

Bethel Banner

August 2018

17th Annual Harvest Sunday!

Sunday, August 12, 10:30 a.m.

Celebrating God's bounty with our Bethel family, sharing a meal, and helping others... what could be more fun?! Share your pies, garden produce, baked goods, crafts and flowers in support of Harvest Sunday and Lutheran World Relief!

Donations and purchases support LWR's Mission:

"Affirming God's love for all people, we work with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering." Both our respect and appreciation for each other and the critical and urgent nature of our mission call us to employ the highest standards in our lives and work. We are not owners; rather we strive to be wise trustees: "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it" (Psalm 24:1). Aware of an imbalance and abuse of resources globally, we are compelled toward responsibility, justice and bold investment for the sake of our mission.

Donations can be dropped to the Bethel office August 6-9, 9:00-1:00 or brought to our outdoor service at 9:30 am on Sunday August 12.

Questions? Contact Julie Shanabrook 540-535-9379 thirdpig1@gmail.com.

See you under the tent!



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

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

Council Highlights

The Task Force for the Hostetler bequest continues to conscientiously employ this generous gift. The furnace work in lower Bethel has been completed. After getting three proposals, doors for the two exterior entrances to the narthex are on order. Plans for the exact sound system for the sanctuary are still being explored, and cleaning and painting of the steeple should happen soon.

In other news, Council voted to grant \$1000 to Carter Woolly for his year of service working with the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission. Carter, the eldest son of Bethel's former pastor Rhodes Woolly, recently graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College and will be working in Rwanda in east Central Africa.

Council was blessed to meet with Pastor John Wertz, the VA Synod Director of Evangelical Mission. Pastor Wertz was present to help us continue to grow the vitality of Bethel and to put into action the priorities that surfaced during our Bethel Reforming meetings. We will all have an opportunity to welcome Pastor Wertz in worship at the end of September.

Summer Worship Schedule

June – September 2, 9:30am

Continuing through Sunday, September 2, Bethel will gather as one church family at 9:30 each Sunday for worship.

Summer Service Supper Church!

Wednesday, August 8, 5:30 p.m.

Discipleship Hall

Our final Summer Service and Supper Church will take place on Wednesday, August 8. We meet at the Bright Futures Distribution Center (178 Indian Hollow Road; directly behind Bethel). After our service project, we will gather at Bethel in Discipleship Hall for supper, singing, worship and Holy Communion. The August gathering will be a "potluck" so bring a dish to share. Please RSVP to Pastor Dave or Bryan if you plan to attend.

Outdoor Worship and Harvest Sunday

Sunday, August 12, 9:30 a.m.

Join us for our 4th and final outdoor worship service on Sunday, August 12. We will be giving thanks for the bounty of our creation and celebrating our annual Harvest Sunday immediately following worship. Bring friends and be nourished in many ways with the gifts of God!

Grillin'

One more summer cookout to go - deliciousness brought by each of you, mixed in with some terrific burgers and hot dogs, topped with fantastic fellowship, baked in the warm summer Sunday sun...don't miss out! The last 2018 Bethel cookout is after worship on Sunday, August 12.

Speaking of cookouts, you may have noticed that our grills are on their last legs (literally and figuratively). If you have a great grill that is collecting dust and want to share it or choose to buy a new one for the benefit of the group, it will be put to good use. One grill has been retired, and the remaining one is very tired. Thanks!



Special Worship Services

On Sunday, August 5, we will have a special worship service that is going to focus on the theme "1-0". Come and find out what this means for your life of faith. You will receive a special "take home" gift to help make "1-0" a faith mantra for living your life of faith.

On Sunday, August 26, we will offer our second "Healing Service" of the year. At this service, you will be invited to come forward and receive the laying on of hands and anointing with oil.

High School Graduates Wrapped in Quilts!

This year to properly celebrate the power of Jesus in the lives of our high school graduates we will wrap them in quilts **Sunday, August 5 at 9:30am**. Thank you to the whole quilt making team for the great gift of this ministry to help wrap these young adults with God's love for life!



