

Bethel Broadcaster



June ♻️ 2025



Light the Fire for Fortune Lake _____

You are invited to Light the Fire for Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp on Sunday, **June 1st** at 6 pm at Zion Lutheran Church. Join us for songs, stories, skits, and s'mores around a campfire. Bring your own blanket or lawn chair to sit on. There is no cost to participate, but donations for FLLC are welcome. Contact Stefanie Ehle at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org with any questions.

Men's Breakfast will Meet in June _____

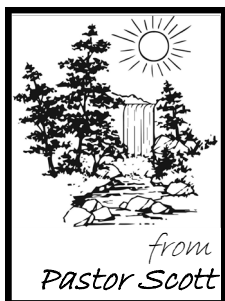
Men's Breakfast will meet at 8 am on Saturday, **June 7th** but not in July or August. Owen Peterson or Bob Krysiak will likely have more information by the end of summer on when breakfasts will start again.



More Greeters & Ushers Needed _____

We are in need of more volunteers to greet and usher on Sunday mornings. We are currently rotating through only 5 greeters and 4 ushers. With summer here it may be difficult to find a replacement to cover these jobs. Please consider how you can help in one of these volunteer opportunities. Dale Herbst or Kinsley Doubek can tell you about how to be a greeter. Steve Olson or Dale VanDuinen can tell you about how to be an usher.





Greetings Bethel,

Summer is a favorite time in our area for many people. Yet, I have noticed that although our schedules may change with the season, we may expect things to slow down a bit. For many the warmer weather has a way of letting the busyness creep up on us. More than once, I've heard (and expressed) the sentiment, "How did it become August already?" Usually this is said with a sense that we didn't have the opportunity to relax more. There's also a real impulse to get even more things checked off the warm weather 'to do' list before Fall sets in.

You've heard it before, that we live in a fast-paced world, and faith remains counter cultural in how it invites us to slow down and experience life...not rush from one event to the next. The next time you are in worship, or an activity that brings you peace, I invite you to pay attention to the silences. You might be surprised that it is *there* that God may not only be speaking to you, but offering you restoration.

The Prophet Elijah would understand completely. There was a time when he was in crises. Speaking truth to power had drained him of energy to the point where he had deep doubts about his self-worth. Like many other prophets, his life was in danger, but he seemed beaten down and hopeless as he took a journey into the desert. Not only did God provide for him on the journey...

⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and



said to him, “Get up and eat.” ⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” ⁸ He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹ At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” 1 Kings 19:4-10

...but God was also waiting for him in the silence with a word of hope and a new direction:

¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint

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*Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.
1 Kings 19:11-16*

Elijah encounters God not in spectacular events of note, but in the sheer silence. Sheer silence. I like the sound of that a lot, and it might just be what many of us need in our lives. God didn't dismiss Elijah's pain and weariness, but through the ministry of presence, gave him a new mission- one of relationship. Elisha would not only become his successor, but a trusted friend and confidant. I wonder if Elijah would have noticed his need for Elisha if it wasn't for his openness to the sheer silence in which he encountered the same God who is calling out to us today.

I wish you blessings on your Summer! I hope to encounter God with you as we slow down to worship together, and the many blessings we find that will inform every other scheduled activity.

Peace,

Pastor Scott Ehle



Annual Ryan Golz Memorial Golf Outing _____

The Ryan Golz Memorial Golf Outing will be held on **Thursday, June 12th at Little River Country Club**. Registration is from 12-1 pm, with a shotgun start at 1. Format is a 4 person scramble. Dinner will begin about 6pm. Cost is \$80 person for Golf & Dinner, or \$25 for just Dinner. There will be many nice bucket raffle and silent auction items. The purpose of the golf outing is to raise money for the Ryan Golz "Nice Kid" Scholarships for Marinette High graduates, where Ryan graduated from in 2010. This year we awarded 5 scholarships for \$2,000 each and have given away 16 scholarships totaling \$35,000 since Ryan passed away in 2018.

