

# BeTheLight

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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 December-January 2019/2020  
*BeTheLight* is November 19<sup>th</sup>**

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.

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cancellations and more:

**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, Eric Nemerovsky,  
Kirk Nemerovsky, Eric Whitsel,  
Maureen Zelina

**PERSONS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND**

Bob Breska~Viola Dase~Jan Harmon~Esther Johns~Jean Kellmer  
Phil Long~Richard Larson~Helmut Link~Marie Link~Betty Powers~Jeannette Yanuzzi



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

# ***Live a God-Pleasing Life!***

***Stewardship Commitment Sunday Coming in November***



## ***Live a God-Pleasing Life!***

*“May the God of peace . . . equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to who be glory for ever and ever. Amen” (Hebrews 13:20-21)*

On Sunday **October 27** we begin our stewardship program ***Live a God-Pleasing Life!*** For three Sundays, we will look into the basis of Christian stewardship and its application in our lives. As we spend time in God’s Word during our worship services, we will better understand how God wants us to use our lives and resources for his purposes.

God has given all of us the task of being his stewards. We are God’s stewards because he is the source and owner of all that we are and have. To be God-pleasing stewards, we need God’s help. The Holy Spirit working in and through his Word changes us into new people who become God-centered rather than self-centered people. Because of what God has given to us and done for us through Christ, we live with new perspectives and priorities. God-pleasing stewards are devoted to pleasing and praising him.

The three weekly themes for *Living A God Pleasing Life* are as follows:

**October 27: “Faith Is The Foundation”**

**November 3: “Discipleship Is The Path”**

**November 10: “Generosity Is The Hallmark” –Stewardship Commitment Sunday.**

During these three weeks, our worship will focus on these themes, learning and growing and becoming stewards **living a God-pleasing life**. The last Sunday, November 10 will be stewardship commitment Sunday, when we will all be invited to bring forward our estimates of giving for 2020 during the offering as an act of worship, dedication and thanksgiving to God.

## All Saints Day



They will receive blessing from the Lord  
and vindication from the God  
of their salvation. Psalm 24.5

### ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY REMEMBRANCE

On All Saints' Sunday, November 3 we will remember in the prayers the names of all of our friends and loved ones who have died in the Christian faith in the past year. In the church office, we have the names of all members of Bethel who have died, but not the names of non-members whose funerals that Pastor Krebill may have conducted. So, if you have names you would like included in the list that day, please call the church office at 843-6663 by **NOON Friday, November 1 to have them included**. This year, we will be projecting names on the screen as part of this remembrance, so that is why it is important to call the church office with the correct spelling AND pronunciation of the name you would like to be included, and also to keep the deadline. Remember, these are the names of those who have died **in the last year**.

Also, again this year, we are inviting worshipers on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to **bring a flower** to place in front of the altar at the processional at the beginning of the service. Bring one flower for each loved one you wish to commemorate. This can be anyone, and does not have to be those who have died in the past year.



### WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

On All Saints' Sunday, we will be welcoming new members into our community of faith. Be sure to check the Gathering Place hallway toward the end of October for pictures and biographies of our new members.

### ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 24

This year our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, **November 24. Immediately following worship at 9:45 AM.** The agenda for the annual meeting includes ministry and staff reports, the election of council and other ministry members, and the presentation of the 2018 budget for congregational approval. Copies of the Annual Report, including the proposed budget will be available in the Gathering Place or in the church office on November 17, one week before the meeting, so that you may have a chance to look over the reports and figures before the meeting.



Several ministry leadership positions are up for election this year. If you are interest in serving on council or in a position of leadership, please contact our congregation president, **Fred Sauvey** for more information.



### REPORTS FOR THE 2019 ANNUAL REPORT BOOKLET ARE DUE

If you have a ministry report to be included in the 2019 report booklet which will be distributed in advance of the Annual Meeting in November, please email it to Gail in the church office at [bethelstaff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bethelstaff@sbcglobal.net). Deadline for reports is **Tuesday, October 15**.





