

# BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Service - Sundays at 8:30am;  
Sunday School - Sundays, starting Sept. 19, 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.*

## September 2021



When Jesus saw someone who needed help, he did something about the situation. Jesus saw and healed lepers and blind people, a man who was mentally ill, a mute man, and he ministered to one person after another. But we aren't Jesus. What can ordinary Christians do to offer help to someone or something in need? None of us can do everything, but we can almost always do something:

If we can't drop everything to meet a need we see, we can contact someone who can.

If we can't tithe money for the church or a mission project, we can pray for its success and tithe our time to help the matter succeed.

If we can't directly help the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry or the sick, we can offer prayer, comfort, encouragement, and helpful advice.

The point is that Jesus never failed to help in a needy situation and we should try our best to do likewise. That would be worthy stewardship.

Recently, a newspaper in Phoenix told the story of a woman jogger running by a canal early one morning. Suddenly she saw a car in the water. As she looked carefully she saw an older woman trapped in the driver's seat. She ran to a nearby highway. She flagged down a car. She told the young man driving about the problem. The fellow parked, ran to the site, jumped into the water, and helped the 77-year-old lady escape her entrapment. So be it!

**Prayer:** Lord, please help us to have the courage and the strength to serve you through total stewardship. As did our Lord Jesus Christ. **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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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

The url is:

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



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

***Deadline for the October newsletter is Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>***



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.***

# September 2021

## Worship Assistants, Birthdays, and Anniversaries



### Worship Assistants

Acolyte:..... *Myra Sprout*

Communion Assistant:

Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> .....*Carol Miller*  
Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> .....*Trinette Brewer*

Lectors:

Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> .....*Myra Sprout*  
Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> ..... *Jo Kile*  
Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> .....*Connie Matteson*  
Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> .....*Ruth Brewer*

Prayer Leader:

Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> .....*Connie Matteson*  
Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> .....*Ruth Brewer*  
Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> .....*Myra Sprout*  
Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> .....*Nannette Giberson*

Usher: .....*Bill Graves*

Mail Greeter: .....*Nannette Giberson*

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

Altar Guild:

Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> .....*Carol Miller*  
Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> .....*Trinette Brewer*

- 2—Bev Robinson
- 7—Joan Johnson
- 12—Sydney Blicharz,  
Ariel Kile
- 13—Barbara MacPherson
- 14—Hunter Kile
- 15—Dawn Campbell
- 17—Deb Kolkowski
- 18—Brittany Seal
- 22—Karen Snow
- 24—Bill Clemens
- 26—Myra Sprout
- 27—Victoria Lopes Compton
- 28—Felicia Kile
- 29—Jason Gabler,  
Jo Ann Kile
- 30—Candy Clemens



5---Skip and April Giberson



**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR - September 2021**

Sunday, Sept. 5                      **FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
8:30am - Worship

Sunday, Sept. 12                      **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
8:30am - Worship

Thursday, Sept. 16                      Council meeting at 7pm

Sunday, Sept. 19                      **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
8:30am - Worship  
9:30am - 10:30am Sunday School

Sunday, Sept. 26                      **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
8:30am - Worship  
9:30am - 10:30am Sunday School

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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!



At this time, our plan is to do in-class Sunday School from 9:30am - 10:30am starting September 19th. To do our best with covid policies, masks will be worn at all times. We will not have snacks and do our best to socially distance. If you have any questions please let me know. We are so excited to see you all!!!

Blessings

Nannette 716-307-9881 or rangiberson@gmail.com  
Claira, Livy, Myra & Courtney

October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Monthly breakfast



October 14<sup>th</sup> - Pulled Pork Dinner for Mission trip - Ruth Brewer chairperson.



### 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.*

Women<sup>of the</sup> 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*

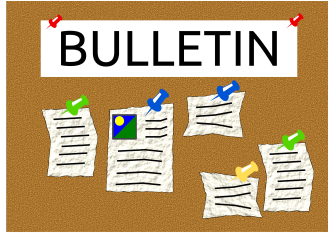
**Cost \$10.00**

*Luncheon provided*

**Registration deadline September 11, 2021**

*Registration forms available by contacting*

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



**Tithing - Online Giving for Bethel:**

<https://bethelporvilleney.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>

**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=L0pxbU9UK1lxcnNEWdVPbXFiVjBVUT09>

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



## Skip Robinson's Easter Lily

It had 15 blossoms this  
year!!!

Submitted by  
Nannette Giberson

A SOCIALLY DISTANT CELEBRATION OF  
THE RETIREMENT OF  
THE REVEREND DANIEL E. HOFFMAN, DMIN, STS

DATE: September 18, 2021

TIME: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Buffet at 7:00 PM  
Open Bar 6:00-7:00 PM and 8:00-9:00 PM

PLACE: Sean Patrick's  
3480 Millersport Highway  
Getzville, NY 14068

FACE COVERING MAY BE REQUIRED

R.S.V.P. NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 4, 2021

Name \_\_\_\_\_

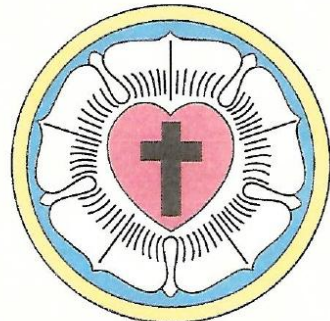
Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ amount enclosed at \$50 per dinner: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
cut this bottom portion off and return by September 4th to:

Trinity Lutheran Church  
8760 Transit Road  
East Amherst, NY 14051



Questions? Please contact Kathy Sullivan at 839-3462, 352-3428(cell) or  
frogsfun@verizon.net or Patsy Cunningham 688-1212, 440-8007 (cell).

