



Bethel Lutheran Church
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Annual
Congregational
Meeting
January 21, 2018

January 2018 Monthly Vision Newsletter



YOU'RE INVITED!

To join in on...

1st Monday - New Year's Day

2nd Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

3rd Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Evening Worship

6th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

7th Sunday

8:30 am Worship with Pastor Kelli

8:30 am Sunday school at Bethel

9:15 am Sr. League at Atonement

10:45 am Sunday school & Jr. League at Atonement

9th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

4:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meal

4:30 pm Marketing Team Meeting

5:30 pm Education Meeting

10th Wednesday- Cousins Subs Fundraiser Day

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Evening Worship

13th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation

Noon-2 pm Faith, Family & Fun

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

14th Sunday

8:30 am Worship with Pastor Kelli
Noisy Can - Pastor's Discretion

9:15 am Sr. League at Atonement

10:45 am Sunday School & Jr. League at Atonement

15th Monday- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

16th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

7:00 pm Council Meeting

17th Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Evening Worship

18th Thursday

7:00 pm Ginny's Gems at Donna Meitner's home

20th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

21st Sunday

8:30 am Worship with Pastor Kelli
Special Congregational Meeting

9:15 am Sr. League at Atonement

10:45 am Sunday school & Jr. League at Atonement

23rd Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

24th Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Evening Worship

27th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

28th Sunday

8:30 am Worship with Pastor Kelli

9:15 am Sr. League at Atonement

10:45 am Sunday school & Jr. League at Atonement

30th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

31st Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

6:00 pm Bible Study

7:00 pm Evening Worship

Congregational Meeting

January 21, 2018

Worship 8:30 am

Meeting Immediately Following

February 2018

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KELLI

Happy new year!

It's crazy to think about what a difference a year makes. As you look back on the last year, what stands out? What was difficult? Joyful? Memorable? Has your life changed at all? Have you changed at all?

I like this time of year because I think we collectively take a little pause, we reflect, and then start again living our lives with a little more intention.

A newer practice for me has been to choose a quote to shape me and my choices. It helps me focus on the things that matter. Last year my quote was: "Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive." (Howard Thurman) This year I chose: "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one and wild precious life?" (It's from a Mary Oliver poem.)

It's so easy for me to get bogged down by all of the little stressful things in life, and in that, lose perspective on what a gift it is that God gave us life. I chose this quote this year to help me to be reminded that life is beautiful and full and always more than so many of the things that vie for my attention.

What do you need to remember this year? What will help you live more fully into this beautiful life God gave you?

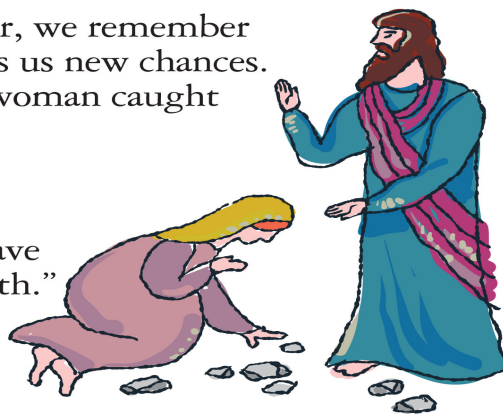
WISHING BLESSINGS

...now and throughout the coming year...

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

At the start of a new year, we remember that God continually gives us new chances. What does Jesus say to a woman caught in adultery?

- A. "Go, and from now on sin no more."
- B. "Not even in Israel have I found such great faith."
- C. "Peace be with you."
- D. "Tell no one what I have done for you."



Answer: A (See John 8:11.)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Yeah-h we have heat in the Sanctuary! I would like to thank the Resource Committee, Council, Terri Frahmman and Brad for all of their hard work and dedication.

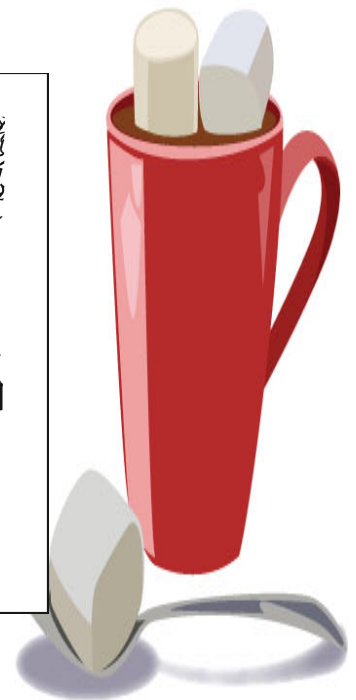
We have hired a new cleaning service, "Coverall." I would like to thank Yvonne and Vern for keeping our church so very clean and organized.

