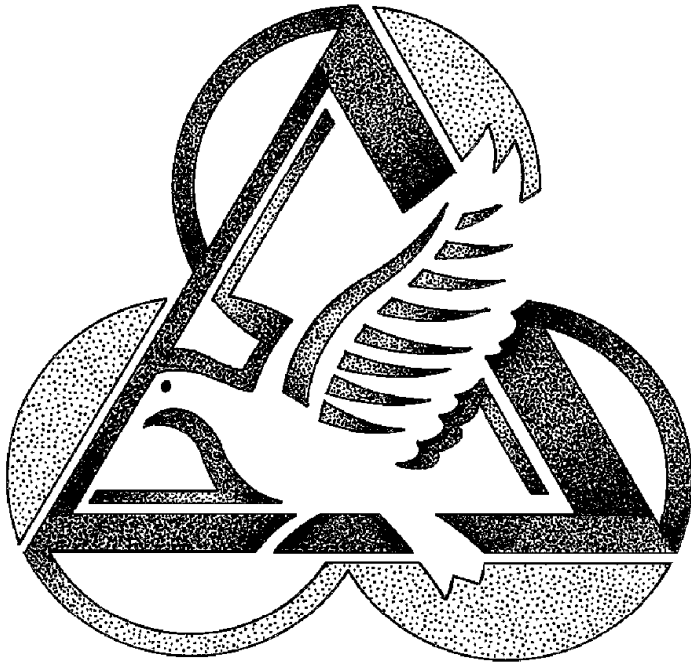


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The grace of the
Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of **God,**
and the communion
of the **Holy Spirit**
be with all of you.
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June Evangel Newsletter

Dear Members of Bethel:

After nearly 28 years of service as your pastor, I have submitted my resignation effective July 31st, 2021.

After much prayer for the discernment of God's will, I decided to retire after 40 years of ordained parish ministry; all in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. My first official day of retirement will be August 1st.



As pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church, I have been truly blessed and honored to work together with you in ministry and mission in Christ's name. I will always treasure you in my heart and hold fond the memories of our partnership in the gospel.

Be assured that God will guide and lead you into the future as you continue to share the faith through word and deed. The Holy Spirit will continue to be with you to strengthen and guide you as you begin the process of calling another pastor to Bethel. You will always remain in the good and gracious hands of God.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of being your pastor for so many years. You have been a blessing to me, Lois, and our family. After July 31st, I will no longer be available for pastoral duties at Bethel. A new pastor will soon be among you to live, serve, and shepherd you as you transition into the future together. Love and support him or her, as you did us, and you will both be blessed.

May God bless each of you as you continue to be faithful servants of the Lord.

With gratitude to God for you,

Pastor Maki

RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

May 2 – In celebration of our 57th Wedding Anniversary on April 4 from Steve & Elaine Giuchin (broadcast did not work that Sunday)

May 9 – In memory of brother Bob Eliason and niece Julie Eliason from Bernie & Anita Mattila

May 16 – In loving memory of Amelia Champion from her family

May 23 – In memory of our parents, Impe & Leonard Saari and Margaret & Oiva Kinnunen, from Shirley & Frank Kinnunen

DEATHS

May 1 – Judith Steede; passed away November 1

May 19 – Ida ‘Emily’ Torma; passed away May 13

God bless their memory among us.

BAPTISM

May 23 – Crosby Gardner Bess, son of Robert Bess & Janelle Turino.

