

Bethel Broadcaster



November 🌻 2025

TV6 Canathon

Menominee's St. Vincent de Paul Society is joining the TV6 Canathon this year! They will have a collection box in our Fireside Room all month. You are encouraged to donate newly purchased, non-perishable foods for St. Vincent's food pantry. All items donated will stay in Menominee to help our neighbors.

Here's some ideas for items that you might pick up on your next trip to the grocery store:

Cereal, rice dry pasta, Ramen noodles, instant mashed potatoes, raisins nuts, dry beans, peanut butter, jelly*, crackers, macaroni & cheese, granola bars, apple sauce*, cooking oil*, canned: vegetables, fruits, soups sloppy joe starter, pasta, pasta sauce*, chicken, fish, meat.

**Please no glass jars.*

November Youth Event

Menominee Valley Conference Youth from 6th - 12th grade are invited to go BOWLING on Sunday, November 9th. We will meet at the Dome Lanes (801 University Ave. in Marinette) from 1 – 3 pm for bowling, pizza, fellowship, and fun! Football games will be playing on the TVs so you can keep tabs on your favorite teams. There is no cost to attend but reservations are needed. Please RSVP to Stefanie at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org by November 7th.





Dear Bethel,

Last year we were blessed to hear many stories of generosity; from Bethel members, and ministry partners alike. Instead of focusing of nebulous ‘what ifs?’ motivated from a fear of scarcity, we had a dedicated group read the book “Ask, Thank, Tell” and be on the lookout for stories of generosity. Some were shared only in the small group, others gave permission for them to be shared on Sunday morning and in this newsletter. What we found was that generosity takes many forms, it is all around us, and hearing how others are generous is intrinsically motivating. I’m certain that there’s more stories out there, and invite you to reach out if you have one to share! In the meantime, try not to get hooked by the Christmas commercials that are already encouraging us that the best way to show our love is to buy <insert expensive product here>, and focus on Jesus’ call:

Jesus looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them, for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.” -Luke 21:1-4

We live in a time when the ultra rich are using their great influence to divide us, and place the blame of society’s ills upon the poor and vulnerable- that somehow ruthless (and heartless) business practices are to be lauded, while approaching those who suffer want are deserving of their fate. The same Jesus who overturned the tables in the Temple has much to say on this in his preaching, teaching, and call to generosity in daily living.



The world doesn't need billionaires, but God is calling for us to share the Christian message with all: to the rich- that there are some things that cannot be purchased, and there is great gain both now and in the world to come in generosity without an agenda. And to the poor- that the faithful are called to share not from a place of pity, but genuine love and concern. True wealth doesn't fit in a wallet or purse. It can only be found in the love of God that is freely shared with all of creation.

In the same way that Jesus was hidden from the eyes of the believers on their way to Emmaus, I believe the same is true today. Last year it was powerful to hear those stories of generosity, and the reason why some give so freely is because they recognize what God has always known: that when we give in love, we always get back more than we give.

Blessings to you,

Pastor Scott Ehle



Thanks Received²

To My Church Family -

As you know 2+ years ago my granddaughter Lizzie Vande Hey was diagnosed with ALL-acute lymphoblastic leukemia. The treatment for this is 2 years. The first year is intense chemotherapy. The second is less grueling but serious nonetheless. Liz has endured more than I can really ever understand. At this time in her life, she is finished with her treatments except for monthly testing. She is cancer free. Liz is a senior at Menominee High School and can have a normal year. This is such a blessing. Thank you for your prayers, expressions of concern and contributions over these years. I am truly grateful. Prayers answered. God bless all of you.

+Carol Johnson

Dear Pastor Ehle, Heidi & Congregation,

Thank you so much for opening your doors and kitchen up to us. The Culinary Class had a successful Oktoberfest fundraiser thanks to your help! We appreciate all that you do for us.

Thank you,

Menominee High School Culinary Class

Our Christian Sympathy

- To Phil Barker and his family upon the death of Phil's wife Sharon who passed away on September 28th. Pastor Scott officiated at Sharon's funeral here at Bethel on October 4th.



Congratulations _____

- To Abi & Kinzie Kars who were confirmed during worship on Reformation Sunday, October 26th. We celebrate the affirmation of their baptismal vows and welcome them as adult members of Bethel and the body of Christ!



Thank You to October Coffee Hour Servers _____

Nancy & Bob Krysiak; Cindy Baur; Anne Kelley & Tavia Hult; Annetta & Bill Hultman.

ARC / Kiwanis Blood Drive _____

Bethel's Fellowship Room will be the location of an American Red Cross Blood Drive hosted by our local Kiwanis club on Thursday, December 4th. Appointments will run from 9 am – 2 pm. The Red Cross is usually here to set up 1-2 hours before and about 1 hour after. There is currently a great need for blood in our region.

Please make an appointment today.

Go to RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

Thank you.



Christmas Fellowship Meal and Lay Day _____

Bethel's Council invites you to a pot luck in Bethel's fellowship hall on December 6th at 5 pm. Bring a dish to pass as we join together in singing Christmas carols and hear more about ministries of Bethel that depend upon lay leadership and involvement.



Another Successful GWOH Project! _____

On September 7th 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 Grant from Thrivent Financial to purchase some supplies for this year's project and the remaining items were donated by people from both congregations. Because of your generosity we were able to assemble & distribute 35 bags containing fidget toys, sunglasses, noise-cancelling headphones, and small writing tablets. We also received and distributed 21 weighted blankets.

All of these items were distributed to both Marinette & Menominee City Police Departments & County Sheriff's Offices; Emergency Rescue Squad; Mid-County Rescue Squad; and Peshtigo City Police Department.

Our hope is that the items contained in these tool-kits will aid the first responders in our community to bring comfort to youth and neuro-diverse individuals during traumatic situations.

God's work. Our hands. Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

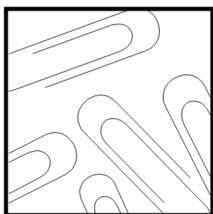
Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's project. Whether you donated items or money, worked on *GWOH Sunday* and after, or brought food to feed the crew, we appreciate it all!

~Zion's Social Ministry Committee





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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 December newsletter please submit it to me before Sunday, November 16th.

Thanks!

Treasurer's Report _____

September

Beginning Balance	\$40,184.22
Deposits	11,355.27
Expenses	15,999.30
Ending Balance	\$35,540.19

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