

About Bethel Lutheran Church

Bethel has been serving the Grove City community since 1968, ministering to its members and friends, supporting Lutheran Social Services programs like Faith Mission and LSS Food Pantry.

Bethel is in partnership with nearly 9,000 sister congregations, 26 Lutheran colleges (including Capital University, Bexley and Wittenberg, Springfield), 7 seminaries (including Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Bexley, 240+ world-wide missionaries in more than 40 countries and non-profit social services network, Lutheran World Relief...all ministries of the 4-million-member **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (E.L.C.A.)**. Bethel Lutheran Church is also home to The Amazing Kids Academy Preschool, Stephen Ministries, AA groups, as well as other community organizations.

Bethel Lutheran Church is a member of Pride in Grove City.

An “Open and Affirming” Congregation

Welcome

We, the members of Bethel Lutheran Church, Grove City, Ohio, believe the following statement represents our commitment and desire to reach out and welcome those in need of and searching for God’s love.

We believe we are all created in God’s image and are all called to love our neighbors as Jesus loves us. We believe we are many members, but one body in Christ, and called to unite all people in God’s love. We welcome and affirm all people. We invite those who are seeking God’s presence in their lives to join us in our common journey. Our faith community seeks to unite persons of all ages, races, nationalities, ethnic background, sexual orientations, gender identities, mental and physical abilities, socioeconomic levels, and theological backgrounds. Together in our diversity, and being empowered and directed by the Holy Spirit, we will continually strive to “do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.” (Micah 6:8)

We proclaim the “good news” of the Gospel – that Jesus lived, died, and rose again to reunite us with God’s plan for abundant life now, here in time, and for eternity. Despite our own sins and failings, we are **loved, forgiven, redeemed, and called** to be reflections of God’s love in our dealings with all people. The free gift of God’s love drives us into care for those most in need and who often subsist at the margins of our society. We work intentionally against racism, homophobia, transphobia, misogyny, sexism and other attitudes or actions of prejudice and hate and for the care of creation. We seek to be an anti-racist community that will stand up against the insidious power of white supremacy and Christian Nationalism.

As a church, we are liturgical and sacramental: that is, we follow rites and rituals for worship that connect us with those who have gone before and those who will come long after our time on earth is past. Our liturgy is a “to do” list for “the work of the people” in worship – confession, absolution (assurance of forgiveness), prayers, proclamation of the Gospel lessons and learning through scripture and preaching and celebrating the sacraments (Baptism and the Lord’s Supper) acts of redemption instituted by Christ himself. Worship prepares us for our service to others in **lives of gratitude for what God has done for us** – for encountering Christ in the needs of others, and for loving our neighbors as ourselves. We rely on the Scriptures (both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible) as the source and guide of our teachings, knowing that the Holy Spirit can lead to new understandings and applications of God’s word in our lives.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 30, 2025

MEMBERS AT HOME

John & Madge Triance
Helene Glenn
Rafi & Gloria Melendez
Cy & Linda Wolske
Dennise Hunt
Al & Pam Tague

HOSPITAL:

Rev. Andrew Mazak(OSU)
George Dountz (OSU)

IN REHABILITATION:

Mark List (Select
Specialty Care)
Jean Spillman (Gardens of
Scioto)

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING

Ann Schmidbauer& Bill
Smith (Traditions)

Jean Spillman (Ashford)

Gail Wilcox & Dianna Klaus
(Carriage Court)

Marie Leitz & Dick Wirtz
(Storypoint)

RECEIVING CANCER

TREATMENT: Kenny
Hoffman and others.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Jared Clawson, Sarah
Gormley, Mark Dountz,
Norah Keranen, Sue
Tresenrider, Emilia Wenger,
Rosalie Reeves

FLOWERS TODAY ARE
GIVEN BY: Pat Ketchum in
memory of all my loved ones

Lent

Simple Soup Suppers are Wednesdays in Lent at 6:00 p.m.

(sign up to bring a soup on the bulletin board)
All are welcome

Worship Service are Wednesdays in Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer, Incense, Candle Lighting, Music

“Night Prayer”



BOOK & CROSS BEARERS NEEDED – SEE SIGN- UP SHEET ON BULLETIN BOARD

Where do your offerings go? Every week we will list some (often forgotten) things that your offerings help to provide.

This week: Cleaning the church and cleaning supplies

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRIES: We pack each bag with the same items each month. Here is a list of the items that are needed: If you bring these items to church, please put them on the table in the hallway across from the Fellowship Hall door.

