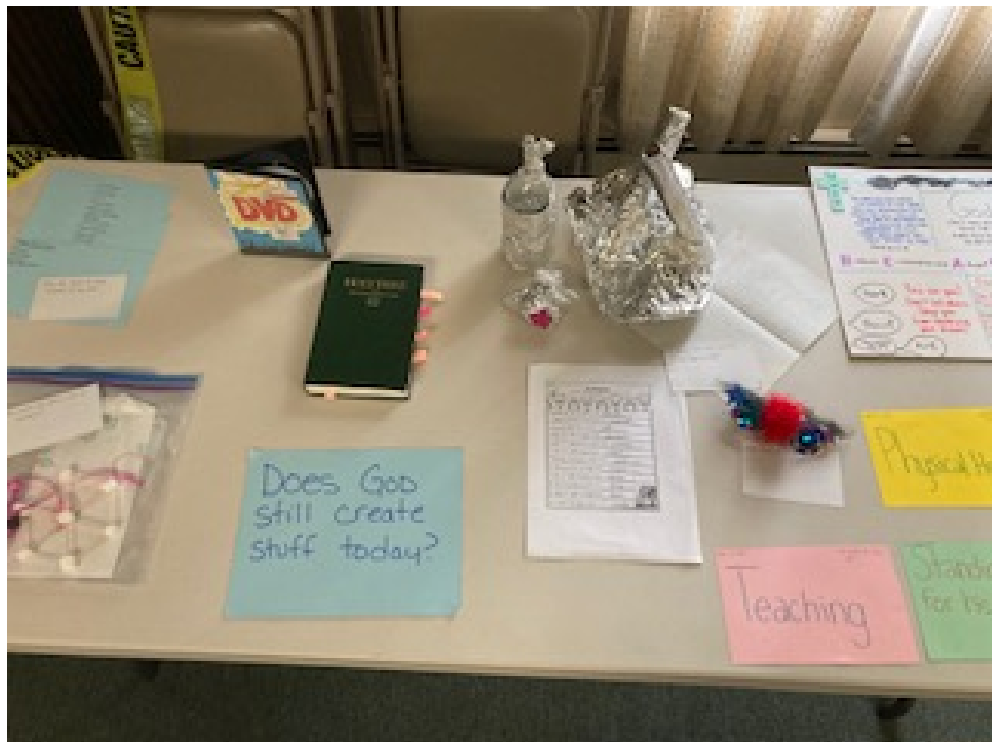
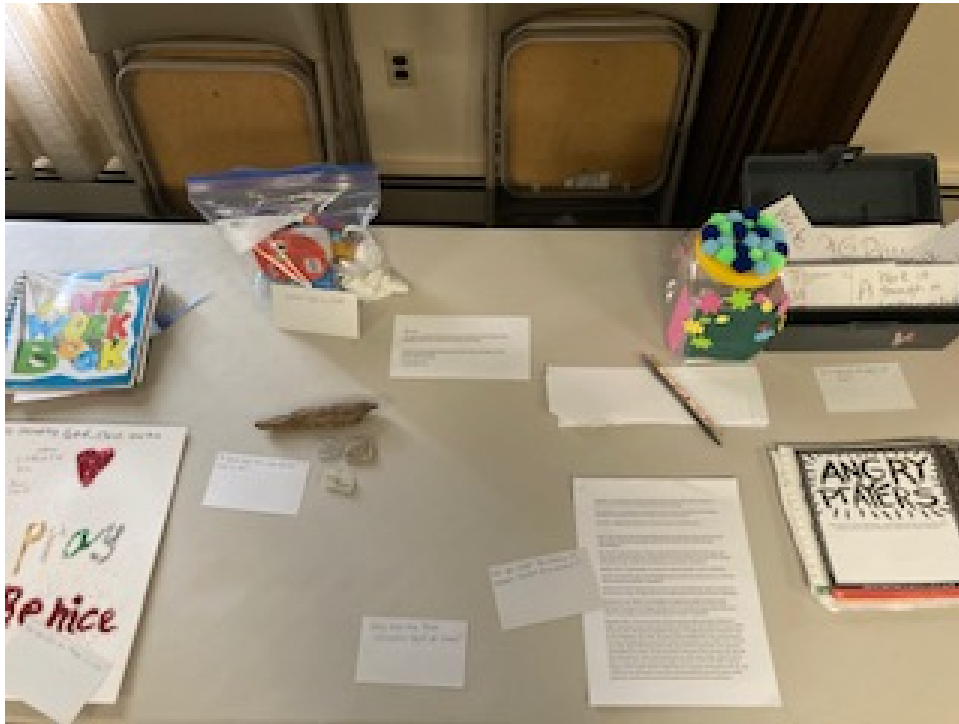
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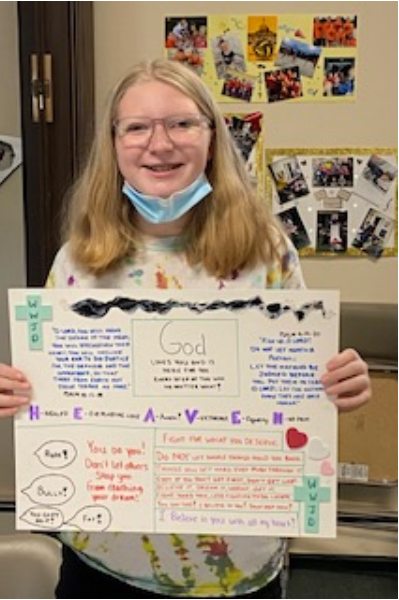
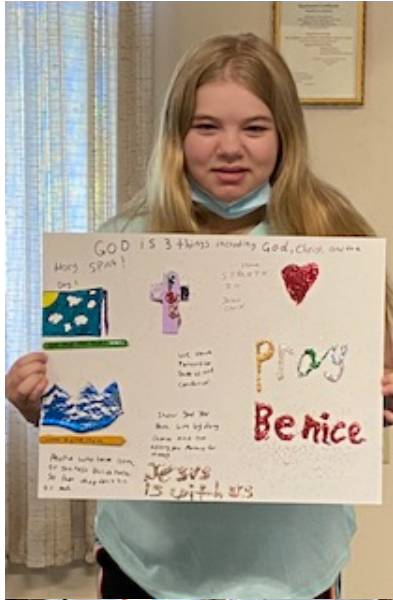
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2016," Nicholas recalled. "I was sitting in front of the TV one night and when (CJ) won, I was jumping up and down. I was so excited, and I turned to my husband and said, 'One of these days, I'm going to own one of his babies.'"

