

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 29, 2017



This week @ Bethel

Today!	10:15a coffee & fellowship; Sunday school hour; Adult Forum: <i>Reformation!</i>
Monday	11a-5p office open
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; Raise the Roof fundraiser

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

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!

Card Making Class

All are invited to make Christmas cards on Thursday, Nov. 9 from 6:30-9 pm. Contact Katie Overbye if you have questions or you are interested in joining the class.

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.

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.

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.

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 also have a Thrivent Action Grant for this project.

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. More info. about the Raise the Roof project is posted in the narthex. **On Sunday, November 5 there will be an opportunity to support this effort. Ice cream sundaes will be available for \$5.00 after worship. All proceeds will go toward the Raise the Roof fundraiser.**

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

Usher: Brian & Jill Duncan

Greeter: Mary Lou Teubert

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You*

Committee Chairpersons

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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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“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 helped!**

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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