

# Bethel Banner

**March 2018**



## **G.I.F.T. – Growing In Faith Together**

*Sundays @ 9:45am in Discipleship Hall*

*February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25*

**We Grow In Faith Together** as we take steps to the cross! **EACH NIGHT:** Dive into the **“Steps to the Cross” guidebook**. Light a candle, gather with family or friends and enjoy the blessings of holy time together.

**EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT:** In an age segregated culture, the church celebrates the unique gifts of gathering 6 generations together around the cross to worship and learn the ways of Jesus. Each week come eat together, laugh (a lot!), learn 5 valuable steps for life, hear and incubate the power of God’s story, create a shared experience where all learn, teach and form faith.

**Sundays @ 9:45am** we gather in Discipleship Hall. Come and see!

**2/25 - Mark 8:31-38 Follow** - Crowns of Thorns for daily invitation to love boldly.

**3/4 - John 2:13-22 Build** - Building Faith5 Crosses to form a lifelong enrichment that will hold you for life.

**3/11 - John 3:14-21 Believe** - Make candles and see the power of light in a dark world.

**3/18 - John 12:20-33 Sprout** - Plants seeds that will rise up as the seed of God’s word rises up.

**3/25 - Mark 11:1-11 Crown** - Everyone plays a part in this live action play that’s a little worship, comedy and drama all in one.

# LENT 4 LOSERS

*“For those who save their life will lose it, but those who lose their life, for my sake will find it,”  
(Matthew 16:25)*

Our Lenten theme for 2018 is **“Lent4Losers”**. Our focus will be finding ways to “lose ourselves” and find new life in following Jesus.

You are invited to post pictures on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter of you and/or others doing loving service, where you are offering yourself for another with the hashtag, #Lent4Losers.

We will offer 4 midweek gatherings focusing specifically on this theme. Come and hear your brothers and sisters in Christ share how they are “losers” for Jesus.

Wednesday, February 28	7:00pm
Wednesday, March 7	7:00pm
Wednesday, March 14	7:00pm
Wednesday, March 21	7:00pm

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, March 25. You are invited to a special movie night potluck at Bethel on Palm Sunday evening at 5:30pm. We will watch the movie, *Amazing Grace*, the story of William Wilberforce and the ending of the slave trade in England. It also gives some history about the beloved hymn, *Amazing Grace*.

Our Holy Week worship includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. A youth sponsored breakfast takes place on Easter morning as well.

Palm Sunday, March 25	8:30 and 11:00
Palm Sunday Movie Night	5:30pm
Maundy Thursday, March 29	7:00pm
Good Friday, March 30	12:00noon and 7:00pm
Easter Sunday, April 1	8:30 and 11:00
Easter Breakfast	7:30-10:30

## **Lenten Food Drive**

*February 25-March 25*

Please help fill the brightly colored boxes in the narthex with non-perishable food items for the elderly and disabled of Frederick County. If you don't have time to shop, use the little RED envelopes in the pew racks to give a monetary donation.

Thank you for your continued support!

# Annual Meeting Summary

February 4, 2018

The annual report and treasurer's report were reviewed and it was noted that at the end of 2017 our budget was very close to even. All designated funds are fully funded

Discussion was then focused on the generous bequest made by Louise Hostettler. Pastors Dave and Heidi Young related some of Louise's personality and values including her concern for social justice issues, especially as related to youth, and her sense of humor. Pastor Dave said that Louise was a strong woman with a spirit and heart for those on the margins.

A motion was made that the Louise Hostettler bequest be distributed as discerned by Council including the following:

- 10% tithe to synod
- 10% tithe to Bethel for operation expenses
- 5% Houston National Youth Gathering

The balance to be determined through congregational input via our congregational meeting and Bethel Reforming.

Discussion:

A task force will be set up to explore options more fully. (with the suggestion that this be used for deferred maintenance and infrastructure and upkeep of property, and that the task force include trustees and Cliff Crowder). Other discussion followed about the appropriated funds.

Heidi David-Young proposed an amendment to the original motion as follows: of the 10% tithe to synod, 1/2 be directed to Caroline Furnace and the remaining 1/2 to operational budget of the synod. This motion was seconded by Rachel Carlson. Discussion was held. This amendment passed unanimously.