Summer "Theology on Tap"

Tuesdays @ 7:00pm

50/50 Taphouse, 29 W. Cork Street

You are invited to join Pastor Dave on Tuesday, August 21 at 50/50 Taphouse for our final Theology on Tap of the summer. Our topic will be: Rethinking Church! It should be quite a fun conversation.

Beginning in the Fall, we will meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Hope you can join us and we invite you to bring friends!

Quilt Raffle

The Quilt Ministry will sell raffle tickets in the Narthex on August 26, September 2 and September 9 for a SANTA SNUGGLE LAP QUILT. The drawing will be held at the annual Shrimp Boil on September 9.

Proceeds from the ticket sales will be used to purchase batting and other supplies to make mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

Please help us out as we depend on your generosity.

Thanks and blessings to all,
Pat Blevins

Student Care Packages

As one of many groups in Bethel's Congregational Life, this group is an important part of our ministry as a beacon from home base to our students who are taking the leap to higher education. For many, it is the final step out of the family nest.

These packages are a reminder to our students that they remain a part of the Bethel family and community of faith, and that they have our love and support. This is a great group and they will be sending packages out in early winter before finals. If you would like to join this group, please either contact the church office or the Congregational Life Board chair at grifdog@icloud.com



Adult Confirmation Class

Beginning this fall, Pastor Dave is inviting adults to participate in a new program called "Adult Confirmation" which will seek to expand your knowledge of the faith, the sacraments, the Bible and theology. There are several components to the program.

First, you will participate in a video series, held at the home of Pastor Dave, called "By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism." The companion book will involve readings between each session.

Second, you will be asked to participate, along with Pastor Dave, in the Virginia Synod ACTS program. ACTS is the **A**mbassadors **C**ommunity for **T**heological **S**tudy and is intended to enrich and equip laity for intentional service as ambassadors for Christ in homes, churches, and in their communities. It provides comprehensive exposure to the foundations of Lutheran faith through classroom and experiential education. This year's theme is the Lutheran Confessions and will be taught by highly respected Lutheran professor Timothy Wengert. There will be two Saturday events -- October 20 and November 10 at Grace Lutheran Church in Waynesboro. The events will last from 9:30-3:30. There is a cost of \$175 for this course, however, assistance is available. You will also need to purchase "Book of Harmony" (Martin Lohrmann) as the companion book for this course.

Please let Pastor Dave know by Sunday, Sept. 9 if you are interested in participating.



Bethel Reforming Update

Next Steps for the Bethel 2020 Vision

On Tuesday, July 10, the Bethel Council met with the Rev. John Wertz, the Director of Evangelical Mission for the Virginia Synod. Our conversation centered on next steps for taking what we've learned from you in our Bethel Reforming cottage meetings (i.e. Priorities) and developing our **2020 Vision**.

As a refresher, here are the priorities that came from Bethel Reforming.

1. Discern our staff arrangement (what is needed NOW to best serve / grow)
2. Discern our organizational structure (how to be adaptable to changing world /ministry needs)
3. Discern a financial vision to support our ongoing ministry
4. Develop a logo/theme to "brand" our ministry for visibility in our community
5. Build upon our strengths

The first step will again involve your voice and energy. **On Sunday, September 30 (the 5th Sunday) we will gather for one worship service at 9:30am.** This will be followed by a congregational visioning event and potluck gathering. Pastor Wertz will be here to preach and lead the event. At the end of our event, we will have a guiding vision which will shape our "priorities" working groups moving forward. Please plan to attend this important and vital event in the life of our congregation!

Ministry Moments in Worship

As we have done in the past, we are offering periodic "Ministry Moments" where our people share special experiences of their life and faith, where God was active in their life, and how Christ comforted, supported, and guided them. If you are interested in sharing a "Ministry Moment" please contact Pastor Dave.

Global Missions

The *Shalom Home* Compound Wall is now
“A Line in the Sand”

The photo below shows two contract workers as they mark a line for the Compound Wall at the new Bethania Kids **Shalom Home** for girls in Batlagundu, India. This wall is the first important step in construction of *Shalom Home* with plans to start building the wall very soon. Last year, Bethel presented Bethania Kids a check for over \$37,000 to make this happen. You got the ball rolling!

