

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

May 11, 2025

MEMBERS AT HOME

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

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:

Bob Pastva, Bill Saxton, Michael Davis, Penny Gilbert, Ellie Rains

FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN BY Rev. Andrew & Mary Ellen Mazak in honor of their 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary

SYMPATHIES: To the family of Mark List, funeral, May 14, 11 a.m.

HOSPICE: Helene Glenn

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE  
BEGINS MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00 A.M.  
(Memorial Day Weekend)

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M.O.B.

Men Of Bethel – Watch for more info. on our next event coming soon!

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

**This week:** *Replacing/fixing our mechanicals*

**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.

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

**JOIN IN EUCHRE FUN:** We meet May 18th\_ (3rd 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 May 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup>, & July 25<sup>th</sup>; 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

**YOUTH EVENTS & INFORMATION:**

Confirmation of Current 7th Graders-June 8th

8-12th Graders Gather-June 12<sup>th</sup>-6-8pm

Hopewood Pines Summer Camp-June 15-20

Pride in GC Festival at Park Street Park-June 21<sup>st</sup>-1-5pm

5th-7th Grade Swimming Party-At the Bueter's 6-8pm

Mission Trip for 8-12th Graders-July 6-11

Red's Game with the Mission Trip Kids-July 9th  
Great American Ballpark, Tickets are \$40 each.

Vacation Bible School-True North-July 21-25

Youth Sunday-July 27th

**YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP:** The Cameron Shaw Memorial Youth Scholarship program is funded by designated gifts from members of the congregation. If you would like to help fund future scholarships, please do so by marking "Scholarship Fund" on your contribution.

| SUN<br>May 11  | MON<br>May 12   | TUE<br>May 13  | WED<br>May 14   | THU<br>May 15                                 | FRI<br>May 16             | SAT<br>May 17      | SUN<br>May 18   |
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| Worship Service<br>8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.<br><br>Sunday School<br>9:30 a.m.<br><br>All Creation<br>F.H. 2-4 p.m.<br><br>MOTHER'S DAY | Preschool Bible Time with Pastor Ray<br><br><br><br><br><br>A.A.<br>7:00 p.m. | Preschool Bible Time with Pastor Ray<br><br>Staff Meeting<br>10:00 a.m.<br><br>Council<br>7:00 p.m.<br><br>Smart Group<br>7:00 p.m.<br><br>List Visitation<br>5-8 p.m. | List Funeral<br>11:00 a.m.<br><br><br>6:30 p.m. Gabriel<br>7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir<br><br>G.A.<br>7:00 p.m. | <br><br><br><br>Acolyte Training<br>5:30 p.m. | <br><br>A.A.<br>7:00 a.m. | Bethel Dinner noon | Worship Service<br>8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.<br><br>Sunday School 9:30 a.m.<br><br>Acolyte Training after 2 <sup>nd</sup> service<br><br>All Creation<br>F.H. 2-4 p.m. |

**ALL CHURCH CAMP OUT AT BETHEL:** May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

**BOOK & CROSS BEARERS:** See sign- up sheet on bulletin board. All are welcome!

**MAY SERVICE EMPHASIS:** Donations for Steve Weygandt's Mission Trip to Africa.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS:** If you would like to know more about Bethel and joining as a member, our next Orientation will be May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at Bethel. Please email the office and we will add you to communications. The church email is: [administrator@bethel-lutheran.org](mailto:administrator@bethel-lutheran.org)

**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!

**BLOOD DRIVE HELP NEEDED:** *Next drive is July 5<sup>th</sup>*, Bethel sponsors Red Cross blood drives approximately 6 Saturdays each year. Each drive needs a volunteer from the church to be here at 8 am to open the building and then close the building at 3. Often you will be asked to run registration which requires basic computer skills (clicking a few buttons and sometimes typing in a name and date of birth). If you are interested in helping with this ministry please contact Mindy Villines at [evillines@hotmail.com](mailto:evillines@hotmail.com) or text 614-871-1961.

**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](mailto:froggieteacher@twc.com)