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Let your light shine
before others so they may
see your good works and
give glory to your Father
in heaven.
Matt 5:16 NRSV

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**Deadline for the October-November 2018
BeTheLight is September 17th**

The purpose of *BeTheLight* is to inform our members, friends and visitors of worship services and to encourage spiritual growth, Christian Education opportunities, missions and outreach, activities, fellowship events and volunteer opportunities. This newsletter is meant to be an informational tool of **Bethel Lutheran Church** where we serve together as a family in Christ.

The *BeTheLight* welcomes contributions and letters. Copyrighted material (including prayers and inspirational verses) cannot be published without written permission from the author.

MISSION STATEMENT

*The people of
Bethel Lutheran Church
are called by God to be
faithful to the word of God
and proclaim it to all people.
We share Christ's love
and forgiveness
by being Christ's hands,
feet, arms and voice
as we gather and
as we scatter.*

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS

PERSONS IN NEED OF HEALING

Marshall Camp, Richard Larson, Joyce Larson, Eric Nemerovsky,
Kirk Nemerovsky, Eleanor Olschewsky, Betty Powers, Eric Whitsel, Maureen Zelina,
Ron Zelina

PERSONS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND

Bob Breska~Viola Dase~Alice Forsthoffer ~Jan Harmon~Esther Johns
Jean Kellmer~Helmut Link ~Marie Link~Phil Long



*Please keep these friends in your
thoughts and prayers.*



SPECIAL STEWARDSHIP EVENT COMING TO BETHEL THIS FALL

This fall at Bethel Lutheran Church, we will be combining our Annual Stewardship Campaign for our congregation's budget with a campaign to retire debt from the parking lot and lighting projects. The theme for the campaign is:

"Strengthening our faith, growing God's mission."

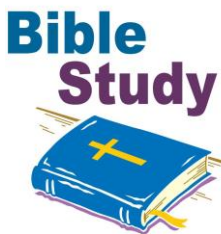
The subtitle and goal of this campaign is:

Bethel's commitment to prepare for tomorrow and retire debt.

The theme comes from Jeremiah 29:11, which says

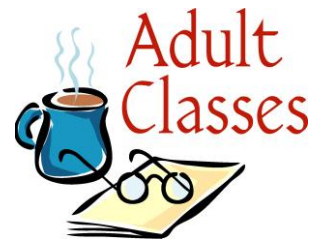
¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

The event will begin on **Sunday, October 7**, where The Rev. Dana Peterson, from the ELCA's Mission Investment Fund's Capital Campaign Services, will be our special guest and speaker, helping us kickoff this campaign. He will work closely with us throughout this endeavor. The event will conclude with **Commitment Sunday on November 11**. We need you to help keep the momentum going here at Bethel. Each person has a role in helping carry out the ministry work that God has called us to. Please join us in this endeavor. Please find a way to be involved. Please pray for this campaign effort. More information will follow at the end of September.



LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES. BEGINNING ON TUESDAY MORNING, **SEPTEMBER 11th**, from 10:00 – 11:15 A.M. in the Gathering Place conference room, Pastor Krebill will be leading a Bible Class which will focus on one or more of the three lessons designated for the following Sunday. All are welcome to attend and the class will continue throughout the year.

COME! ENJOY THE LIVELY, INFORMAL CONVERSATION! Don't miss this chance to study the weekly readings from the Revised Common Lectionary that appear every Sunday in the *Celebrate* insert! This class will provide you with a fresh, new frame of reference when hearing, reading, or studying scripture. You are guaranteed to gain biblical insight and understanding as Pastor invites participants to discover and develop new perspectives and learn different ways of looking at biblical truths. **BRING YOUR OWN BIBLES.**



NEW ADULT CLASS OFFERED ON MONDAY EVENINGS THIS FALL **"HOW LUTHERANS INTERPRET THE BIBLE"**

This fall, Pastor Krebill is also offering a new 7 week adult class on Monday evenings, starting September 10 and going until October 22, meeting in the Gathering Place a 7 PM. The topic of the class is "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible" and will include video presentations from Dr. Mark Powell, Bible professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus. Come join us for discussion and insights about the unique Lutheran perspective on Biblical interpretation. All are welcome.

