

**November 2019
Monthly Vision
Newsletter**

**Bethel Lutheran Church
S77 W18426 Janesville Road
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WE CELEBRATE GOD'S GRACE AND WE REACH OUT WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

2nd Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation
2-4:30 pm Girl Scouts
7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

3rd Sunday - All Saints Sunday

8:30 am All Saints Worship -
Pastor Jennifer
Daylight Savings time ends

4th Monday

6-9 pm Girl Scouts

5th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office

6th Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours
4:30 pm Marketing & Education Meeting
6-6:45 Bible Study
7:00 pm Evening Worship -
Pastor Jennifer

Noisy Can-Gifts for Friends of Jesus

9th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation
Noon-2 pm Faith, Family & Fun
7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

10th Sunday

8:30 am Worship - Pastor Jennifer
Noisy Can-Gifts for Friends of Jesus

11th Monday - Veterans Day

12th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours
4:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meal

13th Wednesday - Cousins Subs Fundraiser

9-3:00 pm Office Hours
6-6:45 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Evening Worship -
Pastor Jennifer

14th Thursday

6:30 pm Wine & Craft Night

16th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation
7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

17th Sunday

8:30 am Worship - Pastor Jennifer

19th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours
7:00 pm Council Meeting

20th Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours
6-6:45 Bible Study
7:00 pm Evening Worship -
Pastor Jennifer

22nd Friday

Craft Sale set-up

23rd Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation
9-3:00 pm Bethel Craft & Bake Sale
7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

24th Sunday

8:30 am Worship - Pastor Jennifer

26th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

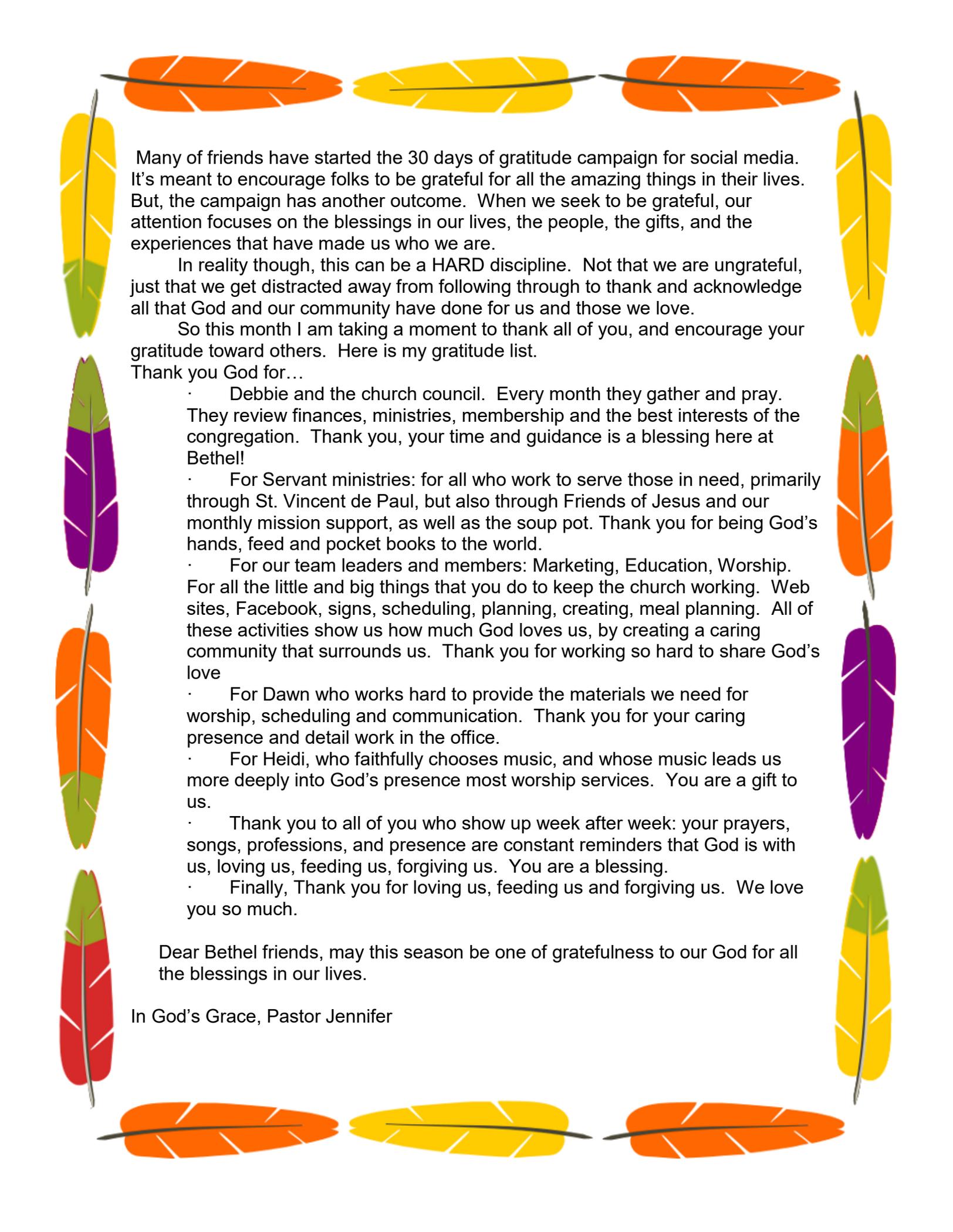
27th Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours
6-6:30 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Evening Worship -
Pastor Jennifer

