

Bethel Broadcaster



September 🌻 2025

Men's Breakfast Resumes _____

Men's Breakfast will start back up on September 6th and will continue to be held at 8 am on the first Saturday of each month unless noted otherwise. Please look for the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Room and let the organizers know that you'll be there.

God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday _____

Please join us after worship (around 11 am) at Zion Lutheran Church / 2714 James St / Marinette on Sunday, September 7th. We'll need help to sort and package up the items we've been collecting throughout August at both Bethel & Zion. Stay for a light lunch hosted by Zion's Social Ministry committee.

ELCA congregations across the country will be participating on this day on projects to be God's hands in our world. To learn about past projects, you can go here: <https://www.elca.org/our-work/congregations-and-synods/gods-work-our-hands-sunday>

This year's project is to put together sensory bags that will be distributed to local first responders. The bags will be a tool kit to assist first responders when helping or interacting with people who are autistic (neurodiverse) or children during a traumatic incident.





Dear Bethel,

During my sabbatical in 2023, you, the community of faith that is Bethel blessed me with a period of time away from the routine of ministry for study and renewal. It was a successful sabbatical in many ways. One measure of this is that I'm still being fed by it two years after, even as I ponder what form my next sabbatical may take in three to five years.

When I returned to communities that fostered my sense of call to ordained ministry such as the congregation I grew up in (St. James Lutheran in Rudyard, MI), Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, and Lutheran Campus Ministry at NMU, I was reading the book *Keeping the Sabbath Wholly* by Marva J. Dawn. It was both an affirming and challenging read. Affirming in that the need for rest, study, and a different routine wasn't a sign of weakness or failing on my part, but how God made all of us as humans.

No matter our vocation, it is important to remember that rest and reflection isn't a luxury, or something to fit into our week 'if we have the time-' rather it is a holy response to the busyness of the world that Dawn refers to as "the tyranny of the urgent."

It was challenging for me to read as I reconnected with places I associated as 'life giving' because I pondered the past leaders (both lay and clergy) whose work I didn't fully appreciate in the moment. There are so many tender moments in being the body of Christ. As we strive to be Christ's voice, hands, and feet in the world, it is easy to grow discouraged, and even easier to pass judgment on one another. In those three months when I wasn't writing a weekly sermon, I did dwell on my own shortcomings in the past...but in a way that allowed for me to better support the work of others going forward.



After all, none of us are perfect...and perhaps that person you want to judge, or came across as rude is going through a difficulty of which we can only guess. Kindness and compassion seem like they are in short supply these days, but I sense that is another mirage the world wants us to see, but isn't real. They exist inside us all, and God is calling for all people to share them freely.

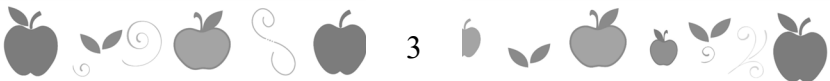
There's a nobility in the human spirit alongside the sin we know all too well. This is why Jesus wants us to tend to our relationships with one another (even enemies!) in the same manner as our relationship with God.

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As we begin the busyness of the Fall months, I invite you to not measure your worth in God's eyes on productivity alone. In the waters of Holy Baptism, God proudly claimed the whole of your being. Whether it is in worship, a walk, or work; may you engage your life with kindness toward yourself, an act that naturally extends to others...giving thanks to God for the holiness that equips us daily.

Peace to you,

Pastor Scott Ehle



Sunday School Kicks Off _____

Bethel's Sunday School program will kick off on Sunday, September 21st at 8:15 am. We will continue to meet on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays throughout the year. Kids of all ages are welcome to join us for Bible stories, crafts, games, and songs!

Also, please mark your calendars now for the Lutheran World Relief Ingathering (boxcar loading) which will happen on Saturday, October 11th.



Thank You to
August Coffee Hour Servers _____

Scott Palmer, Judy & Owen Peterson, Dale Herbst

Correspondence _____

Two thank you cards were recently received and are hanging on the bulletin board in the foyer. Check them out, they're hand painted and made with love. Here's what they say:

Dear Bethel L. Church,

Thank you for paying half of my money so I could go to FLLC and have a great time there!

Yours, Abi Kars

Dear People of Bethel Lutheran Church,

Thank you for paying half the cost for me to go to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. I had a great time at FLLC!
Thank you!

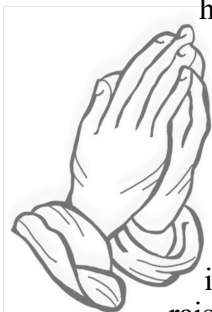
Best wishes, Kinzie Kars



Our Prayer Ministry

*“What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!”*

Joseph Scriven, the author of this beloved hymn, understood well the importance and “privilege” of praying for one another and being prayed for. At a recent reorganizational meeting of the Worship & Music Committee, we began with prayer, giving thanks to God for the privilege of gathering for worship to praise and glorify God and receive God’s grace in word and sacrament. We also thanked God for the life and faith of Karen Nichols, for her love of worship and music at Bethel, and her long and dedicated service as the committee chairperson. Among various topics, we discussed the prayer ministry of Bethel congregation as it pertains to worship. A highlight of our weekly worship service is the Prayer



of Intercession in which we pray for the church, the world and all that is in it. We pray for God’s intercession in all phases of life. We pray for individuals and groups of people we don’t know personally, and we pray for those as close to us as our family members and our church family. But our prayer ministry does not end when the service is concluded. We take the prayer needs and concerns raised in worship and incorporate them into our daily prayers at home, at work, or wherever we lift our thoughts to God in prayer. During the week, we may receive requests for prayer for individuals experiencing any number of life’s challenges as well as blessings. We will lift these persons up by name in a prayer petition on the following Sunday. Others may have an ongoing desire for prayer. They may be going through treatment, or have a chronic illness, or a long-lasting recovery. Their names will be printed in each Sunday’s bulletin as long as their desire and need for prayer continues.

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We encourage our members to take the worship bulletin home and pray for these individuals during the week. This may enrich your prayer life and assure those in need that they are being thought of and prayed for on a regular basis. We pray that this practice will enrich our prayer ministry, both in our Sunday worship services and in our home devotions.

“Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer.”

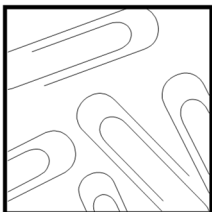
Doug Schoen
Worship & Music Committee Chairperson



Oktoberfest!

Menominee High School Culinary Class will be using our kitchen & parking lot for drive-thru pick-up of their Oktoberfest Dinner fund raiser on Thursday, October 9th. Ordering info and other details will be available soon.





FROM HEIDI IN THE
**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 October newsletter please submit it to me before Sunday, September 21st. Thanks!

Treasurer's Reports _____

March

Beginning Balance.....	\$24,323.22
Deposits	23,920.48
Expenses	18,840.81
Ending Balance	\$29,402.89

April

Beginning Balance.....	\$29,402.89
Deposits	21,832.45
Expenses	14,547.30
Ending Balance	\$36,688.04

May

Beginning Balance.....	\$36,688.04
Deposits	15,692.93
Expenses	12,389.52
Ending Balance	\$39,991.45

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