The congregation voted that the Louise Hostettler bequest be distributed as discerned by Council with the amendment noted above.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie B Shanabrook

# Bethel Reforming / 2020 Vision Update

As you heard at our congregational meeting, Bethel will begin an intentional visioning process in 2017 called *Bethel Reforming*. Our goal is to develop a **2020 Vision** as we move toward the year 2020, our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a congregation. The goals and initiatives that will shape our congregation into the future will come out our *Bethel Reforming* process.

How will it work and when does it begin? The meetings will begin in March and continue into April. You will receive a letter with an invitation to attend specific meeting/meetings near your home. If you cannot attend these meetings you are invited to attend our "catch all" meeting at the end of April.

Our cottage meetings are scheduled to last no more than 1 ½ hours. The leadership of Bethel will coordinate the meeting and lead you through a visioning process. Our goal is to make available the ideas/vision that come from each meeting, so that you can follow along with what your fellow Bethel disciples are discerning.

After our cottage meetings are finished we will compile the ideas/vision and invite the entire congregation to gather for a shared conversation and potluck meal, most likely to be held in May. At this gathering, we will hear from you again as you reflect upon and prayerfully discern what has been shared and communicated from the cottage meetings. You will help us synthesize the plethora of ideas/vision. The council will then take that information and prayerfully discern next steps and initiatives. When this process is complete, we will again gather the congregation for feedback and planning.

Our hope is that as we head into the Fall, we will have a clear set of initiatives and goals that will guide us forward immediately and into the future, toward 2020 and beyond.

Please keep your council and staff in your prayers during this exciting time in our life together at Bethel. Shalom Y'all!

## Learning Opportunities

### Adult Forum

Join us for GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) as a CrossGen Experience during Lent at 9:45 a.m. in Discipleship Hall.

### Lenten LIFT Groups

Our intentional small group ministry, Living in Faith Together (LIFT), will be offered during four weeks during Lent, based around our Lenten theme *Lent4Losers*. Weekly discussion materials will be made available on our Bethel website, [www.bethelwinchester.com](http://www.bethelwinchester.com).

- Week One: February 25 - March 3
- Week Two: March 4 – 10
- Week Three: March 11 – 17
- Week Four: March 18 – 24

### CCAP Update

New president, Frances Salmon, was voted in at January meeting. Fran Ricketts will remain as the Executive Director.

- \$246,000 was spent on clients in 2017
- \$113,000 of diapers were distributed through the Red Wagon Ministry in 2017
- Certified Peer Support Specialists are now providing support and information on substance abuse twice a week at CCAP from 2 to 6pm
- Current needs: Volunteers and drivers, flatware wrapped in napkin with wet wipe (great Sunday school activity!), camping equipment, lice treatment, bed bug spray, water resistant gloves, Staples coupons, peanut butter, kid friendly cereal, soups, canned meats
- Open to churches providing weekend meals in parking lot of CCAP. Grill available for use.

### March Madness “Nothing but Nets” Fundraiser

Friday, March 16, 10:00-12:00noon

*A child dies every 2 minutes because of malaria. Help us send life-saving bed nets to protect children from this deadly, yet preventable disease. In 2018, all donations will be MATCHED to make DOUBLE the impact!*

Join us as we raise money for malaria nets by attempting to make, as a group, 1000 free throws in an hour. If we can get sponsors for each of our made free throws (\$1 per make) we will reach our goal of \$1000, which equals 200 Malaria Nets.

We will play at the Family Life Center on the campus of Winchester Church of God. We will gather at 10:00am and be done by noon. Immediately following our fundraiser, you are invited to attend a March Madness Watch Party at Backseat Bar and Grill (104 Full House Drive). Please RSVP to Pastor Dave ([revhoops@gmail.com](mailto:revhoops@gmail.com)) if you plan to participate in any way.

You can bring your donations to the event, send them to Bethel Lutheran Church, or donate online at the Bethel Fundraising Page <https://fundraise.unfoundation.org/revhoops>.



## Global Missions

Greetings from ELCA Global Church Sponsorship!

We give thanks for your gifts and investments in God's global work. Your gifts and sponsorship of our missionaries, Mark and Linda Jacobson, enable our church to engage with every corner of the globe. Without your generosity, we wouldn't be able to walk alongside our companions as they grow and live into God's mission.

