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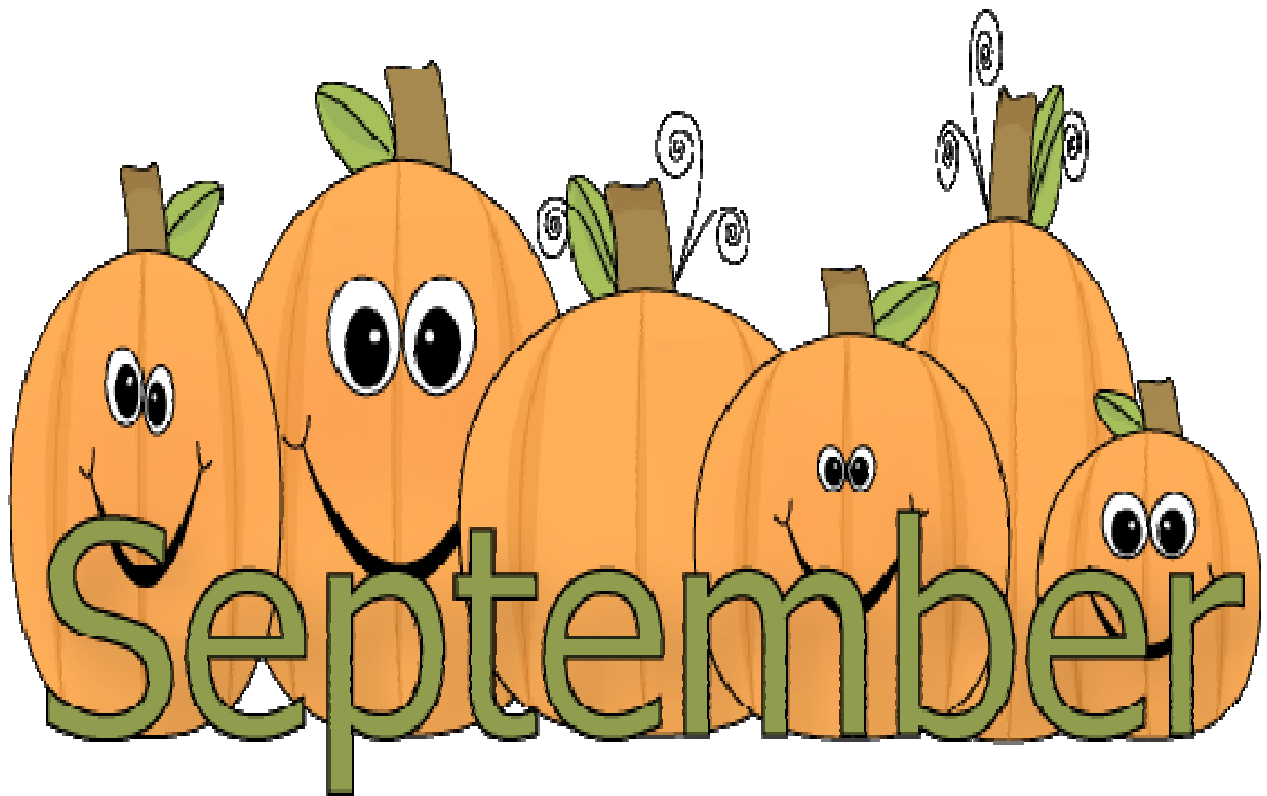
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*RSS = Regular Sunday Schedule (begins 9/8)

Worship @ 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Life Together @ 9:45 AM

September 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 *SSS</p>	<p>2 Office Closed</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 PM MEEC Parent Night in FH</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 AM Al Anon</p>	<p>6 7:45 PM Northern Ohio Railway Museum</p> <p>8:30 PM AA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>8 *RSS</p> <p>**FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE RESUMES</p> <p>2:00 GP in Use</p>	<p>9 9:00-12N Library Work Day</p> <p>MEEC in-service NO CLASSES</p>	<p>10 MEEC CLASSES BEGIN</p> <p>10:00 AM Lectionary Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Council Mtg.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 AM Al Anon</p> <p>7:00-8:30PM GFF in FH</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:30 PM AA</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>15 *RSS</p>	<p>16 9:00-12N Library Work Day</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 AM Lectionary Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Intern Committee Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00 AM Al Anon</p> <p>7:00-8:30PM GFF in FH</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30 PM AA</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>22 *RSS</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>23 9:00-12N Library Work Day</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00 AM Lectionary Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Adult Bible Study in GP</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00 AM Al Anon</p> <p>7:00-8:30PM GFF Birthday Dinner in FH</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:30 PM AA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>29 *RSS</p> <p>2-6:00 PM Grace Hospice Memorial</p> <p>6:00 PM Faith Explorers Parents Meeting</p>	<p>30 9:00-12N Library Work Day</p>					

