

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP INFORMATION INSIDE!



Reformation

October Evangel

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
333 East Ridge Street, Ishpeming, MI 49849
Pastor Lauri O. Maki – ext. 302 (home: 485-1778)

Touched by Grace, We Respond

There are many stories about people, rich and poor, who give so generously that we are amazed. Once, two seminary professors accompanied a group of students on a trip to Jamaica. On the trip, a poor, shabbily dressed woman approached one of the professors, told him she was hungry, and asked if they had anything to eat. One of the professors had a slice of bread left over from lunch and gave it to her. She walked over to the curb and sat down with a friend. Carefully, she broke the bread into two pieces and gave half to her friend. She didn't have much but she shared from what she had.

In church some of the most generous givers are the people who have the least. They give, not only according to their means, but beyond their means. It's absolutely amazing what Jesus Christ does to human hearts who know in their own experience that he gave himself for them. Overwhelmed with thanksgiving, they simply can't give enough to others. But let no one think that such gratitude is seen only among the poor. The generosity of some wealthy people is astonishing also. Somehow, they have never forgotten that all they have is a gift from God, particularly God's indescribable gift of Jesus Christ. Rich, poor, or of moderate means, if we have been touched by the grace of Jesus Christ, we will respond.

Estimate of Giving and Time & Talent forms will be mailed the week of October 26. We will dedicate them on Stewardship Sunday, November 8, at both the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship services. Please make every effort to complete them and to return them in person or by mail as soon as possible so that they may be included in the dedication.

Remember, stewardship is not something we "have to do." Stewardship is something we "get to do." We give, because God first gave to us. God gave his son, Jesus, to be an example of the extent of his love for you and me. He gave at a sacrificial level. He gave his life! Because he gave to us, we give to God our time, our talents, and our treasures. Blessed to be a blessing, we are a people who know the Good News of what God in Christ has done for us and who are willing to pass it on.

May our God-given blessings be used in mission and in service to others. May we continue to be touched and overwhelmed again and again by the grace of God to be God's faithful stewards.

Thank you for your joyful response!

Pastor Maki

Christmas Eve Worship

Christmas Eve Worship Services are scheduled for 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 p.m. with seating limited to 75 people. Reservations will need to be made indicating your top two choices and the number of people attending in your party. We will contact you if your first choice is not available.

This, of course, is a change from what we are accustomed to. We will make every effort to accommodate you and hope you will understand. The usual candle lighting ceremony will not be included this year.

To reserve your seats, you may contact the church office in the following ways:

Church office phone #: 906-485-5533 (leave voicemail)

Church Email: bethellutheran333@yahoo.com

Address: 333 E. Ridge St., Ishpeming MI 49849

Sign-up sheet on the counter in the church office



- 1 Payne Etelamaki, Kayleigh Laitinen, Christian Roose
- 2 Spencer Giroux, Alysha Nelson
- 3 Paul Clark, Brandon Decremer, Gail Frustaglio, Harlen Heikkila, Betty Kjellman, Tony Mariuzza, Denise Uuro
- 4 Gary Thibeault
- 5 Carol Holmgren, Shirley Luoma, Diane L Poirier, Greg Quayle, Derrick Rice, Ellen Tippett
- 6 Allyson Lancour
- 7 Karissa Cittadino, Katherine Gray, Daniel Nelson, Shaun Riutta,
- 8 Wanda Dolkey, Trevor Fowler, Marla Riutta, Lindsey Stangenwald
- 9 Derek Helsten, Emma Johnson, Ruth Thibeault
- 10 Larry Annala Jr, Miah Giotto, Nancy Isaacson
- 11 Aubrey Talus
- 13 Jane Mariuzza
- 14 Lyla Burke, Zachary Cittadino, Derek Collar, Lorraine Contreras, Eiley Garceau
- 15 Kathy Annala, Cody Kugler
- 16 Jeffrey Anttila
- 17 Allison Eagling, Carly Ostlund, Brett Rautio, Laura Roberts, Kurt Rundman, Michelle St. Amour
- 18 Samantha Dymond, Kevin Hodges, Wanda Meier, Bonnie Wainio, Pamela Waterman
- 19 Louis Gembolis, Sara Maher
- 20 Carrie Anttila, Tanner Linares
- 22 Bud Hart, Pastor Tom Wickstrom
- 23 Brittany Ferrett, Greg Mahoski, Matt Penrose
- 24 Jean Eliason, Sharon Villeneuve
- 25 Scott Mann, Zachary Sandberg, Adam Uuro
- 26 Linda Chapman, Charles Kulju, Bruce Laakso, Alvin Luokkala, Abby Walimaa
- 27 Maddie Beaudry, Melissa Perry
- 28 Joan Alongo, Braden Duke, Lorraine Mutka, Jim Williams
- 29 Zachary Heikkila
- 30 Joyce Anderson, Keith Ferrett Jr, Dennis Korpi

