

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA  
333 EAST RIDGE STREET  
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**Evangel ~ APRIL 2024**

Some of you have asked me (Pastor Tim) about adult education opportunities. Locally here at Bethel we have our weekly Bible study (Tuesday mornings 11am-noon) as well as women's circle studies. Our synod offers Faith Formation classes



FOR FREE several times each year with various offerings. Sign up for one of those classes- almost all done via zoom so you can join right from your home. Some of these are evening zooms so available to those who work during the day. Our synod has also offered a Lenten Kaleidoscope challenge study the past few years, again with evening zoom meeting times. There are also free opportunities from one of our ELCA seminaries, LSTC (lstc.edu) called 'learning communities.' Check out the different opportunities you have as a part of a church that goes way beyond the walls of Bethel. An occasional additional opportunity will also be offered here at Bethel- check out the announcement about a book study below...

\*\*\* **Adult Book Study-** Come discuss together the book Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley. We will meet from 6:30-7:45pm in the fireside room at Bethel: Tuesday, April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21. At our first session we will get to know each other and discuss the first 8 chapters of the book (up through page 85). FYI, if you want to hear more from the author she will be speaking Thursday, April 25 at 12 noon at the Gogebic Community College, Lindquist Center.

\*\*\* **Guitar Group-** Bring a guitar, or we can share, and join in on a once monthly gathering to play guitar together. Bring songs to share that you think we could all try learning. Pastor Tim will bring some camp songs. All abilities welcome. We will gather on the following Mondays following Bethel's Monday night worship service (so 6:35ish to 7:45) in the front of the Bethel sanctuary. If you happen to have a spare guitar to share with someone who needs one, talk to Pastor Tim (tdjohnst@gmail.com). We will meet in 2024 on the following dates (any changes will appear in subsequent announcements): April 15, May 20, June 10, July 22, August 26, September 16, October 28, November 18, December 16.

\*\*\* Pastor Tim will be away for vacation April 16-22. If you are in need of immediate pastoral care during this time, please contact Pastor Steve Solberg at 906-458-2145.

# Financial Report

2024	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF
YEAR-to-DATE	\$47,858	\$48,301	99%



<https://tinyurl.com/BethellshpGiving>

← Download the Vanco mobile app!

If you prefer, mail your offerings to:  
Bethel Lutheran Church  
333 E Ridge St, Ishpeming, MI 49849



**Boiler Financial Update – We have met our goal!!!  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!**

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## April Meetings

Tuesday, April 9 – 6:30pm – Church Council

Thursday, April 11 – 6:30pm – Property Committee

Monday, April 22 – 10am – WELCA (all women are welcome)

Wednesday, April 24 – 2pm – Outreach Committee

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## Confirmation

Saturday, April 6 – 9am-12pm at Bethany Lutheran Church,  
Republic. The carpool leaves promptly at 8:15am!

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For the meeting on March 12 ~



### **Council Highlights**

- Boilers installed and inspected by the State of Michigan
- Met our goal of congregation contributions for the boilers
- Discussed pulpit supply needs for remainder of 2024 (Pastor Tim vacation/continuing ed coverage)
- Updated committee membership lists
- Discussed the meeting held by Ishpeming ELCA congregation leadership (see brief article in this newsletter)

# FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP RETREAT

Grades 7 – 12

Evening of April 19 to afternoon of April 20.

The weekend will feature familiar camp favorites like songs, games, campfire, hot saunas, Bible studies and more. This one-night retreat is great for both longtime campers and those just trying it out for the first time. The theme, "Here I Am," will explore your God-given gifts and how you are called to use them. Talk to Pastor Tim if you are interested in attending. The cost to you will be \$20.

Adult chaperones are encouraged to help build community with the kids. A Soul-Shop training, addressing suicidal desperation, will be offered free for adults on Saturday morning. All the information can be found at [fortunelake.org/event/jr-sr-high-retreat/](http://fortunelake.org/event/jr-sr-high-retreat/).

Don't forget about the Congregation Day for Bethel  
on Thursday, June 27.

Scholarships are available from Bethel.

If you need help in registering, please talk with Pastor Tim.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday/Monday Food Pantry

Reminder to bring in non-perishable food to church on April 7 & 8<sup>th</sup>. Please place the items in the grocery cart in the hallway. The items are given to St. Vincent DePaul.

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## Lutheran World Relief

### PERSONAL CARE KITS:

- 1 light-weight bath towel (max. 52" X 27"), dark color recommended
- 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

## Have you signed up yet for the Congregational Day Visit to Fortune Lake?

The staff at Fortune Lake has a full day of activities planned for our congregation's visit to the camp on **Thursday, June 27** - games, Bible study, craft project, beach time, and of course, camp songs. A picnic lunch will be provided by the camp. This special event is for children, youth and adults - so plan to be there. All attendees must complete a registration form (available in the church office). This must be completed and turned in at the church office or to Mary Poirier by Thursday, June 6. We already have a few people signed up, so we hope to add your name to the list.



