

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Service - Sundays at 8:30am;
Sunday School, (Oct. thru May) at 9:30am, zoom class
Confirmation Class at 9:45am
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.

May 2021



What God Has Invested In You

Paul prayed for the believers at Ephesus that they might know what God called them to do, and understand the "riches" He had invested in them. Think about this: (1) *God knows what He's invested in you.* He doesn't redeem you one day and take you to heaven the next. He calls and equips you to fulfill a certain purpose in this world. Christ taught that some of us are five-talent people, some are two-talent people, and some are one talent people (See MT 25:15). That's why it's a mistake to draw comparisons. It's not what you have that determines your reward, but what you do with what you have. It's when you bury your talent because you're afraid to risk and fail, that you get into trouble with God.

(2) *God protects what He's invested in you.* Do we sometimes disobey God? Yes. Does He discipline us? Yes. And your response to Him can either lengthen or shorten your season of discipline. But does God abandon us? Never! "God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn" (Ro 11:29). (3) *God expects a return on what He's invested in you.* When you get to the end of your life, what will you have to show for it? God gave you time, talent, and treasure. Are you using them selfishly, or are you using them to serve Him and bless others? "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive...according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2Co 5:10). The songwriter put it this way. "Only one life, 'twill soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last."



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/>.



**Deadline for the June newsletter is May
16th**



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**

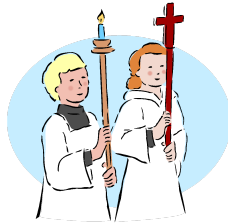


We NEED people to sign up as worship servants.

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.

May 2021

Worship Assistants, Birthdays, and Anniversaries



Worship Assistants

No acolyte this month

Communion Assistant:

Don Linn and Caroline Miller

Lectors:

May 2nd*Don Linn*
May 9th*Myra Sprout*
May 16th*Don Linn*
May 23rd*Caroline Miller*
May 30th*Ruth Brewer*

Prayer Leader:

May 2nd*Ruth Brewer*
May 9th *Linda Scott*
May 16th*Caroline Miller*
May 23rd*Linda Scott*
May 30th*Connie Matteson*

Usher:*Don Linn*

Mail Greeter:*Nannette Giberson*

Bread Baker:*Ron Kile*

Altar Guild:*Ruth Brewer*



- 2---Tristen Lewis
- 3---Bill Graves
- 5---Jessianne Doty Hosmer
- 10---Abigail Benson
- 12---Nathan Gabler
- 15---Mariah Shepard
- 16---Casey Baughman
- 17---Sarah Linn
- 17---Rick Chapman
- 18---Don Linn
- 19---Erin Ploetz Hall
- 23---Tom Ploetz
- 24---Dakota Brewer
- 24---Jerry Maerten
- 25---Kellie Swanson Krzos
- 27---Parker Keenan
- 30---Jon Giberson



- 5---Robert & Barbara MacPherson
- 13---Marc & Marilyn (Ploetz) Perkins

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR - May 2021

- Sunday, May 2 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
8:30am - Worship
9:30am - 10:00am Sunday School Zoom Class
9:45am - 10:45am Confirmation Class
- Sunday, May 9 **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
8:30am - Worship
9:30am - 10:00am Sunday School Zoom Class
9:45am - 10:45am Confirmation Class
- Thursday, May 20 Council meeting at 7pm
- Sunday, May 16 **ASCENSION SUNDAY**
8:30am - Worship
9:30am - 10:00am Sunday School Zoom Class
9:45am - 10:45am Confirmation Class
- Sunday, May 23 **PENTECOST**
8:30am - Worship
9:30am - 10:00am Sunday School Zoom Class
9:45am - 10:45am Confirmation Class
- Sunday, May 30 **THE HOLY TRINITY**
8:30am - Worship
9:30am - 10:00am Sunday School Zoom Class
9:45am - 10:45am Confirmation Class

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!



Zoom Sunday School class will be held **Sunday mornings from 9:30am – 10:00am.**

Confirmation class will be held **Sunday mornings, from 9:45am – 10:45am,** and will also be on Zoom. **Jo Kile and Ruth Brewer** are the confirmation class teachers.

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=L0pxbU9UK1lxcmNEWdVPbXFivjBVUT09>

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

May 23rd - Confirmation service



after May 23rd - Yard sale - Jo Kile chairperson



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

August 3rd - Community Night Out

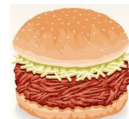
August 7th - Drive thru chicken bbq with pie sale fundraiser, money from the pie sale to be donated to the Portville Food Pantry.



October 2nd - Monthly breakfast



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



October 16th - World Food Road Rally



Congratulations to Kathy Shelander, daughter of Bill and Judy Graves, on her promotion.

≡ **OLEAN TIMES HERALD** 🔍

OLEAN — Kathy Shelander, previously chief financial officer for Cutco Cutlery Corporation, has been promoted to executive Vice President of the company, effective April 1.

Shelander joined Cutco on May 15, 1990 as an accounting intern for Vector Marketing Corporation, another Cutco subsidiary. She was then hired full-time in May 1991 as a staff accountant for Cutco. She was also a cost accountant, accounting supervisor, accounting manager and controller before being promoted to chief financial officer on June 1, 2011.

Shelander is a graduate of St. Bonaventure University, where she earned her bachelor and master's degrees. She lives in Eldred with her husband, Mark. They have two daughters, Chelsea and Alyssa.

Congratulations to Jianna Nix for being named to the Allegany County Division 1 girls all-star basketball team.

Jianna is the Granddaughter of Cliff and Marge Nix and daughter of Scott Nix.

Submitted by Nannette Giberson



*Poem written
by the
confirmation class*

HEALED After DEATH
Everlasting Love
ALWAYS HAPPY
VICTORIOUS
Equality
NO PAIN OR SADNESS



Remembering Skip Robinson

Sign by Jo and Ron Kile



Bethel was in need of some loving care.



Thanks to Ron Kile for the repairs and Rick Giberson and Ron for painting. Amazing job.



THANK
YOU

Rick Giberson painted the sidewalk where it's raised.



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://bethelportvilleny.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".

Easter Sunday



submitted by Nannette Giberson

2021 goals



Marriage is hard.
Divorce is hard.
Choose your hard.

Obesity is hard.
Being fit is hard.
Choose your hard.

Being in debt is hard.
Being financially disciplined is hard.
Choose your hard.



Communication is hard.
Not communicating is hard.
Choose your hard.

Life will Never
BE Easy. IT WILL
Always BE HARD.
BUT WE CAN CHOOSE OUR HARD
Choose wisely

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