



THE EVANGEL

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Dear Beloved in Christ:

With the celebration of the Reformation of 504 years ago behind us, we now find ourselves looking toward a new celebration this November 7th. It is on this Sunday that we observe All Saints Day. All Saints' Day, also called The Feast of All Saints, is a day commemorating all the saints of the church, both known and unknown, who have been called home. It is celebrated on November 1 in the Western churches and on the first Sunday after Pentecost in the Eastern churches.

The origin of All Saints' Day cannot be traced with certainty, and it has been observed on various days in different places. A feast of all martyrs was kept on May 13 in the Eastern church according to Ephraem Syrus (died c. 373), which may have determined the choice of May 13 by Pope Boniface IV when he dedicated the Pantheon in Rome as a church in honor of the Virgin Mary and all martyrs in 609. The first evidence for the November 1 date of celebration and of the broadening of the festival to include all saints as well as all martyrs occurred during the reign of Pope Gregory III (731-741), who dedicated a chapel in St. Peter's, Rome, on November 1 in honor of all saints. In 800 All Saints' Day was kept by Alcuin on November 1, and it also appeared in a 9th-century English calendar on that day. In 837 Pope Gregory IV ordered its general observance.

Here at Bethel and Zion Evangelical Lutheran Churches, we honor those loved ones related to our congregations and have been called home during the past year. And while it is clear and true that we miss them all very deeply, we also rejoice in the knowledge of their being in the presence of the Most High!

We also now find ourselves quickly approaching the Holiday Season. It is amazing how quickly it comes! During all the hustle and bustle of the season, make sure you keep in heart and mind the true reason for the season. The celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Slow down this year so you can be still and know that He is God. Be satisfied in and enjoy the "little things" in life this season and then let that become a habit that will bless you the rest of your life.

Rejoice in the Lord for He is Good! *Pastor Dawn E. Woolweber*

COMFORT

FROM THE WORD OF GOD

ISAIAH 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God; I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

DEUTERONOMY 31:8 The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you; do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

JOHN 16:33 "I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble but take heart I have overcome the world."

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE 2021



Zion Ev. Lutheran Church will be hosting this year's Thanksgiving Eve Service. The service begins at 6:30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 and is intended for the congregants of Bethel, Zion, and St. John's. Come worship and praise along with the Holiday Choir and The Joyful Noise Bell Choir giving thanks to our Father in Heaven for the wonderful gifts He has given us throughout this past year. There will be Holy Communion at this service. All attendees are asked to bring canned and/or dry goods to the service for a Thanksgiving offering. This offering will benefit the North Hills Community Outreach pantry. All Are Welcome!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING—COME ALL AND SING!

What a special treat! On SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021, come and join us in singing in the holiday season while riding in a horse drawn wagon through the streets of Glenshaw! The fun begins at 4:00 pm and goes to 6:00 pm. Bring your top hats and bonnets as we join together for a most memorable evening of fun and songs. Holiday refreshments will be available after the ride. Don't forget to mark Saturday, December 19th on your calendars for an event you will never forget. Christmas Caroling at Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church 301 Scott Avenue, Glenshaw, PA 15116. See you there!!!



CHRISTMAS EVE 2021

Surround yourself with the "Christmas through the Carols" and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the Son of God! It will help you understand the joy of Christ is not only the greatest gift you could ever receive, but the greatest gift to share with the world. This fellowship will bring joy to your hearts and will help create a special moment of worship for the Christmas season.

Rejoice and sing as you experience the joy of "*Christmas through the Carols*" special music with our Holiday Choir and violinist Olga D. This Christmas Eve, **FRI-DAY, DECEMBER 24— 5:30 p.m.** at Zion Lutheran Church and **7:30 p.m.** at Bethel +Lutheran Church.



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY

06—Gary Swanson
10—Adam Todd
14—Kristen Hoffman
 Marcy Zacharias
17—Curt Hetz



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to meet with Zion's Board then 7:00 pm. for Bethel's Board meeting. Any parishioner is welcome to attend these meetings. This will be a budget meeting so bring snacks.

ADVENT SERVICES

Our Advent Services this year will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the following WEDNESDAY evenings: DECEMBER 1 hosted by Bethel at Bethel
DECEMBER 8 hosted by St. John's at St. John's Millvale
DECEMBER 15 hosted by Zion at Bethel (their kitchen being remodeled)

We will be having a light supper of different breads and soups prior to the worship service. Please sign up so we know how many to set up for and what you are willing to bring.

Mark your calendars and join us for evenings filled with worship, singing, fellowship, The Joyful Noise Bell Choir, dinner, and a wonderful family movie.

Come and join us in celebrating the coming of The Child of Promise who changed the world forever! Don't miss Advent 2021!

