

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

June 8, 2025

MEMBERS AT HOME

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

MEMBERS IN ASSISTED LIVING

Ann Schmidbauer & Bill Smith (Traditions)

Jean Spillman & Gail Wilcox (Ashford)

Marie Leitz, June Ray & Dick Wirtz (Storypoint)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Brayden Bueter, Anna McComb, Rev. Peter Ray, Mya Holcomb, Millie Johnson, Larry Patzer, Pam Tague, Debbie DeDent, Tom Baughman, Patrick Reed

FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN BY: Tina DeMatteo in loving memory of son Justin.

M.O.B.

Men of Bethel – Coming Events

Deck Repair for GC Resident: Between June 7th-17th – There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Breakfast and Speaker: June 21st at 9:00 a.m. Former Major League baseball pitcher, Mike Mayers – sign-up sheet on bulletin board.

Bible Study for the Simple Guy w/Breakfast: July 19th at 9:00 a.m. at Bethel- sign-up sheet on bulletin board.

We would like to welcome our Confirmands, Luke Miller, Zachary Adams and Clara Reeves

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

This week: lawn fertilizer

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 | |

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

CRAFTY GROUP: Will be meeting 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:

Today! June 8th - Confirmation of Current 7th Graders

June 12th 6-8 p.m. 8-12th Graders Gathering

June 15-20 - Hopewood Pines Summer Camp

June 21st 1-5 p.m. Pride in GC Festival at Park Street Park

June 26th 6-8 p.m. 5th-7th Grade Swimming Party-At the Bueter's

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

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

July 21-25 Vacation Bible School-True North

July 27th Youth Sunday

SUN June 8	MON June 9	TUE June 10	WED June 11	THU June 12	FRI June 13	SAT June 14	SUN June 15
PENTECOST Affirmation of Baptism Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	PASTOR RAY'S BIRTHDAY A.A. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Smart Group 7:00 p.m.	Pastor Ray Bible Study 11:00 a.m. G.A. 7:00 p.m.		A.A. 7:00 a.m.	Lockbourne Meal	Holy Trinity Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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

JUNE SERVICE EMPHASIS: Donations for Haircuts from the Heart.

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!

SECURITY TEAMS: We are looking for people who might be able to lock up the church each night between 9-10 p.m. You should check each door of the church to make sure it is locked from the outside and make sure all lights are out in the building. Typically, if we have at least 7 different people who are willing and able, it would be a one-time per week commitment. If there are more people interested, it may be just a few times per month. There is **a sign-up sheet** on the bulletin board where you can sign your name and the day of the week you would be interested in. Thank you for helping keep us safe!

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 the "Scholarship Fund" on your contribution.