

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 4, 2025

MEMBERS AT HOME

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

HOSPITALIZED: Brock Morgan (G.C. Methodist)

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:

Madeline DeRoche, Wendy Hastings, Isaac Hurd, Same McComb, Helga Filipi, Doug Harvey, Ruth Palo, Keegan Rains, Noah Schoemaker

FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN BY: George Dountz in memory of Suzanne’s birthday

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

And to the family of Dianna Klaus, funeral May 6, 11 a.m.

To the family of Larry Massie (funeral this past week)

Illuminati
The Sacred Music Ensemble of
the Columbus Gay Men’s Chorus

WELCOME!

A lite reception will follow in fellowship hall

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

This week: *Rites of Passage (gifts for our young people)*

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 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 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

YOUTH EVENTS & INFORMATION:
Confirmation of Current 7th Graders-June 8th

8-12th Graders Gather-June 12th-6-8pm

Hopewood Pines Summer Camp-June 15-20

Pride in GC Festival at Park Street Park-June 21st-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

CONGRATULATIONS: to Carson Stotts, our Cameron Shaw Memorial Youth Scholarship recipient for 2025.

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 May 4	MON May 5	TUE May 6	WED May 7	THU May 8	FRI May 9	SAT May 10	SUN May 11
Worship Service 10:00 A.M. “ILLUMINATI” Reception 11:00 a.m. All Creation F.H. 2-4 p.m.	Cinco DeMayo WELCA Bible Study 10:45 a.m. A.A. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Klaus funeral 11:00 a.m. Smart Group 6:00 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study w/Pastor Ray 11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir G.A. 7:00 p.m.		A.A. 7:00 a.m. Youth Sale Flowers Arrive Young Adult Pizza on the Patio 6 p.m.	Blood Drive Lockbourne Dinner noon	Worship Service 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. All Creation F.H. 2-4 p.m. MOTHER’S DAY

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)

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

MAY SERVICE EMPHASIS: 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 24th at 10:00 am at Bethel. Please email the office and we will add you to communications.

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: 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 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