# Bethel's Annual Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner Returns!

**Adults - \$12**  
**Ages 7-13 - \$6**  
**Ages 6 and**  
**under - Free**

Take-outs  
Available

***Saturday, November 2, 2019***  
***4:30 – 6:30 PM***

Tickets on Sale October 13, 20, 27  
In the Gathering Place



## BETHEL'S FIFTH ANNUAL STRONGSVILLE CITY JAZZ SWING BAND CONCERT

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 20, 2019, 3:00 p.m.**

**The Strongsville City Jazz Swing Band** is one of the most versatile big bands in the Cleveland area, playing everything from jazz classics to swing music from the big band era. The fine musicians who make up the band bring a variety of musical experience to their performances that include entertaining at Playhouse Square, The Front Row Theater, Kenley Players, and The Coliseum. Some members of the band have performed with some well-known ensembles, including The Glenn Miller Orchestra, Warren Covington, Buddy Rich, Louie Bellson, Jimmy Dorsey big bands, and the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra. The band performs during the summer as part of the Strongsville Community Band Summer Concerts and in other area communities. During the winter the band has been featured at a number of Cleveland area high school jazz festivals and will, on occasion, play for some dances.

The Strongsville City Jazz is co-directed by **Ken Mehalko and James Wonnacott**. Ken founded the band in 1992. He is retired from the Strongsville City Schools where he successfully directed the high school band for 29 years. Formerly, he was Director of Athletic Bands at Baldwin Wallace College. Presently he directs the Strongsville Community Band.

James Wonnacott is also a graduate of Baldwin-Wallace. He retired from the Strongsville City Schools in 1996 where he had success teaching at Center High School. He has performed with the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra and has with singer, Al Martino. On June 27, 2011 Jim performed with the Jimmy Orchestra at Lake Chautauqua, New York. From July 13-15, 2016 he performed with THE PLATTERS playing five shows over the three days. He is the founder and former Musical Director of the Baldwin-Wallace College (now University) Alumni Jazz Orchestra. Awards include the 2009 B-W Conservatory Alumni Achievement Award, the B-W Alumni Association Merit Award, and inclusion in the Euclid High School Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Achievement Hall of Fame. Currently he is the Music Director of the Cleveland TOPS Swingband.

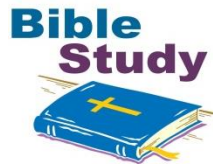


Junior  
toured  
Dorsey

Vocalist **Cindy Smith** complements the band with her refreshing vocal renditions of many pop favorites.

These musicians donate their time and talent and love to come to Bethel to play in our acoustically live space. All proceeds from a free-will offering will go to **Middleburg Early Education Center's "Marilyn Edwards Scholarship Fund"**.

Please mark your calendar and come out on **October 20th** to enjoy the concert and support a worthy cause. Bring a friend! A time of refreshment and fellowship will follow.



**New Adult Bible Class Begins Oct.6, 8:30 and 11:30am  
"Publicly Sharing Our Private Faith"**

**Or**

**"I Love to Tell the Story, But..."**

This new adult class has been designed for all believers in Christ, no matter their Bible know-how or spiritual experience, who would like to be able to share their faith with others. The primary idea will be that God only expects us to give to others what He has first given us. We share what we know best, what we have experienced by God's grace. What we consider the most intimate aspects of our faith may have been given to us by Jesus to help others.

Each gathering will begin with a psalm in which the psalmist shares with his fellow-believers his own private experience with God, encouraging them that this same God will be just as good to them. Then, there will be a brief study of what the New Testament teaches about "being a witness." Finally, those who wish will share with the others how God has blessed their lives, either Biblically or experientially. Each person will be provided an opportunity to share God's love with those who love them.



The Northeastern Ohio Synod of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
invites you to attend the ordination of

**Christina Marie Krnac**  
Into the Ministry of  
Word and Sacrament

Saturday, November 2, 2019  
10:30am

Parma Lutheran Church  
5280 Broadview Rd  
Parma, OH

You are invited to stay for a light  
luncheon directly following the service  
in the church Fellowship Hall



# HOLIDAY

## CRAFT WORKSHOP

### 2019

We will be having our 13<sup>th</sup> annual **Holiday Craft Workshop on Saturday, November 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** This will be held at Bethel in the fellowship hall. This is for any children **ages three through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.** There will be 12 craft stations and a cookie station. We ask that you sign up as soon as possible. Due to limited space, we only have room for 50 children. We also need to have an adult or older sibling stay with the children you sign up, for any assistance they may need. We need about 26 people to work the tables. You can register your child, child's friend, family friends or grandchild by filling out a registration form in the Gathering Place. There is a brown envelope in the kiosk with the forms in it or you can call Jackie Bailey and register over the phone or through e-mail. **The registration deadline is Sunday, November 3. You must pre-register for this workshop. No walk-ins will be accepted.** If you are interested in helping or have any questions please contact Jackie Bailey at 440-842-5034 or [jackiembrailey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jackiembrailey@sbcglobal.net).

