

Vibrantly open to the Spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church serves God and its neighbors by joyfully living and sharing the Good News!

BETHEL NEWS for the week of November 12, 2017



This week @ Bethel

Today!	10:15a coffee & fellowship; Sunday school hour; Adult Forum: <i>Lutheran Disaster Response</i>
Monday	10a-5p office open
Wednesday	10a-5p office open 6:30p choir 6:30p caregiver support group 7:15p book club @ 36 Fir St. N.
Thursday	10a-5p office open
Saturday	9:30a Women's Bible study 6-9p WMM
Sunday	9:00a worship 10:15a coffee & fellowship; Sunday school hour; Adult Forum

Events are subject to change. For up-to-date calendar events, see our online calendar: <http://www.lpbethel.org>

Save the date!

The **Secret Pal Reveal** is scheduled for Saturday morning, **December 2**. All those who have Participated in the Secret Pal program this past year are invited to bring a small gift (not to exceed \$15 value) for her Secret Pal. We will end the morning by doing something fun together, with details still to be determined.

Women's Bible study

Women's Bible study will begin on Saturday, November 18 beginning at 9:30 am. Speak to Jean Hallberg if you have any questions. All women are welcome!

November is Stewardship Month!

11/12-National Sunday: We will focus on our ministry partners, **Lutheran Disaster Response**, and their work around hurricanes and wild fires.

11/19-Local Sunday: We will be collecting food for the **McLeod Emergency Shelf** at the **Thanksgiving Worship service** we are sharing with our UCC neighbors, in Lester Prairie. The service begins at 7:00 pm here at Bethel.

11/26-Personal Sunday: We will be creating **Welcome baskets** to help us all become personal evangelists as we welcome new people into our community. We will also be launching a **Prayer Shawl Ministry** as a way we can personally focus on God while supplying physical comfort for another person in need.

November Food Drive

We will be collecting donations of food for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf **Sunday, November 5 through the evening Thanksgiving Celebration service, Sunday November 19. Shopping bags, with a list of most needed items, will be stapled to each bag.** Again, this year the challenge is to match or surpass the \$250.00 received from a Thrivent Action Grant.

Christmas Shoeboxes

Our W/ELCA Unit is spearheading an effort to collect donations of Christmas Shoeboxes for the Marie Sandvik Center in Minneapolis. **Christmas Shoebox Gift Lists**, that tell what should be included in each Shoebox for different age groups, are located near the Sunday announcement sheet. **Each family is encouraged to collect items for at least one Shoebox. Please, return the Shoebox to church no later than Sunday, November 26.** Questions can be directed to Judy Angvall or Jill Duncan.

McLeod County Giving Tree

We will be participating in the McLeod County Giving Tree project in November. We will receive gift requests from families that need help providing Christmas gifts for their children. Watch for the **Giving Tree** with gift tags in the narthex. **Please bring your unwrapped gifts to church by December 10.** We have a Thrivent Action Grant for this project.

Welcome to Bethel!

Worshipping together as the Children of God.

Christ has claimed all of us as children of God, we encourage children of ALL ages to participate in worship, each to their ability.

To our youngest worshippers: we believe children are not the future of the church: they are the church present! We welcome your wiggles, giggles, cries and curious bodies and voices. Parents: encourage your child to sing, clap, wiggle, drop coins in the offering, and receive communion. A [non-staffed] toy room is available just outside the sanctuary.

To our “young at heart”: we welcome your enthusiasm and voices, too! If hearing assistance is needed, see an usher for a device.

For all: we strive for worship that is intergenerational and welcoming to the whole body of Christ. Communion is served every Sunday. We invite all persons who seek God’s grace through the bread and wine to share this meal, regardless of age or denominational affiliation. You are welcome at Christ’s table! Grape juice and gluten-free options are available, too.

Bathrooms are located just outside the sanctuary. Fellowship Hour happens immediately after worship. Join us for coffee, treats and conversation! During the school year, children are invited into the basement for Sunday School. Communication cards are located on the back of the pews, we’d love to hear from you or leave your name and email in our guestbook!

Serving in November

Altar Guild: Tamie Foust, Jenna Pariseau, Heather Heuer

Lector: Ron Foust & Jenna Pariseau

Usher: Brian & Jill Duncan

Greeter: Mary Lou Teubert

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You*

Committee Chairpersons

Altar Guild: Judy Angvall

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Easy online volunteer sign-up:

Go to www.lpbethel.org, click on Worship, and then Worship Volunteer Sign Up.

Directory Update

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Jerry Christenson cell: 320-224-0587

Steve Klobe **email:** sklobe@outlook.com

Sunday school helpers

The Sunday school helper sign-up is located near the mailboxes. Please, sign your name by the Sundays you are available to help. **Thank you to everyone who has signed up!**

announcements due by Wednesdays @ noon ~ newsletter items due by the 25th of the month
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