Congratulations and God bless Crosby

In Memory of **Robert Eliason** from Nancy Mankee

In Memory of **Kathy Wirtala** from Bill & Julie Stream

In Memory of **Dennis Korpi** from Bill & Julie Stream

In Memory of **Barbara Johnson** from Ruth Doney

In Memory of **Ida (Emily) Torma** for Social Ministry from:

Diane L. Poirier

Nancy Kamppinen

Rosalie Kempainen

Francis St. Andre

Kathy Gilbertson

Harlen & Nona Heikkila

Joyce Larson

Karen Marietti

Michael Lesica

Barry Grant

Elaine & Jack Zimmer

Dale Watters & Pam Bessola



Thank you for all the expressions of sympathy at the loss of Barbara Korpi from her family.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Tuesday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m.
Missionary Hall – Facemask required

Treasurer's Report

May 2 – May 23: Actual = \$21,096 / Budget = \$22,224 / 95%

2021: Actual = \$105,761 / Budget = \$116,676 / 91%

Please don't forget to mail your offerings to
Bethel Lutheran Church, 333 E Ridge St., Ishpeming, MI 49849

Offering Tellers for June: Ron Oja & Joyce Anderson



The following 5th Grade students received their instruction in May on the **Sacrament of Holy Communion**:

Lukas Finn Barron

Mitchell Arthur Knapp

Derek Daniel Perry

Sam Russell Hillman

Kurt Allen O'Brien

Michael Christopher Terres

Affirmation of Holy Baptism/Confirmation

These students were confirmed on May 16:

Ava Clair Gustitis

Bryce Matthew Harsila

Caleb Scott Waterman



2021 Fall Fest
Fortune Lake Camp
 Saturday, October 2

- * *live in-person auction of hand-made quilts*
- * *Country Store with hand-made items*
- * *Drawing-Raffle to win prizes and gifts*
- * *Silent virtual auction featuring quilts and other hand-crafted items (Sept. 2-Oct. 2)*
- * *Tentative brunch and bake sale*

Fortune Lake is accepting donations of items for the auctions, 'Draffle', and Country Store. All items must arrive at Fortune Lake by September 1 and have the donation form attached. The donation forms are located in the church office on the counter.

For Our Grads

The late singer John Denver once gave a commencement speech at his old high school. "The best thing you have to offer the world is yourself," he said. "You don't have to copy anyone else. If you do, you're second best." He recalled how, after high school, he went to Texas Tech intending to become an architect. "But I quit to become a singer," he said. "Not one person said I was doing the right thing. But I knew, deep down inside, I was born to sing to people. Singing is the most joyful thing in the world for me. It's what's inside you that counts. And if it's not what you want to do, don't do it. Listen to yourself. You'll always know what's right. Listen to that voice. That's how you'll find success as a human being. Don't be afraid to be who you are."

- adapted from The Sourcebook of Wit & Wisdom

High School Graduation Recognition

Sunday, June 6 at 10:30 a.m.

If you are a graduate this year, please gather in the Missionary Hall downstairs at 10:15 a.m. in order to enter the sanctuary together.



Grounds Maintenance

For the week of:

May 23	Warren Heikkila	Aug 1	Earl Eliason
May 30	Steve Nurmela	Aug 8	Gary Thibeault
June 6	Brad Nelson	Aug 15	Bud Hart
June 13	John Solomon	Aug 22	Marc Hillman
June 20	Todd Penrose	Aug 29	Warren Heikkila
June 27	Marv Kantola	Sept 5	Harlen Heikkila
July 4	Harlen Heikkila	Sept 12	Mike Vial
July 11	Mike Vial	Sept 19	John Wiitanen
July 18	John Wiitanen	Sept 26	Bud Hart
July 25	John Ostlund		

Some Questions to Ponder

Do you ever reflect upon the fact that Jesus feels proud of you? Proud that you accepted the faith he offered you? Proud that after he chose you, you chose him for a friend and Lord? Proud that you haven't given up? Proud that you trust he can help you?

Do you ever think that Jesus appreciates you for wanting him, for wanting to say no to so many things that would separate you from him? Do you ever think that Jesus is grateful to you for pausing to smile and comfort one of his children who has a great need to see a smile, to feel a touch?

Do you ever think of Jesus being grateful to you for learning more about him so that you can speak to others more deeply and truly about him?

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- 20 Amanda Butler, Nancy Kamppinen
- 21 Debra LaMere
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- 24 Parker Brewer, Dan Etelamaki
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