Brightening the Day for Hundreds

Since its start in 2016, Bethel's Adopt-a-Member ministry has sent hundreds of get-well, thinking-of-you, have-a-nice-day, sympathy, encouragement, birthday, and anniversary cards to people who are on the prayer list, home-bound, in nursing homes, sick, downhearted, hospitalized, in rehab, in the military, at college, and visitors. Current team members: Jayne Cool, Kathy Maszczyński, Sandra Matlack, and Ray Herzog. . . To add someone to our list of people to whom we send inspiring cards, see Ray Herzog.



The Middleburg Heights Food Pantry is looking forward to the splendor of fall leaves. The pantry is requesting boxed breakfast cereals, easy prepare breakfast foods, dried beans, flour and sugar. Anything beyond these requests are always greatly appreciated.

Dear Bethel friends,

As you have seen in News and Views and heard in the announcements, Blue Star Mothers OH Chapter 26 will be holding a pasta dinner on Saturday, September 15 at American Legion #421, Fairview Park.

I qualified to join Blue Star Mothers when Bryan was deployed last year. BSM supports families of deployed, deployed service members and veterans. Box shipping to the deployed is one of our most important and continuous activities. The shipments reach soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen and women around the world. Every letter and note that comes back from one of these service people reinforces just how necessary and appreciated this effort is to the recipients. I would even call it an act of ministry.

Our purpose is to raise funds for the care package initiative for deployed active duty military members. Approximately 30 to 40 boxes are sent alternating months around the world. Occasionally we are fortunate to have corporate-sponsored employee donation collections of box contents items. However, typically the cost to the Chapter is a minimum of \$300 for contents which includes needed but not accessible items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap and other personal care and/or hygiene products. Books, magazines and puzzle books are included with writing utensils, notepads and greeting cards to enable the soldiers to stay connected with family and friends. The most requested item from those deployed is food; therefore, the majority of box space is filled with granola bars, oatmeal packets, crackers, popcorn, cookies, water flavoring packets, applesauce cups, macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, gum and hard candies. As you can see from the list, the \$300 per shipment allowance does not wholly cover the expense and our membership personally supplements with additional donations. Once the boxes are packed and processed for shipping, the postal cost is \$17.35 per box. When multiplied by the 30 to 40 boxes, the total is between \$500 and \$700.

Clearly, the expense is significant. More importantly, the need is great. As Blue Star Mothers, we are extremely proud of our sons and daughters who serve and have served. We also know firsthand the demands and difficulties. We hope to make the deployment of each service personnel a bit more comfortable while honoring their sacrifice and dedication with a reminder that they are not forgotten when they receive a care package.

Additionally, the area businesses have been extremely supportive and there are incredible raffle prize opportunities, if you choose to participate. Thank you for your consideration in support for our service men and women and we hope you will be able to join us!

Sincerely,
Pam Ciccarello



Please join Blue Star Mothers of America
Ohio Buckeyes Chapter 26
at a **Pasta Dinner** to raise funds for the
Care Package Initiative
For Deployed Active Duty Military

We look forward to your support as we work together to try to make the deployment of each service person a bit more comfortable while honoring their sacrifice and dedication with a reminder that they are not forgotten when they receive a care package.

**HELP SUPPORT AMERICA'S
SONS & DAUGHTERS**



LOCATION: American Legion #421,
22001 Brookpark Rd. Fairview Park

DATE: Saturday, September 15, 2018

TIME: 4:30 - 7:30 pm

DINNER TICKETS: Adults \$10
Seniors 65 & Better \$8
Children 12 & Under \$5
Under 2 Years Old - **FREE**

RAFFLES!
Tickets available
at this event for
your chance to win
fabulous prizes!
Cash bar available



Blue Star Mothers
of America, Inc.



