

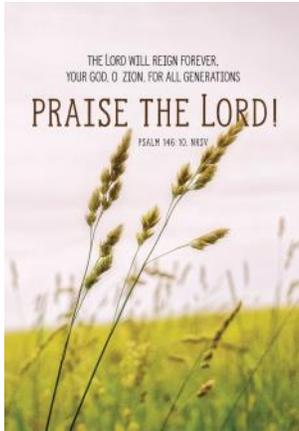


# The Bethel Newsletter

June 2021  
September 2021

Porter, Minnesota

## Sundays in September



September 5

### Rally Sunday



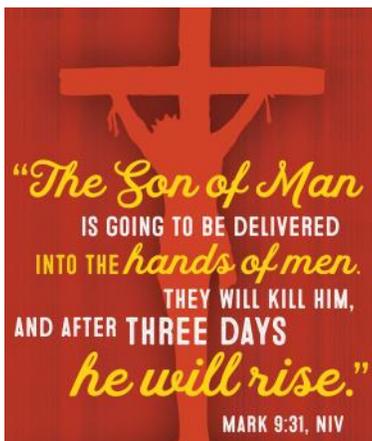
September 12

### Rally Sunday, September 12th.

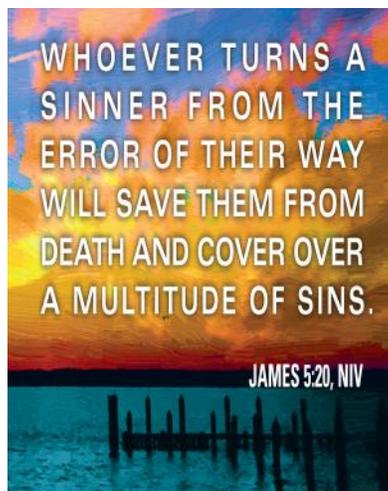
It's a time to celebrate the beginning of a new year of education here at Bethel. We will be blessing the new Sunday School students, the new Confirmation students, giving Bibles to the Kindergartners and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, installing the Sunday School teachers and blessing the school children's backpacks, and

### MOST IMPORTANT

*Sunday School  
begins at 9:00  
September 12*

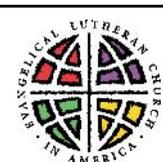


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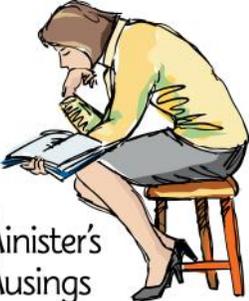
## SEPTEMBER



### September Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Joseph Esping  
3<sup>rd</sup> Martha Melrose  
6<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Horner, Myles Anderson  
7<sup>th</sup> Chris Anderson  
9<sup>th</sup> Daniel Pridal  
11<sup>th</sup> David Schrunk  
17<sup>th</sup> Justin Anderson,  
Sean Cristian-William Goslar,  
17<sup>th</sup> Caitlyn Anderson, Pat Petersen  
20<sup>th</sup> Ivan Anderson, Hope DeVos  
22<sup>nd</sup> Becky Sik,  
23<sup>rd</sup> Carol Jeremiason, Denise Lalim  
28<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Melrose, Tanner Sik  
29<sup>th</sup> Hailey Noyes

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please contact the church office at 296-4658, or  
email: [bethel@bethelofporter.com](mailto: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!


 Minister's Musings

In September, I usually say something about the start of the new school year and all the possibilities therein. About how, even if you don't have children in school, it can feel more like the start of the new year than January does. All of which still applies! But this year I thought I'd write about some of the Lesser Festivals we celebrate in September.

Every Sunday is a festival! We celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord each week, in one way or another. The Lesser Festivals are "lesser" because they do not automatically replace the readings on Sundays. The Principle Festivals

(Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, etc.) are never overwritten, so to speak, by anything else. The Lesser Festivals mark events in the life of Christ, Christ's presence in the lives of the saints, and prominent festivals of the church. They may not seem very significant, but I think it is important to remain connected to the Church throughout the ages. We are not alone. We have been formed by the saints who have gone before us so that we can continue forming the Church into the future. This is what we mean when we say that we believe in "the communion of saints" (Apostles' Creed).

