

October
2019

The Banner

Monthly Newsletter of Bethel Lutheran Church



Ministry Celebration Sunday

On October 13, 2019, we will be celebrating our six Ministries – Worship, Learning, Servant, Congregational Life, Prayer and Care, and Ministry Support. As an adjunct to our worship service that day, a special procession, coordinated by our youth, will guide everyone from the Sanctuary to Discipleship Hall. There, with color, balloons and maybe even a photo booth, the festivities will begin.

The celebration will be focused around the “Back 2 Basics” structure of UP, IN and OUT that have been a part of our worship for several weeks. This will be a walk-around and mingling event, with finger food and gathering areas of tables and chairs. There will be lots of activity, with a photo montage running on the big screen and the opportunity to discuss, share thoughts and direct questions to Ministry Board Chairs about the 2020 Ministry Teams that may interest you.

2020 Ministry Opportunities Booklets will be available in the Narthex on Sunday, October 6, for your reading and reference, as well as Ministry Response Forms (online or paper) to complete, once you’ve made your decisions. Also, everyone will have the opportunity, if they wish, to determine their Spiritual Gift Assessment strengths using a Synod provided online tool. A matrix in the

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Opportunities Booklet will then guide you to those Ministry Teams that, in our opinion, most closely match your strengths.

One highlight of our fair will be the unveiling of our new Bethel Logo, as determined by congregational voting, with the opportunity to place orders for specific items.

So, be sure to reserve an hour on Sunday, October 13 after worship and participate in formally celebrating our Bethel ministries. If you do attend and, *following some specific participation instructions that will be given at the beginning of the fair*, you could be eligible to be the first member or friend of Bethel to own a very nice piece of clothing with our new logo!

A Message from Council President

Dear Bethel Friends:

Happy Fall! This fall at Bethel is exciting – lots of good things coming up and happening. We have the Ministry Celebration in October, Sunday School has already started with tons of great programs for all, we are hearing about how to go back to the basics with Pastor Dave's sermons on Up, In & Out and we have our upcoming Congregational Meeting in November. This is my last quarter as your president, and I would like to talk about the financials of our church. We have definitely seen some improvement in our offerings, but it's not where we need to be. So far, we've funded our needs, however, the emergency funds have been hit hard and we need to replenish those. I'm asking all of us to see how we can give just a bit more to our church. We've had a lot of changes this year, some good and some not so good, but all in all, we are a faith filled congregation and if we come together, we can help our 4th quarter to be our best yet and help out the financials of our congregation. Please continue coming to Coffee with Council. As always, I'm always a phone call or email away at anytime! See you in the pews!

Traci Shoberg, Council President

Liturgy means “The Work of the People”

Have you ever wanted to participate in a developing a new and fresh worship experience? Here is your chance!

After the Bethel council made the decision to move to one worship service on Sundays at 9:30am, we had originally anticipated offering an alternative worship on Wednesday evenings beginning in October.

Our plans have evolved a bit on this as we feel called and led to “organically” discern a new worship experience using the gifts, talents and ideas of the body of believers here at Bethel. Instead of simply offering something we've done before, we want to invite YOU to participate in helping us shape something new, fresh and meaningful.

What will this look like? Well, initially we are going to invite all who are interested to come to a “visioning” and “brainstorming” gathering on **Wednesday, October 16** at 6:30pm at Bethel. We will meet in the sanctuary and begin the process of praying, listening and talking with each other. We want this new worship experience to be truly liturgical in the sense that it will be “the work of the people” which, as stated above, is what the word “liturgy” literally means.

We will look for people to offer their musical gifts, their creativity and their faithfulness to shape something wholly new and different. Do you like to play music but never felt you could in worship? Come. Do you like to act or dance? Come. Do you like to share about Jesus and what the Lord is doing in your life? Come. If you like to plan and organize, please come! Whatever your gifts, whatever your age, whatever your level of biblical knowledge, come! Let us listen together how the Holy Spirit will guide and lead us together.

