

Bethel Broadcaster



November 2026



Turn Your Clocks Back _____

Daylight Saving Time Ends at 2 am on Sunday morning, November 1st. Turn your clocks back to reclaim that hour that you lost back in March.

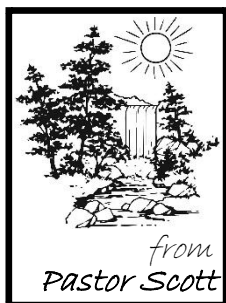
Congratulations Confirmands! _____

On Sunday, November 1st, Bethel will receive three new members as they make public affirmation of their baptism during our worship service.



Kiana Bergstrom, Tavia Hult and Chet Lacy have each completed their confirmation instructions and we congratulate them and their families. We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.





Dear Bethel,

What is your first faith memory? As your pastor, I hope and pray that it is a happy one, full of comfort. For me, it is of my home congregation of St. James Lutheran in Rudyard. It is a memory of worship from the balcony. I can remember looking down upon familiar people, but trying to figure out where God was on that Sunday. After all, everyone was talking and singing about God as if he were there. But I didn't see him and remember feeling a bit confused.

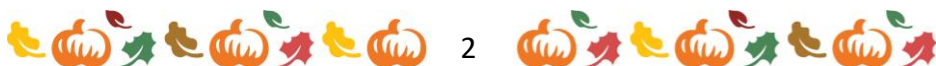
I must have asked my parents about this, because the answer they gave me has stuck with me to this day- that God is in every person who was in church that day. I remember feeling a sense of awe at this, and over the years, it has only grown. Because God is not only present in the lives of people who attend services on Sunday morning, but in the lives of all people.

Oftentimes the world does a good job of convincing us of the absence of God in the midst of tragedy and struggle. But our faith, which is made stronger when we worship together, assures us that it is in tragedy that God is lovingly at work.

So, I hope to see you soon to make new memories in the faith. And in so doing, build up the faith and love of God in our personal lives, and the larger world. God's blessings abound all around us!

Blessings to you,

Pastor Scott Ehle



Annual TV6 Canathon this Month _____

We are collecting nonperishable foods again this year for the TV6 Canathon. The Canathon (Help Feed a Hungry Neighbor) is an annual food and fund drive in Upper Michigan that runs Nov. 2nd – 27th. All canned goods



and nonperishable items collected in the Menominee area stay in our area and will be donated to the Menominee food pantry which is located at Resurrection Church and run by volunteers from the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Bring your donated items to Bethel any time before Thanksgiving and leave them in the collection box in our Fireside Room. 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.

Cookies for Coffee Hour _____

In the kitchen there is a basket with a label ***Cookies for Coffee Hour***. In the event there is no one signed up to serve coffee hour please feel free to enjoy these items with your cup of coffee. Donations also welcome!





Thank You to October Coffee Hour Servers _____

Cindy & Jim Baur; Debbie Doubek & Sue Poutinen;
Nancy & Bob Krysiak.

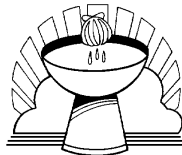
Choir Practice Dates _____

Bethel's Choir will practice at 8:45 am on Nov 1st & 15th, as well
as Dec 6th & 13th, with the possibility of additional dates
announced later. Stay tuned.



Marked with the Cross of Christ Forever _____

Nolan James Cahill and Camden Patrick Cahill will be
baptized here at Bethel on October 30th. Their
parents are Tyler & Rachel Cahill; and their sponsors
are Allie Phillips & Todd Mays and Nathan & Megan
Peterson. People of God, we ask you to support and pray for Nolan
and Camden in their new life in Christ and we welcome them into
the mission we share. Congratulations to all!



Pizza and Movie Party! _____

Bethel's Sunday School kids will be watching the
animated movie "David" after worship on Sunday,
November 8th. Congregation members and friends are welcome to
join us for the movie and pizza!





Friendsgiving

Youth Event November 15th _____

Youth between 6th & 12th grades are invited to enjoy food, friends, and football on Sunday,

November 15th from noon – 3 pm at First Presbyterian Church in Menominee. Participants are encouraged to bring a favorite dish or snack to share. The Packers game will be playing on TV and there will also be games and crafts. Friends are welcome! RSVP to Stefanie Ehle at youthcoordinator@nglsynod.org.

GFWC Building Wreaths at Bethel _____

The Women's Club of Menominee will be using our Fellowship Hall to build wreaths all week from November 16th – 20th.



Kiwanis / ARC 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 3rd. Appointments will run from 9 am – 2 pm. Please make an appointment to give blood. Go to RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.



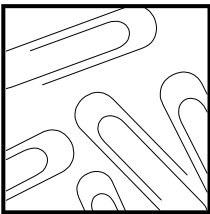


Lay Day Brunch _____

Bethel’s Council will host a Lay Day Brunch after worship on Sunday, December 6th to celebrate and thank all who give of their time and talents throughout the year. Watch for more details in upcoming Sunday bulletins.

Christmas Cookie Sale & Breakfast _____

St. Mary Parish will be hosting a Christmas Cookie Sale and Pancake & Porky Breakfast on Sunday, December 6th, in their gym from 8 – 11:30 am. For more information call 715-582-3876 or visit stmaryjosephedwardparish.org.



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 by Thursday, November 19th. Thanks!

Summary of Congregational Meeting _____

Greetings Bethel!

The following is a summary of the October 4th Congregational Meeting to discuss needed masonry repairs. At the 8/11/26 Bethel Council meeting a resolution was passed to request the Congregation to approve \$ 40,000 expenditure for Masonry repair with contingency it could be more.

Building & Grounds Co-Chairs, Dave Doubek and Dale Van Duinen went over the scope and nature of work needed. Originating from the perimeter of the building, the three areas of greatest need were identified.

- 14th Avenue entrance
- Bell Tower
- Boiler Chimney

Further repairs were identified, as well as, the need for significant exterior painting, including but not limited to: fascia, trim, mouldings, steel lintels and steel step structures.

We currently have one Contractor committed to providing a written estimate for the masonry repairs. He will specify an estimate for the above mentioned areas, as well as, a separate estimate for the remainder of repairs. Dave and Dale are requesting two more estimates, but that has proven difficult to obtain.

Randy Klema (Klema Painting) has provided a quote for \$26,770 for the main areas in need of painting. Dale and Dave are working to secure additional Contractor quotes.

Due to the lateness in the season, all work proposed will be slated for 2027.

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During the “Question and Answer” period, the issue of how to finance the Building Projects was asked.

- Capital Fund Campaign discussed
- Utilizing some of Bethel’s Investment Funds to offset costs*

*maturity dates and when funds are accessed are variables that determine dollar amounts.

Additional points were made by Congregants that resulted in two motions being made, seconded and passed.

1. The Congregation was being made to give permission for the Council to enter into a Contract with an appropriate Contractor to do stated repairs with a beginning amount of \$40,000.
2. To increase the approved amount from \$40,000 to \$50,000.

The necessity of communicating with the Congregation as these projects progress was stressed.

The vote was called for from the floor and passed by a voice vote. Thank you and please let Dave, Dale or myself know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Scott H. Palmer

President, Bethel Council

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