

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Service - Sundays at 8:30am;

Sunday School - Sundays 9:30am - 10:30am

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.

October 2021



So often, when we begin to think that church leaders stress money matters too often, we do not consider the great ministries of the church. Ask any pastor or leading lay people in any church: How is their congregation helping to meet the needs of those who are suffering?

The answer given will inevitably point to money given to provide food, clothing, counseling, housing, medical care, and so forth for the poor. Giving help to those in desperate need is a mandate Christ has given us. If we neglect the poor, the sick, the hungry, the ignorant, those in rags, those treated unjustly, we will have failed Christ.

Christian stewardship involves far more than worship; it involves service. It involves doing something positive to help those in desperate need. It calls for sharing all that God has given us!

In the 25th chapter of Matthew, Christ recites a list of what is expected of his followers, and ends his talk with these words: "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me."

(Matthew 25:45) My friends, let's do it!

Prayer: Loving and just Lord, stir us up to service on your behalf, that we may hear you say at the last: "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world..."

(Matthew 25:34) **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 Rev. Lee Miller (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

Bonnie Enke Pines Healthcare
9822 NY 16
Juniper Room 261
Machias, NY 14102

Bill Clemens
3423 Fortune Drive
Allegany, NY 14706



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

Special offering for October will be for Kristen Clemens Keenan

Have you checked out Bethel's Facebook Group?

The url is:

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



Deadline for the November newsletter is Oct. 17th



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.

October 2021

Worship Assistants, Birthdays, and Anniversaries



Worship Assistants

Acolyte..... *Myra Sprout*

Communion Assistant:

Oct. 3, 10, 17..... *Linda Scott*

Oct. 24, 31.....*Ruth Brewer*

Lectors:

Oct. 3rd..... *Caroline Miller*

Oct. 10th.....*Myra Sprout*

Oct. 17th..... *Jo Kile*

Oct. 24th.....*Jo Kile*

Oct. 31st.....*Ruth Brewer*

Prayer Leader:

Oct. 3rd.....*Linda Scott*

Oct. 10th.....*Caroline Miller*

Oct. 17th..... *Linda Scott*

Oct. 24th.....*Ruth Brewer*

Oct. 31st.....*Myra Sprout*

Usher:*Bill Graves*

Mail Greeter:*Nannette Giberson*

Bread Baker:.....*Ron Kile*

Altar Guild.....*Ruth Brewer*

2nd ----Ron Brewer

6th ----Jake Parr

8th ----Jianna Nix

9th ----Rain Fahnestock

15th ---Jean Benson

17th ----Joy Linn

23rd ----Kyle Keenan

24th ---Delores Chapman,

Tamera Linn

31st ----Kerrie Parr



4th ----Robert & Kathy Baughman

21st ---Chris and Molly Scott

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR - October 2021

- Sunday, Oct. 3 **NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
8:30am - Worship
9:30am- Sunday school
- Sunday, Oct. 10 **TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
8:30am - Worship
9:30am- Sunday school
- Sunday, Oct. 17 **TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
8:30am - Worship
9:30am- Sunday school
- Thursday, Oct. 21 Council meeting at 7pm
- Sunday, Oct. 24 **TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
8:30am - Worship
9:30am- Sunday school
- Sunday, Oct. 31 **REFORMATION SUNDAY**
8:30am - Worship
9:30am- Sunday school

Reformation Sunday will be held at Bethel this year. It will not be a joint service.
Wear red for Reformation Sunday.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!



Sunday School Class: Sundays 9:30am-10:30am.

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.

October Monthly breakfast has been **cancelled.** Breakfasts have been postponed due to Covid.

November 14th - annual budget meeting after worship.

Pulled Pork Dinner

October 14th, 4-6:30pm - Drive Thru Only

This dinner is to raise funds for Ruth Brewer's mission work in Guatemala. The menu is as follows: Pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw, and dessert.

Price: \$10.00. Ruth Brewer chairperson.

DRIVE THRU PICKUP ONLY.



World Food Day Rally Sat, Oct. 16, 2021

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 11, 2021

Register by calling: 716-933-6699

Entry fee: minimum 2 non-perishable food items
per person; **mask for inside use only**

Isaiah 58:10 NSRV

If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

Jo Kile chairperson.

Pastor Appreciation Day

October 10th

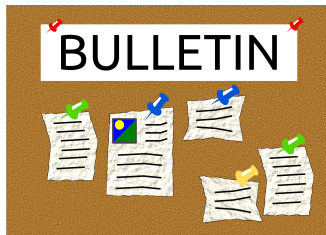
and

National Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day

October 17th



Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith (Hebrews 13:7 ESV).



Tithing - 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>



Caroline Miller is part of the class of 68



Vicar Gerry Installing
Sunday School Teachers
Nannette, Clairra, Myra and Courtney.
Not in the photo Olivia.



Photo taken by Trinette Brewer



PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUESTS!

Sept. 15, 2021 by Impacto

Today, September 15, 2021 we celebrate 200 years of independence! Our country's story is like that of many other countries filled with joy, tears, heartache, happiness, civil war, peace, and so much more. Yet today we rejoice as God has called us to serve the people of this beautiful country. We are also fortunate enough to work with the Mayan population, the very first to inhabit this land. We have learned so much from the Mayan culture and have a huge respect for it. We have also enjoyed sharing with so many the Gospel and Word of God.



Though we could write about how our government does not meet our standards and how frustrating we sometimes feel, we decided that we will celebrate the people of Guatemala. We think that what makes up this wonderful country is the people, the people we have been called to serve and come to love.

So, on this day we would like to say, Happy 200th Independence Day, Guatemala! Though this year the celebration looks different we will take the time to pray and thank God for this beautiful country.



Praises

- Construction at Xejuyu continues to blow us away! Things are moving along quickly and we hope to be able to dedicate the first floor in the next few weeks.
- We praise God for our supporters. The past year-and-a-half would have looked very different for our workers and staff if we weren't blessed with and through all of you.
- We praise God for the Stitches of Blessings graduation. These women are now able to contribute economically to their families and we are thrilled to have been a part of this. We pray they will use their machines to bring glory to God in all they do.



"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

John 8:36



Requests

- We ask that you pray for all those hurting and mourning. We have seen death near and around us and have been with families as they mourn their loved ones. Join us in praying for comfort and healing for this world.
 - Please, continue to pray for our staff as we are faced with making decisions regarding the ministries and the pandemic, they are not easy to make, but we have faith and pray that each decision made is being led by God.
 - If you don't already, we ask that you prayerfully consider partnering with us through prayer and donations. Though many things have changed for us we will continue serving the people of Guatemala in any way God calls us to.
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Internship

Did you know that we offer internship opportunities? Rather than coming on a team, interns come on their own and serve with us anywhere from a few weeks to a few months. Interns provide a much needed extra boost of support to our staff, especially during our busy team season. Interns help things run smoothly, and they also are able to utilize their own skills and gifts in creative ways.

Keep in mind, interns must be 18 or older and there is an application process. If you'd like to learn more about our internship program, please don't hesitate to reach out to Becca at rebecca@impactoministry.com.



Santa Clara Church Dedication -- Sunday, September 13, 2021

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