A new year is upon us and the first order of business is the Annual Congregational Meeting, which is on Sunday, January 21, after worship to approve the 2018 budget. This will be my last official duty as Council President and I would like to thank God for giving me this opportunity and everyone at Bethel for their support and kindness. Our congregation and friends are truly dedicated to serving God and reaching out with the love of Christ. Again, Thank You!

Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our

Lord, Jesus Christ. – Ephesians 5:20

Yours in Christ,
Vicki Kakonis
Council President





Faith, Family & Fun is an intergenerational program that brings families and kids together once a month on Saturday. Participants share lunch, learn Bible stories, make crafts (from birdhouses to homemade ice cream), share music and play games. Older kids make it fun by joining in to help everyone – even adults. The program is held on the second Saturday of each month from Noon to 2 pm. The next meeting is on January 13, 2018. RSVP by contacting Debbie Zortman, Heidi Lindhorst, or Julie Frahmman.

Bethel/Atonement - Sunday Morning Education for Children and Teens at:

- **Bethel's Sunday School program**

We have Sunday school once per month on the 1st Sunday of the month during worship. The program is open for Pre-school age to 6th grade. Anyone wishing to teach or be a teen helper, please contact Pastor Kelli, Debbie Zortman, Heidi Lindhorst or Julie Frahmman.

- **Senior League classes are held for students in Grades 9-12 at 9:15-10:30 am at Atonement.**

- **Sunday School classes are held at Atonement for children age 3 through Grade 5 and Junior League classes for students in Grades 6-8 at 10:45 am-Noon.**

Invite friends to join us. Bethel partners in children and youth ministry with Atonement Lutheran Church. Atonement is located at S70 W16244 Martin Drive in Muskego - just two miles from Bethel.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation is a two-year program to help students ask questions of faith and learn about the Bible and our Lutheran witness, and practice living out the Christian life. Currently students and parents are meeting once a month on Wednesdays, with some at home work with families. Students 7th grade and up are welcome to join us.





PRAYERS

When in Church, Prayer requests can be made by filling in a prayer card (found near your seat or on the piano) and putting it in the offering plate or handing it to Pastor. Requests can be submitted confidentially at the church website, www.bethelmuskegoelc.org

Please keep these people and situations in your prayers:

Pray for healing of illnesses & injuries: Angeline, Paul B., Christian D., Pat D., Dakota, Dale, Deno, Ariel Fischer, Michael Fischer, Kathy Fischer, Jeff, Russ Jones, Roger Kerr, Pastor Steve Kersten, Marlene, Matt, Michelle, Pat Murphy, Lela Vern Pickart, Linda Radmer, Sherri, Stevie, Sue, Taylor, Tina, Tony & Carla U's goddaughter and Shirley Vretenar.

Josh, pray for strength and direction as he deals with his mom's health issues.

Pray for emotional, spiritual health & guidance for: Curtis, Jackie, Jeanine, Kate, Mitchell, Sue G, Tristan, Wanda & all needing support for whatever issues they are facing.

Pray for peace & comfort for: all families who have lost loved ones. Pray for Andy on the loss of his wife, Wendy. Pray for Georgia & family on the death of her husband, Garrie. Pray for Dawn & John Vretenar & family on the death of John's father, Ludwig Vretenar. Pray for the Marlene Gantze family. Pray for Darlene T. and family on the death of a family member. Pray for Sonja Wolfe and family on the loss of Sonja's mom.

Pray for direction, wisdom & peace for: Bethel's Church Members, Council, Pastor Kelli and Staff.

Pray for wisdom, honesty, morality & integrity for: all the Political Leaders.

Pray for fairness & truthfulness for: our media.

Pray for, Food and Shelter for the homeless.

Pray for: Our Country to seek God's ways, confess our sins and seek God's forgiveness.

Pray for comfort, strength & wisdom for: all those affected by the Hurricanes, Earthquakes, Fires & the Las Vegas Shootings.



Volunteer Opportunities



January Schedule for Sundays

Ushers: 7th-Debbie Zortman, 14th-Schmidt 21st-Ken Packer, 28th-Jochims,

Altar: 7th-Betty, 14th-Barb, 21st-Ginny, 28th-Yvonne

Media: 7th-Jean Paape, 14th-Jeanne Kolkoski, 21st-Schalk, 28th-Jochims

"PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR ONE SUNDAY A MONTH, BETHEL NEEDS YOUR TIME AND TALENTS"

2017 Donations from the Noisy Can Offerings

January - Pastor's Discretion, \$29.20
February - St. Vincent DePaul \$30.26
March - The Hope Center \$40.80
April - Lutherdale Bible Camp \$34.48
May - Flowers for Bethel \$59.79
June - Safe Babies-Healthy Families \$41.77
July - The Guest House \$42.09
August - Lutheran Campus Corner \$20.84
September - Senior Taxi \$30.63
October - Outreach for Hope \$ 39.64
November - Gifts for the Friends of Jesus \$39.01
December - Salvation Army \$27.78



SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Meeting

Bethel Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 21st, 2018

(following the 8:30 am Church Service)

Please join us as we discuss our future and make congregational decisions on important items facing our church. We will also be discussing and approving an operating budget for the 2018 calendar year. We will elect a member to go to the synod assembly. It is your opportunity to have a voice in the future of your church. Please plan to attend.