28th Thursday - Thanksgiving Day

30th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation
7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous



Many of friends have started the 30 days of gratitude campaign for social media. It's meant to encourage folks to be grateful for all the amazing things in their lives. But, the campaign has another outcome. When we seek to be grateful, our attention focuses on the blessings in our lives, the people, the gifts, and the experiences that have made us who we are.

In reality though, this can be a HARD discipline. Not that we are ungrateful, just that we get distracted away from following through to thank and acknowledge all that God and our community have done for us and those we love.

So this month I am taking a moment to thank all of you, and encourage your gratitude toward others. Here is my gratitude list.

Thank you God for...

- Debbie and the church council. Every month they gather and pray. They review finances, ministries, membership and the best interests of the congregation. Thank you, your time and guidance is a blessing here at Bethel!
- For Servant ministries: for all who work to serve those in need, primarily through St. Vincent de Paul, but also through Friends of Jesus and our monthly mission support, as well as the soup pot. Thank you for being God's hands, feed and pocket books to the world.
- For our team leaders and members: Marketing, Education, Worship. For all the little and big things that you do to keep the church working. Web sites, Facebook, signs, scheduling, planning, creating, meal planning. All of these activities show us how much God loves us, by creating a caring community that surrounds us. Thank you for working so hard to share God's love
- For Dawn who works hard to provide the materials we need for worship, scheduling and communication. Thank you for your caring presence and detail work in the office.
- For Heidi, who faithfully chooses music, and whose music leads us more deeply into God's presence most worship services. You are a gift to us.
- Thank you to all of you who show up week after week: your prayers, songs, professions, and presence are constant reminders that God is with us, loving us, feeding us, forgiving us. You are a blessing.
- Finally, Thank you for loving us, feeding us and forgiving us. We love you so much.

Dear Bethel friends, may this season be one of gratefulness to our God for all the blessings in our lives.

In God's Grace, Pastor Jennifer



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 or Vicki Kakonis. Requests can be submitted confidentially at the church website, www.bethelmuskegoelc.org

- *Please keep these people and situations in your prayers this week: Betty, Debbie, Jean, Jeanne, Julie, Kathy, Lela, Lynn, Maggie, Michael, Sue & Tay.
- *Pray for peace and comfort for the families who have lost loved ones.
- *Pray for protection for all those around the world who suffer religious, ethnic, or other forms of persecution.
- *Pray for our Call Committee. Guide them and grant them wisdom as they work to seek a new pastor to be among us to lead us and walk with us into future ministry.