Since then, an aggressive BK campaign with individuals and other churches has continued to raise the necessary funds to complete the project. They're not yet there, but significant progress has been made and continues regularly.

The Directors, Josephine Selvan and Ruby Kumar, and 38 girls at *Shalom Home* are especially eager to see their new home progress...so are all of us at Bethel. We'll keep the congregation updated as new milestones are reached.



Wendy Oesterling (l), Kristin DeHaven (r)

Kristin DeHaven joins the Board of Directors for Bethania Kids

We are delighted to welcome Bethel Lutheran Church member, Kristin DeHaven, to the Bethania Kids Board of Directors. The Board of Directors in the US works closely with the Bethania Board of Trustees in India to set future direction, provide oversight for setting policy, and raise funds for operation of the India ministry.

Kristin and son, Gus, traveled to visit our ministry sites in India with Rex Ritchie, Steve Wander, and Pastor Heidi in 2014. The children touched their hearts and the children loved them, too! The people of Bethel Lutheran Church have been very important members of the Bethania Kids family for many years. Your gifts truly make a difference in the lives of God's children. We are grateful for your answer to God's call through Bethania Kids!

Blessings to all at Bethel,
Wendy Oesterling
Director of Development, Bethania Kids

Music Ministry News

Plans for a **children's choir** have begun. During August, families with children ages 4 – Grade 5 will be asked to complete a survey to determine what interest there is for a children's music ministry program. Results of the survey will be the guide for deciding if there is enough interest for a preschool to first grade choir and a grade 2 – grade 5 choir. There will be an opportunity to indicate if you have other children outside this age range who want to sing in a choir.

The **Worship Ensemble** will return to regular weekly rehearsals on Thursday, August 30, at 7:00 pm, in the choir room. Did you know that we welcome all high school youth to age 100+ who like to sing and want to be part of a smaller "family" within our congregation? There are no auditions, and no one has to sing a solo, ever!

On a recent July Sunday morning, **Psalms 23** was read during worship. That reminded me that not only do we read **Psalms**, but the **Psalms** are intended to be **sung**. Psalms have been sung for centuries, beginning with the ancient Israelites. Pages 335-338 in the red hymnal contain a brief history and directions for singing. Now, we do not sing the Psalms at Bethel as described in the hymnal but many hymns, worship and praise music, and choral music for church choirs are based on Psalms.

On August 12, our second communion hymn will be *Taste and See, page 493*, in our red hymnal. This hymn is based on Psalm 34:1-8. On August 19, one of the readings for the day, Ephesians 5:15-20, directs God's people to be filled with the Spirit by singing Psalms and spiritual songs.

All 150 Psalms are poems that express a variety of emotions and dialogue with God. The book of Psalms is known as the Bible's songbook. Read a Psalm every day as part of your daily devotions. Then, be listening for them in our worship music at Bethel.

Power in the Spirit Recap

A HUGE thank you to Bethel for allowing me to "borrow" the gorgeous 500th anniversary quilted banner to be used at Power In The Spirit (PITS). It graced the entrance foyer to the Olin Theater for all to behold as they entered for worship and other gatherings. I heard many oooooohs and aaaaaaaahs as PITS attendees stood and gazed at its beauty.

Once again I had the opportunity to sing in the Conference Choir under the direction of George Donovan, who sends his greetings to all of you. There was a variety of workshops available, and I participated in the Biblical Storytelling workshop and the NODA (No One Dies Alone) workshop presented by Hospice from Roanoke Memorial, a very meaningful class.

Cindy Henry (Gravel Springs Church) and I led two "hands on" workshops featuring "Creative Card Ministries" for congregations. We encouraged the writing of personal notes/letters which is a true lost art with the popularity of electronic mail and texting.

I encourage you to consider joining me next year, July 11-13 for PITS 2019. PITS is child friendly. Next year littles will attend FREE accompanied by parents. Childcare with VBS type activities are provided during the time of Bible Study and during the addresses by the keynote speaker. Children are welcomed and encouraged to participate in worship with their families and during mealtimes and "down" time. A movie night is provided during the time of "Brew and Hymns" so that parents may have "date night".

