

FROM HEIDI IN THE  
**CHURCH  
OFFICE**

February Newsletter

If you have news to share with the rest of the congregation that you would like published in the February newsletter please submit it to me by Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks!

Financial Secretary's Report

Total of weekly deposits made to the General Fund Dec 1-31:

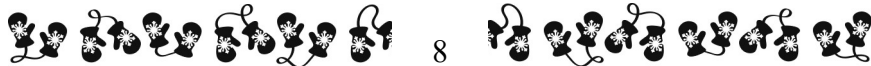
\$21,698.17

(BOTH DESIGNATED & UNDESIGNATED OFFERINGS BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE MVC BRATS FOR FLLC)

Average Weekly Attendance

96

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# Bethel Broadcaster



January 2023

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Bethel's Annual Meeting will be held in-person, following worship on **Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**. It is the right and privilege of every confirmed member of the congregation to attend. Please plan to be here.

In addition to a review of the past year, the adoption of the 2023 budget and other business will be presented to the members of Bethel and voted upon.

Bethel's delegates to Northland Lutheran Retirement Community, Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Association, the Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly, and Menominee Valley Conference Meetings will be decided at this meeting, as will new Council and Nominating Committee members.

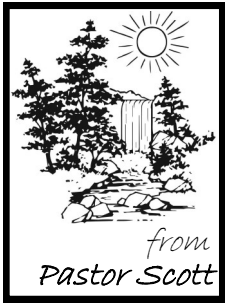
Contact Pastor Scott or a council member if you are interested in representing Bethel congregation by serving in any of these ways.

Annual Report

We plan to have the Annual Report available for you one week before the Annual Meeting. For this to happen all submissions need to be made to Heidi in the office **by Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**. The report is then compiled and sent to be audited. After it is returned it can be printed and made available to you.

**Please submit all reports and information that you want included in the Annual Report by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!**





Greetings!

Happy New Year to you! It doesn't seem like much, but the change in year can make a big difference in our outlook on life. We mark so much of our lives in linear ways such as the date and time...mainly out of necessity! If everyone got to pick what day and time they wanted it to be, it would be hard to function as a society.

Yet, there is a certain freedom found in the New Year...a sense of newness and possibilities. This is one reason why people make New Year resolutions, that this is an opportunity to make changes for the better.

Although the church operates in linear time, worship is an opportunity to step outside of it, if only for a few moments. Whether it is getting swept away by the lyrics and melody of a hymn, the sense that the Scripture is speaking directly to your life circumstances, or the freedom of encountering the God of love with your family of faith- time loosens its grip on us a bit when we worship.

This is why we do it so often! We don't gather for fellowship, worship, and praise to earn a heavenly reward, but through the many facets of the Word made flesh- Christ Jesus, who is no longer bound by time- we are able to gain insight and direction on who God is calling us be.

So I wish you blessings in 2023, and as a fellow pilgrim in this journey through this life, let us look for all of the ways that God has transcended time to be a living reminder that we are being called to ventures of kindness, gentleness, and humility.

Peace,

*Pastor Scott Ehle*



culinary community. We used another \$200 to purchase class T-Shirts. These shirts are used to build a sense of being a team and are worn whenever we are out doing community service and fundraising.

The last of this grant, approximately \$1000 will be used to sponsor students for our end of the year field trip for our advanced classes. Our students work on fundraising throughout the year to help pay for our end of the year trip. When we involve students in volunteering, we help develop skills, which will improve their chances of future employment. All volunteering and fundraisers are related back to our class and help add to the lessons. This trip will be provided to approximately 20 students, this year, at absolutely no cost. We work to pay for all transportation, accommodations, food, and all planned activities. We focus on the hospitality & tourism industry to build up the students in our classes.

It was only with the support from your congregations that our class has been able to continue building our culinary program. Your generous donations have helped to keep our kids working both in the classroom and in the community. We are very thankful for the amazing support we have received from Zion & Bethel Lutheran Churches and all the community members. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you!

Please feel free to get in touch if you would like any more information. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

*Chef Vicki Duffield, Kitti Eland, Airi Bayerl*  
And the Culinary Classes at Menominee High School  
duffieldv@gomaroons.org



## MHS Culinary Class Update \_\_\_\_\_

Menominee High School Culinary Arts Class started this year in a very rough spot. Along with all classes at Menominee High School, we were to start the year virtually. We were starting the 22/23 school year without a classroom or equipment. Thanks to the generosity of Bethel Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran Church, we were able to open so many doors for our students, even with everything seeming to work against us.