## Clinton Brewer



Clinton is a Project Manager at Kinley and has been with us for 8 years.

From a very early stage in his career, Clinton has been in roles vital to his growth like leading estimates and managing projects.

Here's what he has to say, "Working for a company with a long history and good reputation has also made working through challenges on projects much easier as clients and vendors know they can trust Kinley to do the right thing."

#TeamKinley #MeetTheTeam

Cliff and Marge Nix's granddaughter  
Lindsey Nicholas with Vivian





**Portville's Community Night Out** was a successful evening of games, snacks, and visiting. The evening event was held to coincide with the National Night Out, August 3, 2021. Started in 1984, it was designed to help emphasize a partnership between the police and the community, helping with crime prevention and encouraging community involvement. Bethel Lutheran Church began Portville's Community Night Out in 2019. The program for 2020 was cancelled due to Covid. This year's celebration was in the Outdoor Pavilion and there were games, refreshments, snacks, and lots of fellowship with our neighbors and local leaders. All said they looked forward to more Community Night Out celebrations, even suggested they be held more often than just annually! Something to think about?









Submitted by Linda Scott

Just wondering, does anyone else see Carol ripping Jean's head off?





# The Annual Chicken BBQ was a great success! We made

\$1328.00! This is wonderful for us as a church. This was a successful event because of the hard work that was done by several members. First I would like to thank Marge and Cliff Nix for paying for the chickens this year, this was a wonderful contribution! Thanks to Ruth Brewer for getting the start up money from Thrivent. We were able to purchase most of the food and products we needed with this money. I also want to thank Ruth for all her help buying what we needed and helping getting everything ready for the sale! A big thanks to Trinette for buying the deserts for the meals. Several people commented that it was just what was needed to finish off the meal! Other thanks go out to, Linda Scott for making the tickets and posters and also for her help with preparing the take out meals, Jerry and Betty Maerten for taking care of ticket sales, Ariel Kile, Jo Kile, Marge Nix, Trinette Brewer, Cheryl Welles for making up meals and taking them to the vehicles! A very big thanks to Marge for cleaning up all the dirty dishes! Thank you Rick Giberson for putting up the big sign at the end of Brooklyn Street and taking it down! Thank you Don Linn for supervising and working with all the people working on the meal line and the running line!! A very big thank you to Kurt Miller and Ron Brewer for cooking the delicious chickens!

The success of this event is because of people willing to give of their time and efforts to help make things run smoothly. It was a real pleasure working with all these people and being able to enjoy the fellowship! God is Great, and we have to be thankful for Him!!





Submitted by Carol Miller and  
Trinette Brewer

# MIB

## MAN IN BLACK



Submitted by Jo Kile

## A Fifth Grade Assignment to Describe God

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in 20 ways to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results:

**God** is like. BAYER ASPIRIN

He works miracles.

**God** is like. A FORD

He's got a better idea..

**God** is like. COKE

He's the real thing.

**God** is like. HALLMARK CARDS

He cares enough to send His very best.

**God** is like. TIDE

He gets the stains out others leave behind. ..

**God** is like. GENERAL ELECTRIC

He brings good things to life.

**God** is like. WAL-MART

He has everything.

**God** is like. ALKA-SELTZER

Try Him, you'll like Him

**God** is like. SCOTCH TAPE

You can't see Him, but you know He's there.



**God** is like.. DELTA

He's ready when you are.

**God** is like. ALLSTATE

You're in good hands with Him.

**God** is like. VO-5 Hair Spray,

He holds through all kinds of weather

**God** is like. DIAL SOAP

Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

**God** is like . The U.S. POST OFFICE

Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from his appointed destination.

**God** is like. Chevrolet.

. . .the heartbeat of America

**God** is like Maxwell House .... .

Good to the very last drop

**God** is like. B o u n t y . . . .

He is the quicker picker upper. Can handle the tough jobs. And He won't fall apart on you

**God** is like the Energizer Bunny .... .

He keeps going and going and going.

Submitted by Ruth Brewer





## KEEP POSITIVE, GOD IS IN CONTROL!

*Aug. 15, 2021 by Impacto*

August, so far, has given us hot humid days with some block-buster storms! However, God has given us an added portion of His grace and protection so all is well! Our prayer is that He has provided for each of you and your needs.

Below we share a few of our Praises and Requests with you. Please join us in lifting them in prayers of thanks and petitions.



## Praises

- During these difficult times we are learning more and more to be grateful in all circumstances. Though it has not been easy we praise God for the growth we have experienced as well as the growth we've seen in our workers and all those we minister to.
- Stitches of Blessings is coming to an end for the year! We have the last class August 18! This is the group of ladies who began last year (2020) but were not able to continue due to the pandemic. We are so excited to give them their machines and see them get to work. We were planning a huge graduation party as we do every year, however due to the rise in COVID cases we will not be able to do that. Though we are saddened the women will not receive a big celebration we are also very happy they will be receiving their machines and certificates! The next couple of weeks we will be busy packing their goody bags, which include an iron, fabric, thread, needles, and other material they can use to help them get started!





*"But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory,  
the One who lifts my head high."*

Psalm 3:3

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## Requests

- With new COVID variants comes new fear. Join us in prayer as we ask God to send healing to the world. For comfort for those who have lost a loved one and for strength.
- Join us in praying for wisdom. We are faced with daily decisions. Some concerning COVID, others about ministry in general, construction, and much more. It is hard to not feel frustrated and confused. The worst is when the enemy works very hard to make us second guess ourselves and the decisions we have made with the Lord's guidance. Please keep our entire staff lifted in your prayers.
- Please pray with us that God will provide 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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