

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

April 20, 2025

MEMBERS AT HOME

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

IN REHABILITATION:

Mark List (Meadow Grove)

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING

Ann Schmidbauer & Bill Smith (Traditions)

Jean Spillman & Gail Wilcox (Ashford)

Marie Leitz & Dick Wirtz (Storypoint)

RECEIVING CANCER TREATMENT: Kenny Hoffman and others.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Donna Carter, Vince Benedetto, Krista Wagner, James Benadum, Greg Wooldridge, Mary Ann Baughman, McKenna Plantz, Brodie Ranzau, Zack Thomas, Amy Bollinger, Helene Glenn, Lucy Shaul

FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN BY. Tim & Cheryl Dempsey in honor of their 46th anniversary

HOSPICE: Dianna Klaus

EASTER

8:30 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

EASTER BREAKFAST 9:30 A.M. (FELLOWSHIP HALL)



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

This week: *Lights*

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 (no meeting in April), 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 Trip to TAO House: (Cincinnati) June 6th – 11TH (Sign Up to join them at the Red’s game)
- VBS: Week of July 20th – 25th

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)

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, please reach out to Kim if you are interested. Check out our recent Facebook postings!

BOOK & CROSS BEARERS: See sign- up sheet on bulletin board.

SUN Apr 20	MON Apr 21	TUE Apr 22	WED Apr 23	THU Apr 24	FRI Apr 25	SAT Apr 26	SUN Apr 27
EASTER SUNDAY Worship Service 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m EASTER BREAKFAST 9:30 A.M All Creation F.H. 2-4 p.m.	 A.A. 7:00 p.m.	 Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Smart Group 6:00 7:00 p.m.	 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir		 A.A. 7:00 a.m.		 Worship Service 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. All Creation F.H. 2-4 p.m.

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE! May 4th – there will be one service at 10:00 a.m. *Illuminati*, from the Columbus Men's Gay Chorus will be performing with a reception to follow.

NEW COMMUNITY DINNER SIGN-UP SHEETS: We have new sign-up sheets to volunteer to help prepare and deliver (Lockbourne) meals. Please check the bulletin board!