Together in Christ,  
Andrew G. Steele  
Director, ELCA Global Church Sponsorship

## **Global Missions Meeting**

*Friday, March 9, 7:00 p.m.*

*Location TBD*

## **Bethel Park**

The Celebration Tree brochures can be found in the pamphlet display board located in the narthex. We only have a few weeks before planting time so if you would like to purchase a tree, please fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate or mail to Bethel Office, 2077 N Frederick Pike, Winchester 22603.



## **Congregational Life Save the Dates!**

This is by no means a complete list, but go ahead and put these dates in your calendar!

**First Friday of every month:** WILD woman Friday fellowship 9:00 am at Firefly Café.

**First Saturday of every month:** Men's Breakfast at Backseat Bar and Grill 8:30 am

**Third Wednesday of every month:** Woman's Dinner Club 6:00 pm Location TBA.

**March 16-17:** Overnight MENToring Men's hike over Old Rag (advance sign up required)

**June 24:** Bethel ½ K Race and Picnic 10:45

**July 21:** Bethel Community Yard Sale 8-4

**September 9:** Bethel's Famous Shrimp Boil

**October 6:** Octoberfest 3-7 pm

**November 2-4:** Men's Retreat at Graves Mountain Lodge (advance sign up required)

**December 9:** Woman's Christmas Banquet at 5 pm (advance sign up required)

Come and join your fellow Bethelonians in sharing the peace and fellowship of our community of faith.





Along with “Springing Forward”, don’t forget to check your smoke detector batteries!

And while we are on the subject of home safety...A fire extinguisher is something most people don’t think about until they need one. While you may be able to use a home fire extinguisher to help you put out a small fire, you may find that it’s of little value if it hasn’t been kept in operating condition. Below are some tips to help make sure your fire extinguisher is in proper working order.

Before you buy or use a fire extinguisher, you should know what types of fires it is made to handle. The U.S. Fire Administration says fire extinguishers are made to combat five types of blazes:

- Class A: Ordinary combustibles (i.e. cloth, wood and paper)
- Class B: Flammable liquids
- Class C: Appliances, electrical
- Class D: Metals
- Class K: Cooking oils

Some fire extinguishers may be made for more than one type of fire, and they will be labeled as such: “ABC” or “BC,” for example.

Even if they haven’t expired, home fire extinguishers should be checked each month to help make sure they are ready for use, says the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The NFPA also suggests including the following steps in your inspection:

1. Ensure accessibility. Make sure the extinguisher is in its proper spot, visible and easy to access.
2. Inspect the seals. Look over the tamper and safety seals to make sure they are intact.
3. Check the pressure. If your fire extinguisher has a pressure gauge, be sure that the gauge’s needle indicates proper pressure. If the fire extinguisher has a test indicator, press it to make sure the pressure reading is within the correct range.
4. Look for damage. Visible signs of damage, such as corrosion, leakage or a clogged nozzle, may mean it’s time to replace the extinguisher.
5. Document your inspection. Keep track of your extinguisher’s monthly checks and maintenance. Some extinguisher come with an inspection tag for this purpose.

Fire extinguishers are often an overlooked part of a home safety plan. Do your checks, know how to use them, contact your local fire department if you need help or more resources and be sure your extinguishers are ready for use — just in case.

## **Women's Ministries**

All women of Bethel and friends are invited to attend Wild Women events and activities.

### **First Friday Fellowship**

March 3, 9:30 a.m.  
Firefly Café

We invite all women of Bethel to join us for tea or coffee or goodies at the café. We will fellowship with each other in an informal gathering. We share our stories with one another and delight in our friendships.

Come join us for laughter and fellowship of women-and perhaps try their delicious Cinnamon Rolls (Sarah Smith's favorite)! Please join us! No commitment required.

### **Third Tuesday Dinner**

March 20, 6:00 p.m.  
El Centro  
1 N Loudoun St., Winchester, VA

We will meet for dinner and fellowship beginning at 6:00.

## **Women's Ministry Surveys**

Thank you all to those who participated in taking the Ministry survey. The team will meet in March and discover what your wishes and hopes for the Women of Bethel are. We then will come up with a plan for moving forward quickly with the Ministry. The results will be shared with all of our ladies at Bethel and hopefully we can meet whatever needs you voiced in the surveys.

