

Bethel Broadcaster



May 2026

Rummage Sale Details! _____

The sale will be Friday, May 15th and Saturday, May 16th from 7 am – 2 pm.

Set up will begin on Monday, May 11th at 9 am. At that time, we will be bringing all of the accumulated items



up to the fellowship room from downstairs. *Help will definitely be needed.* During the week we will also need help arranging and pricing all of the items. A sign-up sheet for volunteers for each day of that week is in the foyer. Please consider how you can help and sign up early.

Items may be dropped off during office hours beginning April 28th and placed in the back of the fellowship room. *The front door will be open Tuesday – Thursday, between 10 am & 2 pm.* If other arrangements are necessary, please contact Carol Johnson or Cindy Baur.

We will also be selling **cookies and bars** the days of the sale. (Transportable for people on the go). Items can be

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dropped off on Thursday, May 14th. We will also have a **plant sale** so if you have any plants that you are dividing, please keep us in mind for that.

The money raised will go to our youth to help fund their trip to Minneapolis for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2027.

Flyers are available on the easel in the foyer to promote our sale. Please take some and help us spread the word.



Sundae School Party! _____

Bethel's Sunday School kids will be hosting an end of the year "Sundae" School party on May 17th. Join us in the fellowship hall after worship for ice cream sundaes as we celebrate the end of another year of Sunday School!

Youth Event:

April Showers Bring May Flowers _____

Youth from 6th – 12th grade are invited to First Presbyterian Church (923 5th Street, Menominee) on Sunday, May 17th from 1 – 4 pm for an afternoon of games, Bible Study, and planting flowers for shut-ins. Friends are welcome! Please RSVP to Stefanie at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org.



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Light the Fire for Fortune Lake _____

You are invited to Light the Fire for Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp on Sunday, May 31st at 6:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church (2714 James St., Marinette). 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.

Trust Fund Announcement _____

We are excited to announce that there have been two, \$45 Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp retreat scholarships awarded. Lewis Ehle and Helen White both attended the Upper Elementary



Youth Retreat held at FLLC April 24-25, 2026.

Congratulations to both recipients Lewis and Helen!

This is made possible by way of the Virgie L England Engberg Trust Fund, from within the Elmer W England Trust fund.



Thank You to April Coffee Hour Servers _____

Carol Johnson; Dale Herbst





A coin purse was left in the office sometime between Thursday, April 2nd and Sunday, April 5th. This was Easter weekend. We do not know *who* found it so we do not know *where* it was found. If you lost it or know who did, please contact the office so you can get it back.



Thanks to the Property Committee! _____

A new faucet for filling the mop bucket was recently installed in our kitchen by Tri-City Plumbing. Also, the electrical outlet outside of the Fellowship Hall was repaired in time for the MHS Culinary Class to use for their fund raiser. Deepest thanks to Bethel's Property Committee for making improvements and keeping things working around here.



Ryan Golz Memorial Golf Outing _____

The Ryan Golz Memorial Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, June 18th 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 6 pm. Cost is \$80 per 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"

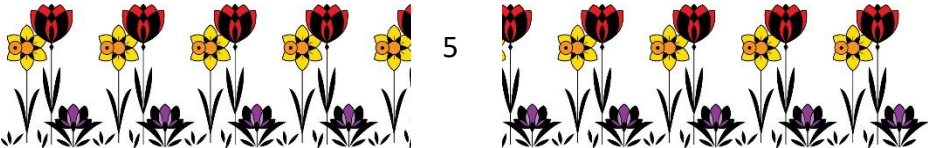


Scholarships for Marinette High graduates. This year we hope to award 3 scholarships for \$2,000 each. Since Ryan passed away in 2018, we have awarded 21 scholarships totaling \$41,000.

Bethel has always been such a great supporter of this event! Over the last 2 years, we have awarded scholarships to Addison Lacy and Sam Sommerfeldt, both who have strong ties to Bethel. Please call or text Steve Golz at 715-504-9292 to register your foursome or if you would like to volunteer or make a donation.

Save the Date for VBS _____

Mark your calendar. Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, August 3rd through Thursday, August 6th. More details will be announced as we get closer to the date. Keep watch.



When the Spirit Turned Fear Into Courage _____

When Jesus was arrested, his apostles fled in fear. Peter, shaken and afraid, found himself denying that he even knew Christ. Christ's followers hid in confusion and grief, feeling brokenhearted and hopeless.



Then, on the Jewish Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came mightily upon them. Suddenly, they were empowered. Immediately they were galvanized. Right then and there, they were filled with enormous courage. Boldly, forthrightly, they began to proclaim that Christ had been raised from the dead and that he was most certainly the long-awaited Messiah.

The fire of the Holy Spirit burned so vividly within them that people from all over came to see and hear what the apostles were claiming. Peter told them the story as best he could and offered them the opportunity of becoming Christ's followers. Amazingly, three thousand people responded (Acts 2:41). We call that event the birthday of the Church.

Suzanne de Dietrich writes this about Pentecost in *Free Men*: "A great wave of faith and love swept through this newborn community. People gave their hearts to God and shared their possessions with their brothers and sisters in Christ. These believers could not keep silent. Their joyful freedom broke down every wall others tried to place around them, and no prison could silence their witness."

The power of God upon them and within them was truly astounding.



God is Nigh_____

The simple but powerful bugle melody “Taps” has been a standard component of U.S. military funerals since 1891. It’s also played during each of the 2,500 military wreath ceremonies conducted every year at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, including those held on Memorial Day.

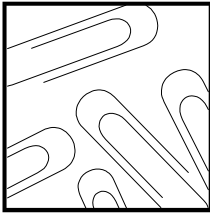
Many legends exist about the origin of “Taps” — both its melody and its lyrics. The words below, by Horace Lorenzo Trim, make an appropriate bedtime prayer

Day is done, gone the sun
From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky
All is well, safely rest
God is nigh.

Fading light dims the sight
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright
From afar, drawing near
Falls the night.

Thanks and praise for our days
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky
As we go, this we know
God is nigh.





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 June newsletter, please submit it to me by Sunday, May 24th. Thanks!

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