



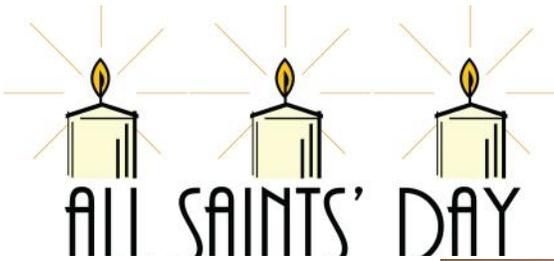
The Bethel Newsletter

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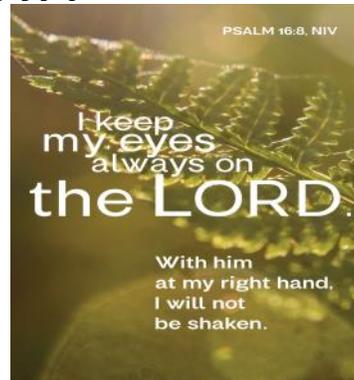
Sundays in November

Let's Celebrate!



ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 7



November 14



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 21



First Sunday of Advent

November 28

November is a month of Church Celebrations. We celebrate **All Saints** Sunday on November 7th, **Christ the King** on November 21st, and **Advent** begins on November 28.

We close out the old church year with a celebration of Christ the King and begin the new church year looking forward in Advent to the birth of the Christ child.

Celebrate these special days with your Bethel family.

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NOVEMBER



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
 10th Dick Anderson
 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!



Into the cold and dark and bleak November days and nights, comes rays of light. Glimpses of the end of all things and the beginnings of new things. And we start to see that Christians live in a community that is at once past, present and future. We understand just how thin the veil between the worlds is and how easily we slip from one to another. The communion of Saints becomes not just something we say, but something we can feel around us.

In November the veil lifts higher as we remember those who have gone before us – the saints who now rest in God. We remember their life of faith and give thanks to God for their witness. But at the same time, we are reminded that they are not really gone – simply across the veil in another place, singing praises around the throne to God and to the Lamb. Now they have died and now they live forever. They are gone and they are present. In this extraordinary time we experience the truth that all time is God's time. That God is present in the past and in the future and today.

In November we celebrate the hope and the reality of Christ the King. What we long for is at hand. The Day of the Lord is upon us now and will be even more fully in the future. How can this be? Because Christ has died and Christ is risen. The presence of the Risen Christ is among us and goes before us to usher in the new day. Christ is present now. He is here, moving in the midst of the people of God, bringing light and life and salvation. The realm of which Christ is King is present here and now, and will be present when all things come to an end, which will only be the beginning. For God there is no time – all that is and was and is to come is His and is present now and will be present forever.

In this extraordinary month we hear from Jesus warnings and exhortations to be prepared. If all time is God's, then the advent of our Lord, the coming of Christ the King in power and glory, could come to pass at any moment. Are you prepared? Are your lamps trimmed and burning? While you wait, are you making wise use of the gifts God has given you? Are you seeking the Lord even in places where it seems he would not be? We do not wait idly for the coming of Christ. We are called to be prepared. To wait actively and wisely for the past and the present and the future to come together. "I will seek out my sheep," says the Lord. "I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness." (Ezek. 34:12) God is seeking you. Calling you. Will come to your rescue. Not just on the last day, but today and every day. The future salvation of our God is now. Our present lives are redeemed by the One who is always Crucified, always Risen, as we ourselves and all of creation are gathered into the arms of the ever-living, ever-present, everlasting God.

In Christ,

Pastor Munter



The Church Council and Board reports for October 2021

Trustees

Trustee action taken:

- Motion was made and second to pay bills.

Present: Bob, Brian, Lance, Roger and Jerome

Deacons

- Deacon for November: Linda Bruns
- "Spare Coins for Community" Presbyterian Community Thanksgiving Dinner / Canby Food Shelf
- Communion Dates: November 7, 21 (Christ the King)
- Thanks giving tree was discussed. Terry will contact Prairie V
- *Reporting: Sara Wollum, also attending, Terry Dybsetter, Linda Bruns, and Tracy Wente*

Board of Education

Paula reported .

- They are preparing the report for the use of the sample Sunday School curriculum .
- The Sunday School is preparing a special event for Sunday, October 31st.
- May 8th, 2022 will be the last day of Sunday School
- May 15, 2022 will be Confirmation Sunday.

Council Notes

Just keeping you in the loop.

The Bethel executive council and Pastor Ellen met with council representatives of Bethany Elim of Ivanhoe Sunday, October 17. Bethany Elim had contacted us regarding possible ways to share ministry and pastoral support. Their contract with Winds of the Prairie is concluding in March and they do not have a parish pastor.

