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
Deadline for the October-November 2018 BeTheLight is September 17th

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.

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

PERSONS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND
Bob Breska~Viola Dase~Alice Forsthoffer ~Jan Harmon~Esther Johns Jean Kellmer~Helmut Link ~Marie Link~Phil Long

Please keep these friends in your thoughts and prayers.
SPECIAL STEWARDSHIP EVENT COMING TO BETHEL THIS FALL

This fall at Bethel Lutheran Church, we will be combining our Annual Stewardship Campaign for our congregation’s budget with a campaign to retire debt from the parking lot and lighting projects. The theme for the campaign is:

“Strengthening our faith, growing God’s mission.”

The subtitle and goal of this campaign is:

Bethel’s commitment to prepare for tomorrow and retire debt.

The theme comes from Jeremiah 29:11, which says

11For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

The event will begin on Sunday, October 7, where The Rev. Dana Peterson, from the ELCA’s Mission Investment Fund’s Capital Campaign Services, will be our special guest and speaker, helping us kickoff this campaign. He will work closely with us throughout this endeavor. The event will conclude with Commitment Sunday on November 11. We need you to help keep the momentum going here at Bethel. Each person has a role in helping carry out the ministry work that God has called us to. Please join us in this endeavor. Please find a way to be involved. Please pray for this campaign effort. More information will follow at the end of September.

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES.

Beginning on Tuesday morning, September 11th, from 10:00 – 11:15 A.M. in the Gathering Place conference room, Pastor Krebill will be leading a Bible Class which will focus on one or more of the three lessons designated for the following Sunday. All are welcome to attend and the class 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 ADULT CLASS OFFERED ON MONDAY EVENINGS THIS FALL
“How Lutherans Interpret the Bible”

This fall, Pastor Krebill is also offering a new 7 week adult class on Monday evenings, starting September 10 and going until October 22, meeting in the Gathering Place a 7 PM. The topic of the class is “How Lutherans Interpret the Bible” and will include video presentations from Dr. Mark Powell, Bible professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus. Come join us for discussion and insights about the unique Lutheran perspective on Biblical interpretation. All are welcome.

Brightening the Day for Hundreds
Since its start in 2016, Bethel’s Adopt-a-Member ministry has sent hundreds of get-well, thinking-of-you, have-a-nice-day, sympathy, encouragement, birthday, and anniversary cards to people who are on the prayer list, home-bound, in nursing homes, sick, downhearted, hospitalized, in rehab, in the military, at college, and visitors. Current team members: Jayne Cool, Kathy Maszczynski, Sandra Matlack, and Ray Herzog. To add someone to our list of people to whom we send inspiring cards, see Ray Herzog.

The Middleburg Heights Food Pantry is looking forward to the splendor of fall leaves. The pantry is requesting boxed breakfast cereals, easy prepare breakfast foods, dried beans, flour and sugar. Anything beyond these requests are always greatly appreciated.
Dear Bethel friends,

As you have seen in News and Views and heard in the announcements, Blue Star Mothers OH Chapter 26 will be holding a pasta dinner on Saturday, September 15 at American Legion #421, Fairview Park.

I qualified to join Blue Star Mothers when Bryan was deployed last year. BSM supports families of deployed, deployed service members and veterans. Box shipping to the deployed is one of our most important and continuous activities. The shipments reach soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen and women around the world. Every letter and note that comes back from one of these service people reinforces just how necessary and appreciated this effort is to the recipients. I would even call it an act of ministry.

Our purpose is to raise funds for the care package initiative for deployed active duty military members. Approximately 30 to 40 boxes are sent alternating months around the world. Occasionally we are fortunate to have corporate-sponsored employee donation collections of box contents items. However, typically the cost to the Chapter is a minimum of $300 for contents which includes needed but not accessible items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap and other personal care and/or hygiene products. Books, magazines and puzzle books are included with writing utensils, notepads and greeting cards to enable the soldiers to stay connected with family and friends. The most requested item from those deployed is food; therefore, the majority of box space is filled with granola bars, oatmeal packets, crackers, popcorn, cookies, water flavoring packets, applesauce cups, macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, gum and hard candies. As you can see from the list, the $300 per shipment allowance does not wholly cover the expense and our membership personally supplements with additional donations. Once the boxes are packed and processed for shipping, the postal cost is $17.35 per box. When multiplied by the 30 to 40 boxes, the total is between $500 and $700.

Clearly, the expense is significant. More importantly, the need is great. As Blue Star Mothers, we are extremely proud of our sons and daughters who serve and have served. We also know firsthand the demands and difficulties. We hope to make the deployment of each service personnel a bit more comfortable while honoring their sacrifice and dedication with a reminder that they are not forgotten when they receive a care package.

Additionally, the area businesses have been extremely supportive and there are incredible raffle prize opportunities, if you choose to participate. Thank you for your consideration in support for our service men and women and we hope you will be able to join us!

Sincerely,

Pam Ciccarello

Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.
Please join Blue Star Mothers of America Ohio Buckeyes Chapter 26 at a Pasta Dinner to raise funds for the Care Package Initiative For Deployed Active Duty Military

We look forward to your support as we work together to try to make the deployment of each service person a bit more comfortable while honoring their sacrifice and dedication with a reminder that they are not forgotten when they receive a care package.

HELP SUPPORT AMERICA’S SONS & DAUGHTERS

LOCATION: American Legion #421, 22001 Brookpark Rd. Fairview Park
DATE: Saturday, September 15, 2018
TIME: 4:30 - 7:30 pm
DINNER TICKETS: Adults $10
Seniors 65 & Better $8
Children 12 & Under $5
Under 2 Years Old - FREE

RAFFLES!
Tickets available at this event for your chance to win fabulous prizes!
Cash bar available

Special thanks to American Legion #421, Fairview Park for their generous support.
Birthdays and Anniversaries

2  Michael Salem
2  Sy & Kathy Maszczynski
4  Ed Harbart
6  Mary Stiene
6  John Hudak
6  Donnette Ipsaro
6  John and Bev Riehl
7  Gerald Neumann
9  Bob Pickens
10 Maria Salmen
12 Ron Zelina
12 Nancy Kuder
12 Gary & Lauren Einheit
13 Danny Kilkenny
13 Fred & Anita Holtz
14 Hannah Zwolenik
16 Sharon Vasil
17 Marilyn Brown
18 Ardane Ross
19 Jim Bondor
19 Konrad & Giesela Stiene
21 Ian Rescola
22 Laura Zwolenik
22 Beth Strobel
24 Karl Yanuzzi
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