

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
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Evangel ~ MAY 2024

Financial Report

2024	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF
YEAR-to-DATE	\$67,841	\$70,256	96%



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May Meetings

Thursday, May 2 – 6pm – Social Ministry Committee
Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28 – 6:30pm – Narcotics Anonymous
(Pioneer Hall)
Monday, May 13 – 6:30pm – Council (Note date change!)

Confirmation

Saturday, May 4 – one-day retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp.
The carpool leaves Bethel at 8:30am!



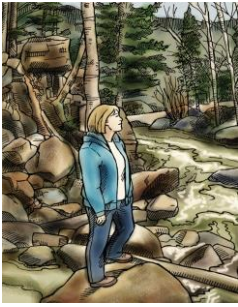
1st Sunday/Monday Food Drive

Reminder to bring in non-perishable food to church on May 5 & 6. Please place the items in the grocery cart in the hallway. The items are given to St. Vincent DePaul.

Wear Red for Pentecost!

Sunday/Monday, May 19/20
We will have a brass quintet and timpani!





Prayerful Hiking – hiking, meditative discussion, prayer and communion. Spread the word to those who are able to hike up a moderate incline. All are welcome. We will have our prayerful hike as we head to a destination where our formal time together will end with communion together. From the destination you are free to hike further on your own or as a group, or you can head back. If light rain, hike will go on. If heavy rain, hike will be canceled.

For 2024 an event will be offered on these dates:

- Sunday, June 9 – 1pm- hiking Hill Street, Ishpeming, to Angeline overlook. Park at the far end of Hill Street. Extended post event hike looping on Epic.
- Sunday, July 7 – 1pm- hiking to top of Sissy Pants overlook. Park at the HOB parking lot/RAMBA trailhead (corner of Malton Rd. and East Division). Extended post hike on Sissy Pants.
- Sunday, August 4 – 1pm- hiking to top of Wabash bluff. Park at the Brasswire Campground, northside parking lot (234 Malton Rd). Extended post event hike past the city water tower.

Questions: Contact Pastor Tim Johnston (tdjohnst@gmail.com)

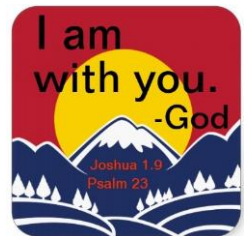
Posters are available if you wouldn't mind putting some up in the Community!

Lay Preacher Class – Tuesday, May 7 from 12:45-4:00pm
Meet in the Pioneer (small) Fellowship Hall

Pastor Tim will be away for vacation May 28-June 3.
If you are in need of immediate pastoral care during this time,
please contact Pastor Steve Solberg at 906-458-2145.

Wherever You Go:

Join us on Sunday/Monday, May 12/13, as we celebrate God with us wherever we go. We will have a short rite, song, blessing, and sending with a sticker for you to place on something you will use frequently this summer. You can place the sticker to remind you that God is with you during all of this summer (and always).



Lutheran World Relief

SCHOOL KITS: each kit contains the following, but you do not have to provide enough for the full kit.

- 4 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approx. 8" X 10½"
 - 1 30-cm ruler, or ruler with cm on one side and inches on the other
 - 1 pencil sharpener
 - 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
 - 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
 - 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
 - 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
 - 1 2½" eraser
 - 1 sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps. No standard backpacks. There is a pattern in the church office if you are interested in sewing some.
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**Have you signed up yet for the
Congregational Day Visit
to Fortune Lake?**



FORTUNE LAKE
A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

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.

'Outreach' cookie & bar trays will be delivered to Jim's IGA and the Shell Gas Station on Monday, May 13. Donations of baked goods are requested to be at the church by 10:00am that day.

Property Clean-up

The property committee is asking for volunteers to an outdoor work-bee to clean up the church property on Saturday, May 4 beginning at 10:00am. If it rains, the bee will be done on the following Saturday - May 11.

Day of Renewal – Spring 2024

Superior Central Conference; Cluster 8
Northern Great Lakes Synod – Women of the ELCA

The Spring program and meeting will be held on Saturday, May 4
at Prince of Peace Church in Harvey.

Registration: 9:30am - Program / Meeting: 10:00am - Lunch: 12:00pm

\$5.00 – payable at registration (checks made payable to NGLSWO)

Please sign up in the church office by Wednesday, May 1.