Christmas Eve—Mail in Form

Time	How Many People	Print Family Name	Circle Choice
1pm			1 2
3pm			1 2
5pm			1 2
7pm			1 2
9pm			1 2

Please contact the office prior to Christmas Eve if you cannot attend at your reserved time.

Worship Attendance

September 27: 54 - October 4: 73 - October 11: 60 - October 18: 77

Treasurer's Report

Sept. 20- Oct. 18: Actual = \$21,964 / Budget = \$27,700 / 79%

Year-to-date: Actual = \$205,472 / Budget = \$232,680 / 89%

If you cannot attend church, please don't forget to mail your offerings to
Bethel Lutheran Church, 333 E Ridge St., Ishpeming, MI 49849

Tellers for November: Katie Barron & Margo Rantanen

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

- November 2 – Year 1 Confirmation
- November 9 – Year 2 Confirmation
- November 16 – Year 1 Confirmation
- November 23 – Years 1 & 2 TEST

Cancellations due to COVID-19

- Thanksgiving Eve Worship
- Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner
- Cookie Walk

Giving Tree and Food Baskets (see 'Please Help' note)

Please Help

Covid-19 is having an effect on our Thanksgiving and Christmas programs. For Christmas, instead of having the Giving Tree and food baskets, we will be giving gift cards.

A Social Ministry envelope is enclosed with this newsletter. Please consider contributing so that the committee will be able to purchase the gift cards.



Congratulations to the following young people who have recently been welcomed to receive their First Communion:

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| Hayden Jean Freudenstein | Kyle Benjamin Waterman |
| Marshall Thomas Knapp | Keira Kay Waterman |
| Jaks Thomas Williams | |

God's blessing to all of you!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of **John (Yogi) Carlson** from:

Michael & Kathy Eliason John & Mavis Wiitanen

In Memory of **Darrell Peltier** from Karen Champion

In Memory of **John Juntti** from:

Mark & Sharon Soave Carol Brown

In Memory of **Jean Magnuson** from

Charles & Sharon Anderson	Bruce Chapman
Ryan & Debbie Brouillette	Diane L Poirier
Deborah Circle	Clare Champion



Rachel Lee Anderson and Bradley Allen Perala were united in marriage on September 26.

Congratulations and God's blessings on your marriage!



September 27
June 25

Jean Ellen Magnuson; service held October 1
Janice Knudsen Wick, nonmember;
service held October 16

October 14
October 19

John Rudolph Juntti Jr; service to be held
Leona Elaine Peterson; service to be held

God bless their memory among us.

On Sunday, November 1st, we will be remembering the members of Bethel who have passed away since last All Saints' Day.



Carol Jean Roberts
Steven Howard Harsila
Jean Alice Warlin
Shirley Susanna Borg
Susan Marie Vahama
Matt Armis Kitto Jr

John Edward Heidemann
Pastor Douglas Keith Pohlman
John Edward Carlson
Jean Ellen Magnuson
John Rudolph Juntti Jr
Elaine Leona Peterson

MEETINGS (masks required)

Endowment Fund: Wednesday, October 28, 5:00pm
Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 6:30pm



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