

**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
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August 2024 Evangel

Financial Report

2024	ACTUAL	BUDGET	
YEAR-to-DATE July 22, 2024	130,957	127,339	+ \$3,618



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Bethel Lutheran Church
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August Meetings

Tuesday, August 6, 12pm – WELCA Board
Tuesday, August 13, 6:30pm – Council
Thursday, August 15, 6pm – Property Committee

The Council did not meet in July.



1st Sunday/Monday Food Drive

Reminder to bring in non-perishable food to church on August 4 & 5. Please place the items in the grocery cart in the hallway.

The items are given to St. Vincent DePaul.

Made in God's Image (Imago Dei)

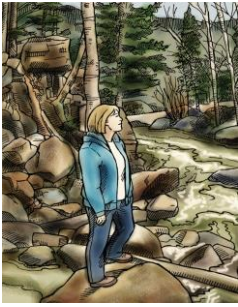
A rite for middle school students- Join us in worship on August 4 & 5 as we celebrate with our middle school students that they, and all of us, are made in the image of God.

In the midst of life, and especially the rapidly changing times of middle school, we need a daily reminder that God loves us and calls us very good. We will have a short blessing and then send our students with a locker mirror to use at home or at school. On the mirror will be a sticker which reads: "God created YOU and called you very good!"

Please join us.



Middle School Event



Prayerful Hiking – hiking, meditative discussion, prayer and communion. Spread the word to those who are able to hike up a moderate incline. All are welcome. We will have our prayerful hike as we head to a destination where our formal time together will end with communion together. From the destination you are free to hike further on your own or as a group, or you can head back. If light rain, hike will go on. If heavy rain, hike will be canceled.

The next date is Sunday, August 4 – 1pm- hiking to top of Wabash bluff. Park at the Brasswire Campground north side parking lot. Extended post event hike past the city water tower.

Questions: Contact Pastor Tim Johnston (tdjohnst@gmail.com)

Lifelong Faith Formation Classes

Join the fellowship and fun with others in the Northern Great Lakes Synod as you explore the Bible, church traditions, and issues central to daily life. Online classes begin in January and February of 2025.

For more info or to receive the registration link, contact Deacon Lori Ward at 615-519-1969 or lori.ward@nglsynod.org.

BEYOND THE POLICY: Equipping the faith community to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS TWO: Donning a Foreigner's Clothes.

CONNECTING THROUGH PRAYER: Expanding the definition and understanding of prayer.

GROWING YOUNGER—Sharing ideas and strategies to engage young people in our congregation.

INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL GREEK

KALEIDOSCOPE CHALLENGE: Exploring the ELCA social statement "Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity and Culture; the ELCA social message on human rights and remembering Christ's love for humanity in a world that often feels broken.

LIVING OUT YOUR STRENGTHS: Identifying and implementing the person God made you to be.

"RAISING KIDS BEYOND THE BINARY: Celebrating God's transgender and gender diverse children".

Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help.



Making Lutheran World Relief Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need.

LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene, care well for a newborn baby, keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.

You do not have to purchase all of the items to complete a kit – they will be put together in the fall and prepared for shipping. Place items in the plastic bin in the hallway marked LWR Kits.

PERSONAL CARE KITS:

- 1 light-weight bath towel (max. 52" X 27"), dark color recommended
- 2 bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

BABY CARE KITS:

- 2 lightweight cotton t-shirts 2 long or short-sleeved gowns
- 2 pairs of socks or sleepers (without feet)
- 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- 2 diaper pins or large safety pins
- 1 hand towel, dark color recommended

SCHOOL KITS:

- 4 70-sheet notebooks, wide- or college-ruled, approx. 8" X 10½"
- 1 30-cm ruler, or with cms on one side and inches on the other
- 1 pencil sharpener 1 2 ½" eraser
- 1 blunt scissors 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 1 sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

We received a very nice letter of thanks from the Michigan Veterans Home D.J. Jacobetti for allowing them to use our facilities and parade space for Ishpeming's 4th of July parade. The full letter is posted on the hallway bulletin board.

Bethel has provided space for them and use of our restrooms for many, many years.

Blessing of backpacks, briefcases, and bags

Join us for worship on August 25 or 26 for a blessing of backpacks, briefcases, and bags that will occur during this service. No matter what your age, don't forget to bring your backpack, briefcase, bag, or other item of your daily routine!



Welcome Visitors!

Ron Kulju – Albuquerque, NM
Kathy Baker – Albuquerque, NM
Barbara Johnson – Bethany Lutheran, Republic
Bill & Candy Johnson, Lily Peller - Republic

CHURCH ACTS

Baptisms – Lainey Rae Nault was baptized on July 21. Lainey's parents are Macey & Brett Nault, and her Godparents are Derek & Sophie Mahoski.

Max Uuro was baptized on July 22. His parents are Eric & Kaylee Uuro, and Godparents are Amber & Ken LaMarre.

Deaths – A memorial service was held on July 5 for Daryl Kempainen, who had passed away last December 2.

James Williams died on July 17; private service held on July 25.