### Financial Steps for the Grieving

After a loved one dies, taking care of the financial aspects can be overwhelming. Here are five steps to make it more manageable:

1. Gather key financial documents: will, trust, other estate records, life-insurance contracts, current bank/brokerage/retirement accounts, birth and marriage certificates, vehicle titles, mortgage or deed documents, and others.
2. Assemble a financial support team including your financial professional, an accountant, an attorney, and a trusted family member or friend.
3. Review how your income and expenses may change.
4. Cancel, transfer, or change these items in your loved one's name: credit cards, driver's license, vehicle title, membership, subscriptions, and social-media accounts.
5. Notify necessary organizations and agencies about your loved one's death: health/life/auto insurance, Social Security Administration, banks, creditors, the three credit-rating agencies, and the Veterans Affairs (if a veteran).

*Re: Thrivent Magazine, September 2019, page 17*

Note: While the above steps are for family members upon the death of a loved one, let this also be a reminder to get your "Bethel Funeral Plans" document to Pastor Krebill.





## October Birthdays and Anniversaries

|    |                            |
|----|----------------------------|
| 3  | Irene Miller               |
| 4  | Dan Karp                   |
| 4  | Max Reardon                |
| 5  | Wanda Herzog               |
| 5  | Wayne & Carol Derschau     |
| 6  | Doris Smith                |
| 10 | Inge Schuster              |
| 11 | Jackie Bailey              |
| 11 | Laura Elewski              |
| 11 | Courtney Kolomijez         |
| 12 | Will Karp                  |
| 13 | Jeanne Whitsel             |
| 14 | Jim & Jackie Kottke Bondor |
| 15 | Cliff Riedel               |
| 16 | Charles Stanislav          |
| 17 | Yvonne Camp                |
| 18 | Marshall Camp              |
| 19 | Dan & Merri Karp           |
| 22 | Tyler Zwolenik             |
| 29 | Carolyn Riedel             |
| 29 | Charles & Janet Stanislav  |
| 30 | Gary Einheit               |




## November Birthdays and Anniversaries

|    |                        |
|----|------------------------|
| 2  | Eileen Miller          |
| 3  | Marty Cool             |
| 3  | Bradshaw Rescola       |
| 5  | Alan Nemerovsky        |
| 7  | Joyce Lange            |
| 7  | Pam Ciccarello         |
| 7  | Bridgett Bartlett      |
| 8  | Konrad Stiene          |
| 9  | Abby Whitsel           |
| 15 | Rose Carradine         |
| 17 | Dick Larson            |
| 19 | Talia LoPiccolo        |
| 20 | Del Drier              |
| 21 | Mark Pamer             |
| 23 | Alan Bobrosky          |
| 28 | Eleanor Olschewski     |
| 30 | Marshall & Yvonne Camp |

# October 2019

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed                                 | Thurs   | Fri   | Sat   |
|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|
|    |  | <i>1</i><br>Lectionary Bible study 10am<br>Al-Anon 8pm   | <i>2</i><br>Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm  | <i>3</i><br>Al-Anon 10am<br>Bible Study 11am<br>GFF 7PM   | <i>4</i><br>AA 8:00pm   | <i>5</i><br>Men's Bible Study 8am   |
| <i>6</i> Adult Class 8:30 & 11:30am<br><br>Life Together 9am<br>New Member class 8:30am<br><br>Worship 9:45am<br><br>FaithX – 6 PM                                 | <i>7</i><br>“The Book of Romans” Adult Class 7 PM  | <i>8</i><br>Lectionary Bible study 10am<br>Men's Luncheon 11:30am<br>Council Meeting 7pm<br>MEEC Trustees Mtg 6:30PM<br><br>Al-Anon 8 pm | <i>9</i><br>Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm  | <i>10</i><br>Al-Anon 10am<br>Bible Study 11am<br><br>GFF 7pm                                    | <i>11</i><br>AA 8:00pm  | <i>12</i><br>Men's Bible study 8am  |
| <i>13</i><br>Adult Class 8:30 & 11:30 am<br>Life Together 9am<br>New Member class 8:30am<br>Worship 9:45am<br>FaithX Outing<br>Haunted Hayride<br>GP in use 12-5pm | <i>14</i><br>“The Book of Romans” Adult Class 7 PM | <i>15</i><br>Lectionary Bible study 10am<br><br>Ladies Luncheon 11:30 am<br><br>Al-Anon 8pm  | <i>16</i><br>Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm | <i>17</i><br>Al-Anon 10am<br>Bible Study 11am<br><br>GFF 7pm                                    | <i>18</i><br>AA 8:00pm  | <i>19</i><br>Men's Bible Study 8am  |
| <i>20</i><br>Adult Class 8:30 & 11:30 am<br>Life Together 9am<br>New Member class 8:30am<br>Worship 9:45am<br><b>MEEC Jazz Concert 3 PM</b><br>FaithX – 6 PM       | <i>21</i><br>“The Book of Romans” Adult Class 7 PM | <i>22</i><br>Lectionary Bible Study 10am<br><br>Al-Anon 8 pm   | <i>23</i><br>Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm | <i>24</i><br>Al-Anon 10am<br>Bible Study 11am<br><br>GFF- Birthday dinner & Halloween dance 7pm | <i>25</i><br>GP in Use 5-9 pm<br><br>AA 8:00 pm                                       | <i>26</i><br>Men's Bible Study 8am  |
| <i>27</i><br>Adult Class 8:30 & 11:30 am<br>New Member class 8:30am<br>Life Together 9am<br>Worship 9:45am<br><b>REFORMATION SUNDAY – wear red worship</b>         | <i>28</i><br>“The Book of Romans” Adult Class 7 PM | <i>29</i><br>Lectionary Bible Study 10am<br><br>Al-Anon 8 pm   | <i>30</i><br>Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm | <i>31</i><br>Al-Anon 10am<br>Bible Study 11am<br><br><b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN!</b>                    |  |  |