IN HIS SERVICE IN NOVEMBER

Deacon	Al Todd III
Communion Assistant	Fred Heintz
Offering Usher	Eddie Stabile
October Altar Guild	Dorothy Carlisle Charlotte Hornish

Counting Committee

Nov. 7	Fred Heintz
Nov. 14	Paul Hoffman & Jonathan Meier
Nov. 21	Marilyn Heintz
Nov. 28	Cindy & Curt Hetz



FINANCIAL NEWS

September 2021 Financial Report						
	June			Year-to-Date		
	Budget	Actual	Surplus/(Deficit)	Budget	Actual	Surplus/(Deficit)
Income	\$ 9,366.67	\$ 16,624.56	\$ 7,257.89	\$ 65,759.64	\$ 76,655.09	\$ 10,895.45
Expense	\$ 9,491.67	\$ 8,564.26	\$ (927.41)	\$ 64,363.58	\$ 75,202.10	\$ 10,838.52
Income less Expense	\$ (125.00)	\$ 8,060.30	\$ 8,185.30	\$ 1,396.06	\$ 1,452.99	\$ 56.93

Notes:

- 1-Our large increase in income for September was due to reimbursement from Zion for the Pastor's salary.
- 2-Our repair and maintenance line item for Y-T-D was budgeted at \$3,550.00. We actually spent \$9,720.00 on repairs that have been long overdue.
- 3-The September numbers have normalized our Y-T-D numbers. We will run deficits in October and November, then normalize again in December since we bill Zion quarterly.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE KITCHEN?

MANY THANKS to Marilyn Heintz for purchasing a new refrigerator for Bethel's kitchen. All items have to be marked with a date and name of person or group it belongs to...if it isn't marked it will be thrown away or used. Help keep this new appliance looking new.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Fall Word Unscramble

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| 1. daehiyr | 1. _____ |
| 2. sruewnfol | 2. _____ |
| 3. rrqusile | 3. _____ |
| 4. seleva | 4. _____ |
| 5. kare | 5. _____ |
| 6. derci | 6. _____ |
| 7. nmutua | 7. _____ |
| 8. pape | 8. _____ |
| 9. rseebpnte | 9. _____ |
| 10. uipnkpm | 10. _____ |
| 11. nroca | 11. _____ |
| 12. ycilhl | 12. _____ |



THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR



BE THANKFUL for the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means you have enough to eat.

BE THANKFUL for the mess you clean up after a party, because it means you have been surrounded by friends.

BE THANKFUL for taxes you pay, because it means you are employed.

BE THANKFUL that your lawn needs mowing the windows need fixing, because it means you have a home.

BE THANKFUL for your heating bill, because it means you are warm.

BE THANKFUL for the laundry, because it means you have clothes to wear.

BE THANKFUL for the space you find at the far end of the parking lot, because it means you can walk.

BE THANKFUL for the lady who sings off-key behind you in church, because it means you can hear.

BE THANKFUL when people complain about the government, because it means we have freedom of speech.

BE THANKFULL for the alarm that goes off in the early morning, because it means you are alive.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Bethel will be holding a **BLOOD DRIVE** sponsored by the Red Cross on FRIDAY NOVEMBER 19, Noon– 7:00 p.m. There will be snacks provided. Register by calling Debbie Woolweber at 814-681-5494

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

We will meet at Bethel at 10:00 a.m. starting on NOVEMBER 10 in the Social Hall where Rev. Hahn will begin a study: "Dreams - Joseph to Joseph"

BETHEL'S MISSION STATEMENT

"In our commitment to mission, Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church will proclaim and witness to God salvation in our community and the world by preaching God's Word and administering the Sacraments in all their truth and purity"
 Adopted by the congregation on April 23, 1989



STAFF—OFFICERS — CONTACT PEOPLE

Minister.....Rev. Donn E. Woolweber
 Organist.....Sarah Dougal
 David Forsyth
 Greg Wehner
 Office Secretary.....Donna Heintz
 Financial Secretary.....Fred Heintz
 Recording Secretary....Paul Hoffman
 Treasurer.....Dorothy Carlisle
 Altar Guild.....Charlotte Hornish
 Sewing Group.....Donna Heintz
 Front sign manager....Gary Swanson
 Children's sermons....Gary Swanson
 Audio /Visual Tech.....Al Todd III
 Handbell Choir Director.....Rev. Woolweber
 Vocal Choir Director.....Rev. Woolweber

**BOARD OF DIRECTIONS
 FOR 2021**

Executive Director.....Al Todd III
 Doctrine & Worship.....Fred Heintz
 Director of Missions.....Ross Betts
 Director of Education...John Rehder
 Christian Service.....Gary Swanson
 Director of Property....Donna Heintz
 Director of Finance.....Paul Hoffman

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING SCHEDULE

Beginning in October we have begun a new service setting schedule here at Bethel...

- First Sunday of the month.....Divine Service Setting 1 with Holy Communion
- Second Sunday of the month...Divine Service Setting 4 with Holy Communion
- Third Sunday of the month.....Divine Service Setting 3 with Holy Communion
- Fourth Sunday of the month.....Matins
- Fifth Sunday (if needed).....Divine Service Setting 2 with Holy Communion