As we seek to get “Back2Basics” and live the Jesus Pattern of “UP, IN, and OUT”, I am truly excited about this new opportunity for ministry with all of you and invite you to come on this journey with me and our congregation as we evolve and shape something that will hopefully speak a new and vibrant word into our world.

Blessings and Peace, Pastor Dave

Spiritual Gifts Inventory

Enhancing the upcoming 2020 Ministry program is the opportunity to determine your Spiritual Gift Assessment strengths by using a Synod provided online tool. Go to the Bethel website, select "Online Forms," then "ELCA Spiritual Renewal/Assessment." After completion, you will receive a document highlighting your spiritual gifts. Beginning next Sunday, when 2020 Ministry Opportunities Booklets are available, you will be able to use an included matrix to guide you to those Ministry Teams that most closely match your strengths.



Sunday School News

The Sunday School Offering collected this year will go to support Froggy's closet which is an organization set up to support individuals involved in Foster Care. Each class, including adult classes, have decorated boxes for offering collection.

There will be no Parenting or Augsburg Bible Study class on October 6.

Theology on Tap

Tuesday, October 22, 7:00 p.m.
Piccadilly Restaurant, Winchester

Adult Forum October Schedule

- Oct. 6 Bethania "Tour of Love"
- Oct. 13 Ministry Celebration Sunday
- Oct. 20 Conversations inspired by the book "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans (John Gavitt)
- Oct. 27 Conversations inspired by the book "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans (John Gavitt)

Next New Member Sunday

Sunday, October 20

If you have not already indicated your intention to join our congregation, but would like to do so, please contact Pastor Dave (pastordave@bethelwinchester.com).

Our process for joining the congregation is three-fold:

- 1) Meet personally with Pastor Dave
- 2) Attend the Fellowship gathering
- 3) Attend New Member Sunday @ Bethel

Our Fall New Member fellowship will be **Saturday, October 19**. Pastor Dave will host a dinner gathering at his home in Lake Holiday (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

Coffee with Council

We will continue to meet monthly to hear your concerns and consider the opportunities you see for Bethel. **Please join us for our monthly Coffee w/Council in the Library on October 20, 10:45 a.m.**



Hope to see you there!

God's Work Our Hands Recap

"A BIG thank you to all who donated food, baked cookies, prepped lunch, delivered thank you cards, and served lunch to our CCAP friends. There are too many people to name everyone but a special thanks to Vonda Wilt, Joe Nallen, and Shawn Garner who quickly prepped the chicken and hot dogs, and to the Copenhagen's, Dave Young, and Terry Hannon who delivered cookies and cards to our local fire departments and police. Thanks to our youth Ella Carlson, Lexy Grymala, and Sophie Garner who helped serve the meal at CCAP. You all were truly God's hands and feet that day"

Shrimp Boil Recap

The annual shrimp boil this year was enjoyed by 100 plus family and friends. The weather was perfect for a good old southern style time of fellowship. We hope to see you back again next year. Thank you again for all those generous people that helped with corn shucking, set up, clean up, cooking and serving.

Facility Update

Our contractor for addressing water intrusion in the Underground has now finished the job. We are confident that all that reasonably can be done by the contractor has been done.

Recently, John McAllister and I discussed landscaping adjacent to the Underground and in the pond area. Within the next few weeks, John and his crew from Reading Landscaping will be working in those and other areas around Bethel. We are truly grateful to the McAllister family for their generosity in providing this gift to Bethel.

Cliff

COME JOIN THE COAT RACK COFFEE CORNER TEAM!

The Coat Rack Coffee Corner team would love to have more members! The more members we have, the fewer times each of us is asked to help out.