MEMORIALS

In memory of **Roger Matson** from Julie Simons and Marilyn Matson

In memory of **Audrey Ruspakka** from Stephanie Nelson and Warren Heikkila

In memory of **Daryl Kempainen** from Marv & Laura Kantola, Pam Bessolo and Dale Watters

In memory of **Lucille Heliste** from Marjorie Mattila and Carolyn Sivula

In memory of **James Williams** from David & Pat Rodda, Neil & Mary Rundman and Karen Marietti

In memory of **Bruce Carlson** from Neil & Mary Rundman and Connie Kangas

SERVING IN AUGUST

Sunday Tellers: Dave Holli

Tuesday Tellers:

August 6 – Stephanie

August 13 – Stephanie

August 20 –

August 27 – Clare

SUNDAY DRIVERS

August 4 – Duane Palomaki August 18 – Earl Eliason

August 11– Steve Nelson August 25 – Bud Hart

A ride is available in Ishpeming & Negaunee for the 10am Sunday worship service. Call the office by noon on Fridays to sign-up.

9:00am Sunday Coffee in the Fellowship Hall

August 4 – Ed & Lou Ouellette

Still need volunteers to serve for August 11, 18 and 25.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Please consider volunteering to serve this summer.



Grass Cutting Schedule

August 4 Todd Penrose

August 11 Scott Perry

August 18 Mike Vial

August 25 Curtis Pauline

1-Cooper Guidebeck, Keith Matson
2-Shirley Aho, Gregory Asgaard,
Janet Hendriksen, Karen Marietti,
Blake Roberts



August

BIRTHDAYS

- 3-Denise (Thibeault) Perry**
4-Bradley Perry
6-Lee Mattson, Glenn Smith, Levi Wallace
7-Marcus Annala, Jeffrey Giroux
8-Shannon Carlson, Carter Guidebeck, Sharon Nicholas
9-Tina Helsten, A.J. LaCosse, Tina Vanderploeg
10-Jeffrey Korpi
11-Aaron Adriano, Debra Davis, Darlene Rice
12-Donald Denofre, Timothy Rundman, Kelsey Stanek, Allen Uuro
13-Ashley Jarvi, Wendy Roberts
14- Amber Emanuelson
15-Cathy Davey, Reynold Kulju
16-Bailee Brewer, Jayna Burke, Kara Cox, Bill Stream, Julie Walimaa
17-Nicole O'Brien
18-Mikayla Hakala, Dylan Solomon
19-Gloria Maki
20-Cadence Besola, Clare Champion, Rylee Crevier, Marv Kantola, Alexander Niemi, Chad Raisinen Jr, Sue Wickstrom
21-Robert Asgaard, Hannah Mongiat
22-Jessica Hooper, Jennifer Juntunen, Maddalen Koch, Miranda Nelson, Loretta Niemi, Kurt O'Brien, Diane J Poirier
24-Ariel Koski, Amber Kollmar, Jeremy Roberts
25-David Borg, Allen DeVold, Brian Nurmela, Kristopher Prahm
26-Ryan Anttila, Michael Williams
27-Emmi Barron, Eric Hooper, Sara Johnston, Hayden Mann, Ralph Roberts
28-Gail Mattson
29-Michael Beito, Jason Perrault
30-Willow Lake, Layla Parkinen, Emerson Williams
31-Joyce Larson

Daily Devotions

	Aug 5-10	Aug 12-17	Aug 19-24	Aug 26-31
Mon	Psalm 107: 1-3, 33-43	Psalm 81	Psalm 36	Psalm 119:97-104
	Numbers 11: 16-23, 31-32	1 Kings 17:1-16	Genesis 43:1-15	Nehem. 9:1-15
	Ephesians 4:17-24	Ephesians 5:1-14	Acts 6:1-7	Ephesians 5: 21-6:9
Tue	Psalm 107 1-3, 33-43	Psalm 81	Psalm 36	Psalm 119:97-104
	Deut. 8:1-20	Ruth 2:1-23	Genesis 45:1-15	Nehem. 9:16-31
	1 Corin. 12:27-31	2 Peter 3:14-18	Acts 7:9-16	John 15:16-25
Wed	Psalm 107 1-3, 33-34	Psalm 81	Psalm 36	Psalm 119:97-104
	Isaiah 55:1-9	Jerem. 31:1-6	Genesis 47:13-26	Isaiah 33:10-16
	Mark 8:1-10	John 6:35-40	Mark 8:14-21	John 15:16-25
Thu	Psalm 34:1-8	Psalm 34:9-14	Psalm 34:15-22	Psalm 15
	1 Sam. 28:20-25	Job 11:1-20	Joshua 22:1-9	Exodus 32:1-14
	Romans 15:1-6	Acts 6:8-15	1 Thessa. 5:1-11	James 1:1-8
Fri	Psalm 34:1-8	Psalm 34:9-14	Psalm 34:15-22	Psalm 15
	2 Sam. 17:15-29	Job 12:1-25	Joshua 22:10-20	Exodus 32:15-35
	Galatians 6:1-10	Romans 16:17-20	Romans 13:11-14	James 1:9-16
Sat	Psalm 34:1-8	Psalm 34:9-14	Psalm 34:15-22	Psalm 15
	1 Kings 2:1-9	Job 13:1-19	Joshua 22:21-34	Exodus 34:8-28
	Matthew 7:7-11	John 4:7-26	Luke 11:5-13	John 18:28-32

Pastor Tim will be away for vacation from August 6 – 21.
In a pastoral emergency, please contact
the church office at 906-485-5533 for the 'on-call' pastor.

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A note from our sister congregation in Africa:

To our sisters in Christ at Bethel,

Thank you so much for the special gift. Your thoughtfulness
and generosity are truly appreciated.

Looking forward to make our relationship stronger for the
Glory of Christ. (Heb. 13:1a)

Let the Brotherly Love continue.