Holy Cross Day (Sept. 14) has been on the Lutheran calendar of festivals from the time of Martin Luther. In fact, it is one of the oldest in Christianity. During the reign of Constantine, the first Roman Emperor to profess the Christian faith, his mother Helena went to Israel and there undertook to find the places especially significant to Christians. Having located, close together, what she believed to be the sites of the Crucifixion and of the Burial (at locations that modern archaeologists think may be correct), she then had built over them the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (SEF-la-cur), which was dedicated on September 14, 335. It has become a day for recognizing the Cross as a symbol of triumph, as a sign of Christ's victory over death. The crucifix (cross with Jesus) reminds us of God's great love for us and for the world. (John 3:16) The empty cross (no figure of Jesus) is our constant assurance that death could not hold our Lord, that He is risen and lives forever. (Romans 6:4)

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, is celebrated on Sept. 21. He was one of the twelve disciples and the author of the first gospel. He was called by Jesus while sitting in the tax collector's place at Capernaum. In the gospels of Mark and Luke he is named Levi. We don't have any definitive knowledge of his life after the book of Acts, but tradition holds that he preached in various counties and was martyred. The overwhelming feature of Matthew's gospel is the focus on righteousness. He is concerned with how the disciples will live and how their lives will reflect their new status as members of the Kingdom of God. His is also the most evangelistic gospel—concerned with the growth and discipleship of the community.

In Matthew, Jesus is the only one who teaches. He is presented as a new Moses—His teachings divided into five great discourses reminiscent of the five books of Moses. Matthew quotes the Old Testament Scriptures more than the other gospels, linking the two Testaments and enlarging our sense of God's reign throughout history. And Matthew shows how faithfully Jesus fulfilled and expanded the promises God made to His people.

We remember and celebrate Matthew for the example of his life and the great blessing of his gospel. We celebrate the Cross because by it we are saved. These are not principle festivals of the Church, but they serve to focus our attention. And these festivals are part of our Christian heritage. We are members of the Church Universal (catholic), across space and time, one body in Christ with the saints who have gone before us and all those to come.

In Christ,

*Pastor Munter*



## The Church Council and Board reports for August 2021

### Trustees

Trustee action taken:

- Motion was made and second to pay bills.
- Passed a motion to transfer \$5,000 to pay bills
- \$10,000 PPE money was forgiven
- Roger, Brian, & Jerome will cleanout the landscape rock at the parsonage and will remove the sidewalk. They plan to replace sidewalk to 6 feet to have a wider width for snow removal. Old concrete will be hauled out.

Present: Bob, Brian, Lance, Roger and Jerome

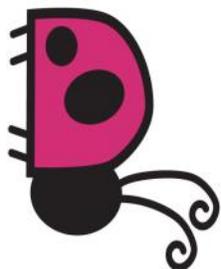
### Deacons

- Deacon for September is Terry Dybsetter
- Food Shelf: Canby
- Communion Dates: September 5, and 12
- Rally Sunday is 9/12/2021. We will install teachers, welcome 3 year-olds, bless backpacks, bless confirmants and give Bibles. Pastor will send letters to the families.
- *Reporting: Sara Wollum, also attending, Terry Dybsetter, Linda Bruns, and Tracy Wente*

### Board of Education

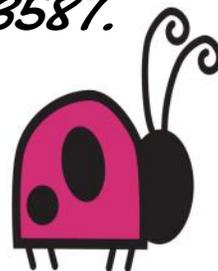
Paula reported Rally Sunday , September 12, 2021 with Sunday School at 9:00 am.

The Board of Education needs a volunteer (s) to help with the education programs of Bethel.



*The Board of Education is looking for one or more volunteers to assist with the planning and the work of the BOE.*

*They are short handed and would greatly appreciate assistance. The work of the BOE is so important to the mission and future of Bethel. If you are interested in joining the BOE to assist, please contact Paula Sylie at 296-4649, or (507) 828-3587.*



# 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.



	Year:	2021		
Total Budgeted Expenses:	\$	125,474.84	*Includes all Bethel and Parish related expenses	
Monthly revenue required to meet budget:	\$	10,456.24		

### 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 Luterhan 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	\$7,243.51	\$7,243.51	\$10,456.24	-\$3,212.73			
February	\$8,528.56	\$15,772.07	\$20,912.47	-\$5,140.40	-\$2,000.00		
March	\$32,776.71	\$32,776.71	\$31,368.71	\$1,408.00			
April	\$8,253.97	\$41,030.68	\$41,824.95	-\$794.27			
May	\$11,379.61	\$52,410.29	\$52,281.18	\$129.11			
June	\$5,763.70	\$58,173.99	\$62,737.42	-\$4,563.43			
July	\$5,619.00	\$63,792.99	\$73,193.66	-\$9,400.67			

Don't forget that you can donate to Bethel just by shopping at Amazon. Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose "Bethel" as your charity. There are many, so go to about the fourth page and you will find a "Bethel" in Porter, MN. That's us! You can to 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!