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAYS

	3rd	10th	17th	24th
Altar:	Barb	Vicki	Julie	Ginny
Media:	Open	Liam Frahmman	Jochims	Julie F
Ushers:	Debbie Z	Baseler/ Schmidt's	Jochims	Conner's
Communion:	Barb O	Debbie Z	Debbie Z	Sue H
Lector:	Heidi L	Kathy D	Kate/Sara J	Heidi L

DECEMBER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAYS

	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
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Media:	Open	Liam F	Open	Jochims	Julie F
Ushers:	Baseler/ Schmidt's	Conner's	Debbie Z	Jochims	Baseler/ Schmidt's
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Thanksgiving Eve. Worship Service
 Wednesday, November 27th, 7:00 pm
 Please bring a canned good for the food pantry.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints will be celebrated Wednesday October 30th and Sunday, November 3rd. We will remember loved ones who died during the year, October 31, 2018-19, and with whom we celebrate the resurrection.



Faith, Family & Fun –the program is held on the second Saturday of each month from Noon to 2 pm. The group will be meeting on Saturday, November 9th.

Daylight-saving time ends

- Turn your clock back one hour tonight before going to bed.
- It's also time to change batteries in your smoke detectors.



Plan ahead . . .

Before you go to bed Saturday, November 2nd - turn your clocks back 1 hour. Sunday, November 3rd at 2 am Daylight Savings Time ends.



VETERANS DAY - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

Veterans Day was originally established to honor Americans who had served in World War I. The national holiday is celebrated on November 11th, the anniversary of the day World War I ended in 1918. Today Veterans Day honors veterans of all wars for their patriotism and willingness to serve in the military and sacrifice for our country.

LOOKING AHEAD -

Bethel Lutheran Church invites you and your guests to join us for Worship during the holiday season.

Schedule:

*Blue Christmas: 7:00 pm, Wednesday, December 18th. Worship and observe what makes the holidays painful, bittersweet or hectic for you.

*Christmas Eve: 7:30 pm, Tuesday, December 24th. A joyful service concluding with singing Silent Night during candlelight.

Make some noise!

Below are Bethel's 2019 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 Ministry,
Madison

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 November goes to Gifts for Friends of Jesus . Gifts of toys are bought for children of Lutheran Churches in the inner city.



Gifts for Friends of Jesus

Donate Christmas Gifts for Children starting November 10th through December 7th, 2019.

Watch for sales on gifts for kids who need them! Please spend \$15 per gift and indicate the age and gender of the child for labeling purposes once wrapped. Then join us for gift wrapping on December 7th from Noon to 2 pm. In the past, we've been able to brighten the holidays of over 100 children at numerous churches and the Rescue Mission in the Milwaukee area.



Wine and Craft Making Night
Thursday, November 14th from 6:30-8:30PM: Make a craft for the Christmas Craft & Bake Sale and enjoy the fun. Bring a friend, a snack and your favorite wine: sign up on the bulletin board. All craft materials are provided.



Annual Craft & Bake Sale is scheduled for November 23, 2019. Please bring your bakery and crafts to help set up the Friday evening before the sale on November 22nd. Sign up sheets will be on the table in the Narthex.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor - Jennifer Olson - 414-405-7945, paws4thought4@gmail.com
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CHURCH COUNCIL

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Council Update and Message for November 2019

Many blessings to all our families and friends as we gather together this Thanksgiving. Share with each other what you are thankful for; remembering...

"Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good; his love is eternal." Psalm 106:1

~Bethel 2020~

The Stewardship drive culminates this month with the return of your 2020 pledge card and the Time and Talent sheets. This helps in the budgeting for the coming year and this allows us to schedule worship activities and ministries that you can be part of.

~Thank you for your offering and your serving! ~

We have an exciting year planned for 2020. Look for the new event in January, "Cram the Van".

~A November to Remember~

- All Saints Day, Nov. 3 – Remembering loved ones and lifting them up in prayer.
- Remember to bring in gifts for "Friends of Jesus" in the month of November.
- Pray for the executive committee as they budget for 2020.
- And, lets get some new carpeting; remembering...

"Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. He is the one who holds the whole building together and makes it grow into a sacred temple dedicated to the Lord. In union with him you too are being built together with all the others into a place where God lives through his Spirit. Ephesians 2:20-22

Peace, Debbie Zortman, Council President

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DONATION DAY
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Wednesday November 13th

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