

Bethel Banner

August 2016

15th Annual Harvest Sunday!

Sunday, August 7, 10:30 a.m.

The gardens around Winchester have been blessed with early summer rains followed by sunshine. Please share the fruits and vegetables of your harvest so that Lutheran World Relief can continue its mission: "Affirming God's love for all people, we work with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering."

What your gift does: Our purchases and donations this year will benefit LWR's work in the continuing crisis of Syrian refugees. The violence and total destruction of cities and towns has forced 4.6 million Syrians to seek asylum outside of the country and has displaced 6.6 million, who cannot, for a multitude of reasons, leave Syria. LWR offers cash-for-work community development projects to ease the economic strain on internally displaced Syrians, ships baby, school, and personal care kits for distribution amongst refugees and internally displaced persons, and supports its partner, ACT Alliance, as it provides humanitarian support (quilts, coats and blankets, emergency shelter, and psychosocial support) to fleeing refugees.

How you can participate: Bring your garden produce, homemade jams, relishes, baked goods, crafts, jewelry, etc. to Harvest Sunday on August 7. Donations may be dropped off on your way into 9:30 am worship, or left the week before the sale in the Office Meeting Room or tagged in the refrigerator. Then join us after worship under the big white tent to enjoy the fun!

Please contact Julie Shanabrook at 540-535-9379 or thirdpig1@gmail.com with any questions.

Bethel's Farm Market

...because there IS enough to feed the world.



Other August Events:

Backpack and New Driver Blessing
Sunday, August 14

New Member Sunday
Sunday, August 28, 9:30 a.m.

Lutheran World Relief Quilt Raffle
August 28 through September 4.

Germany Trip 2017

Accepting Reservations

The time is upon us to get a solid idea of who is planning to attend our scheduled 2017 trip to Germany. There will be another informational gathering for those who have not yet been able to ask questions on **Sunday, August 21** after worship in the sanctuary. We will offer additional ones in September and October as we get closer to the November 1 registration due date.

If you have questions you email Pastor Dave (pastordave@bethelwinchester.com).

LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER (LIFT)

Intentional Small Group Ministry
September 11 – October 15

Our next session of LIFT will begin the week of September 11. We will be signing up for new LIFT groups through August and into September.

These groups meet weekly for 5 weeks. Each week, you will discuss a particular topic that is assigned for that week. All the materials will be online at www.liftatbethel.blogspot.com. You can also access this from our Bethel website. Simply click on the LIFT logo.

Please consider signing up. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact Pastor Dave.



"Holy Grounds" Coffee House Worship and BREAD Talks

August 10 and 24

Join us for our Holy Grounds coffee house worship and to hear some exciting BREAD talks during the month of August. If you are traveling and will miss a few Sundays or if you simply would like a midweek recharge, these are the services for you!

August 10 – **Youth from our Guatemala Mission Trip** will share the BREAD Talk.

August 24 – **Mary Duvall** will share the BREAD Talk.

Again our BREAD talks are fashioned after the popular TED talks. TED stands for Technology, Entertainment, and Design. For our purposes at Bethel, BREAD stands for Bible, Religion, Ethics and Discipleship.

Summer Worship Schedule

One Service on Sunday Morning at 9:30 a.m.

Midweek services at 7:00 p.m.
(Discipleship Hall)

August 10 and 24

Our summer worship schedule will extend through Sunday, September 4 (Labor Day weekend). We will return to 8:30 and 11:00 worship services on Sunday, September 11.

Martin's Cards

Do you shop at Martin's? If so, buy a "Cash for Causes" card to support the ministry of our youth! We receive 5% back for every purchase. Please see Suzanne Gregory after service on Sunday. Thank you thank you!

Global Missions

Tanzania: We recently received the 2015 annual report from our mission partners at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center in Tanzania. A team from Bethel visited the construction site in 2008. In 2012 and 2015 other teams visited a busy, vibrant hospital that is similar to our own WMC in many ways. Since opening in 2009, staff has increased from 230 to over 300 employees. The number of patients seen has increased from 56,000 to over 122,000. In addition, ALMC has expanded the "Plaster House" to support children recovering from surgeries, started a nursing school to help resolve a critical shortage of qualified nurses, and recently started reaching out into more rural areas with their own medical mission teams. All of these accomplishments represent a huge improvement in medical care available in East Africa. Bethel has been a great supporter of this and other projects undertaken with Operation Bootstrap Africa. Although ALMC has achieved much, they still face large financial challenges due to a sluggish worldwide economy and the difficulties of working with Tanzania government. If you would like to help please visit www.bootstrapafrica.org for more information.

