



# The Evangel

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### Mission Statement

*In our commitment to mission, Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church will proclaim and witness to God's 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*

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*We have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.*

*1 Corinthians 2:12 (ESV)*

## The Spirit of Understanding

The last day of this month marks the feast of Pentecost,—the third and final great feast of the Christian year. The first feast (Christmas) has been called the festival of the Father, since it celebrates the Father's sending of His incarnate Son into the world and the second great feast (Easter) has been called the festival of the Son because it celebrates Jesus' victory over sin, Satan, death, and hell, accomplished in His perfect life and His innocent suffering and death, being confirmed and proclaimed in His glorious resurrection from the dead. It's only natural, then, that the third great feast (Pentecost) would be called the festival of the Spirit, since it is at Pentecost that we celebrate the Spirit's presence among us in the Gospel of Christ.

God's Holy Spirit is markedly different from what the apostle Paul calls "the spirit of the world." We have seen this "spirit of the world" all too clearly over the past number of weeks—the spirit of confusion, uncertainty, fear, panic, and at times even hysteria. "The Spirit who is from God," on the other hand, comforts us and calms us by giving us, through the Gospel, the understanding that God is in control, that He is concerned about our ultimate good (as He has made clear in the life and ministry of Christ), and that He will see us through whatever we must endure until our Savior returns again in glory.

In the midst of uncertainty the Spirit reminds us that all is well for us, no matter how things may appear, because the Christ who overcame everything did it for us.

In His love and service,

*Pastor Litke*

## PRAYER THOUGHT

"I feel there are especially necessary for me in this life two things without which its miseries would be unbearable. Confined here in this prison of the body I confess I need these two, food and light. Therefore You, O Jesus", have given me in my weakness Your sacred Flesh to refresh my soul and body, and You have set Your Word as the guiding light for my feet. Without them I could not live aright, for the Word of God is the light of my soul and Your Sacrament is the Bread of Life."

--Thomas a Kempis in The Imitation of Christ

# May

## BIRTHDAYS \*

05—Ross Betts  
08—Dorothy Carlisle  
13—Lynn Betts  
18—Seth Swanson  
25—Katelyn Swanson

*\*Birthdays of ACTIVE parishioners*



## THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WJAS 1320 AM— Sundays 7:00 a.m.  
WWNL 1080 AM—Saturdays 3:30 p.m.  
- Sundays 6:00 a.m.  
- Sundays 5:30 p.m.

## Mother's Day



## MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

On Mothers' Day (May 10) we will join with our sister congregations Saint John's in Millvale and Zion in Lawrenceville for another "drive-in" service, as we did on Easter morning. The service will also be at the parking lot of the Cherry City Volunteer Fire Company and will begin at 10:00 a.m. Please join us.



Dale Kitzky and Abbey Todd went to be with their Lord and Savior in April. There was private services due to the virus regulations

# FINANCIAL REPORT THRU MARCH 31, 2020

	<b>MARCH</b>		<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
INCOME	\$7,944.43	\$8,228.60	\$23,657.20	\$22,736.03
EXPENSES	\$8,458.17	\$8,992.55	\$26,854.51	\$34,635.09
INCOME				
LESS EXPENSE	\$(513.74)	\$9763.95)	\$ (3,197.31)	\$(11,899.06)

The large portion of the actual year-to-date deficit is the result of Pastor's salary being pro-rated for 12 months \$(10,968.12) while being paid only 6 months \$(18,411.24). That accounts for \$7,443.12 of the deficit. Another significant part of the deficit is the repair and maintenance line item \$2,571.63 expected while \$4,764.50 spent \$(2,192.87)

## ACTION....1-2-3-4-5!

As of this edition of the Evangel, we have been filming the worship service during the week so then it can be edited and posted on the website for Sunday Morning. We are very blessed to have a parishioner, Al Todd III, that enjoys and is talented in this area of technology. We thank him, Shawn Hanna, Mike Purucker from St. John's and Nathan Kenna for working together to accomplish the presentations since we are unable to physically worship together, this is the next best thing. Prayerfully this is only temporary and soon we can all once more come to church, the building, to worship.



## NEW MEMBERS

The Board has voted that John and Marcy Zacharias be rejoined here at Bethel and Mark and Paolo Hammer to join thru adult confirmation. We will have an official welcome

## ONLINE NEWS

You can watch Sunday worship service on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. by going to our website—bethelglenshaw.org or on YouTube or on Facebook. We are now also holding online Tri-parish Bible Study every Thursday night until second Thursday in June, at 7:00 p.m. to join that group go to:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/tJwrf-msrzIvHNwwjd\\_3p9yXkSXABX5IYEWN/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCgqDMqHtWctR-PRow-BIqgc-jzmFhYgo1KixXhPHNDOxrOPdF6E5BHRfHp](https://zoom.us/meeting/tJwrf-msrzIvHNwwjd_3p9yXkSXABX5IYEWN/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCgqDMqHtWctR-PRow-BIqgc-jzmFhYgo1KixXhPHNDOxrOPdF6E5BHRfHp)

Join Zoom Meeting  
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