Special thanks to American Legion #421,
Fairview Park for their generous support.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

2	Michael Salem
2	Sy & Kathy Maszczyński
4	Ed Harbart
6	Mary Stiene
6	John Hudak
6	Donnette Ipsaro
6	John and Bev Riehl
7	Gerald Neumann
9	Bob Pickens
10	Maria Salmen
12	Ron Zelina
12	Nancy Kuder
12	Gary & Lauren Einheit
13	Danny Kilkenny
13	Fred & Anita Holtz
14	Hannah Zwolenik
16	Sharon Vasil
17	Marilyn Brown
18	Ardane Ross
19	Jim Bondor
19	Konrad & Giesela Stiene
21	Ian Rescola
22	Laura Zwolenik
22	Beth Strobel
24	Karl Yanuzzi
24	Nate Haskell
25	Ed Salem
26	Jane Salem
26	Gail Gold
26	Kayla Geraci
26	Bradshaw & Becky Johnson Rescola
27	Beatrice Hovanec
30	Alice Forsthoffer

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> <i>Men's Bible study 8am</i>
<i>2</i> <i>Worship</i> <i>9:45am</i> <i>Adult LIFE</i> <i>Together Class</i> <i>8:30 & 11:30am</i>	<i>3</i>  HAPPY LABOR DAY <i>Church Office Closed</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> <i>Choir Rehearsal</i> <i>7:30 PM</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Clev. West</i> <i>Pastor's Conf.</i> <i>9am-Noon</i> <i>(sanctuary in use)</i> <i>Al-Anon 10am</i> <i>Road to Emmaus</i> <i>Bible Study 11am</i>	<i>7</i> <i>AA 8:00pm</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Men's Bible study 8am</i>
<i>9</i> <i>Worship</i> <i>9:45am</i> <i>Adult Catechism</i> <i>8:30 & 11:30am</i>	<i>10</i> <i>"How</i> <i>Lutherans</i> <i>Interpret the</i> <i>bible"</i> <i>Adult Bible</i> <i>Class</i> <i>Starts 7PM</i>	<i>11</i> Patriot's Day <i>MEEC's 1st Day</i> <i>Back to School</i> <i>Lectionary Bible</i> <i>study 10am</i> <i>Council Mtg</i> <i>7pm</i>	<i>12</i> <i>Men's Lunch</i> <i>11:30 AM</i> <i>Choir Rehearsal</i> <i>7:30 PM</i>	<i>13</i> <i>Al-Anon 10am</i> <i>Road to Emmaus</i> <i>Bible Study 11am</i> <i>GFF Resumes</i> <i>weekly schedule</i> <i>7PM</i>	<i>14</i> <i>AA 8:00pm</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Men's Bible study 8am</i>
<i>16</i> <i>Worship 9:45am</i> Adult LIFE Together 8:30 & 11:30am <i>Gwyn Williams</i> <i>Memorial Service</i> <i>2PM</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Stewardship</i> <i>Comm. Meeting</i> <i>6:30 PM</i> <i>Adult Bible</i> <i>Class 7PM</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Lectionary</i> <i>Bible study</i> <i>10am</i>	<i>19</i> <i>Choir Rehearsal</i> <i>7:30 PM</i>	<i>20</i> <i>Al-Anon 10am</i> <i>Road to Emmaus</i> <i>Bible Study 11am</i> <i>GFF 7PM</i>	<i>21</i> <i>AA 8:00pm</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Men's Bible study 8am</i>
<i>23</i> <i>Worship 9:45am</i> <i>Adult LIFE</i> <i>Together</i> <i>8:30 & 11:30am</i> 30 <i>Worship 9:45am</i> <i>Adult LIFE</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Adult Bible</i> <i>Class 7PM</i>	<i>25</i> <i>Lectionary</i> <i>Bible study</i> <i>10am</i>	<i>26</i> <i>Choir Rehearsal</i> <i>7:30 PM</i>	<i>27</i> <i>Al-Anon 10 am</i> <i>Road to Emmaus</i> <i>Bible Study 11am</i> <i>Sanctuary in use</i> <i>5:00 – 6:00 PM</i>	<i>28</i> <i>AA 8:00pm</i>	<i>29</i> <i>Men's Bible study 8am</i> <i>Sanctuary in</i> <i>Use 1-5 PM</i>

Together 8:30 & 11:30am				GFF Birthday Dinner with Fiddler Jim Kelley 7PM		
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