# Bethel Workgroup Schedule

## Altar Workers for Sundays in September

Dawn Gawerecki

Sara Wollum

## Altar Workers for Sundays in October

Tracy Wente

Virginia Thomsen

### GROUP #3

Sandy and John Appelen	303 828-6300
Christy Hulzebos	507 829-0182
Denise and Greg Crowser	223-5734
Marlys and Kevin Petersen	296-4564
Darlene and Jim Moeller	296-4472
Pat and Craig Petersen	296-4483
Martha and Jim Melrose	320-333-2870
Sara and Nick Wollum	507 829-8513, 223-5844
Shawn Jackson	296-4699
Karen and Mike Evjen	296-4474
Nancy and Mark Syltie	296-4404
Jessica Dybsetter	296-4448
Lawrence and Nicole Petersen	507-829-0555
Art Berghorst	507 829-9559



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

He's Got  
the  
WHOLE WORLD  
in His Hands

A graphic illustration of two hands holding a globe, with musical notes floating to the right.

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/bethelofporter)

Other resources are available on our website. [www.bethelofporter.com](http://www.bethelofporter.com)



## Coming Events

**In person worship has resumed at 10:00 am Sunday mornings.**

**Our worship service is still available live streamed, video or audio recording. Please worship with us as you are able.**

**Worship with communion will be held on September 5, 12**

**Hemnes worships in person on Sundays at 8:30 am**

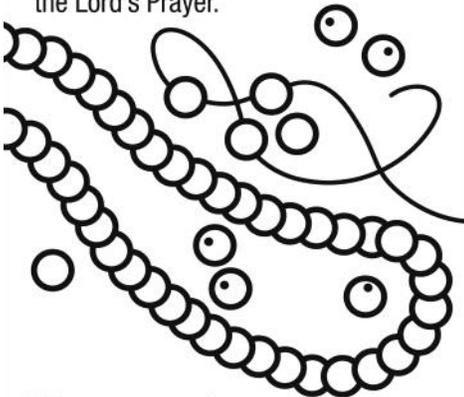
*Please pray for those in our country and around the world who are sick and who are grieving.*

## Readings for the month of September

September 5 Pentecost 15	September 12 Pentecost 16	September 19 Pentecost 17	September 26 Pentecost 18
Isiah 35:4-7	Isaiah 50:4-9	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Numbers 11:4-29
Psalms 146	Psalms 116:1-9	Psalms 54	Psalms 19:7-14
James 2:1-17	James 3:1-12	James 3:13-4:8	James 5:13-20
Mark 7:24-37	Mark 8:27-38	Mark 9:30-37	Mark 9:38-50

# Prayer bracelet

Make this craft to help you remember the Lord's Prayer.



### What you need:

- Elastic string (12 inches)
- Colored beads (see below)
- Clear nail polish

### What you do:

1. Knot the string at one end. Add beads in this order: blue, white, gold, green, yellow, red, black, orange
2. Tie the ends so the bracelet fits your wrist. Place a dot of nail polish to secure the knot. Trim excess string.
3. As you pray, use the bead colors as reminders of Jesus' words (see Matthew 6:9-13):
  - **blue** = the Father
  - **white** = God's holiness
  - **gold** = God's kingdom
  - **green** = the earth
  - **yellow** = wheat (bread)
  - **red** = Christ's blood (forgiveness)
  - **black** = temptation
  - **orange** = God's power to deliver

# Kids Page



## Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

*Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.*

party - t = p r a y (v. 1)

lady + i = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 3)

drab + e = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 5)

rod + o = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 7)

bask - b = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

keeps - p = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

define - ee = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

shift - t = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 11)

sneaky - y = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 11)

sift + g = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13)

answer: pray, daily, bread, ask, seek, find, fish, snake, gifts, Holy Spirit



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*Bethel Worship, Sunday 10:00 am*

*Sunday School 9:00 am*

*Live streamed on the Facebook page  
and later at [bethel@bethelofporter.com](mailto:bethel@bethelofporter.com)*

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