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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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September 15th***

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 and fellowship events and volunteer opportunities. This newsletter is meant to be an information tool of **Bethel Lutheran Church** where we serve together as a family in Christ.

The *BeTheLight* welcomes contributions and letters. Copy written 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

Brian Krajewski, Pamela Misischia, Charlotte Karpinecz, Noreen Harbart, Denise Podsiadlo, Carl Burgess, June Shepherd, Carol Spensley, Robert Hintze, Marie Link, Tom Powers, Lynn Kostura, Blaise Ipsaro, Beth Vanadia, Donald O'Dell, Gary Baratko, Janet Sopko, Clifford Riedel, Jr., James Craciun, Donna & Bob Breska, Irene Peters, William & Eleanor Olschewsky, Warren Burgess, Linda Harshman, Julius Nemeth, Rev. Robert Novak, Luise Dorr,
Arthur Burgess

PERSONS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND

Lilo Frey ~ Alma Schmidt~ Ruth Jeckel ~ Ann Zupan~ Dorothy Myers~ Johanna Wismar ~ George Schwark~Velma Wolff

*Please keep these friends in your
thoughts and prayers*



Bethel Welcomes Vicar Lucas Merritt

This year Bethel welcomes our second intern Lucas Merritt, his wife Anna, their four children and a nephew who lives with them part time. Vicar Lucas will spend a year learning all the ins and outs of becoming an ELCA pastor. He attends Trinity Seminary in Columbus and will return in August, 2014 to complete his studies. After graduation he will be available for a call to a congregation.

Vicar Lucas comes from Columbus, Ohio and graduated from the Ohio State University with a BSBA in Transportation and Logistics. Anna has a degree in Social Work and a BS in Nursing. She currently works at Barberton Hospital.

Their children are Isabella, age 12, twins Zara and Adin, age 9, Kareena, almost age 4 and nephew, Mark, age 14. Isabella, Zara, and Adin attend Akron Public School Miller South School for the Performing Arts. Kareena starts her second year of pre-school. Mark attends Litchfield Middle School. (These are the statistics. You will have to listen to Vicar Lucas and Anna brag about their children's accomplishments!)

Vicar Lucas and his family live in Akron and he will be commuting to Bethel.

Our mission is to assure Vicar Lucas has all the support he needs to grow in his service, his pastoral identity, and his faith in our Lord.

(This blessing is being funded by the special bequest from Walter Busch)

Here are some FAQs about internship...

- **So, we're getting another seminary intern. So, what's the big deal? It's going to be exactly like our year with Vicar Daryl was, isn't it?**
- Well, some of it will be the same. Like Vicar Daryl, Lucas Merritt comes to us after two years of study at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus. He will be with us for one year, from the end of August 2013 through August 2014 when he will return for his senior year of seminary. And also,
- just as it was with Vicar Daryl, our goal is to give Lucas as many experiences as possible in all areas of ordained ministry. These will include preaching, planning and leading worship, teaching people of all ages, pastoral care including making shut in and hospital visits and various administrative tasks. He will also have an opportunity to participate in ministries beyond our congregation such as Cleveland West pastors meetings, synod ministries, and even possibly going to camp with our youth. Lucas already has a history of serving and taking his family to Camp Mowana.

- **So, What will be different this time?**

Well, one thing is that Lucas just turned 36, so that means he is eleven years older than Vicar Daryl. He is married and he and his wife, Anna have four children of their own, plus a nephew they are helping to raise. They live in Akron where Anna is a nurse, and Lucas will be commuting from there each day to Middleburg. Another difference is that Pastor Krebill already knew Lucas before he was assigned to us as an intern because Pastor has been Lucas' contact person on the candidacy committee since he began the process two years ago.