A team member is responsible for the following duties on Sunday mornings:

1. Arrive no later than 8:00AM
2. Turn on all lights in the Narthex and the hallway leading to the Music room
3. Unlock the door leading into the Sacristy (where Communion materials are stored)
4. Unlock both outside doors leading into the Narthex area so that Ensemble members can enter
5. Check all doors leading outside from Discipleship Hall to ensure that they are locked
6. Bring coffee container from the kitchen refrigerator to the coffee area
7. Heat up coffee and hot water in the 3 urns, this normally takes about 45 minutes
8. Re-supply coffee cups and other materials on the coffee table
9. Monitor the unlocked Narthex doors until the Ushers arrive
10. As necessary, take over Greeter responsibilities at the entrance door next to the coffee area
11. Clean coffee urns and coffee area after the service
12. Place donations in the "money drawer" in the church office safe, leaving \$5.00 in \$1.00 bills in the donation container for the next Sunday.

This may seem like a lot, but it's not! You'll have an opportunity to listen to the Ensemble practice before the service, and it's also a wonderful time for informal fellowship with other early arrivals.

If you're interested, please contact John Gavitt at 540-539-9873 or gavitt@live.com. He'll be happy to go over everything with you.

Thank you!

Global Missions

Bethania Kids is pleased to announce the **"Tour of Love 2019: Hold the hand of a child in need."** Two graduates from the Bethania Kids Program will be touring the United States over a period of two months, visiting partner churches across the country. They and their chaperone will be sharing their stories of transformation.

Bethel Lutheran Church has been part of the Bethania Kids family for more 20 years. We are delighted to welcome guests here on Sunday, October 6 during Adult Forum in Discipleship Hall!

Sincerely,
Kristin DeHaven
Secretary for Bethania Kids

Philippines Mission Trip

We are planning to visit Concordia Children's Services in April 2020. For more information contact Howard or Earlene Kemnitz 540-723-0229 or hekemnitz@yahoo.com.

Around the Congregation. . .

Congregational sympathy is extended to Mary Good and family on the passing of her husband, John.

Congregational sympathy is extended to Susan Adams and family on the passing of her husband, Strother Adams.

Congregational sympathy is extended to Sue Correll on the passing of her sister, Virginia "Ginny" Tierney.

Foster Friends

Bethel has recently partnered with the Foster Friends Coalition in our area! This is a group of about 20 local churches who have come together to provide support to foster parents and families.

The group's goal is: Working together as the body of Christ to support and walk alongside our local foster care kids, and families in the Winchester surrounding areas. By meeting practical, emotional, and spiritual needs. To create a culture of caring for our community so that we can end this foster care crisis together.

The group meets monthly with representatives from each congregation. Sherry Newman is the representative for Bethel. The group is planning a Parents' Night Out for foster parents and this is going to be held October 11 at Bethel!

It's exciting that our church is the first in the area to jump in and support this endeavor. Volunteers (who have been trained in working with children who have experienced trauma) will be here for children of all ages to have fun in a safe, supportive environment. Dinner will be provided as well as many kid-friendly activities. And the foster parents can have several hours of quality time for an evening out!

If any members of Bethel are interested in volunteering that evening please let Sherry know! If you have completed Safe Gatherings training and had a background check, you can help out--there are many hands needed for many things on October 11! There is also a trauma training for adult volunteers on October 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Braddock Street United Methodist Church if anyone is interested in being trained to work with the children at our event.

In addition, Bethel will be partnered with another church and will have a designated month in 2020 that we will be asked to support specific families and/or Froggy's Closet in downtown Winchester with food, volunteering, needs for foster children, etc.

There will be more information coming, as this coalition is only just beginning to grow roots! If you have questions, want to help, or offer support please reach out to Sherry Newman! sashipp@verizon.net or 540-327-1236

Girls Day Out

**WEST OAK FARM
MARKET FALL FUN!**
October 5 @ 12:00pm

Meet up for lunch and hayride, corn maze, pumpkin picking, and fellowship. Bring your love for Fall and we will enjoy these simple Autumn pleasures together!!