Begin now to save your pennies and by next July the funds will be there. Come join me. You will be glad you did. I promise you.

Kitty Miller

Women's Ministries

First Friday Fellowship

Friday, August 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. Please join us!

Women's Bible Study

Second Tuesday of each month

August 14, 7:00-9:00pm

Our Bible Study is under way. It is wonderful to have a few hours set apart in the month for intentional group Bible study. Won't you join us? Let us reach deeper into His Word and share this with each other as sisters of Christ. This month's meeting is at the home of Earlene Kemnitz. The Bible study books will be available for purchase. The book will last for many months of Bible study.

We are excited to share this part of the Women's Ministry! All women are welcome!!! Please RSVP by 8/7 to Earlene ((540) 723-0229).

Bethel Women Walk

No walk in the month of August. Join us again in September...

Third Tuesday Dinner

(On hiatus until September)

Virginia Synod Women's Organization Gathering

August 3-4

Bethel Lutheran Church

For more information, please see Registration packets posted on our Community Bulletin Board outside the church office.

*Stay tuned for a
Women's Fall Event!*

Men's Ministries

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, August 4, 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.

Save the Date!

Fall Men's Retreat: *How to Read the Bible*

November 2-4, 2018

Graves Mountain Lodge

Cost: \$150 (includes 5 meals/2 nights lodging)

The theme for the retreat will be *How to Read the Bible*. Using videos and downloads from The Bible Project (www.thebibleproject.com) you will come away from this weekend with a greater knowledge and appreciation for Holy Scripture. More details to follow.

***Please RSVP to Pastor Dave if you plan to attend (pastordave@bethelwinchester.com).**

At the Bethel Octoberfest, we will be having a three course cookoff. There is no entry fee and you can enter as much as you like. There will be three categories – appetizer, entrée and dessert. Folks at the Octoberfest will vote by putting money in your box – one dollar a vote – and the winner will receive a beautiful brand spanking new NIV bible. The proceeds will stay here at Bethel – to pay down the mortgage that we took out to build the Discipleship Hall and kitchen. So feel free to also stuff your own box with votes.

Fire up those stoves! Bring an appetite for an amazing event!

Youth Ministries

Backpack Blessing

Sunday, August 12
9:30 service



Bring your backpack!

Youth Pool Party

Saturday, August 18, 11-3pm @ Lake Holiday

Wear swim stuff, bring a friend and something foodlike. We will grill out burgers and dogs. Say you are from "Bethel" at the gate and meet at the Lake Holiday Beach.

Youth Horse Ride/Camp Out!

September 7-8
Camp Caroline Furnace

An overnight of hiking, games, kayaking and horseback riding! Come and invite friends. Cost is \$75 which covers food, lodging at Camp and horseback riding.

- + Meet at Bethel Friday, Sept. 7 @ 6pm
- + Return to Bethel Saturday, Sept. 8 @ 5pm

Signup, Bethel form and Camp Out payment due Sunday, Sept. 2. Can pay online or make checks to Bethel.



Sunday School Kick-Off!

September 9 @ 9:45am

Get connected for all sizes and ages as we learn to worship, serve and grow together.

Thank You! From Vacation Bible Camp

Shipwrecked – Jesus rescues!

What a powerful week we had together July 16-20. We celebrate and thank the many hands and lives who helped fill our week with the love and rescuing power of Jesus!



F3 (Fun, Faith, Fellowship)

Sunday, August 12, 4-7 p.m.
Lake Holiday

Families of children ages 4 to 4th grade. Enjoy an evening at the Lake swimming with friends. RSVP to Pastor Dave (pastordave@bethelwinchester.com) so that everyone's names can be on the list at the gate. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.



Oktoberfest returns to Bethel!

Saturday Afternoon, October 6, 2018

After a roaring successful first run celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Bethel is proud to announce an expanded afternoon of fall fun, fellowship, food, frolic and festivities. There will be music, dancing, games, contests, slides, inflatables, fellowship, beer, more food, spicy surprises for all ages! Celebrate your Lutheranism.

This event is geared toward EVERYONE. Since you ARE someone, you should be there. Come visit, come eat, come try your skills, come out to your event. Don't drive? We will provide a ride. See you there!