1. But one thing that is the same is that Lucas will be here to help Pastor, right?

- Nope...that's not it at all. Although he will certainly have occasion to perform ministry tasks on his own, everything that he does will be under Pastor Krebill's supervision. The truth is, we are all here to help Lucas. As part of the supervision process, just as he did with Daryl, Pastor Krebill will meet with Lucas weekly to offer guidance and reflect theologically on what has happened in the past week. Trinity Seminary has stressed that the supervisor/intern role is one of the most important parts of the internship experience.

2. I've heard there is an intern committee, too. What will they do?

- This group has the responsibility to meet monthly with Lucas to check in and discuss the intern experience from Lucas's point of view. This group will offer a completely different mentoring role and so Pastor will not be a part of these meetings. Some of the members are returning from Daryl's committee and some are new.

3. I have a wonderful idea for something for our intern to do....How do I approach him to give him my idea?

- You don't... because he is an intern and not an assistant pastor. If you have a wonderful ministry idea, you should bring it to president Fred Sauvey or any council member, just as you are free to do at any time.

4. What part can I play in contributing to a positive intern experience for Lucas and our congregation?

- Be yourself – be welcoming, kind, patient, loving and inviting to Lucas, just as you were to Daryl, recognizing that Lucas is a different person.
- React and respond to Lucas in the same way you would to Pastor but also...
- Be sure to keep in mind that Lucas is also a student still learning about how to be a pastor and how he will live that out.
- Remember that Lucas is being introduced to parish ministry by what we show him as people of Christ in this place

GREETINGS FROM Justin Caithaml...



It is a pleasure to be joining the music team at Bethel this fall! I am currently a senior Music Education major at Baldwin Wallace University, where I am completing my student teaching experience starting this September. Choral music has always been a large part of my life, and have taken an interest in conducting since coming to BW. Last summer, I participated in a Chamber Choir experience at Westminster Choir College, which allowed me to study choral music and conducting with the Director of Choral Activities, Dr. Joe Miller. In addition, I am also interested in the Orff-Schulwerk approach to music education and just completed my Level One certification earlier this summer. I am currently the Co-Founder and Executive Director of SMART, Shaping Music and Reading Together, a student-led and directed organization that creatively combines literacy and music instruction for elementary students in the Akron Public Schools. I am really looking forward to working with the choir and can't wait to get to know the rest of the congregation!

FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE RESUMES SEPTEMBER 8



On Sunday, September 8 we will return to our Fall/Winter schedule of worship at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. On that day, our fall parish education activities also resume. Here is what is happening:

SUNDAYS, 9:45-10:45 AM LIFE TOGETHER CLASSES FOR ALL AGES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 8

Classes will be offered for ages 3 through adults, and classroom assignments will be made on the first week of class.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS TO STUDY ROMANS

“Luther and Wesley’s understanding of faith was revolutionized by the book of Romans. How about yours?”

In the year 1513 an Augustinian vicar named Staupitz stepped down from his teaching position at Wittenberg College, Germany, and assigned a very troubled and religious young monk under his care to take his place. The plan was that the monk, who literally spent hours confessing his sins, terrified by the realization that he hated God, would find peace with God through studying and teaching the Scriptures. The monk, Martin Luther, was radically changed while studying and teaching Paul’s letter to the Romans. This was the beginning of the Reformation.

Over 200 years later, on the evening of May 24, 1738, another very troubled and religious young man, who had just returned to England from a failed missionary journey to the Colonies, attended a Moravian meeting, where Luther’s Commentary on Romans was read. John Wesley’s life was radically changed that night. It was the beginning of the Methodist Revivals.

What is so powerful about Paul’s letter to the Romans is that it does not so much answer the questions we are asking; instead, it challenges our religious assumptions. What we think we know, without reading and studying Scripture, may lead us into religious confusion. Paul challenged the religious directions into which people of all times and cultures fall. His words changed Martin Luther, John Wesley, and it can still revolutionize us.