Guatemala: From July 9th-July 16th, nine teenagers from Bethel, led by five adults, visited Antigua Guatemala to spend time with students from Escuela Integrada and their families. During the next several weeks we will be considering ways to build a long-term relationship between the youth of Bethel and the people of Antigua through the school. For pictures and stories of our adventure, please see the blog at BethelYouthMission2016.blogspot.com.

Philippines: Just an update on some highlights of the Board Meeting held July 14, 2016:

- Current cash on hand is \$60,000 Plus or over 2.5 Million pesos (\$20,000 is reserved for Capital Improvement).
- 8 local doctors volunteered their time for care of the children including medical consultations, immunizations and treatment
- Two of the 35 children came to CCS undernourished and are being treated
- 8 children were matched through inter-country adoption services
- 82 children have been sponsored for the School Year

Below is a brief resume of the new Executive Director:

Chrisler Go has spent nine years of successful teaching as a professor in social work and civic welfare training service course in several universities in Manila City, Philippines. Trained in social work, he worked actively as a program supervisor of a child welfare agency named Father Simpliciano Foundation Inc. for many years. He even led the organizational management of the agency until granted by a license to operate. Later, he became a consultant of the agency and the social services program of the Franciscan Congregation. He provides both technical assistance and program support.

Chrisler feels proud to have work in a variety of settings for social work practice. He is strongly committed to bring leadership and integrity as the new Executive Director of Concordia Children's Services.

Backpack Blessing

Sunday, August 14

Calling all students young and old (and in between). As the school year is fast approaching, we know you have been out shopping for all your school supplies and most importantly. . .the Backpack! Bring your gear with you to worship on Sunday, August 14 and we will bless you, your pack and all those involved in the education of our children. May they have a successful and fun year!



Blessing
of the Backpacks

New Driver Blessing

Sunday, August 14

Do you have a “new” driver in your household? We will be inviting our new drivers and their parents to participate in a brief ceremony on Sunday, August 14 at our worship service to mark this meaningful milestone in their lives and lift them up in prayers as a community of faith.

Please contact **Bryan Jaster** if you plan to participate (bryan@bethelwinchester.com).



Quilt Raffle

The Bethel Quilter's annual raffle will take place August 28-September 4. This is to raise money for supplies for the coming year (including senior quilts). This year's raffle will be a beautiful quilt made by Tracy Grassi. The drawing will be at the Shrimp Boil on September 11.

We need new members for this ministry. Please think about joining us. No experience necessary.

Also we need volunteers to take the quilts to New Windsor, Maryland to the ELCA warehouse sometime in the fall. Only an hour and 1/2 drive. As always, we are grateful for your continued support. In Christ, Pat Blevins

Installation Service

The Rev. Scott James Maxwell



Your prayers and presence are requested for the *Service of Installation* for our new pastor, The Rev. Scott James Maxwell.

Sunday, September 25 – 3:00 p.m.

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Light fare to follow. The Rev. Dr. David Lose, President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, will be the guest preacher. The Rev. Barbara Melosh, Dean of the Delmarva Conference, Delaware-Maryland Synod, ELCA will preside.

Please join us as we celebrate the arrival of Pastor Scott and Candy Maxwell and look to the future of Saint Mark's ministries in the Wilmington area. Clergy are invited to vest and process. Color of the day is **green**.

*And I will give you shepherds after my own heart,
who will feed you with knowledge and
understanding.*
Jeremiah 3:15

Women's Ministries

WILD Women is our women's ministry at Bethel. All women ages 18 years and older are invited to all **WILD Women** events. We hope that you will join us!

Pool Party

Sunday, August 14, 3:00 p.m.

The Wild Women will end the summer with a pool party at the home of Traci Shoberg. We will gather for Pool, Praise, and Prayer!

Inflatable 5K Race

October 15

3 John 2: "I hope all is well with you and that you are as healthy in body as you are strong in spirit."

On October 15, several members of Bethel are planning on participating in an inflatable 5K race sponsored by the American Cancer Society and the Relay for life. The race is being held at the Prince William County Fairground in Manassas, VA. For more information, go to:

<http://insaneinflatable5k.com/washington-dc/>

Please contact Donna Turrill at 540-409-7015 if you are interested in participating.

WILD WOMEN E-MAIL

If you are interested in receiving updated information regarding our women's ministry then e-mail Donna Turrill at turrills@comcast.net



Men's Ministries

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, August 6, 8:30 a.m.

Our monthly men's breakfast will meet on Saturday, August 6 at 8:30am at Backseat Bar and Grill. Join us for great fellowship, wonderful food, and a time of Christian friendship and sharing. Invite your buddies!