Supporting the Alger-Marquette Community Baby Shower. Barbie Dupras will speak on how our work and donations help. Monetary offerings or the following new baby items will be accepted: diapers, bibs, crib sheets, burp cloths, toys for 6mo or younger, bottles, books, or anything an infant/new mother may need.

There will be baby shower games with prizes for winners!



The council did not meet in April.

Superior Handbells – “Belles au Naturele

Friday, May 24 at 7:00pm at Messiah Lutheran Church
Freewill offering will be taken



Affirmation of Baptism – Join us at 10am worship on Sunday, May 19 as students who have finished confirmation affirm the promises their parents made in their baptism, expressing desire to keep walking as disciples of Jesus. Students finishing confirmation and desiring to keep walking with us as students and followers of Jesus are: Nora Jo Anderson and Marshall Knapp.

Daily Devotions

	Apr 29-May 4	May 6-11	May 13-18	May 20-25	May 27-Jun 1
Mon	Psalm 80	Psalm 93	Psalm 115	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Psalm 20
	Isaiah 5:1-7	Deuteronomy 7:1-11	Exodus 28:29-38	Joel 2:18-29	Numbers 9:15-23
	Galations 5:16-26	1 Timothy 6:11-12	Philippians 1:3-11	1 Corinthians 12:4-11	Revelation 4:1-8
Tue	Psalm 80	Psalm 93	Psalm 115	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Psalm 20
	Isaiah 32:9-20	Deuteronomy 11:1-17	Numbers 8:5-22	Genesis 11:1-9	Exodus 25:1-22
	James 3:17-18	1 Timothy 6:13-16	Titus 1:1-9	1 Corinthians 12:12-27	1 Corinthians 2:1-10
Wed	Psalm 80	Psalm 93	Psalm 115	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Psalm 20
	Isaiah 65:17-25	Deuteronomy 11:18-21	Ezra 9:5-15	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Numbers 6:22-27
	James 14:18-31	Mark 16:19-20	John 16:16-24	John 20:19-23	Mark 4:21-25
Thu	Psalm 98	----	Psalm 33:12-22	Psalm 29	Psalm 81:1-10
	Isaiah 49:5-6	----	Genesis 2:4b-7	Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20	Exodus 31:12-18
	Acts 10:1-34	----	1 Corinthians 15:42b-49	Romans 8:1-8	Acts 25:1-12
Fri	Psalm 98	Psalm 47	Psalm 33:12-22	Psalm 29	Psalm 81:1-10
	Isaiah 42:5-9	Exodus 24:15-18	Job 37:1-13	Isaiah 2:1-5	Leviticus 23:1-8
	Acts 10:34-43	Revelation 1:9-18	1 Corinthians 15:50-57	Romans 8:9-11	Romans 8:31-39
Sat	Psalm 98	Psalm 47	Psalm 33:12-22	Psalm 29	Psalm 81:1-10
	Deuteronomy 32:44-47	Deuteronomy 34:1-7	Exodus 15:6-11	Isaiah 5:15-24	Leviticus 24:5-9
	Mark 10:42-45	John 16:4-11	John 7:37-39	John 15: 18-20, 26-27	John 7:19-24

Visitors

Marilyn Meyer
Bill & Candy Johnson and Lily Peller-Bethany, Republic

Welcome!

CHURCH ACTS

Graveside Service – April 4, Sue Pohlman (died March 28).

MEMORIALS

*In Memory of **Stan Uitto** from:*
Doug & Janet Henricksen Byron & Wendy Koski

*In Memory of **Sue Pohlman** from:*
Diane L Poirier Warren Heikkila & Stephanie Nelson

Altar Flower Sponsor~

April 28 – In loving memory of Kurt Abendroth from
Connie Kangas, Luke Abendroth and Nicole O'Brien.



Please pray for your synod assembly delegates as they gather on Saturday, May 18. Bethel's delegates are Jason and Peggy Chapman, Laura Kantola, and Pastor Tim.

Synod-wide hike on May 11 at 11am until about 12:30pm.

Join people from throughout our conference for a short distance reflective hike. Gathering at the Eagles Nest Community Forest Trail, Marquette (the first intersection of Eagles Nest Rd. and Hwy. 550 towards Big Bay. Meeting in parking lot on right side of road. Look for UP WILD signs).