If you did not complete a survey but would like to share some ideas, please Email Karen Nguyen at [karenreneenguyen@gmail.com](mailto:karenreneenguyen@gmail.com).

We ask the women of Bethel to pray for the planning team so we may serve one another as Women of Christ.

## **Men's Ministries**

### **Men's Breakfast**

Saturday, March 3, 8:30 a.m.  
Backseat Bar and Grill

We meet for a time of fellowship, food, and Bible study. It is a great time to connect with other men in the congregation and share our faith with each other and support one another.

**Thank you, Bethel** for making "Love Changes Everything" a wondrous night of romance, dancing, and support for the ministry of our youth. What a gift it was to share this unique, quality experience with so many people! We raised \$1,300 toward our journey to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this summer. Thank you!



## Youth Ministries



### **Houston – ELCA Youth Gathering**

#### **Mother's Day Cake Auction!**

*Sunday, May 13 @ 9:45am*

Our youth are becoming Pastry Chefs and baking cakes! We will turn discipleship hall into a rapid fire cake auction with pro-fessional youth auctioneers. Come bid on creative, tasty and unusual cakes. This fundraiser helps launch our youth to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this summer as we join 30,000 youth seeking the way of Jesus together!

#### **Family Camp!**

*March 10-11 at Caroline Furnace!*

Great time to experience the wonder and joy of our camp – Caroline Furnace – that is an hour south of Winchester in Fort Valley. Get to know others from Bethel and delight in games, crafts, hikes, great food, bible study, worship, campfire, and more! Details zip to: [www.carolinefurnace.org](http://www.carolinefurnace.org)

#### **VBS Prep Party!**

*Wednesday, March 21 @ 7:30pm*  
*Discipleship Hall*

Come find out our theme, learn what part you can play and eat brownies ☺. We will start after worship in Discipleship Hall. Tap in your phones our week of play, learning and adventures June 11-15 from 9-noon this summer.



**Copernicus, Galileo,  
Kepler, Newton and  
Higgs**

High School Youth explore how science can illuminate and expand faith and how faith can help science shape a better world! Come if you are a science nerd, a skeptic, have some faith or a little of all. Bring your honest questions for a Cosmic Adventure learning from each other! **We meet Tuesdays beginning April 3, 7:30-9pm.**

#### **March for Our Lives**

*Saturday, March 24*

Jesus comes to bring life to the world and that it may be abundant. As one way to help keep schools safe and bring life and hope in the future for children and youth, many are gathering in Washington DC to help bring change in our world. If you feel called to join this movement or travel with a group March 24, please contact Pastor Heidi at [heididavidyoung955@gmail.com](mailto:heididavidyoung955@gmail.com)

#### **Bethel Week at Camp**

*July 29 – August 3, 2017*  
*Camp Caroline Furnace*

Our week of camp for all kids and youth! **High School youth** – get LIT at camp with the new leadership program! First 5 kids that are registered get a special prize during camp week + save \$\$\$ by registering early! See [carolinefurnace.org](http://carolinefurnace.org) for Potomac river, Horse Camp, Cooking camp, Survivor Camp, Archery camp and much more.

#### **Vacation Bible Camp**

*June 11-15 (mornings).*

Our week of camp at Bethel led by youth, supported by adults and knowing Christ through song, skit, play, art and fun for all kids!

## KITCHEN ETIQUETTE and BASIC RULES

1. Wash, dry and put away all dishes and utensils after your event.
2. **ABSOLUTELY NO** sharp knives are to put in any kitchen drawer or in with any other silverware or plastic ware. There are sharp knife holders in the cabinet next to the large refrigerator.
3. If you intend to leave leftovers for another group, label them with the name of group and date of the leftover. Be sure to notify the group of your intentions. Unidentified leftovers will be thrown out.
4. If you purchase special plates and napkins for your event, please take them with you. We don't have room for a variety of plate sizes and napkins.
5. Follow the instructions for using the stove, especially the use of the exhaust fans. When you finish make sure all burners, ovens and the grill are turned off. Wipe up any spills and if you used the grill, follow the directions for seasoning it.
7. Take home and wash any linens used before returning them as quickly as possible to the church. The tablecloths should be put in the labeled containers in the pantry.
8. Put used towels and dishcloths in the marked container or take them home and wash them. They can be returned to the cabinet above the sink when clean. If you put the cloths in the container and they are wet, please drape them over the edge of the container so that they will dry and not mildew.
9. Wash and dry all countertops and the tables in Discipleship Hall.
10. Wipe out the sink and neatly stack the dishwasher/sterilizer racks.
11. When leaving, close the door to the pantry and the door into Discipleship Hall. Make sure the fire screen is down and all of the lights are off.