# November 2019

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thurs  | Fri   | Sat   |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS THIS MONTH—</b><br><b>Turn clocks back on Nov 2.</b><br><b>1 hour after midnight</b>   |  |                          |   |  | <b>1</b><br>AA 8:00pm   | <b>2</b> Men's Bible Study 8am<br>GP in use 2-7pm<br>Pork & Sauerkraut dinner 4-6:30PM              |
| <b>3</b><br><b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b><br>Adult Class 8:30 & 11:30 am<br>New Member class 8:30am<br>Life Together 9am<br>Worship 9:45am<br>FaithX – 6:00PM | <b>4</b><br>“The Book of Romans”<br>Adult Class 7 PM                              | <b>5</b><br>No MEEC classes<br>Parent/Teacher Conferences.<br>Lectionary Bible study 10am<br>Al-Anon 8pm  | <b>6</b><br>Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm                              | <b>7</b><br>Al-Anon 10am<br>Bible Study 11am<br>GFF 7pm                                    | <b>8</b><br>No MEEC classes<br>Parent/Teacher Conferences.<br>AA 8:00pm<br>Set-up for craft workshop in FH 5-8 pm | <b>9</b> Men's Bible Study 8am<br>GP in Use 11:30am-4pm<br><b>Holiday Craft Workshop 9am – 1 pm</b> |
| <b>10</b><br>Adult Class 8:30 & 11:30 am<br>New Member class 8:30am<br>Life Together 9am<br>Worship 9:45am   | <b>11</b><br>“The Book of Romans”<br>Adult Class 7 PM                             | <b>12</b><br>Lectionary Bible study 10am<br>Men's Luncheon 11:30am<br>Council Meeting 7 pm<br>Al-Anon 8pm | <b>13</b><br>Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm                             | <b>14</b><br>Al-Anon 10am<br>Bible Study 11am<br>GFF – 7 pm                                | <b>15</b><br>AA 8:00pm  | <b>16</b><br>Men's Bible Study 8am  |
| <b>17</b><br>Adult Class 8:30 & 11:30 am<br>Life Together 9am<br>Worship 9:45am<br><b>Annual Meeting after worship</b><br>FaithX – 6:00PM                | <b>18</b><br>“The Book of Romans”<br>Adult Class 7 PM                             | <b>19</b><br>Lectionary Bible study 10am<br>Ladies Luncheon 11:30 am<br>Al-Anon 8 pm                      | <b>20</b><br>Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm                             | <b>21</b><br>Al-Anon 10am<br>Bible Study 11am<br>GFF<br>Thanksgiving & Birthday Dinner 7pm | <b>22</b><br>AA 8:00pm  | <b>23</b><br>Men's Bible Study 8am  |
| <b>24</b><br>Adult Class 8:30 & 11:30 am<br>Worship 9:45am   | <b>25</b><br>“The Book of Romans”<br>Adult Class 7 PM<br><b>Last Class</b>        | <b>26</b><br>Lectionary Bible study 10am<br>Al-Anon 8pm   | <b>27</b><br><b>MEEC</b><br>Classes start<br>Thanksgiving break | <b>28</b><br><b>THANKSGIVING DAY!</b><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>                       | <b>29</b><br>AA 8:00pm<br><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>   |                |



**Have a Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving!!**

