

Bethel Broadcaster



July 2026

Summer Bible Study _____

Our Wednesday morning Bible Study group will meet next at 10 am on July 8th. Then not again until July 29th; August 5th & 26th; September 2nd & 23rd.

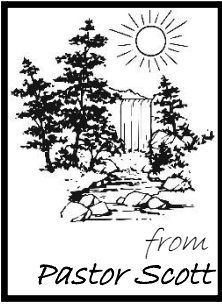
Kiwanis / ARC

Blood Drive on July 23rd _____

Our local Kiwanis will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood drive here on Thursday, July 23rd. Appointments run from 9 am – 2 pm.

Please make an appointment today to give this important gift. Go to RedCrossBlood.org or call 800-RED-CROSS (733-2767).





Greetings,

At a recent continuing education event I learned that in the years leading up to the start of the reformation, Martin Luther was translating and studying the Psalms. As a song and hymnwriter, these ancient musical selections both inspired and comforted Luther in the tumult of his life.

Our world can feel out of control at times as well. What Psalm speaks to you? Most of us are very familiar with Psalm 23 or Psalm 139, but another important Psalm for those that find meaning in the Lutheran tradition is Psalm 46:

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.



⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

The next time life’s troubles rear up for you, consider these words both as a whole and verse by verse. Slow down. Take notice of where God’s blessings can (and will!) be found.

Blessings to you in the stillness,

Pastor Scott Ehle



Our Christian Sympathy _____



Our sympathy to the family and friends of Beverly Rastall who passed away on June 21st. Beverly's funeral was held here at Bethel on Saturday, June 27th and was followed by a luncheon. Pastor Scott officiated at the service.



Thank You to June Coffee Hour Servers _____

Cindy and Jim Baur; Carol Johnson

Thank You from the Golz Family _____

Steve & Barb Golz would like to thank the Bethel congregation for their ongoing support for the June 18th Ryan Golz Memorial Golf Outing. This is our only fundraiser for the Ryan Golz "Nice Kid" Scholarships. We have now awarded 21 scholarships totaling \$44,000 since Ryan passed away in 2018.

It was a great day for golf, with temps in the low 70's, slight breeze and low humidity. The forecasted rain held off until everyone was done golfing, and then was just a very light rain.

Bethel was well represented with golfers, volunteers and donations! Thank you for your support. Next year's event will be on Thursday, June 17th.



FREE Medical & Humanitarian Flights _____

LifeLine Pilots *the shortest distance between home and hope*

LifeLine Pilots is a non-profit organization that provides free, non-emergency medical flights for patients in 10 states across the Midwest. Are you or someone you know in need of medical care outside of our area? Unable to travel long distances by car because of physical or financial limitations? LifeLine Pilots may be able to help. Their mission is to coordinate FREE air transportation, through



volunteer pilots, for passengers with medical or humanitarian needs far from home. View flight criteria and learn more about what they do online at LifeLinePilots.org or call 800-822-7972.

Vacation Bible School August 3-6 _____

Risen and Renewing: Jesus Makes All Things New

Bethel & other area churches are planning Vacation Bible School for kids and helpers of all ages. VBS will take place Aug 3 – 6 from 5 – 7 pm at First Presbyterian Church (923 5th St.



Menominee). Campers are invited to join us each evening for a free family supper, games, songs, crafts, and Bible stories to learn how Jesus makes all things new.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Registration forms are available in the Fireside Room. We hope you can join us!

Notes on Worship

The old saying, “variety is the spice of life,” applies to many things, including worship. As a “liturgical” church, the Lutheran church offers a structured worship service that includes elements that are vital to a well-rounded, meaningful and spiritually enriching worship experience: confession of sins and forgiveness, prayer and praise, reading and preaching God’s word in scripture, responding in confession of faith and presentation of offerings, receiving God’s grace in holy communion, and so on. Yet, within this framework, there are plenty of options for variety. Regardless of what book of worship (hymnal) may be in our pews, we have digital access to a half dozen or more books of worship offering a dozen or more liturgical settings and more than 1,000 hymns reflecting a wide variety of musical styles. Our Worship & Music Committee considers this vast variety in planning worship at Bethel.

The Pentecost season (the 2nd half of the Church Year) will reflect this variety. In June and July, we are using Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting 10. Yes, there are ten different musical settings of the liturgy in ELW! In Setting 10, all the parts of the liturgy are set to familiar hymn tunes. This may be helpful to visitors during the summer months who might not otherwise be very familiar with Lutheran liturgy. For further variety, we will use all the opening parts of the liturgy (Kyrie, Hymn of Praise, Alleluia verse) in exchange for reducing the parts relating to the Eucharist (Holy Communion). The Hymn of Praise (“Glory to God” sung to the tune of Beethoven’s Ode to Joy) has three verses. We will sing one each Sunday in rotation.



In August and September, we will use With One Voice Setting 5. WOV, the smaller blue hymnal, is a supplement to the green LBW (Lutheran Book of Worship) that is in our pews. This is a joyful setting with a contemporary sound. This time we will not sing the opening liturgy, but include all the parts of the Communion liturgy.

In October and November, we will use LBW Setting 1, a more traditional liturgical setting. We will return to singing the opening liturgy (Kyrie, Hymn of Praise “This is the Feast”) and not sing the Communion liturgy.

Again, it is our intention to offer enough variety to keep the worship services fresh and interesting. We welcome the comments, questions and evaluations of our members and guests regarding hymns, liturgy and anything else that pertains to our mission as a worshipping community. In all things, to God be the glory!

Doug Schoen,
Committee Chairperson





Happy Independence Day!

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