

Bethel Lutheran Church, ELCA

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April Evangel Newsletter

(Coronavirus/COVID-19 Information)

Dear Members of Bethel:

This article is written to inform you about Bethel's response to the on-going outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in our nation and world. **All worship services and church-related activities are cancelled until at least April 9th**, which is Maundy Thursday of Holy Week.

Please know that I will continue to provide a Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. worship broadcast on radio station 92.3 FM.

I appreciate your support of this decision, as I feel it expresses our concern and love for each other within the body of Christ and throughout the world. This is the right decision for us at this time.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers all those affected by this coronavirus, their loved ones, and also all who are now or will be providing medical care and assistance to the sick.

Please continue to support Bethel's staff and leaders with your prayers, and to keep your "financial stewardship" current by either mailing your weekly offerings to the church or by dropping them into the offering box outside the office door, **Monday through Thursday, by noon**. Our financial obligations need to be met. Bills and salaries will need to be paid. **Your support is crucial.**

May God bless us all as we continue to pray for one another and to place our trust in God's comforting and ever-present love and support. May we remain concerned for one another, especially those who are most vulnerable and at risk during this difficult time.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Maki

The church doors will be closed at noon Mondays through Thursdays, and all day on Fridays.



Maundy Thursday - April 9 at 7:00 pm

Holy Communion Worship

Good Friday - April 10 at 1:00 pm

Bethany Lutheran Church, Ishpeming

Easter Vigil - April 11 at 6:30 pm

Candlelight & Holy Communion Worship

Easter Sunday - April 12 at 8:00 & 10:30 am

Holy Communion Worship



Good Friday Service

We are continuing to partner with Bethany, Trinity and Faith Lutheran Churches for Good Friday worship.

This year, we will be joining with them at Bethany Lutheran at 1:00pm on April 10.

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Bell Choir: Lucas Wickstrom - 204-6800 - lucas@Lucas.net

Sunday School: Jennifer Juntunen - BethelSS@yahoo.com

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about.

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until **March 31, 2020**, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to Bethel Lutheran Church. This does not reduce the value of your personal accounts.

Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

March 14 & 15 – Worship Attendance: 108

Treasurer's Report

March 14 & 15: Actual = \$ 4781* / Budget = \$5,540 / 87%

Year-to-date: Actual = \$ 56,736* / Budget = \$ 60,940 / 94%

*inc. Lenten Offering Envelopes - \$240 / total to date = \$1190

*inc. Lenten Midweek Offering - \$314 / total to date = \$1133

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Monday, April 27 at 7:15pm

A meeting of the Year 2 Confirmand Parents will be held to discuss and plan the Confirmation banquet, which is scheduled to be held on Monday, May 11. Confirmation Sunday is May 17.



Churchmen's Breakfast & Devotions

Saturday, April 11 at 8:00 a. m.

U.P. Health Bell cafeteria

April in Youth Ministry

Youth Group meets regularly for 5th-12th grades from 6-7:30 pm on Sundays unless otherwise noted below.

Please pay particular attention to special activities in **bold** as they are on different days/times or for different age groups than regularly scheduled Youth Group.

Please contact Heather when there are sporting events, music performances, plays, etc. she can attend in support of Bethel's youth!

Sunday, March 22—Online Youth Group 6-7:30 pm
We will meet from home via Zoom video! I'll be in the youth room at church and have some things planned for us to do and talk about. Please email me at BethelYouth333@gmail.com for the link to and instructions for our meeting.

Sunday, March 29—Online Youth Group 6-7:30 pm
We will meet from home via Zoom video! I'll be in the youth room at church and have some things planned for us to do and talk about. Please email me at BethelYouth333@gmail.com for the link to and instructions for our meeting.

****Please stay tuned as April youth group plans are subject to change****

Sunday, April 5—Online Youth Group 6-7:30 pm
We will meet from home via Zoom video! I'll be in the youth room at church and have some things planned for us to do and talk about. Please email me at BethelYouth333@gmail.com for the link to and instructions for our meeting.

Sunday, April 19—Youth Group: Echo the Story—Ruth 6-7:30 pm

Sunday, April 26—Youth Group Pool Party 12:30-3:30 pm
RSVP to Heather by Sunday, April 19
We will meet at Bethel and carpool to the Holiday Inn in Marquette. Please remember to pack: your swimsuit and towel, a set of clothes to change into, a snack to share (but not Cheetos) and a bottle of water.

Remember us on Social Media

Like us on Facebook: Youth at Bethel Lutheran Church Ishpeming
Follow us on Instagram: @BethelYouth333



We will focus on just one type of kit each month, beginning in April, with the Baby Care Kits.

Bringing a baby into the world can be a difficult and scary thing for a mother living in poverty. Keeping a new baby healthy, clean and comfortable takes a lot of resources. The items included in a Baby Care Kit provide the basics a family needs to care for their new members in a way they hope! Worry will always be present for all parents, but having some essentials allows them to enjoy and get to know their little ones and introduce them with pride to the world.