- 1 box cereal
- 1 can of chicken/tuna
- 1 can of soup
- 1 can/jar of pasta sauce
- 1 box pasta
- 1 jar peanut butter
- 1 can of vegetables
- 1 can of fruit

JOIN IN EUCHRE FUN: We meet **APRIL 27th** (4th Sunday of the month), at 4 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Refreshments are always appreciated but not required!

KNITTING GROUP: Come to the knitting group if you enjoy knitting or just want to learn how! The group meets the *last Saturday of each month*, 2-4 p.m. in the Fishbowl Room!

CRAFTY GROUP: Will be meeting April 25th, May 23rd, June 27th, & July 25th; 5-9:00 p.m. Come join the group; you can bring your own crafts to work on or there are cards and other crafts you can do when you come! Questions or need more info, call Karla Davis, 614-570-8401

CHOIRS: Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m. for Gabriel and 7:00 p.m. for Chancel. Anyone interested in singing, contact our Choir Director, Bree Johnson at 614-266-5940 or email froggieteacher@twc.com. All are welcome to sing in the choir, young and old. *During Lent, choir will practice after worship on Wed.

YOUTH EVENTS & INFORMATION:

- Youth Night: April 3rd (6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.)
- All Church Camp Out at Bethel: May 31st-June 1st
- Youth Trip to TAO House: (Cincinnati) June 6th – 11TH (Sign Up to join them at the Red’s game)
- VBS: Week of July 20th – 25th

PRAYER PALS! We are excited to introduce a special program this year called Prayer Pals! This is a wonderful opportunity for members of our congregation to connect with our young people in their last year of confirmation. Older members of our congregation will serve as Prayer Pals to a confirmation student, offering them encouragement, prayers, and support throughout the year. Each Prayer Pal will be assigned a confirmation student and will remain a secret until the big reveal shortly before they are Confirmed. Throughout the year, Prayer Pals can leave uplifting notes, small gifts, and prayers for their confirmation buddy.

ALL CHURCH CAMP OUT AT BETHEL: May 31st – June 1st in the backyard of the church. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board. More information will follow. Can do tent or camper (NO electric hook ups)

EASTER LILY SIGN UP ON BULLETIN BOARD: If you would like to purchase a Lily in honor/memory of a loved one, please sign up on the board. Cost is \$15.00 made out to Bethel Lutheran Church. You may take your lily home any time after the second service on Easter.

BETHEL GOING (MORE) SOCIAL: In an effort to share all the good works happening at Bethel, a team is being assembled to support social media outreach. Kim Miller will lead the team, starting with a kickoff April 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Bethel. Join this meeting to learn more and see if this might be a new ministry group for you!

SUN Mar 30	MON Mar 31	TUE Apr 1	WED Apr 2	THU Apr 3	FRI Apr 4	SAT Apr 5	SUN Apr 6
Worship Service 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m		Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m.	Bible Study 11:00 a.m.	Open Prayer in Sanctuary 11-2	A.A. 7:00 a.m.	Open Prayer in Sanctuary 11-2	Worship Service 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.		Open Prayer in Sanctuary 11-2					Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Stark Sunday School			Simple Supper 6:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m.	Last Youth Night 6:00 p.m.			CONGREGATION MEETING AFTER 2 ND SERVICE
All Creation F.H. 2-4 p.m.	A.A. 7:00 p.m.	Smart Group 6:00 7:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	.			All Creation F.H. 2-4 p.m.

PRAYER—RE-ENERGIZED AND REVITALIZED: Potentially, prayer can be one of the most powerful resources in a Christian’s life. Unfortunately, however, many of us restrict our prayer life to public worship, mealtimes, and bedtime—especially if we have small children. We meet in the Fishbowl room during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday School hour, Joe Stark is leading a four-week series on how to re-energize and revitalize your prayer life. If you would like to make prayer a more integral part of your life, if you would like to grow in your ability to use this powerful Christian resource, you are invited to join us in this Lenten experience.

APRIL SERVICE EMPHASIS: Items for Ronald McDonald House, please see the display in Narthex.

WELCOME BACK: Pr. Monte Stevens who is supplying while Pastor Ray is in Washington, D.C. visiting Andrew.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: If you would like to know more about Bethel and joining as a member, our next Orientation will be May 24th at 10:00 am at Bethel. Please email the office and we will add you to communications.