Bethel has always been such a great supporter of this event! One of this year's recipients is Addison Lacy, daughter of Adrienne and Josh Lacy. One of last year's recipients was Sam Sommerfeldt, son of Suzy Peterson & grandson of Owen & Judy Peterson. Please call or text Steve Golz at 715-504-9292 to register your foursome or if you would like to volunteer.



MHS / ARC Blood Drive _____

Menominee High School students will be hosting a blood drive here at Bethel on Friday, June 20th. Donation appointments begin at 9 am and run until 2 pm. Make your donation appointment today at RedCrossBlood.org or by calling 800.733.2767. The need is great. Help save lives. Donate blood.



Our Christian Sympathy _____

- To Don Nichols, Kevin, Scott and their families. Karen Nichols passed away on Wednesday, May 21st. Her funeral will be held at Bethel on Thursday, May 29th. The visitation will be from 2—4 pm, with Karen's funeral service at 4 pm, followed by a meal.



Thank You to May Coffee Hour Servers _____

Bethel's Scholarship Committee; the Bours; Carol Johanson.

More About Coffee Hour _____

Coffee and treats will be available from 8:30 am until our worship service begins on Sundays *if there is a host*. Check the sign up sheet in the Fellowship Room next time you're at Bethel and sign up to take a turn.

Hosting coffee hour can be as simple or extravagant as the host likes. If you like to bake, yay! If you want to bring an easy treat from the store, terrific! If you prefer to serve only coffee, that's great too! Set up & clean up can be just as easy. You decide. Pick a date and sign up.

What A Bright Idea! _____

Thanks to Doug Schoen we now have a nice light in the pulpit. It is small enough not to obstruct the view of the reader from the congregation but nice and bright to aid in reading from the pulpit. Thank you Pastor Doug!



Thanks Received _____

Dear Bethel Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for your generosity in awarding me the Bethel Scholarship. This money will help me attend UW-Parkside in the fall. Here I will major in geosciences while running cross country and track. This degree will help me achieve my dream of working for the National Park Service.

Thank you for supporting students like me!

Thank you,

Addison Lacy

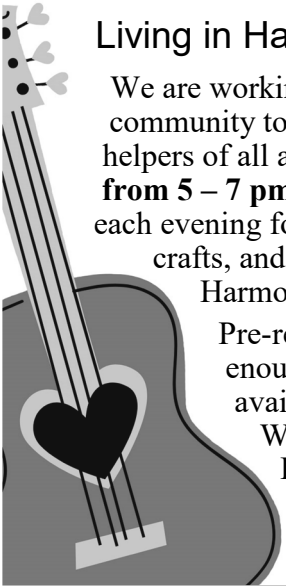
The 2025 scholarships for Anton Flatt and Addison Lacy are made possible by way of the Virgie L England Engberg Trust Fund, from within the Elmer W England Trust fund.

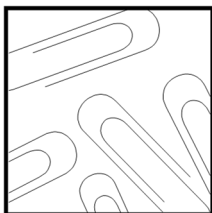
Living in Harmony VBS August 4-7 _____

We are working with four other congregations in the community to plan Vacation Bible School for kids and helpers of all ages. VBS will take place **August 4th-7th from 5 – 7 pm at Bethel**. Campers are invited to join us each evening for a free family supper, games, songs, crafts, and Bible stories that will teach us to Live in Harmony with the world and with each other.

Pre-registration is encouraged to help us secure enough supplies. Registration forms are available on the teacart in the Fireside Room.

We hope you can join us! Contact Stefanie Ehle (sehle@uwalumni.com) with questions or to learn how you can volunteer!





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**CHURCH
OFFICE**

Next Month's Newsletter _____

If you have news to share with the rest of the congregation that you would like published in the July newsletter please submit it to me before Thursday, June 19th. Thanks!

March & April Financial Reports _____

There was not a quorum at the May 13th meeting of Bethel's Council so no reports were approved.

March, April and hopefully May's reports will be given and minutes posted after approval at the next council meeting.

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