Bethany Elim is exploring other options as well as the conversation with Bethel to provide themselves with pastoral support in the future. They are not currently looking to join together with another congregation, but to possibly enter into a contractual relationship. There will be another conversation with Bethany Elim in December.

This conversation with Bethany Elim would not change our relationship with Hemnes, with whom we are paired.

Currently the ELCA has a shortage of ordained ministers. In Lincoln County, Bethel is the only ELCA church with a full-time parish pastor. Please pray for those who are considering ordination, who are in Seminary, and for all congregations longing for a pastor.

Community Outreach

What is that turkey doing in the Narthex?

The Deacons have chosen to expand our current monthly outreach. Each month the Deacons will feature a community group to support through our **“SPARE COINS FOR COMMUNITY”** effort. The turkey (and cornucopia) in the narthex will be the coin drop and will “gobble up” your coins. This month (7th & 14th), we are donating to the Canby Community Thanksgiving dinner prepared by the Presbyterian Church. The remainder of the month will support the Canby Food Shelf. Sunday School students are included in this community sharing outreach.



Ideas for another project: tell a Deacon

(note: the coin drop will change persona frequently so watch for the changes).

Giving made easier



The attached QR Code can be used to directly access the online giving form for Bethel Lutheran.

Just one way of our continuing effort to modernize so you can give conveniently to Bethel.

ThanksGiving Tree 2021

Bethel has the 2021 list, the tree will be decorated , and gifts will arrive. Check out the tree in the Narthex to see if you are able to help a local child and family celebrate Christmas.



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.



Please Note: To meet the expenses in our annual budget, an average of \$2,180.00 is needed in offering per week.

	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 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	\$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	\$5,998.50	\$64,172.49	\$73,193.66	-\$9,021.17			
August	\$5,779.50	\$69,952.49	\$83,649.89	-\$14,077.40	-\$5,000.00		
September	\$9,423.85	\$78,996.34	\$94,106.13	-\$15,109.79			
October	\$9,426.36	\$88,422.70	\$104,562.37	-\$16,139.67			

Bethel Workgroup Schedule

Altar Workers for Sundays in November

Darcy Bruns

Bonnie Merritt

Altar Workers for Sundays in December

Carmon Mamer

Charlotte Wilke

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.*

BloodMobile

Schotts Building 104 11th St, East

Thursday, November 11th, 1-7pm

Friday, November 12th, 8am-1pm

You must wear a mask and have an appointment due to COVID

Deloris@507 223-7205 / 507 530-3476

Worship Schedule

Hemnes (in person)

8:30 am Sunday Worship

Bethel (in person)

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Sunday Worship

Communion Dates

Bethel—November 7, 21

Hemnes—November 21, 28

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

www.facebook.com/bethelofporter

Video and audio recordings are available on our website. www.bethelofporter.com

Coming Events

Nov 3,10,17,24, 6:30 pm Confirmation
 Nov 15, 7:30 pm Boards/Council
 Nov 25, 3:00 pm Minneota Manor

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.

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



Readings for the month of November

November 7 All Saints	November 14 Pentecost 25	November 21 Christ the King	November 28 Advent 1
Isaiah 25:6-9	Daniel 12:1-3	Daniel 7:9-14	Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalms 24	Psalms 16	Psalms 93	Psalms 25:1-10
Revelation 21:1-6	Hebrews 10:11-25	Revelation 1:4-8	Thessalonians 3:9-13
John 11:32-44	Mark 13:1-8	John 18:33-37	Luke 21:25-36

PRAISE-FILLED petals

Create an interactive display of God's provision for a Thanksgiving centerpiece.



What you need:

- Colorful sheets of thin paper
- Scissors
- Black pen
- Dish of water

What you do:

1. From the paper, cut out various shapes and sizes of flowers and petals.
2. In the center of each flower, write a praise to God. Thank him for who he is and for answered prayers.
3. Fold petals inward, toward the center of each flower.
4. Gently place flowers on the water. Petals will slowly unfold to reveal the words.
5. Invite meal guests to participate in this centerpiece that blooms with thanks.

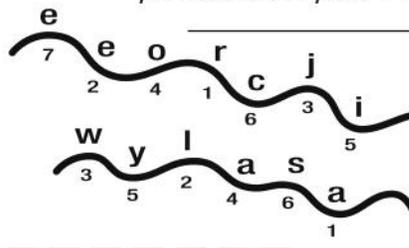
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GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

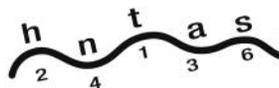
Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.





continually,

in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.



1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV



answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks



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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*

