



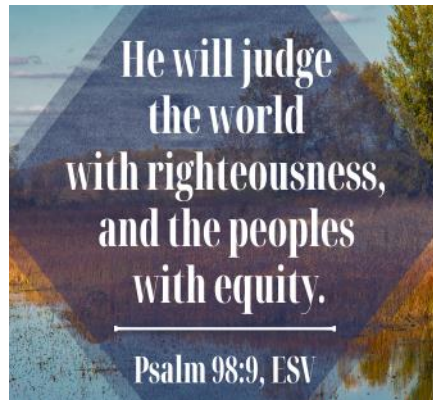
The Bethel Newsletter

November
2022

Porter, Minnesota

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November 6



ALL SAINTS' DAY

Sunday is All Saints Day!

November 6, 2022, during our 10:00 am worship, we will be remembering all those who have died and who have been baptized since last year's All Saints Day.

Gather with us for this special time of remembrance.

November 13



November 20



First Sunday of Advent

November 27

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November Birthdays

1st Levi Hurt, Hadley Hurt
 4th Lauren Ningen
 5th John Mamer, Matthew Petersen
 6th Travis Longhenry
 9th Crystal Alexander, Daniel Pridal, Addison Emery
 13th Heather Cottingham
 14th Gayle Fredricks
 16th Muriel Wadsworth
 17th Monica Tuttle, Lawrence Petersen,
 19th Kendon Knutson
 20th Linda Bruns, Grant Schrunk
 21st Rick Anderson, Lance Moeller, Sue Alley
 22nd Devin Sumption
 26th Julie VanHyfte
 29th Lacie DeVos

If you have any corrections or additions,
 please contact the church office at 296-4658, or
 email: bethel@bethelofporter.com If your name
 does not appear in the month of your birthday, it
 means we don't have your birth date. Thanks!



In November, as the earth lays fallow, it is normal to spend time in reflection. To remember those who have gone before and the impact they have made on our lives. Since about the third century, the Church has celebrated All Saints' Day on November first. A time to remember and give thanks for not only those we have known, but for the saints of all times and all places.

The other celebration of great remembrance is, of course, Veterans' Day. Of course you all know that Veterans' Day grew out of Armistice Day marking the end of hostilities on the Western Front during World War I. The 11th day of the 11th month at 11:00 am. What you may not know is that November 11th is also St. Martin's Day celebrating St. Martin of Tours.

St. Martin was born in the early 300s and raised in a pagan family, but he was interested in Christianity. The most famous story about Martin happened when he was just eighteen. He was a Roman soldier in what is now France when he saw a poor beggar freezing by the road. Martin cut his cloak in half and gave it to the man. He had a dream that night that Jesus had the half cloak and he heard Jesus say to the angels: "Martin, who is still but a catechumen, clothed me with this robe." Martin was baptized soon after. Later, St. Martin famously said to his commander, "I have served you as a soldier; now let me serve Christ. Give the bounty to those who are going to fight. But I am a soldier of Christ and it is not lawful for me to fight." He went on to found monasteries and was elected Bishop of Tours.



So Armistice Day, Veteran's Day, is celebrated on the same day as this soldier turned peacemaker. I looked and I couldn't find a source that said the date of the Armistice was chosen because of St. Martin. It could be one of those weird coincidences. But I don't think so. St. Martin is very popular in Europe, and in France especially. There is a long history of venerating not only the saint, but the cloak itself. In the centuries after Martin's death, his cloak was used as a banner in warfare (ironically enough) and solemn vows were made using the cloak. It even influenced our language. The priest who cared for the cloak in its reliquary was called a *cappellanu*, and ultimately all priests who served the military were called *cappellani*. The French translation is *chapelains*, from which the English word *chaplain* is derived. A similar linguistic development took place for the term referring to the small temporary churches built for the relic. People called them a *capella*, the word for a little cloak. Eventually, such small churches lost their association with the cloak, and all small churches began to be referred to as *chapels*. But because the original chapels were so small, all the singing was done without instruments – or, *acapella*.

So this November, as we remember the saints known to us and those from ages past, we remember St. Martin and his generosity to the poor. And as we remember those who have fought in our wars, and those who have died, we remember Martin, the soldier who was willing to give up his weapons of war. And we offer a prayer that I suspect many, many soldiers – active or retired – would join: that the world would know peace.

In Christ,

Pastor Munter

CHURCH COUNCIL



The Church Council and Board reports for October 2022

Trustees

Trustee action taken:

Motion was made and second to pay bills.

The parsonage was repaired furnace .