Starting *Sunday, September 8* come join us in the Gathering Place conference room at 9:45 for a group discussion of the first 8 chapters of Paul's Letter To The Romans.



INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT MEMBERSHIP AT BETHEL?

Also beginning Sunday, September 8, group meetings will be offered during the LIFE Together time for those who are considering membership at Bethel. Visitors who have been joining us at worship and our other activities, but who have not yet made the commitment to "membership" have been invited to come for 6 meetings, which will be held in the sanctuary in the space just to the left of the altar area as you face the front of the church. Letters of invitation have been sent to all of our visitors. If somehow we missed you or you would like to know more about membership, please contact Pastor Krebill at 843-6663. At the end of the class those who wish to join this community of faith as "members" will be invited to do so on All Saints' Sunday, November 3

FAITH EXPLORERS PARENTS' MEETING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 29

On Sunday, September 29, parents of new and returning FAITH EXPLORERS students are invited to an orientation meeting, which will be held in our Gathering Place at 6 PM. FAITH EXPLORERS, or FAITHX, is our ministry to middle school aged youth grades 7 and 8. . Large group meetings for all FAITHX students will begin Sunday, October 6

FAITH EXPLORERS teaches Luther's Small Catechism with an emphasis on relationships, adult volunteers, group participation, and "exploring faith" rather than on using an academic "school model" for relating to young teenagers. FAITHX also hopes to strengthen relationships with parents and move the emphasis back to the home as the primary place where faith is learned. If you did not receive a letter of invitation, and you have a student, grade 7 or 8 who would like to participate, please contact Pastor Krebill.



LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES. BEGINNING ON TUESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 10th,

from 10:00 - 11:15 A.M. in the Gathering Place conference room, Pastor Krebill will be teaching a Bible Class which will focus on one or more of the three lessons designated for the following Sunday. This study is open to all Bethel members and friends and 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 TUESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY STARTS SEPTEMBER 24

- WHAT:** A course for adults studying Paul's letters to the Corinthians and led by Vicar Lucas Merritt.
- WHEN:** On **eight Tuesday evenings, 7:30 -9:00 PM, starting September 24 and running until December 3.**
- WHERE:** Meeting in the Gathering Place conference room
- WHO:** In 1 and 2 Corinthians we find correspondence from the apostle Paul to the early church in Corinth. Paul's letters to this church provided guidance—for persons new to the faith as well as those growing in faith—about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. These letters continue to provide guidance to us today, as we face many of the same “big questions” as the early Christians, such as:

- +Whose am I?
- +What then am I?
- +It's not all about me?
- +What will I be ultimately?
- +How do I achieve this glory?
- +What can I do here and now?
- +What is my response to God's grace?

- HOW:** Fill out an enrollment form found in “News and Views” or on the desk in the Gathering Place and place in the offering plate or return to the church office by Sunday, September 14 so that you can receive a participant's book before the first night of class. **Enrollment is limited to 10 persons to facilitate discussion and participation by all.** If you have any questions, see Vicar Lucas.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our congregation is run by volunteers. This November we will be electing another set of council and committee people to carry on the mission of our church. Please consider the opportunity to volunteer to run for a position. Please speak to Fred Sauvey if you are interested.

President	(3 yr term)
Secretary	(3 yr term)
Education	(3 yr term)
Worship	(2 yr term)
Service	(1 yr term)
Trust & Endowment	(3 yr term)
MEEC	(3 yr term)

Life Together News



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2013 RECAP - SONWEST ROUNDUP

Thank you to everyone who participated in making our SonWest Roundup a wonderful success! We had 42 children, about 9 adults each night in the adult class and 43 volunteers throughout the week. About 74% of the children who attended VBS were non-members. We served about 383 people dinner over the five days. We had an amazing week together enjoying dinner, learning bible stories about Jesus, playing games, making crafts and snack time. We would like to thank all of the teachers and helpers who made this week possible. Our Vacation Bible School program continues to be a great outreach to our community!

