



**October 2019
Monthly Vision
Newsletter**

**Bethel Lutheran Church
S77 W18426 Janesville Road
Muskego, WI 53150**

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S GRACE AND WE REACH OUT WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

OCTOBER CALENDAR

1st Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office

2nd Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

4:30 pm Marketing & Education Meeting

7:00 pm Evening Worship -
Pastor Jennifer
Pet Blessing

5th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

6th Sunday

8:30 am Worship - Pastor Jennifer
Pet Blessing

7th Monday

6-9 pm Girl Scouts

8th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

4:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meal

9th Wednesday - Cousins Subs Fundraiser

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

7:00 pm Evening Worship -
Pastor Jennifer

Noisy Can-Outreach for Hope, Inc.

12th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation

Noon-2 pm Faith, Family & Fun

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

13th Sunday

8:30 am Worship - Pastor Jennifer

Noisy Can-Outreach for Hope, Inc.

15th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

7:00 pm Council Meeting

16th Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

7:00 pm Evening Worship -
Pastor Jennifer

19th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

20th Sunday

8:30 am Worship - Pastor Jennifer

22nd Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

23rd Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

7:00 pm Evening Reformation Worship -
Pastor Jennifer

26th Saturday

7:30 am 11th step Prayer & Meditation

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

27th Sunday - Reformation Sunday

8:30 am Reformation Worship -
Pastor Jennifer

9:30 am Pumpkin Pizzazz

29th Tuesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

30th Wednesday

9-3:00 pm Office Hours

7:00 pm Evening All Saints' Worship -
Pastor Jennifer

Please join us for Worship at 8:30 am

Hymns, scripture, message, prayers, communion, and liturgy that help us connect deeply with God. Please join us and bring a friend.





Pastor report

The leaves are turning, and the air is crisp. We are saying goodbye to the warmth of summer (at least most days), and hello to our sweatshirts and jeans, pumpkins and changing leaves.

On October 23 and 27, we at Bethel will celebrate one of our fall festivals, Reformation. 500 years ago, an Augustinian priest named Martin Luther challenged the Roman church to abandon all the practices that drew people away from God. He listed them and put them on the local bulletin board – the door of the church in Wittenberg.

We all know parts of the story. The church didn't like it. There was a trial. Luther was found guilty of treason towards the church. A rich benefactor hid Martin for over year, as Martin continued to study, write and translate the Bible into German – the language of his people.

Really Martin was an ordinary guy. He likely drank too much. He was extremely generous to his friends and students, often times putting his family at risk. Martin struggled with seasons of depression. Martin was an academic with sometimes little attachment to the practical requirements of the world. AND... he was a great thinker. He had the ability to see when the actions of God's people, the church, were drawing God's followers away from God. He used his voice to teach and educate those followers, that they might know God more deeply, and follow God more closely.

Martin taught us an important truth about God. God does extra-ordinary things through ordinary people. He called us sinner and saint at the same time. We were created to be completely fabulous, able to do amazing things for God and in God's world, because God made us in God's image. AND, we are completely capable of being a hot mess at the very same time. We are sinful.

But you see, God still chooses us! God still longs to use us, totally fabulous or hot mess, to accomplish God's work. We are invited to be God's voice lifting the amazing in God's people

So, this year for our Reformation celebration, I invite you to watch with me. Watch for those whose very lives are amazing. Watch for those ordinary ones who show God's love and mercy through ordinary and extra-ordinary ways. Share with us how God is lovingly reforming us each day through God's presence in and through us. For God is going to amazing lengths to show us how loved and special we are.

See you at the Reformation celebration!

Pastor Jennifer



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, October 12th.



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.**

OCTOBER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAYS

	6th	13th	20th	27th
Altar:	Barb	Vicki	Julie	Ginny
Media:	Open	Liam Frahmman	Open	Jochims
Ushers:	Conner's	Baseler/ Schmidt's	Debbie Z	Jochims
Communion:	Barb O	Debbie Z	Debbie Z	Sue H
Lector:	Heidi L	Kathy D	Heidi L	Kate/Sara J

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAYS

	3rd	10th	17th	24th
Altar:	Barb	Vicki	Julie	Ginny
Media:	Open	Liam Frahmman	Jochims	Julie F
Ushers:	Conner's	Baseler/ Schmidt's	Jochims	Debbie Z
Communion:	Barb O	Debbie Z	Debbie Z	Sue H
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PLAN AHEAD

Thursday, November 14, 2019: Wine and craft-making night, 6:30 pm. It's fun even if you're not crafty, the wine is forgiving. Guys are welcome to join. Also, we welcome ideas for hot-selling projects that can be done in an hour or so. See Debbie Zortman with any favorites.

Annual Craft & Bake Sale is scheduled for November 23, 2019. Sign up sheets will be on the table in the Narthex.

Craft items and baskets may be donated by contacting Kathy Duran or Jean Paape.

Blessing of the Animals

**Wednesday, October 2, 2019
And Sunday, October 6, 2019
During Worship**

Come bring your tired, your poor, your furry, finned or feathered friends (pictures too!)
Animals should be up to date on shots, and leashed or kenneled for the safety of every paw, fin, feather, and person.



REFORMATION

Reformation will be celebrated at the Worship Services on Wednesday, October 23rd & Sunday, October 27th. We are inviting the congregation to wear red as part of the celebration.

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. If you have a loved one you would like remembered, please submit to the church office or Pastor Jennifer the following information: **Name of loved one, date of death, your name** by **Sunday October 20**.

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 October goes to Outreach for Hope, Inc. ELCA, Milwaukee Synod supporting low income communities.



Many thanks to the members of Bethel who donated 35 skeins of yarn during the month of September. You also participated in the blessing of 28 prayer shawls. Our ministry would not be so successful without the support of our church family. The shawls help those in spiritual need at Lyndon Grove Nursing Home, Muskego Nursing Home, and Aurora St. Luke's South Shore. Thanks for your support, Julie Frahmman for Ginny's Gems

Pumpkin Pizzazz - On Sunday, October 27th, there will be a breakfast following the Worship Service. There will also be Pumpkin-Carving. Bring a friend and join the fun!

Bring your own carving tools.

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Council Update and Message for October 2019

Blessings to all as we adjust to the cooler temps and settle in to our fall routine. And being fall; it's an awesome time for apples! Join us at Faith, Family, Fun where we will be making homemade apple sauce!

*"For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven."
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

~Stewardship 2020~

October is Bethel's Stewardship month. You will be receiving your 2020 pledge card and the Time and Talent sheet soon. There are several committees, activities, and projects you can be part of here at Bethel; just join in! Thank you all for your help and support of all the Bethel ministries throughout the year! When we serve others, we are working together for God.

"The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25

~Family Days~

Start the month with the Pet Blessing, October 2 & 6. Bring the entire family to worship; pets and all!

End the month with Pumpkin Pizzazz, October 27. Join us for eats, treats, and pumpkin carving right after worship!

*"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!"
Psalm 118:24*

Peace, Debbie Zortman, Council President

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DONATION DAY
• ALL DAY

Wednesday October 9th

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