Sunday Tellers: Kay Tupala

Tuesday Tellers: May 7 – Stephanie and Joyce
May 14 – Carol and Clare
May 21 –
May 28 – Carol and Clare

SUNDAY DRIVERS

May 5 – Earl Eliason

May 12 – Bud Hart

May 19 – Curtis Pauline

May 26 – 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.

9:00am Sunday Coffee in the Fellowship Hall

May 5 – Diane Collar, Marilyn Hart and Cindy Kocian

May 12 – Jessica Gustitis and Lori Boase

May 19 – Robyn Altobello and Diane Poirier

May 26 – Julie Walimaa and Eileen Brooks-Laitinen



The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Marquette County is looking for volunteers age 55 and older to transport seniors in the community to their non-emergency medical appointments. Volunteers decide when and how often they want to transport. You will be provided with training, mileage reimbursement of \$.67 per mile, and excess accident and liability insurance while volunteering.

If you have a few hours to give, a reliable vehicle, and a desire to help, please call RSVP at 906-315-2658 for more info or to sign up.

- 1** Duane Palomaki, Kathy Smith
- 2** Jonathan Annala, Mary Rundman, Lisa Sweidals
- 3** Everett Adriano, William Jalonen Jr., Ryan Thibeault
- 4** Porter Flanigan, Levi Helgren
- 5** Patt Holli, Diane Jepson, Jessica Vial
- 7** Ian Altobello, Meghan Hakala
- 8** Dylan Etelamaki, Peter Harvala, Taylor Lyke, Dan Roberts, Gary Uuro
- 9** Gary Dolkey, Doug Perttunen, Tina Weiland
- 10** Terri Brooks, Christopher Stream
- 11** Julie Penrose
- 12** Susan Rader, Hunter Roose, Miranda Roose
- 13** Larry Annala Sr., Shirley Solomon
- 14** Jordyn Adriano
- 16** Mary Aho, Tod Poirier
- 17** Amber Cittadino, Peter Ostlund, Janet Ringuette
- 18** Katie Barron, Amy Besola, Mark Kugler, Daniel Nelson
- 19** Brady Cittadino, Kaya Etelamaki, Arthur Mann
- 20** Ava Gustitis, Ellery LaMarre, Kristen Swanson
- 21** Arica Altobello, Judy Carroll, Brian Niemi, Ben Stanek
- 22** Braeden Arsenault, Louisa Vanderploeg
- 23** Phillip Ombrello
- 24** Chad Balzarini, Dan Etelamaki, Jeffrey Mattson
- 25** Jason Annala, Scott Etelamaki
- 26** Ryan Wiitanen
- 27** Alex Adriano, Sophia Balzarini, Maria Denofre, Timothy Johnson, Craig Mattson
- 28** Danielle Burke, Michelle Jalonen, Brett Nault, Diane Repasi,
- 29** Kylie Junak
- 30** Allie Mahoski
- 31** Brittany Etelamaki, Brooke Etelamaki, Emma Flanigan, Leah Michaud, Harper Tuominen



May
BIRTHDAYS



Clean-up is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21 at 6pm. Volunteers are needed; meet at the church. The rain date will be Thursday, May 23.

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LIGHT THE FIRE FOR FORTUNE LAKE

Friday, May 31 – 6:30pm to 8:00pm (CT)

Light the Fire for Fortune Lake is a community-centered evening of friends, family, faith and fellowship around the campfire as they raise funds for the camp.

There will be a simultaneous event locally at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey. Facebook LIVE will also be showing All of the campfires from Anywhere!

You can expect camp songs, skits, stories, s'mores, swag giveaways and lots of FUN!

If you are joining in person, please bring an outdoor chair or blanket to sit on. All are welcome – there is no fee to participate. There will be an invitation to donate in support of Summer Camp.

"In times of stress, the best thing we can do for each other is to listen with our ears and our hearts and to be assured that our questions are just as important as our answers."

—Fred Rogers

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"Walk lightly in the spring; Mother Earth is pregnant."

—Native American proverb

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"Happiness is like jam. You can't spread even a little without getting some on yourself."

—Unknown



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