Brian, Bob, Brian and Jerome

Deacons

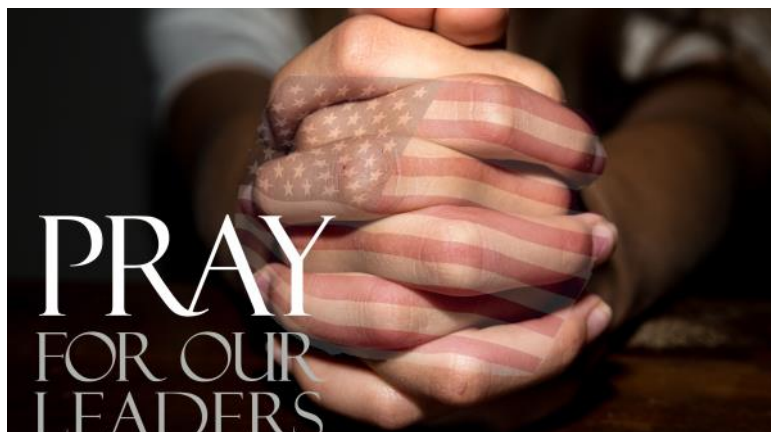
- Deacon for November: Tracy Wentz
- Coins for community: Community thanksgiving Dinner/ Food shelf
- Communion Dates : November 6, 20 (Christ the King)
- New candle lighters/snuffers arrived
- We will begin a weekly adult devotional time on Sunday November 6, 9:30—9:50 am. The book Bible Seeds will guide the discussion.

Terry, Sara, Tracy, Dawn and Linda

Board of Education

They met September 28. The Christmas Program is “Rufus and the very special baby”

Program practice will begin on November 20th with the program on December 11.



Bethel is looking for Sunday Drivers.

Right now, we have two members who are unable to drive and so cannot attend worship here at Bethel. We would like to get a group of six or seven people who would be willing to bring one or both of these members to worship on the first or second Sunday of each month. If we could get at least six drivers, each would only have to drive twice a year.

If you are interested, please contact the church office, Pastor Munter,



Spare Coins for Community

In November we are giving thanks by contributing our spare coins to the Presbyterian Community Thanksgiving Dinner and the Canby Food Shelf

Autumn Months

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months,
May the earlier setting of the sun
Remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves
Remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the stream of our breath in the cool air
Remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life

May the harvest from the fields remind us
of the abundance we have been given
and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us
of your great promise that death is temporary
and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever
and ever.

Author Unknown : Shared by a friend from a church bulletin



Monthly Financial Update

Miscellaneous Revenues

The Revenues taken into account are all weekly and holiday offerings as well as special offerings designated to the general account such as Fuel, Missions, and Food Shelf Offerings. This comparison is only for Revenues and Expenses associated with Bethel's responsibility for our parish budget, meaning checks from Hemnes Lutheran Church are not included in the Year to Date Revenue and their 25% share of our

parish budget is not included in the Year to Date Budgeted Expenses. This comparison also does not take into account Refunds and Reimbursements or Savings Reimbursements. These sources of revenue are normally received to pay expenses that are not a part of Bethel's operating budget, so are not used to make comparison to our budgeted expenses.

The Year to Date difference will show on a monthly basis if we are receiving sufficient offerings to cover our budget, or if we are behind. The running total for each month will be in a Year to Date total, not a monthly total.

If it is necessary to borrow money from Savings Reserves to fund the operations of Bethel, the amount will be denoted in the Cash Reserves Expended column. If funds are repaid to the Savings Reserves during a surplus, the repayment will be denoted in the Cash Reserves Repaid column. Reserves Expended and Reserves Repaid are not represented in the Revenues and Expenses columns of this report.



Don't forget that you can donate to Bethel just by shopping at Amazon. Click on this link: smile.amazon.com or type it into your browser, and choose "Bethel" as your charity. There are many, so keep going and you will find a "Bethel" in Porter, MN. That's us! You can change your bookmark for Amazon to be smile.amazon.com so it comes up automatically. Then when you shop just look for the "eligible for AmazonSmile" in the product details page and you're good to go!

July and August were great months of stewardship through our offerings! Though we are still over \$12,000 behind on year to date offering to meet our budgeted expenses thus far, our offerings the past two months have put us in a better position than we were in June! With the winter heating

Total Budgeted Expenses:	\$	126,671.81	*Includes all Bethel and Parish related expenses
Monthly revenue required to meet budget:	\$	10,555.98	

Year to Date Actual Revenue and Budgeted Expenses Comparison-

This report is based on budgeted expenses divided evenly for each month of the calendar year. Actual expenses per month vary greatly. This analysis is to be used as a guideline, and not a full representation of the full financial health of Bethel Lutheran Church.

This report now includes revenues received from Hemne Lutheran Church as they are applied to all expenses related to the Bethel-Hemnes Joint Parish.