VBS Director:	Jackie Bailey
Preschool Class:	Jenny Cajka (Helpers: Lisa Fuseck & Deb Feuerstein)
Kindergarten Class:	Merri Karp (Helpers: Eliza Karp, Amber Strobel & David Weaver)
1st - 3rd Grade Class:	Carol Krajewski (Helpers: Becky Rescola & Angel Karr)
4th - 6th Grade Class:	Holly Nicholas
Adult Class:	Jackie Kottke, Cindy LoPiccolo, Fred Sauvey & Alan Bobrosky
Decorations:	The Karp Family
Photography & Video:	Lindsay Bailey
Assembly Leader/Skits:	Pastor Krebill, Vicar Daryl, Lindsay Bailey, Alina Bondor, Mitchell Harshman & Will Karp
Trading Post Crafts:	Jennifer Geraci (Helpers: Rob & Kayla Geraci, Georgia Bobrosky, Alina Bondor, Lauren Einheit, Elizabeth Johnson, Eliza Karp, Lynn Reardon, Amber Strobel & David Weaver)
Wild West Games:	Russ Bailey (Helpers: Cory Gray, Mitch Harshman, Will Karp, Summer Nicholas, Max Reardon)
Saddle Up Snacks:	Jeanne Whitsel (Helpers: Eric & Johanna Whitsel & Jackie Gray)
Dinner:	Judy Bailey (Helpers: Diane Hail, Mary Sefik & Jeanette Yanuzzi)

Thank you to everyone who helped set up the Sunday before VBS and to everyone who stayed afterwards on Friday evening to help clean up. (We were done cleaning up in less than an hour WOW!!)

A special thank you to everyone who made donations of food and money! We could not have done all of this with out all of your donations. If you would like to view the power point presentation from this years VBS you can access it at Bethel's website, <http://www.gobethel.org/>. Thanks again, see you all next year. If you like to plan ahead next year's VBS dates are August 4 - 8, 2014.

Jackie Bailey

GOD'S FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS

"We're having ice-cream-and-fudge cake!" drew applause and cheers from the 80 members of God's Faithful Followers (GFF) at their July 25th party. GFF is an inter-denominational group of adults with developmental disabilities who share fellowship each month at Bethel Lutheran Church (Middleburg Heights).

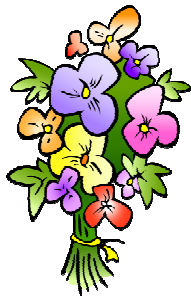
The GFF church ministry shows that everyone benefits when those with disabilities are welcomed into local neighborhoods, workplaces, houses of worship, and schools. Especially worthy of note are local businesses who contribute to GFF gatherings and other community events. The yummy cake that made the evening so special was donated by Dairy Queen (West Sprague Road, Parma). For DQ's generosity this year and many before, GFF members and the volunteer staff say, "Thanks, Laura and Dave and your DQ team."

FALL CHOIR

Choir rehearsal resumes on Wednesday, September 4 at 7:30pm. If you can contribute your gift of music to our worship, please join us! Please contact Erika Haskell with questions (erikah15@yahoo.com/ 216.409.9037). Hope to see you there!



Happy Birthday



September Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Michael Salem~M/M Saverne Maszczynski 1967
- 4 Edmund Harbart
- 6 John Hudak~Mary Stiene~M/M John Riehl 1969
- 7 Gerald Neumann
- 9 Robert L. Pickens, Sr.
- 10 Maria Salmen
- 12 Nancy Kuder~M/M Gary Einheit 1987
- 13 M/M Fredrick Holtz 1968
- 14 Hannah Zwolenik
- 16 Sharon Vasil
- 17 Marilyn Brown
- 18 Ardane Ross~M/M James Foster 1965~M/M Larry Sommerfeld 1971
- 19 Jim Bondor~M/M Konrad Stiene 1959
- 21 Ian Rescola~M/M Timothy English 1996
- 29 Laura Zwolenik~Beth Strobel
- 23 Julius Nemeth~Ann Zupan
- 24 Dorothy Reinker~Karl Yanuzzi~Nathan Haskell
- 25 Edward Salem
- 26 Gail Gold~Jane Salem~Kayla Geraci~M/M Bradshaw Rescola 1998~
M/M RobertGeraci 1992
- 27 Beatrice Hovanec
- 28 M/M Eric Whitsel 1996
- 30 Alice Forsthoffer

Happy Anniversary