Especially needed at this time to complete our kits are:

- ~ lightweight cotton t-shirts (no onesies)
- ~ long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers without feet
- ~ receiving blanket, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or knit/crocheted in light-weight yarn, 36" to 52" square
- ~ cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- ~ hand towels, dark color recommended

Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) can be substituted for new. Checking out rummage sales or thrift stores can be of help!
Place the items in the container mark "LWR Kits" in the hallway.



The traditional \$20 coin folders that we have used for years are no longer available, so we are using a LENTEN OFFERING ENVELOPE which has been mailed out to you along with the Lenten Brochure.

You are encouraged to give 50¢ a day during the season of Lent (\$20.00) as a part of your Lenten journey.



Monday, April 27 – 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Contact/Appointment Information:
Laura K. – 869-0970 / Linda W. – 204-0852

Walk-ins Welcome!

The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Donate blood.
Your blood circulates through the Upper Peninsula.



Serving Us in APRIL

Acolyte & Nursery Schedule				
Date	Day	Time	Acolyte	Nursery
April 12	Sunday	10:30	Robbie Mechling	Caleb Waterman
April 19	Sunday	10:30	Jayne Burke	Ava Gustitis
April 26	Sunday	10:30	Bryce Harsila	Robbie Mechling

Offering Tellers: Kay Tupala & Vickie Voegtline
(April 12 – 26)

Van Drivers

April 12 – Duane Palomaki
April 19 – Earl Eliason
April 26 – Gary Thibeault

Van Maintenance

Steve Laitinen

Kitchen & Nursery Workers

Caller for April – Carol Brown

Kitchen

April 12 Julie Luehmann & Laura Kantola
April 19 Loretta & Brian Niemi
April 26 Connie Kangas, Nicole O'Brien & Carol Brown

Matt Kitto passed away on March 15.
A graveside service is scheduled for the spring.
Please keep his loved ones in your prayers.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of *Laurabelle Mahoski* from:

David & Arlene Van Kley
Kathy & Al Sundine
Paul & Arlene Rosten
Scott & Denise Perry
Harlen & Nona Heikkila
Jim & Jayne Anderson
Neil & Mary Rundman

~for Social Ministry from Paul & Julie Luehmann



Paul Raihala

Nancy Mattson

Paul Luehmann

Eileen Fosterling

Steven Boase

Cathy Nelson

Hannah Elizabeth Tahtinen

Kevin Stanek ~ Iron Mountain

Nancy & Chuck Johnson ~ Brooklyn Park, MN

Jeanne Torma ~ Minneapolis, MN

Carol Lundy ~ Branson West, MO

Tara Stream ~ Manitowoc, WI

Matt Barron

John Kamppinen

Lowell Anderson

Lisa Junak

Darren Smith

Radio Broadcast Sponsors

February 23: In memory of Marie Giuchin from Steve & Elaine Giuchin.
March 8: In celebration of Emily Torma's 95th Birthday with love from her family.
March 15: In memory of Tyne Ronnquist from Steve & Elaine Giuchin.

March 30 Pauline Laroen

- 1 Blake Baehr, Kelly Miller,
Taryn Moyle, Sharon Mutka
- 2 Lacy Miller, Amy Uuro, Beatrice Williams
- 3 Lacey LaCosse, Jackson Williams
- 4 Josephine Carlson, John Juntti, Crystal Ostlund
- 5 Eileen Brooks-Laitinen
- 6 Chad Outinen, Andrea Reynolds, Keelia Solomon-Lundwall,
Jessica Thibeault
- 7 Chelsey Laitinen
- 8 Lacy Johnson, Claude Kautz
- 10 Rory Heikkila, Judith Mattson, Anita Sandberg
- 11 Jacob Eagling, Steven Heikkila, Jacqueline Hewitt, Linkin Stine,
- 12 Linda Asmund, Tami Ketchem, Derek Mahoski
- 13 Ronald Erickson, Kathryn Kulju
- 14 Isabella Martell, Keira & Kyle Waterman
- 15 Krystal Foreman, Steve Giuchin, Michael Nelson, Amber Rautio,
Ashley Talus
- 16 James Davey, Betty Heikkinen, Sam Hillman, Morgan Oja, Vicki
Ostlund, Hunter Perry,
- 17 Mason Davey, Barbara Johnson, Canaan LaParche
- 18 Jacob Adriano, Judith Niemi, Colton Solomon-Lundwall
- 19 Adalyn Etelamaki
- 20 Branden Billings, Paul Lucas, Kevin Roberts, Bill Terres, Blake Verellen
- 21 Robert Anttila Sr, Niilo Nykanen, Ryan Paull, Jaks Williams
- 22 Barbara Kratz
- 23 Tina Brewer, Jacob Hakala, Lois Talus, John Tremethick
- 24 Robert Emanuelson, Christopher Magnuson, Doug Pohlman
- 25 Jim Holli, Kirra Peterson, Kristina Poirier
- 26 Riley Borkovec, Leon Lampi, Grayson Salonen
- 27 Andrea Hallfrish, Leah Miller, Morgan Nelson, Denise V. Perry,
Margo Rantanen, Jocelyn Selmsen
- 28 Dawn Heikkila, Gary Nicholas, Devin Rice
- 29 Benjamin Hodges
- 30 Anna-Liisa Kautz, Cece Korpi, Mary Lou Laine, Lana Maki, David Rodda

