

BETHEL NEWS for the week of November 19, 2017



This week @ Bethel

Today!	10:15a coffee & fellowship; Sun. school hour; Adult Forum 7p Joint Thanksgiving Worship
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Monday	10a-5p office open
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Wednesday	10a-5p office open 6:30p choir 6:30p caregiver support group
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Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
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Saturday	6-9p WMM
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Sunday	9:00a worship-Christ the King 10:15a coffee & fellowship; Sun. school hour; Adult Forum: Welcome Baskets & Prayer Shawls

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.

Thrivent Educational Event

Please join us for **Keeping the Farm in the Family**. Learn how to create a smooth transition plan to protect your assets now and in the future while maintaining family harmony at this event. **Wed., Dec. 13, 2017 at 8:30am.** McLeod County Historical Society & Museum, 380 School Road NW, Hutchinson, MN

November is Stewardship Month!

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.

Endowment Fund

Endowment funds are available for a wide variety of grant requests. Application forms are located on the narthex table for anyone interested in applying for a grant. An **Adult Forum in December** will give members an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about this new process at Bethel. **The Endowment Committee members are:** Dick Kiekhaefer, Nancy Krull, Sally Krull, Tim Smith, and LuAnn Weisenburger.

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

Jean Christenson cell: 952-412-2611, **email:** jean.christenson23@gmail.com

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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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