RSVP to Pastor Dave

(pastordave@bethelwinchester.com)

Monday Evening Music Series

*Second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
The Chapel at The Village at Orchard Ridge*

Presented by the Winchester Chapter of the
American Guild of Organists
Free & Open to the Public

August 8 – Golden Age:
Buxtehude, Bach & Friends
September 12 – A Little Bit of Jazz
October 10 - Performers Old & New
November 14 – Wedding Music
December 12 – Anticipating Christmas

For more information, see the flyer on the Community Bulletin Board in the Cross Roads.

Youth Ministries

Youth Adventure Saturday

August 13, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

North River Retreat

A day for all youth! Signup by August 9.

We'll meet at Bethel and travel an hour to North River Retreat in West Virginia with light gear for a day of hiking, eating lunch and dinner, playing in the river and exploring the gift of creation together.

Register with [Greg Brondos](#) (540) 958-9042
TODAY!!!!



Around the Congregation

Congratulations to Bobby and Melissa Lutz on the baptism of their daughter, Leah, on July 10. Big brothers are Anthony and Jeremy.

Congregational sympathy is extended to the family of Karren Light, who passed away on July 23.

Fall 2016 F3 Schedule

Watch the Sunday bulletin for more announcements and details.

August 20, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Young (Lake Holiday swimming) Please RSVP to Pastor Dave.

September - Newman (Racing event)

October - Brandt (Halloween party)

November - Jaster (Ice skating)

December – Sikora (Christmas Party)

**DO YOU HAVE A STUDENT
ATTENDING COLLEGE
THIS FALL?**

**ARE YOU ATTENDING COLLEGE
THIS FALL?**

WE NEED YOU!!

Bethel needs yours or your student's address for college this fall. Bethel would like to send care packages along to our college students during the year. Please email the information to Cindy Lauster, cynthialauster@gmail.com.

Any questions, please contact Cindy at her email address or 317-435-8405. If you would like to contribute items for our students, let Cindy know.

Facts & Figures

August Birthdays

- 03 - Mary Louise Good
- 04 - Clifford Longfellow
- 05 - Dean Cole
- 06 - Debbie Miller
- 08 - Jeremy Nichols
James Jenkins
- 09 - Cindy Newell
- 10 - Nicholas Andrews
- 11 - Christopher Brazelton
- 12 - Alayne Riley
- 13 - Mike Piermatteo
- 16 - Jana Snelgrove
- 18 - Joyce Myers
- 19 - Leigh Ann Sweeney-
Saville
- 21 - Cliff Crowder
Suzanne Cole
Lily Cupp
- 22 - Adilyn Sikora
Jason Jaster
- 23 - Tricia Dietz
- 25 - JoAnn Grooms
- 26 - Jacob Hartman
- 28 - Mary Duvall

August Anniversaries

- 02 - Rob and Kristy Sikora
- 03 - Will and Rebecca Sigler
 Doug and Cindy Newell
- 08 - David and Kathleen Griffin
- 09 - Clifford & Michele Longfellow
- 10 - Eric and Donna Turrill
- 14 - Stephen and Dana Francis
- 15 - Melvin and Bert Poling
 Duane and Sheri Wernecke
- 16 - Vernon and Mary Ruth Joyner
 Pat and Donna Shields
- 20 - Brad and Anne Shepard
- 21 - Cliff and Urve Crowder
- 22 - Jimmy and Shirley Strosnider
- 24 - Scot and Susan Marsh
 Mike and Sharon Stanfield
- 26 - Bobby and Mary Ann Hawkins
- 29 - Jim and Brenda Ramey

Designated Ministries Offering Thru June

For the World:

World Hunger Appeal

\$4 192

Global Missions

\$10.445

For the Community:

CCAP

\$4,117

Jones/Joyner Music Fund

\$3,251

Good Samaritan

\$394

For the Bethel Community:

Student Missions

\$545

Jubilee/Mortgage Principal

\$11,394

Average Worship Attendance

June

206

Principal Balance on Mortgage as of December 31, 2015	Principal Balance on Mortgage as of June 20, 2016	Decrease in Mortgage Principal 2016
\$392,128.39	\$355,769.18	\$36,359.21

	MSP	Offerings	% of MSP	Total 2016 MSP
	Needed to meet MSP	Actual		\$528,255
June 2016	\$40,253	\$34,541	86%	
YTD as of June 2016	\$253,193	\$239,237	94%	

For more detailed information, please visit www.bethelwinchester.com. The most current financial update will be located under the "Publications" headline.

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is 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 17.