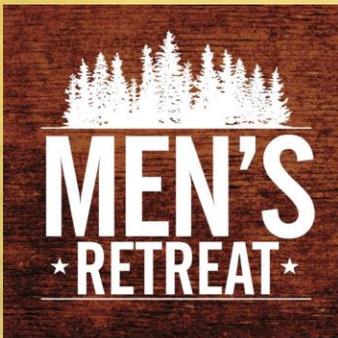
Coming Events:

November- Thankful
Tuesday Event at Bethel

December- Christmas Party

SAVE THE DATE:

Women's Retreat
April 17-19, 2020
Graves Mountain Lodge



Women's Ministry

First Friday Fellowship – *Friday, October 4, 9:30 a.m. at Firefly Café.*
Call Barbara Simmons for any questions @ 540-664-1965.

Bethel Women Book Club - *Thursday, October 24, @ 6:30pm*
Join us at Panera Bread, Winchester

We are currently reading "The Way, My Way" by Bill Bennett. Please contact Diane Milburn with any questions (540-664-1365 or Tdmilburn@comcast.net). Read the book before the gathering in order to discuss and come with an open mind! We will discuss the second half of the book in October.

Tea Party - If any women and daughters of Bethel are interested in an English High Tea Luncheon at the Tea House in Berryville please send an email or text to Karen Nguyen (karenreneenguyen@gmail.com or 540-303-1189). So far we have four people who have responded. If more than 10 are interested, we can proceed with reservations for the event. Please bring a friend! We would love to do this in November!

Join us on Facebook
Bethel Wild Women of Faith!

Men's Ministry

Men's Breakfast - *First Saturday each month at 8:30 a.m. at Backseat Bar and Grill (104 Full House Drive)*

Join the men of Bethel for breakfast and devotions together.

Fall Men's Retreat - *November 1-3, Graves Mountain Lodge*
\$150 per person

Our theme will be "Why Christian? Following Jesus in a Secular Age." We will stay in the Poplar Lodge, with single room accommodations for all participants. Our schedule will include an opening session on Friday evening, followed by two sessions on Saturday morning. After an afternoon free for hiking, sleeping, reading, etc. we will gather back for a final session on Saturday evening before we close with a service of Holy Communion.

This is a great opportunity to get to know your brothers in Christ. Please come and join us for this awesome time away and the wonderful gift of friendship that comes from such retreats!

Youth Ministry

High School Youth

Upcoming Events (Sunday mornings)

Oct. 6 -- Bowling and Lunch after Sunday school at Northside Lanes

Oct. 13 – Ministry Celebration

Oct. 20 – Sunday School

Oct. 27 – Confirmation

Nov. 3 – Global Missions Presentation

Nov. 10 – Congregational Meeting

Nov. 17 -- Trip to Top Golf in Loudon after Sunday school

Nov. 24 -- Turkey Trot Fundraiser

Dec. 1 – Advent Traditions Congregational Gathering

Dec. 8 -- WATTS dinner (make during Sunday school); later in evening the Carlsons are hosting the Christmas Party @ 6:00pm

Dec. 15 -- "Candy Cane" Outreach (going downtown to hand out candy canes with an invitation to "Christmas in a Barn") during Sunday school time

**Save the Date: Winter Celebration
January 24-26 at Eagle Eyrie**



LOST AND FOUND

*All 7th & 8th Grade Youth
November 22-24, 2019*

It's our annual "Synod" weekend youth gathering for 200 youth and adults at Eagle Eyrie! Signup online: vasynod.org.
**Early Registration Discount ends
October 15!**

Reformation/Confirmation

October 27

The Liturgical color for Reformation Sunday is red so **Rock your RED** on October 27! Confirmation Students will give their Faith Statements and be confirmed. Join us for cake in the narthex after service.

Congratulations to:

**Ella Carlson
Lexi Grymala
Isabel Hall
Patrick Sigler
Sara Veara**

Bethel Safety and Security Policy

At their September 11, 2019 meeting, Council unanimously approved Bethel's first Safety and Security Policy. This document is the culmination of investigation, discussion and many honest, deep-thought moments by each of the Safety and Security Committee's members. Quite frankly, no one initially wished to discuss the subject that makes this policy necessary, especially in a church setting, but we must all adjust to today's issues and situations. The full policy is published below and we want you to spend the time reading it in its entirety.