## *Easter Lilies*

Would you like to give an Easter lily to help beautify the sanctuary on Easter morning?

Simply fill out the form below, place it in the offering plate with your check, or mail to the church office.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of lilies ordered (\$9.00 each): \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Bethel Lutheran Church and indicate "Easter Lily" on your check.

All orders must be received by **Sunday, March 18.**

## *March Birthdays*

01 - Kristy Sikora  
02 - Stacy Robinson  
05 - Darby Garner  
Julia Havron  
Bryan Jaster  
Vonda Wilt  
06 - Michelle Asmussen  
07 - Joline Schultheis  
08 - Ella Carlson  
Ryleigh Stinedurf  
Nicholas Bowman  
09 - Amelia Riley  
Carrie Turman  
Megan Landis  
10 - Sandy Hulver  
11 - Hannah McKiernan  
Betty Nichols  
12 - Gus Brondos  
Payton Grooms  
Brogan Hoover  
Joshua Foltz  
Sylvia Adkins  
13 - Irene Cockerham  
Greg Brondos  
Brian Boswell  
14 - Terri Ramsey  
Edel Frank  
Wayne LaFollette  
15 - Rob Hassinger  
16 - Peter Griffin  
Doug Nichols  
17 - Michael Miller  
Bert Poling  
Tootie Russell  
18 - Cindy Lauster  
19 - Brenda Ramey  
20 - Hazel Eckert  
21 - Rowan Hudson  
22 - Tom Beyer  
Caroline Legge  
26 - Christopher Francis  
Bruce Lothrop

27 - Molly Beyer  
Madelyn Grooms  
28 - Joy Stull  
Shari Fletcher  
29 - Becky Hall  
Mike Barnes  
Wes Brondos  
31 - John Kushlak

## *March Anniversaries*

16 - Jim and Karen Shipp – 50 Years  
16 - Bryan and Amy Jaster  
22 - Clarence and Loretta Hohner – 60 Years  
23 - James and Martha Jenkins

### *Around the Congregation*

Congregational sympathy is extended to the Shoberg family on the passing of Traci's mother, Clara Gaston.

Congregational sympathy is extended to Rhonda Dodson and her family on the passing of her sister.



# Facts & Figures

## Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

. . .for your generosity, support, and partnership in ministries here at Bethel, to our community, and to God's world.

“You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us.”  
(2 Corinthians 9:11)

Average  
Worship Attendance  
January

223

### Designated Offering Thru January 31

#### For the World:

World Hunger Appeal  
\$540

Global Missions  
\$585

#### For the Community:

CCAP  
\$283

Jones/Joyner Music Fund  
\$342

Good Samaritan  
\$40

#### For the Bethel Community:

Student Missions  
\$40

Jubilee/Mortgage Principal  
\$5,536

Scatter & Prayer  
Gardens/Bethel Park  
\$5,350

Principal Balance on Mortgage as of December 3, 2012	Principal Balance on Mortgage as of January 21, 2018	Overall Decrease in Mortgage Principal (Jubilee Campaign)
\$802,407.55	\$235,660.16	\$566,747.39

	Actual <u>January 2018</u>	Actual <u>Year-to-Date</u>
Actual Income	\$35,179.98	\$35,179.98
Actual Expenses	\$44,505.67	\$44,505.67
Balance (Shortfall)	(\$9,325.69)	(\$9,325.69)

For more detailed information, please visit [www.bethelwinchester.com](http://www.bethelwinchester.com).  
The most current financial update will be located under the "Publications" headline.

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## **Council for 2018**

President - **Tom Milburn**  
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Secretary – **Julie Shanabrook**  
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Worship Board – **Pastor Dave**  
Prayer and Care Board – **Pat Blevins**  
Learning Board – **Trevor Brazelton**  
Servant Board – **Beth Garner**  
Congregational Life – **Dave Griffin**  
Ministry Support – **Michael Asmussen**

**The deadline for articles for the  
April issue of the  
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is 3:00 p.m., Monday March 19.**