### JOIN US! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
520 US 41, Negaunee

JUNE 10-14  
MONDAY - FRIDAY  
9 A.M TO NOON



DON'T MISS THE FUN:  
MUSIC, BIBLE STORIES,  
GROUP GAMES, FOOD,  
ARTS & CRAFTS AND  
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



Ages: Toddlers through Grade 5

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR  
WEBPAGE [WWW.IMMANUELNEGAUNEE.ORG](http://WWW.IMMANUELNEGAUNEE.ORG),  
EMAIL [PPATRON@AOL.COM](mailto:PPATRON@AOL.COM)  
CALL OFFICE 906-475-9161 OR EMAIL  
[OFFICE@IMMANUELNEGAUNEE.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@IMMANUELNEGAUNEE.ORG)

REGISTER BY MONDAY, APRIL 22

# MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Lucille Heliste** from Diane L Poirier and Eileen Brooks-Laitinen

In Memory of **Judy Hodges** from Diane L Poirier, Paul & Robyn Altobello, Eileen Brooks-Laitinen, Joyce Larson, Dave & Patt Holli

In Memory of **Stan Uitto** from Diane L Poirier, Scott & Denise Perry, James & Marge Scopel, Terri Smith, Mary Ann St Andre, William & Mary Gustitis, Michael Richards, Scott & Kris Rasmussen, Kathy & Dan Doney, Jackie & Paul Healey, Laura & Marv Kantola, Ellen & Marvin Flack, Dawn & Gary Annala, Bob Antilla & Kathy Stratton, Jerry & Karen Plaisier

For the Boiler Fund:

In Memory of **Bruce Pantti**, (my step-brother) from Clare Champion

In Memory of **Dennis Kari** from Neil and Mary Rundman

In Memory of **Norman Pennala** from Barbara Pennala

In Memory of **Judy Hodges** from John & Mavis Wiitanen, Neil & Mary Rundman, Ed & Lou Ouellette, and Shannon Junak

In Memory of **Stan Uitto** from John & Mavis Wiitanen, Neil & Mary Rundman, Ed & Lou Ouellette, and Shannon Junak

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## **RADIO SPONSOR**

March 3 – In memory of Emily Torma on her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday from her family.

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## **Welcome Visitors!**

Matt Barron and Caleb Waterman

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**Faith Lutheran Church**  
Free Community Chili Supper  
Thursday, April 18, at 6:30pm

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The Fortune Lake Annual meeting is Sunday, April 28 at 3pm (2 central). Our current delegate, Amy Poirier, will be up for election to the board! Bethel can have a second delegate. Are you interested? Talk to Amy or Pastor Tim.

## ELCA Ishpeming church leaders meeting:

The Council Presidents and Vice Presidents of the four Ishpeming Lutheran churches (Bethel, Bethany, Faith, and Trinity) along with their clergy have met twice in the month of March to discuss potential ways the four congregations can continue and possibly expand on their shared ministry. Kay Tupala and Julie Penrose are Bethel's representatives in the group.

The success of the joint Advent and Lenten services stimulated this group to meet, along with the reality that all congregations are facing or anticipating challenges with meeting the needs of their individual congregations, including volunteer engagement.

At this time we are focusing on ways our congregations can work together to serve our community and how we can engage our members in relevant activities without over-stressing the volunteer needs of each church. (For example, have a meaningful activity at Bethel and invite all four churches to participate, including volunteers from each church).

The group plans to meet at the end of April to continue to discuss how best to serve the ELCA community in Ishpeming. Feel free to contact Kay Tupala or Julie Penrose with questions.

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Maundy Thursday – March 28 at 6:30pm  
Worship with Holy Communion & Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, March 29 at 6:30pm  
at Bethel Lutheran Church, Ishpeming  
Community Tenebrae service – 'It Is Finished'

Easter Sunday  
Worship at 10 a.m.  
No worship service on Monday

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## Daily Devotions

	<b>Apr 1-6</b>	<b>Apr 8-13</b>	<b>Apr 15-20</b>	<b>Apr 22-27</b>
<b>Mon</b>	Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24	Psalm 135	Psalm 150	Psalm 95
	Genesis 1:1-19	Daniel 3:1-30	Jeremiah 30: 1-11a	1 Samuel 16: 1-13
	1 Corinthians 15: 35-49	1 John 2:3-11	1 John 3:10-16	1 Peter 5:1-5
<b>Tue</b>	Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24	Psalm 135	Psalm 150	Psalm 95
	Genesis 1: 20—2:4a	Daniel 6:1-28	Hosea 5:15— 6:6	1 Chronicles 11: 1-9
	1 Corinthians 15:50-58	1 John 2:12-17	2 John 1-6	Revelation 7: 13-17
<b>Wed</b>	Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24	Psalm 135	Psalm 150	Psalm 95
	Song of Solomon 3:1-1	Isaiah 26:1-15	Proverbs 9:1-6	Micah 7:8-20
	Mark 16: 1-8	Mark 12:18-27	Mark 16:9-18	Mark 14:26-31
<b>Thu</b>	Psalm 133	Psalm 4	Psalm 23	Psalm 22:25-31
	Daniel 1:1-21	Daniel 9:1-19	Genesis 30: 25-43	Amos 8:1-7
	Acts 2:42-47	1 John 2:18-24	Acts 3:17-26	Acts 8:1b-8
<b>Fri</b>	Psalm 133	Psalm 4	Psalm 23	Psalm 22:25-31
	Daniel 2:1-23	Daniel 10:2-19	Genesis 46:28— 47:6	Amos 8:11-13
	Acts 4:23-31	1 John 2:26-38	Acts 4:1-4	Acts 8:9-25
<b>Sat</b>	Psalm 133	Psalm 4	Psalm 23	Psalm 22:25-31
	Daniel 2:24-49	Acts 3:1-10	Genesis 48:8-19	Amos 9:7-15
	John 12:44-50	Luke 22:24-30	Mark 6:30-34	Mark 4:30-32