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SAFETY AND SECURITY POLICY

Bethel's Congregation Council has established a Safety and Security Committee, reporting directly to them, whose responsibilities include the ongoing investigation, development and implementation of Council approved safety and security measures. This policy *applies to any individual* who is physically on Bethel's property and/or in its facilities at any time and for any reason.

Possession and Use of Firearms on Bethel Property

The right to bear arms is protected by the Constitutions of Virginia and of the United States. The Constitution of Virginia protects the right to bear arms, *but* it also recognizes the importance of property rights. Moreover, the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution acts as a restraint on government, *not* private parties. Churches, synagogues, mosques and other religious entities *can*, like any other owner of property, *restrict or ban the carrying of weapons onto their private property*. Bethel's policy is specific. *Firearms are not permitted on church property, for any reason, except as follows:*

- When *lawfully possessed and stored in locked vehicles* by members or friends of the congregation.
- When carried by *currently employed* federal, state, county or city law enforcement officers who are *authorized to carry such firearms* in the performance of their duties.

Unannounced and at random times, there will be an *armed* Safety and Security Committee member, meeting the qualifications of a currently employed law enforcement officer, as stated above, present on our property and/or within our church facility, during worship and other congregational gatherings.

Exterior Door Security

Exterior doors of our facility *will normally always be locked*, except for specific business, congregational worship/ event activities and/or outside organization use. When those activities are taking place, only adjacent exterior doors shall be unlocked for entrance purposes which should then be monitored. Specific directives will be published, as appropriate (such as for Sanctuary worship services). *All exterior doors of Bethel may always be opened from the inside of the building for exiting purposes, without unlocking any locks.*

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Emergency Situations

Safety and Security Committee members present during any emergency on Bethel property and/or in our facility will immediately identify themselves, as appropriate, normally by *displaying official identification cards* on lanyards. These members will communicate with and assist others, wherever possible, in responding to the emergency. They also may direct those present with specific instructions (such as to a common exterior gathering location, like the Amphitheater). Instructions given by Safety and Security Committee members should always be followed.

Authorization

This policy was adopted and approved on September 11, 2019, by the Congregation Council of Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2011 North Frederick Pike, Winchester, Virginia.

Thrivent Members

You may know that Thrivent sells life insurance, annuities and mutual funds, but did you know that Thrivent is more than insurance and financial products? Thrivent is a unique kind of membership organization called a fraternal benefit society. By definition, a fraternal benefit society is a not-for-profit organization that provides insurance to its members, but it also has to provide “social, educational, charitable, benevolent, moral, fraternal, patriotic or religious” benefits to its members and the public. How does Thrivent do this?

One way is the ThriventAction Team. Think about an unmet need here at Bethel or in the community. Gather a few friends and brainstorm about ways to help. Then apply to lead a volunteer Thrivent Action team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event. The application is easy and is done online at thrivent.com. Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action kit that can include:

- A promotional pennant banner
- Thank you cards, name tags, and stickers
- Those great-looking Thrivent Action Team T-shirts
- A \$250 Community Impact Card you can use as seed money to get your project off the ground and make a bigger impact

All Thrivent members are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team. However, the number of teams each member can lead per year depends on the membership type. [Benefit members](#) (those who own a Thrivent insurance policy, an annuity or mutual funds) are eligible to lead two Thrivent Action teams per calendar year, and [associate members](#) (those without a Thrivent product but who join by paying an annual fee) are eligible to lead one per calendar year.

So look around. There are many potential project ideas at Bethel. If you have questions or need help working with the online application, you may contact Lynda Grymala (Irgrymala@yahoo.com).

Healthy Notes

Everyone loves a good scare on Halloween but not when it comes to child safety.

