

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 October 22, 2017



### This week @ Bethel

**Today!** 10:15a coffee & fellowship;  
Sunday school hour

**Monday** 9a quilt tying  
11a-5p office open  
paper drive ends

**Wednesday** 10a Bible study  
11a-5p office open  
6:30p choir

**Thursday** 11a-5p office open

**Saturday** 6-9p WMM

**Sunday** 9:00a worship  
10:15a coffee & fellowship;  
Sunday school hour; Adult  
Forum: *Reformation!*

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

### Welcome & Thank You

**Welcome Erin Coutts!** Thank you for preaching and leading our worship today!

### Women's Bible Study

Are you interested in a women's Bible study that would work around your work day schedule? It would be flexible and the details determined by those interested. All would be welcome. If you are interested please speak to Jean Hallberg or call her at 507-430-2671.

### "Many Hands Make Light Work"

There are still some jobs left to be done around the church. **Please, consider signing up to complete them this fall.** The sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. **Thank you to all who have signed up to help!**

### Christmas Shoeboxes

Our W/ELCA Unit is spearheading an effort to collect donations of Christmas Shoeboxes for the Marie Sandvik Center in Minneapolis. Attached is the Christmas Shoebox Gift List that tells what should be included in each Shoebox for different age groups. 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.

### All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2017

We would like to remember your loved ones who have passed away. Please, sign the names of your loved ones, that you want remembered on All Saints Sunday, on the sign up sheet located in the narthex.

### Ketchup Sunday

**A big thank you for all those who participated in Ketchup Sunday. Through your generosity and commitment we nearly doubled our average weekly offering!** With this boost, we have started moving in the right direction for reaching our yearly targets. Let's continue that momentum as we close out the year. For those of you who missed Ketchup Sunday, don't let that stop you from considering doubling your normal weekly offering at least once sometime in the remaining two months of the year. Together we can grow and expand Bethel's ministry and impact in the community, starting first by living into our budgeted goals. Thanks again for playing a bit of catch-up!

### Raise the Roof!

**The Crow River Conference is working together to put a roof on the Bishopstowe Circuit Center,** a building which has been designed to meet many of the needs of our partners in the Umgeni (Oom-gay'-nee) Circuit [the term South Africans use instead of Conference.] The walls have been erected on the center and donations have been pledged to support the plumbing and electrical work, finishing and inside fixtures. However, the roof has not been pledged and their project has halted. If every member of the Crow River Conference gave \$2 this great need could be met. \$20,000 is the goal needed to raise the roof. Can you help? To learn more about the Raise the Roof project check out the posted information in the narthex. **Bethel will have multiple opportunities throughout the fall to donate toward 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 October

**Altar Guild:** Carol Wortz

**Lector:** Carol Wortz

**Usher:** Lloyd Wortz & Ron Foust

**Greeter:** Jeff Breidenbach

*Thank  
You*

### Committee Chairpersons

**Altar Guild:** Judy Angvall

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**Lector:** Cathy Houg

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**Greeter:** Ron Foust

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### **Easy online volunteer sign-up:**

Go to [www.lpbethel.org](http://www.lpbethel.org), click on Worship, and then Worship Volunteer Sign Up.

### Sunday School Helpers/Substitutes

The Sunday school program is looking for volunteers to help out during the Sunday school hour. Please, sign up on the [dry erase] board located in the narthex-sign your name by each Sunday you are available to help. Also, if the Sunday school teachers are unable to be there, a substitute teacher would provide consistency for the program throughout the year. Contact Rhianna Iverson or Stacy Meyer if you are interested in being a substitute or if you have questions!

### Directory Update

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

**Jerry Christenson cell:** 320-224-0587

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