***‘Outreach’ cookie & bar trays*** will be delivered to Holiday Gas and Willey’s Tires on Monday, April 8. Donations of baked goods are requested to be at the church by 10:00am that day.



## Liturgy and the Natural World

Join Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago faculty member Rev. Dr. Benjamin M. Steward for an inspiring 4-part series on nature and liturgy via ZOOM. Sunday sessions begin April 7; Wednesday sessions begin April 10. Register at [LSTC.EDU/EVENTS](http://LSTC.EDU/EVENTS).

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### YOUTH TRIP FUNDRAISER MEAL

**Sunday, April 7 at 11:15AM**



Three Bethel youth and three Bethel adults will be canoeing in the wilderness for a week of growing in faith and community. Please come to support this youth trip and help us raise needed funds.

Tickets can be purchased from the church office or via the form below; place the form and fee in an envelope and put it in the offering plate. Your ticket will be available at the door. You can purchase tickets at the door, but for planning purposes we would appreciate it if you purchase in advance.

Please purchase your tickets soon and join us for this opportunity to support this ministry and those going on this trip (Matt and Lukas Barron; Pastor Tim, Ari and Anders Johnston; Bud Hart).

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### YOUTH TRIP FUNDRAISER MEAL

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets @ \$20 each: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

# Serving in MARCH



**Offering Tellers:** Ann Giroux & Julie Penrose

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## SUNDAY DRIVERS

April 7 – Earl Eliason

April 14 – Bud Hart

April 21 – Curtis Pauline

April 28 – Duane Palomaki

A ride is available in Ishpeming & Negaunee for the 10:00am Sunday worship service. Call the office by noon on Fridays to sign-up.

Voicemails will not be heard until Monday morning.

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## 9:00am Sunday Coffee in the Fellowship Hall

April 7 – Becky Abendroth

April 14 – Katie Barron & Julie Stream

April 21 – Loretta & Brian Niemi

April 28 – Connie Kangas & Nicole O'Brien



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## Lay Preaching Opportunity

As part of your pastor's rest, renewal, and education, Pastor Tim is away sometimes for vacation and other times away working on your behalf either for continuing education or with people from Bethel (for example- a youth trip). This means there are times when someone else needs to lead worship as well as preach. In 2024 we plan to sometimes have pastors or deacons lead worship and preach, and sometimes have lay members of Bethel lead and preach. Might you be interested in preaching and/or leading? Talk to Pastor Tim and we will develop a group to do just that. Training and guidance will be provided.

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- 1 Kelly Miller, Taryn Moyle,  
Sharon Mutka
- 2 Lacy Miller, Amy Uuro,  
Beatrice Williams
- 3 Lacey LaCosse
- 4 Crystal Vanslambrouk
- 5 Eileen Brooks-Laitinen
- 6 Andrea Reynolds, Jessica Thibeault
- 7 Chelsey Laitinen
- 8 Lacy Johnson, Claude Kautz
- 10 Judith Mattson, Anita Sandberg
- 11 Jacqueline Hewitt
- 12 Tami Ketchem, Derek Mahoski
- 13 Kathryn Kulju
- 14 Isabella Martell, Ed Ouellette
- 15 Krystal Foreman, Michael Nelson, Amber Rautio,  
Ashley Talus
- 16 James Davey, Betty Heikkinen, Sam Hillman, Morgan Oja,  
Vicki Ostlund, Hunter Perry
- 17 Mason Davey
- 18 Jacob Adriano, Judith Niemi
- 19 Adalyn Etelamaki
- 20 Bill Terres, Aida Townsend, Blake Verellen
- 21 Robert Anttila Sr, Jacqueline Choate, Niilo Nykanen,  
Ryan Paull, Jaks Williams
- 23 Tina Brewer, Jacob Hakala, Lois Talus
- 24 Eden Ball, Robert Emanuelson, Christopher Magnuson
- 25 Jim Holli, Kirra Peterson, Kristine Poirier
- 26 Riley Borkovec, Grayson Salonen
- 27 Andrea Hallfrish, Leah Miller, Denise V. Perry,  
Margo Rantanen,
- 28 Devin Rice
- 30 Anna-Liisa Kautz, Cece Korpi, Lana Maki, David Rodda