The Sky is the Limit WATTS Fundraiser

*Saturday, August 18, 7-10 p.m.
Cloverdale Barn*

Journey inside a magical forest as the Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter celebrates its tenth season. Tickets on sale now! Farm to table dinner buffet by Fresco Kitchen. Live music by Movin' On, raffles, support opportunities, family fun. See the Community Bulletin board in the hall outside the church office for more details.

WATTS 10th Anniversary Logo Design Contest

Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter is in search of a logo to highlight their upcoming 10th anniversary. See the Community Bulletin Board in the hall outside the church office for more details.

Fall New Member Class

October 2018

Are you interested in becoming an "official" member of the Bethel family? The process to join Bethel is three-fold:

- 1) Meet with Pastor Dave (receive a new member packet)
- 2) Attend the New Member Social (Saturday, October 20)
- 3) Join at either the 8:30am or 11:00am worship (Sunday, October 21)

If you are interested, please talk with Pastor Dave at your earliest convenience (pastordave@bethelwinchester.com).

August Birthdays

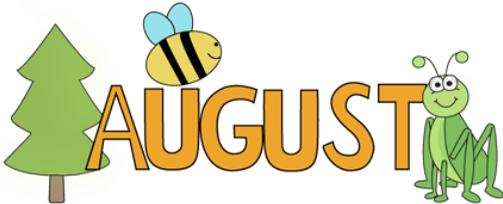
03 - Mary Louise Good
04 - Clifford Longfellow
05 - Dean Cole
06 - Debbie Miller
08 - James Jenkins
09 - Cindy Newell
 Dave Balsler
11 - Christopher Brazelton
12 - Alayne Riley
16 - Jana Snelgrove
18 - Joyce Myers
19 - Leigh Ann Sweeney-
 Saville
21 - Cliff Crowder
 Lily Cupp
22 - Adilyn Sikora
 Jason Jaster
23 - Tricia Dietz
25 - JoAnn Grooms
28 - Mary Duvall
29 - Kristin Siebert

August Anniversaries

02 - Rob and Kristy Sikora
03 - Will and Rebecca Sigler
 Doug and Cindy Newell
06 - Larry and Sue Correll
08 - David and Kathleen Griffin
09 - Clifford & Michele Longfellow
10 - Eric and Donna Turrill
14 - Stephen and Dana Francis (25 years)
15 - Melvin and Bert Poling
16 - 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

Around the Congregation

Congratulation to Michaela Britton on the birth of her daughter on July 23. Lillian Eileen Huff weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces. Baby and Mom are healthy and happy! Welcome child of God Lillian!



Coming Events in September

One Worship Service – Sunday, September 2, 9:30 a.m.

Labor Day – Monday, September 3, Office is Closed.

Board Chair/Team Leader Meeting – Wednesday, September 5, 6:30 p.m.

Youth Fall Retreat – September 7-8

Quilt Raffle – September 9

God's Work. Our Hands. Service Sunday – September 9

Shrimp Boil – September 9

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
June

145

Designated Offering Thru June 30

For the World:

World Hunger Appeal
\$2,996

Global Missions
\$7,685

For the Community:

CCAP
\$2,387

Jones/Joyner Music Fund
\$2,322

Good Samaritan
\$2,290

For the Bethel Community:

Student Missions
\$415

Jubilee/Mortgage Principal
\$10,296

Scatter & Prayer
Gardens/Bethel Park
\$8,307

Principal Balance on Mortgage as of December 3, 2012	Principal Balance on Mortgage as of June 20, 2018	Overall Decrease in Mortgage Principal (Jubilee Campaign)
\$802,407.55	\$225,060.70	\$577,346.85

	Actual <u>June 2018</u>	Actual <u>Year-to-Date</u>
Actual Income	\$30,061.36	\$226,652.13
Actual Expenses	\$40,295.87	\$242,919.07
Balance (Shortfall)	(\$10,234.51)	(\$16,266.94)

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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Congregational Life – **Dave Griffin**
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**The deadline for articles for the
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is 3:00 p.m., Monday, August 20.**