Walk Safely:

- Cross the street at corners & pay attention to traffic signals
- Look both ways and keep looking as you cross
- Put electronic devices away
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them
- Always walk on sidewalks. If none, walk facing traffic as far to left as possible
- Don't dart into traffic or cross between cars

Trick or Treat with an Adult:

- Children under 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision

Keep Costumes Both Creative and safe:

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape
- Choose face paint instead of masks so not to obstruct a child's vision
- Carry glow sticks or a flashlight so drivers can see them
- Make sure the costume size is not too large to prevent falls

Drive Extra Safely on Halloween:

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections
- Enter and exit driveways slowly
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier to spot children from greater distances
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Be especially alert during these hours

On average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than any other day of the year.

October Birthdays

- 02 - Donna Turrill
Evan LaFollette
Kitty Miller
- 03 - Colin Landis
- 04 - Brian Brannon
- 05 - Cal Newman
- 07 - Judy Miller
- 08 - Sherry Newman
- 10 - Emma Shanabrook
Joan Riggleman
- 15 - Ben Marsh
Ken Grymala
Bishop Riggs
- 16 - Lori Milam
Will Whitaker
Riggs Longfellow
Cas Newman
- 18 - Earlene Kemnitz
- 19 - Cherie Lauck
Gene Betit
Emma Brannon
- 21 - Beth Garner
- 22 - Leia Meade
- 23 - Kelly Francis
Michele Longfellow
- 24 - Lori Balsler
- 27 - Alexis Grymala
- 31 - Dani Labrozzi

October Anniversaries

- 01 - Ken & Lynda Grymala
- 02 - Mike & Dianna Barnes
Byrne & Bonnie Riley
- 03 - Mark & Pam Hoyle
Steve & Debbie Miller
- 05 - Pete & Lori Milam
- 06 - Donald & Ruth Jones
- 08 - Matt & Gretchen Meade
- 09 - Michael & Susan Asmussen
- 12 - Wayne & Jennifer LaFollette
- 14 - Bob & Darline DeMott
- 19 - Tim & Kristi Riggleman
- 20 - Jamie & Carrie Turman
- 31 - KC Montgomery & Sandy Sliger

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

August - 140

YTD 174

Designated Offering Thru August 2019

For the World:

World Hunger Appeal
\$636

Global Missions
\$6,345

Harvest Sunday
\$2,033

For the Community:

CCAP
\$1,069

Jones/Joyner Music Fund
\$1,180

Good Samaritan
\$460

For the Bethel Community:

Student Missions
\$360

Jubilee/Mortgage Principal
\$7,575

Scatter & Prayer Gardens
\$15,000

Principal Balance on Mortgage as of December 3, 2012	Principal Balance on Mortgage as of August 21, 2019	Overall Decrease in Mortgage Principal (Jubilee Campaign)
\$802,407.55	\$187,800.06	\$614,607.49

	Actual August 2019	Actual Year-to-Date
Actual Income	\$42,042.39	\$279,967.10
Actual Expenses	\$43,607.49	\$312,827.45
Balance (Shortfall)	\$(1,565.10)	(\$32,860.35)

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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Upcoming Events November. . .

Global Mission Presentation – Nov. 3

Returning Thanks – Nov. 9

Youth Turkey Trot Fundraiser – Nov. 24

Council for 2019

President – **Traci Shoberg**
Vice President – **Julie Shanabrook**
Secretary – **Tom Milburn**
Member - **Rose Pierce**
Worship Board – **Pastor Dave**
Prayer and Care Board – **Vonda Wilt**
Learning Board – **Michael Asmussen**
Congregational Life Board – **Liz Whitaker**
Servant Board – **Beth Garner**
Ministry Support – **John Fredericksen**

Non Voting Members:
Treasurer – **Kim Williams**
Parish Administrator – **Pat Shields**
Youth Representative – **Ella Carlson**

**The deadline for articles for the
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is 3:00 p.m., Monday October 21
Please send articles to
office@bethelwinchester.com**