Her husband didn't believe her at the time, but a year later, his wife's wish came true. "Lo and behold, a year later, a lady I work with for breeding my dogs said she had bred her one female to CJ," Nicholas said of Nancibeth Clements of Legacyk Kennels in Deerfield, Mich. Nicholas didn't have to be convinced about purchasing her new puppy, whose registered name is GCHB Legacyk Pretty Woman on Rodeo Drive, or Vivian, for short. Nicholas noted that she came up with the name for her dog from the main character in one of her favorite movies, "Pretty Woman." Nicholas said Vivian has done well in the show rings from the beginning of her competitions. Through her accumulated points at a variety of shows, Vivian has earned the Grand Bronze Championship title. "She's definitely earned a lot of titles to get the points to be able to compete in Westminster," she continued. "They kind of go by titles on whether a dog is a champion or not." Cliff and Marge Nix's granddaughter Lindsey Nicholas. Submitted By Nannette Giberson.

Confirmation Class Projects





Confirmants Olivia, Claira and Myra's overnight stay





*Myra Sprout,
Olivia Silvis and
Claira Scott
confirmed May 23rd*

Congratulations!



*Vicar Gerry blessing Clairra,
Olivia (by phone) and Myra*





Confirmation teachers Ruth Brewer and Jo Kile with Vicar Gerry and confirmands.



Claira Scott and Myra Sprout

jumping for joy!





Congratulations

Haedyn Lee Brewer

will graduate from Otto Eldred high school, on June 3, 2021, with high honors. He has been on high honor row since 5th grade. He plays the saxophone, is the VP of senior band and President of the history club.

He will be attending Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, PA. in the honors program. Majoring in history and minor in Education.

Haedyn is in Shotokan karate and has earned his brown belt. He will be trying out for the black belt 1st degree in July.

He works at Taco Bell with the title of "Food Champion".

Submitted by Proud Grandma Ruth Brewer



Southwestern Conference Assembly -

April 25, 2021

Terri Ploetz and Ruth Brewer attended meeting held at St Paul's church Ellicottville, NY.

Presentation from Racial Justice task Force- This task force is composed of lay and rostered leaders throughout our synod. Bishop Macholz renewed the charge of the task force to provide training opportunities for Synod leadership and congregations to move beyond education and understanding to action and advocacy in ending systemic racism.

Currently the Task Force is:

- 1) writing an initial Anti- Racism Training on the foundations of Systemic Racism. This training will be conducted with Synod staff, Leadership and Council
- 2) Offering support for congregations in crisis and providing resources upon request for any congregation ready to go deeper in their anti-racism work.
- 3) Strengthening the offering of resources on the Synod website
- 4) Work with the Bishop and Synod Council Leadership to write effective Resolutions.
- 5) Respond to congregations and clergy in crisis due to racist behavior within the congregation or community in which they serve.

Resolution : To Give Voice and Vote to Synodically Authorized Ministers at Synod Assembly --passed

Elections for: SW Conf Synod Council Rep *Pastor Tim*

SYNOD council Secretary *Ann Tenglund*

CONSULTATION COMMITTEE – 2 lay and 2 clergy

Discipline Committee - 2 Lay 2 Clergy

Churchwide Assembly - 4 Lay, 3 Clergy, @ Person of color/language other than English

2 Young Adult *Christa / Pr IVY/ Pr Phil*

Bishop to be elected at Synod Assembly in June-Rev Lee M. Miller II from Holy Trinity in Buffalo is on of the nominee.. Other nominees are: · *Rev Laura Daly, Rev Deron Milleville, Rev Aileen Robbins, Rev Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld*

Respectfully submitted - Ruth Brewer - council President

Trinette sent this link out to help us stay in **prayer during this pandemic**.

<https://www.elca.org/Faith/DailyBible>

Trinette sent this if you are interested in staying up with your **tithing - Online Giving for Bethel**: <https://bethelportvilleney.breezechms.com/give/online>

You can also **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".



Ron Kile painted the cross gold in the altar.

