

# Bethel Broadcaster



October 🍁 2025

## I Care, You Care, We All Care for ICare! \_\_\_\_\_

It's that time of year again. School is back in session and the kids can use a variety of items. Please donate what you can. There is a poster on the shopping cart in the church foyer with ideas of needed items. Carol Johnson is happy shop for you if you would like. Just make a donation marked ICare and place it in the offering plate. Please contact Carol at 906-792-8505 or see her at church if you have any questions. Thanks so much!



## Oktoberfest! \_\_\_\_\_

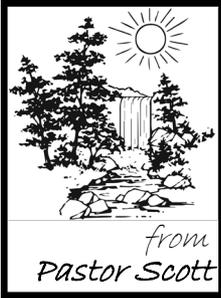
Menominee High's Culinary Class will be using our kitchen & parking lot for drive-thru pick-up of their Oktoberfest fund raiser on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. The menu, cost and ordering info are available on the table in the Fireside Room and on Facebook. This is a very nice meal and a big fund raiser for the class. Check it out and order yours today.



## LWR Boxcar Loading \_\_\_\_\_

The 2025 Lutheran World Relief Ingathering will occur on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 9—11:30 am. The boxcar will be located at 906 State St. in Marinette. Volunteers are needed to help move goods from cars, trucks and semis onto the boxcar. Come to help for all or part of the time. Extra help is usually needed between 10:30 & 11:30 when the semis arrive from Gladstone & Iron Mountain.





Dear Bethel,

Sometimes it can seem like the negatives in life far outweigh the positive, and as a pastor I've ministered to people for whom this is a reality. Yet I'm also aware that *perception* can become reality, and there is much beauty and togetherness can be missed if all we expect to see is brokenness and division.

There are powerful forces in this world that want us to be divided and angry, and that is where people of faith, the body of Christ are called to be a refuge, voice, and presence of unity and togetherness. On God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, as we assembled bags to better equip first responders when they encounter neurodivergent individuals, there was a feeling in our midst that I can only refer to as 'Holy Spirit energy.' It felt good to try something new. Even though we may never be a part of those future interactions physically, the Holy Spirit seemed to be assuring us that our work was being noticed. Has there been a time in your faith life where you have had a similar experience?

After all, we weren't solving the huge issues that plague our society today. But neither were our efforts in vain. I walked away from that experience wondering how often good deeds happen around us that only get noticed by God.

I once heard the phrase "underneath every cynic is a weary optimist." This resonated with me, because I *want* to be an optimist, but then I witness near and far how people harm one another in thought, word, and deed. It is evident that we aren't being motivated by Jesus' greatest commands:



*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” -Matthew 22:37-40*

These commands are far more than an optimistic appeal...they are foundational to being a disciple of Jesus Christ. There will be times when striving for this will be difficult. We will fail. Jesus knows this, yet is still calling us to climb out of the trap of cynical blame for others and to see the grace and beauty in our midst and build on it.

We don't earn our salvation through works, but God never intended for us to be passive participants in the story of salvation.

So where is Christ calling you in love?

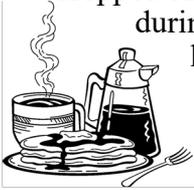
Blessings to you as you discover the multitudes of answers to this question.

*Pastor Scott Ehle*



## Pancake Supper Date Set! \_\_\_\_\_

Bethel will host its annual Swedish Pancake Supper and Fall Harvest Bake Sale on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and the day of the supper. Signup sheets are posted in the foyer with details of required tasks. Bake sale items and any donated garden produce can be dropped off Friday between 10 a.m. & 2 p.m., as well as



during the day on Saturday. Thank you to everyone who has already expressed interest in helping with this great fundraiser! Questions/Comments can be directed to Cindy Baur at 715-938-7994 or Anne Kelley at 715-923-8246.

## Another Successful GWOH Project! \_\_\_\_\_

On September 7<sup>th</sup> a group of people from Bethel & Zion Lutheran Churches gathered at Zion to assemble sensory bags to be distributed to local first responders for this year's *God's work. Our hands. Project.*

We received a \$250 Action Teams Grant from Thrivent Financial to purchase some supplies for this year's project and we thank everyone who participated in this project from donations of items and money to workers.

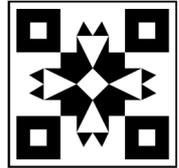
## Bible Presentation \_\_\_\_\_

When our children are baptized, we promise to place the holy scriptures in their hands and to support and pray for them as we nurture their faith. During worship on September 21<sup>st</sup>, we presented Sierra Kars with a Student Study Bible. Congratulations Sierra. May the Word of God guide and nourish you always.



## FLLC Fall Fest and Quilt Auction \_\_\_\_\_

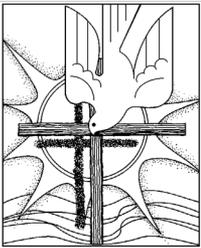
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp will hold its big fund raiser on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Head on up to camp for a delicious continental breakfast and bake sale. You can visit the Country Store to purchase hand-crafted items, buy “draffle” tickets and bid on quilts. Breakfast begins at 9:30 am (CDT); the Quilt Auction begins at 11 am. If you can’t join in person you can participate in a virtual Silent Auction from September 24-October 4. Go to <https://auctria.events/fortunelake> or go to the camp website and follow the link from there.



## MVC Annual Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

The Menominee Valley Conference of ELCA churches will meet at Bethel on Sunday afternoon, the 12<sup>th</sup> of October at 1pm for their annual meeting. You’re are invited to attend.

## Confirmation on Reformation Sunday \_\_\_\_\_



Abi & Kinzie Kars will be making public affirmation of their baptism during worship on Reformation Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to both Kinzie & Abi as well as their parents Rachel & Steven Kars and grandparents Carolyn & Mark Van Donsel.

Please join us as we all remember the covenant God made with us in holy baptism.

## Thrivent Action Team Grant Received \_\_\_\_\_

We thank Thrivent for a \$250 grant that we used to enhance our landscaping with new edgers, mulch, and some flowers. Special thanks to Carolyn Van Donsel for applying for the grant, buying the materials, planting, and tending the space. It is beautifully refurbished!



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

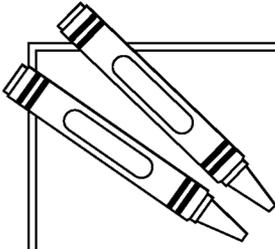
- to the family and friends of Don Nichols who passed away on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Don's funeral was held here at Bethel on September 16<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Scott officiated. A meal and celebration of Don's life was held at the Elks club following his funeral service.



## Thank you to September Coffee Hour Servers \_\_\_\_\_

Cindy Baur; Carol Johnson; Mary Krah.





# Just for KIDS

## Rules to Live By

God wants us to live our lives in His way.  
In Exodus 20 you will find some special rules to live by.

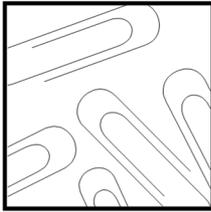
Use the code to fill in the blanks and see the rules.

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1) You shall have no other gods before me. 2) You shall not make for yourself an idol. 3) You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. 4) Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 5) Honor your father and your mother. 6) You shall not murder. 7) You shall not commit adultery. 8) You shall not steal. 9) You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. 10) You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. 11) The Ten Commandments





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 November newsletter please submit it to me before Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

Treasurer's Report \_\_\_\_\_

**July**

Beginning Balance.....	\$43,254.67
Deposits .....	10,662.26
Expenses .....	16,961.09
Ending Balance .....	\$36,955.84

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