	Total Revenue for Month	Year to Date Revenue	Year to Date Budgeted Expense	Year to Date Difference: shortfalls shown as negative numbers	Cash Reserves Expended	Cash Reserves Repaid	Reserves Repaid Notes
January	\$8,039.85	\$8,039.85	\$10,555.98	-\$2,516.13			
February	\$9,784.73	\$17,824.58	\$21,111.97	-\$3,287.39			
March	\$8,770.48	\$24,674.56	\$31,667.95	-\$6,993.39			
April	\$10,459.73	\$35,009.29	\$42,223.94	-\$7,214.65			
May	\$8,622.45	\$43,631.74	\$52,779.92	-\$9,148.18	-\$5,000.00		
June	\$6,040.58	\$49,672.32	\$63,335.91	-\$13,663.59	-\$2,000.00		
July	\$10,236.24	\$58,805.81	\$73,891.89	-\$15,086.08			
August	\$12,074.48	\$71,983.04	\$84,447.87	-\$12,464.83			
September	\$5,044.22	\$77,027.26	\$95,003.86	-\$17,976.60			
October	\$4,291.99	\$81,319.25	\$105,559.84	-\$24,240.59	-\$4,000.00		

Bethel Workgroup Schedule

Altar Workers for Sundays in

November

Bonnie Merritt

Darcy Bruns

Altar Workers for Sundays in

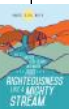
October

Tracy Wente

Virginia Thomsen

Group #4

Terry and Dan Dybsetter	296-4401
Anna Noyes	507 828-7366
Phyllis and Harvey Melrose	223-5512
Dawn and Tom Gawerecki	507-828-6087 or 507-828-6099
Deanna and Lance Moeller	507 530-5814 or 507 530-5816
Gail and Marlo Sumption	507 828-2860
Ralph Dovre	223-7771
Joy and Randy Schmidt	224-2286
Hattie and Jim VanDerostyne	296-4563
David Dybsetter	296-4648, 507 828-1397
Chad Moeller	507-828-3536
Danny VanDerostyne	507-829-0070
Kayla and Brady Watson	507-829-6745
Barb Pronk	507 401-3263, or 507 828-1404



**Please note: The first person or couple on the list are chair for the next funeral.*

Coming Soon:

The Thanksgiving Tree

The “leaves” on this tree offer us the opportunity to provide gifts for area children at Christmas-time in conjunction with Prairie Five.

Watch for the tree in the Narthex in the next weeks.



Worship Schedule

Our worship will be live streamed on our Facebook page. Bulletins are e-mailed weekly or available for pickup in the narthex.

www.facebook.com/bethelofporter

Other resources are available on our website. www.bethelofporter.com

Coming Events

Worship with communion will be held on November 6, 20

Worship is Sundays,
 10:00 am at Bethel
 and Sundays 8:30 am at Hemnes
 Sunday School 9:00 am

Confirmation 6:30 pm Wednesday's
 Church Council/Boards:
 Monday, November 21, 7:30 pm



The attached QR code can be used to directly access the online giving form for Bethel



Readings for the month of November

November 6 Pentecost 18	November 13 Pentecost + 19	November 20 Christ the King	November 27 Advent 1
Job 19:23-27 Psalm 17:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17 Luke 20:27-38	Malachi 4:1-2 Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Jeremiah 32:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44

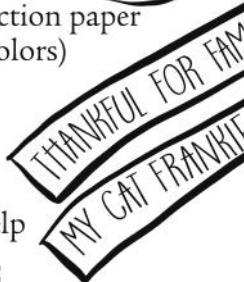
Links of GRATITUDE

Make this meaningful decoration for your Thanksgiving table.



What you need:

- Construction paper (in fall colors)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Jar
- Stapler
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Cut the paper into strips about 2 inches wide.
2. Place the strips and pen in the jar. Then set it in a prominent place in your home.
3. Throughout November, have family discussions about what you're thankful to God for. Write or draw each item on a paper strip.
4. Make a paper chain by linking and carefully stapling the strips.
5. Keep adding to your decoration and display it during your Thanksgiving meal.

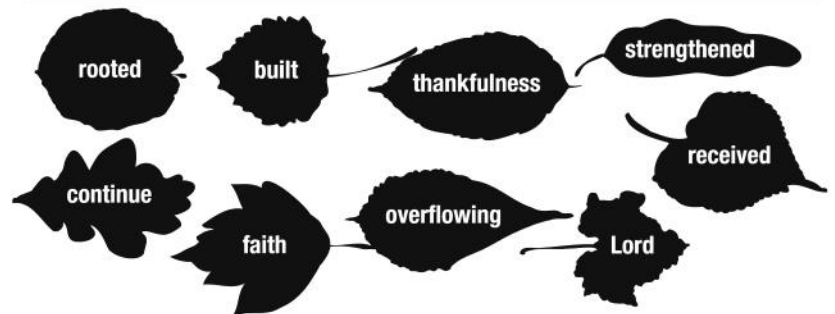
Kids Page



Piles of praise

Every autumn, the ground is overflowing with leaves. What does Paul encourage us to overflow with?

Directions: Use the key to match the leaves and complete the Bible passage.



So then, just as you _____ Christ Jesus as _____ ,
 _____ to live your lives in him, _____ and
 _____ up in him, _____ in the _____ as you
 were taught, and _____ with _____ .

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, NIV

Answer: received, Lord, continue, rooted, built, strengthened, faith, overflowing, thankfulness



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Bethel Worship, Sunday 10:00 am

Sunday School 9:00 am

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