



Bethel Lutheran Church October-November 2025 Announcements

Events Calendar

October Noisy Offering – Gifts for Friends of Jesus toy drive

Coffee with Pastor Jaime – First and third Tuesdays from 1-2 pm at Vintage Grounds

October 5 – Blessing of the Animals at 8:30 worship. Bring your pets, pictures of pets, or favorite stuffed animals.

October 14 – Senior dinner at 4:30 pm

October 14 – Evening worship at 6 pm

October 18 – Bible study at 10 am. A grown-up look at the story of Zacchaeus. Note: This is a change to the third Saturday.

October 18 – Pumpkin Pizzazz at noon. We'll have a potluck lunch, hear a Bible story, and carve pumpkins. All people of all ages are welcome, so invite friends and neighbors.

October 21 – Council at 4:30 pm

October 26 – Reformation Sunday. Consider wearing red!

November Noisy Offering – Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign

November 2 – All Saints Sunday. We name the saints our congregation has lost over the past year and remember all those saints who guided us in faith.

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A Message from Pastor Jaime

In the month of September, we heard Jesus say a LOT about wealth.

For example, on September 7, we heard him say, "None of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

And on the 21st: "You cannot serve God and wealth."

Then we heard a story about a rich man who ignored his poor neighbor, Lazarus.

We might not like to talk about money – at least not in church – but Jesus does not seem to have that same hang-up.

And if we are willing to listen, we will discover that Jesus isn't necessarily saying that wealth is bad (though he certainly acknowledges that wealth is often accumulated by dishonest means). Jesus teaches us what to do with our wealth, whether that wealth is great or small.

Jesus teaches us to be good stewards of all that God has given us, not just monetary wealth, but also gifts like our attention, our health, our voices, our time, and our relationships.

Over the next several weeks we will practice broadening our perspectives on stewardship. Yes, we'll continue to hear Jesus say some things directly related to money. But we'll also hear Jesus teach us to use our whole lives in service to God and our neighbors.

That is stewardship!

Our lives, and all that we have, are gifts from our lavishly generous God. We give of our time, our talents, our possessions, and – yes – our money in response to God's generosity toward us.

In light of God's love, goodness, mercy, and generosity, how are we called to live, as individuals and as a congregation? That is a stewardship question – and therefore a discipleship question. We'll explore that question together this fall in worship.

And if you'd like to talk more about it one-on-one, let me know!

November 8 – Bible study from 10-11:30 am. We'll explore a couple of healing stories.

November 11 – Senior dinner at 4:30 pm

November 11 – Evening worship at 6 pm

November 13 – Craft and Wine Night, 6-8 pm. We'll make crafts for Bethel's annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale. Materials provided.

November 18 – Council at 4:30 pm

November 22 – Craft Fair and Bake Sale, 9 am-3 pm

Sunday Worship

Worship with Holy Communion
8:30 am Sundays

Please pray for ...

Barb; Sandy – cousin of Eileen; Sean and Andrea; James and Jeanne; those affected by flooding; Glenn; Jeffrey – Glenn's nephew; Wayne and Susie; Terry and Julie; Teri; Laurel – friend of Dan and Diane; Jeff – friend of Jim and Eileen; Wayne – brother of Jim B.; Vanessa – granddaughter of a friend of Ken; Carol; Charlie – brother-in-law of Barb; Doug – Ken's brother; Vera – Heidi L.'s aunt; Jiggs – cousin of Jim; Gary – friend of Barb; Kathy and Dennis; Ann and Kris – friends of Bethel; Cheryl; George – friend of Dave H.; George – Heidi's brother; Lauren; Lori; Rick and Sue – friends of Bethel

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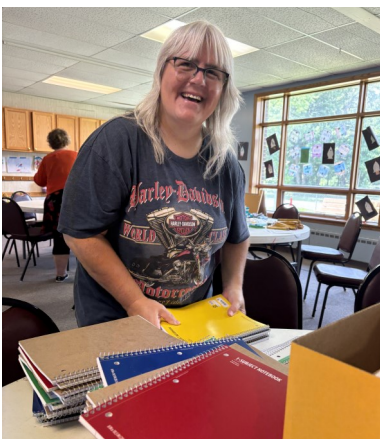
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Craft Fair and Bake Sale on November 22

Bethel's annual craft fair and bake sale will return on Saturday, November 22, from 9 am-3 pm. We know many of you are already crafting and planning for the items you'll bake. Thank you! If you'd like to craft with a group, join us for Craft and Wine Night, from 6-8 pm on Thursday, November 13. We'll gather for crafting, wine, and snacks. Feel free to bring something to share. Craft supplies will be provided.

Friends of Jesus Toy Drive

Starting in late October, and through December 6, we are collecting toys and games for children in need, ages infant through 18. Friends of Jesus request gifts valued at **\$15 or more**, and they ask that we do not contribute clothing, Harry Potter items, Ouija boards, or Magic 8 Balls. We'll gather at 10 am on Saturday, December 6, to wrap gifts, have some treats and tell a Bible story together. If you wrap gifts in advance, please be sure to mark the age range and boy, girl, or either.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Lutheran World Relief school kits. We completed 48 backpacks that will go to students around the world.

***We celebrate God's grace,
and we reach out with Christ's love.***