We were lucky to find a temporary home in the kitchen at Bethel. They opened their doors and were so welcoming and accommodating to our classes. Their kitchen was a great fit and we very much felt at home there. We are excited to get back into the school but sad that we are leaving the place we have called home for the last 3-4 months.

Zion was also an amazing help to us this year. The grant we received from Zion Lutheran Church, helped to keep the students having what they needed to be successful in the kitchen. We received \$2500 from Zion. So far we have bought \$200 of kitchen equipment to help our displaced class to continue working.

We used another \$600 to pay for bussing and meals for 25 students to tour the Delaware North Kitchens at Lambeau Field. The students were able to see the different kitchens, prep areas, club rooms, different styles of service, storage areas for food to serve over 70,000 people in a day, and of course see the many culinary opportunities available through this multibillion dollar company. We will be using another \$500 for our classes to tour kitchens of locally owned restaurants and feed the students lunch during these visits. This helps the class to build community, supports our local businesses and, builds relationships for our class and the local

## Our Christian Sympathy \_\_\_\_\_

- To Maxine Kaufman and her family. Maxine's son Michael passed away on December 29th. Michael's funeral was at Rhodes-Charapata Funeral Home in Crivitz on Saturday, January 7th.

## Sunday School in 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

In the new year, Bethel's Sunday School will meet indoors at Bethel on January 15 and January 29 at 8:15 a.m. Then from February through May, we will go back to meeting the first and third Sundays of the month. Kids of all ages are welcome to join us for songs, a Bible story, games, and activities. Contact Stefanie (sehle@uwalumni.com) if you would like to receive email updates about Sunday School activities.

## MVC Youth Sledding Party \_\_\_\_\_

Youth between 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go sledding at Water Tower Park in Menominee on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Bring your own sleds and winter gear. Snacks and drinks will be provided. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Stefanie at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org.



## Thank You to December Coffee Hour Servers \_\_\_\_\_

Karen & Don Nichols; Julie Simmons & Tavia Hult and 4H; and Maxine Oleszak & Linda Hackert.

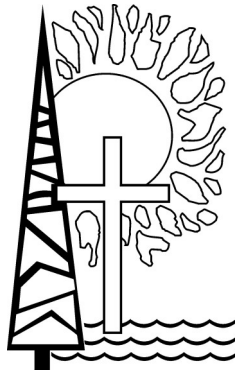
**Great News from Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp! \_\_\_\_\_**

The CoVantage Cares Giving Tuesday Campaigns from across our synod totaled \$141,409.89 through fundraising efforts. (Our Menominee Valley Conference brat fry event here at Bethel raised \$5,253 of that.)

CoVantage Cares Foundation is matching \$77,107.51 for a **TOTAL OF \$218,517.40!!!**

Thanks to all for helping raise this money which will have a tremendous impact on the highest use facilities at camp.

If you'd like to view FLLC's thank you video, go to: <https://youtu.be/8aClnjyji8>



**Summer Camp 2023 \_\_\_\_\_**

Registration for summer camp is now open. Now is the time to check out the opportunities you'll have this summer. Go to fortunelake.org or pick up a flyer at Bethel to get the info.

**New Website \_\_\_\_\_**

We've made quite a few changes including a new web address: BethelMenominee.com Check it out!

**2023 Offering Envelopes \_\_\_\_\_**

We still are experiencing a supply issue but hope to have new offering envelopes available soon. Look for them in the Fireside Room on Sundays. Your envelope number will not change with the new year so you may continue to use any 2022 "leftovers" you might have. You can also use a pew envelope, just be sure to include your name so we know whose offering we are receiving.

If you haven't had envelopes here before but would like a box just call or email Heidi in the office (906.863.2066 or [bethel\\_secretary@yahoo.com](mailto:bethel_secretary@yahoo.com)) and she'll get you set up once the new ones arrive.

**Online Giving Coming Soon! \_\_\_\_\_**

We are in the process of creating an online giving option, which will allow anyone to donate to Bethel using a computer or smartphone at their convenience. Online giving allows people the flexibility to make scheduled one-time or recurring offerings through their personal bank account or credit card. Online giving also reduces the amount of paper needed for envelopes and checks. Plus, you have one less thing to remember as you head out the door on a Sunday morning!

**2022 Year End Statements \_\_\_\_\_**

Statements showing your offerings in 2022 will be available soon. You can pick yours up in the Fireside Room until Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. All statements remaining on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> will be mailed first class USPS. Save a stamp, pick yours up next Sunday.