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ -

This set of letters spells "Christ" in Greek. It may be written using the Roman alphabet (from which the English alphabet descended), but is also often presented in Greek characters, as shown here.

Make some noise!

Below are Bethel's 2018 recipients of the Noisy Can Offerings. The Noisy Can Offering is collected on the second Sunday of each month.

January - Pastor Discretion

February - St Vincent de Paul meal-site

March - Hope Center, Waukesha

April - Lutherdale Bible Camp

May - Flowers for Bethel

June - Safe Babies, Healthy Families

July - The Guest House of

Milwaukee, Shelter

August - Lutheran Campus Corner

September - Muskego Senior Taxi

October - Outreach for Hope, Inc.

November - Gifts for Friends of Jesus

December - Salvation Army,

Red Kettle Donation

•The noisy can for January goes to Pastor's Discretion.



Prayer Shawls Ministry

Ginny's Gems woman's group meets the third Thursday of each month. The group meets for devotion and fellowship; they crochet and sew prayer shawls and lap blankets. Prayer shawls and blankets are then donated to local hospitals, nursing homes and rehab centers. If you would like to join this group or contribute to this ministry, please contact Julie Frahmman at 262-679-2038. The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 18th, at 7:00 pm at Donna Meitner's home. Bring a friend! Thank you for your support.



CHURCH STAFF

Pastor - Kelli Weiss, 805-405-9930, pastorkelliweiss@gmail.com

Secretary - Dawn Vretenar, 262-835-1042, bethelmuskegoelc@gmail.com

Musician - Heidi Surprenant, 414-425-6817, msurprenant@wi.rr.com

Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00-3:00 pm

CHURCH COUNCIL

President - Vicki Kakonis 262-679-5857

Dan Conner	262-679-2768	Jim Lindhorst	262-679-1544
Julie Frahmman	262-679-2038	Teri Orlando	262-679-0456
Yvonne Hafferman	262-710-4457	Ken Packer	262-650-9606
Dave Henkel	262-679-9544	Debbie Zortman	262-662-0535

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WEDNESDAY NIGHT-

Wednesday night Bible Study & Worship started again this Wednesday. Join us at 6:00 pm for the Bible Study and 7:00 pm for Worship.

STATEMENTS -

Your annual year-end giving statement is ready to be picked up. It is on the table in the Narthex.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING -

Attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 21st, after the Worship Service. Please send in your report now.

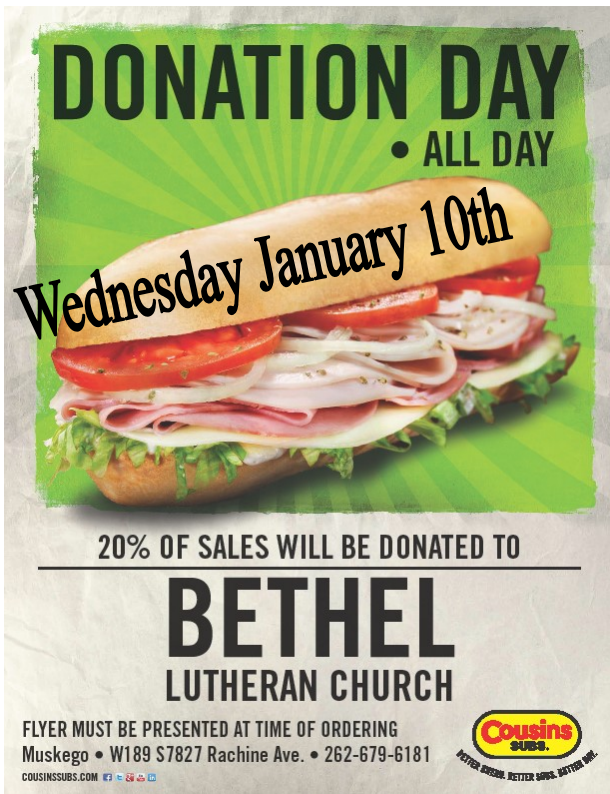
LOOKING AHEAD TO FEBRUARY-

Ash Wednesday is early this year, and it is on Wednesday, February 14th. The Lenten Season is upon us.

THANK YOU...

To all who volunteered your time to help out around the Church in 2017. Your time and talent's are greatly appreciated. Most of all thank you for being a part of Bethel.

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DONATION DAY
• ALL DAY
Wednesday January 10th

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