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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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Sewing Group.....Donna Heintz

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The Vicar's Desk

January 2021

Dear Tri Parish Family:



WELCOME 2021!!! Another new year has come so quickly and in many people's minds, it has not come fast enough. 2020 has been a very difficult year and we all are looking for positive change to come quickly. With the new year comes opportunities for such change and hope which I believe we all would agree is sorely needed. So many have felt weakened by the difficulties, problems, and tough times that this year of 2020 has delivered to us. But, with God, we all have hope and more! Jesus invites us to replace our sorrows and weaknesses with the Love and Grace of God.

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30). When we try to fix everything by ourselves, we fail. But when we turn everything over to Christ, we experience something amazing, we experience His strength!

"Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you."

(Psalm 55:22a)

"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."

(1 Peter 5:7)

Jesus' answer for these difficult times is: *"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Matthew 6:33)*

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During these most difficult times, I pray that you take time to slowdown, think, and pray. This situation is providing a great opportunity to center ourselves on Jesus. Let us then breathe, seek hope and find joy in everything. Limit your time in the news. While it is important to hear what is happening, we also need to pace ourselves and keep forever focused on the Lord.

Emotions can run high along with fears in our current situation, and understandably so. Yet we know that our God is great. His love for us is never ending. So, let us look upon this time as a time to remember some more of His promises:

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." **Psalm 46:1**

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."* **John 16:33**

⁶ *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* **Philippians 4:6-7**

"But He gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble. ⁷Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and He will flee from you. ⁸Come near to God and He will come near to you." **James 4:6-8**

²⁸ *"We know that all things work together for good to those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose."* **Romans 8:28**

The world says that there is no real hope or help from God. It's all in your mind. It's foolishness. But God says, "They who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength." May you all be mighty in 2021!

Happy New Year!

God's Blessings Always,

Vicar Donn E. Woolweber

Library at Bethel



Bethel has updated some of the furnishings in the library downstairs to make it cozier to sit and read a book. Come downstairs and check it out. You can take a book and/or leave a book that you have finished reading and would like to share with other members of Bethel. Happy Reading!

Happy January Birthday!!!



January 9—Al Todd II

Happy January Anniversary!!!

January 10—Bob & Dorothy Carlisle



Christmas Eve Online



If you have not had a chance to view the Christmas Eve Service online, I suggest that you take the time to watch the service. The churches look beautiful with the lights dimmed and the candles glowing. The music was wonderful and the reading of the word and sermon were also magnificent. All three churches were used in this production with members of each church contributing. A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who participated in the production of this service. We cannot thank all of you enough for helping to get us through this holiday season.

In His Service

Deacon	Al Todd, III
Communion Assistant	Jonathan Meier
Offering Usher	Eddie Stabile
Altar Guild	Donna Heintz Cindy Hetz

Counting Committee:

Jan. 3	Fred Heintz
Jan. 10	Paul Hoffman Jonathan Meier
Jan. 17	Marilyn Heintz
Jan. 24	Cindy & Curt Hetz

Tri-Parish Epiphany Service

**Tri-Parish Communion Service
for the Epiphany of our Lord**

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

7:00pm

**Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Lawrenceville
237 37th Street, Pittsburgh, PA**

2021 Altar Flowers

If you would like flowers placed on the altar in 2021, please fill out a pink form and put it in the Altar Flower Mailbox in the narthex by the end of January. If you need to add a flower order throughout the year; please fill out the form, put it in the box and notify the secretary by email at office@stjohnsmillvale.org or call 412-821-6266 from Monday through Friday between 9am and noon. The price will remain at \$15 for a vase of fresh flowers. If you wish to have artificial flowers placed in memory or honor of someone, you can give a donation of \$3. Make payments to Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church and place in the collection plate identified as ALTAR FLOWERS with your name. Payment in advance is appreciated.

God With Us Radio Broadcast

Pastor Hahn will be hosting the “God With Us” radio broadcast Sunday mornings at 10:30am beginning January 3, 2021 on WORD FM 101.5. Tune in and listen to Pastor Hahn as he delivers a message to help you in your walk with Christ.

Moving Forward and Looking Back

2020 was a difficult and trying year for everyone and one that most of us want to forget about. Dave and I received a card from a relative for Christmas 2020 which said “Good Riddance” and had yellow caution tape around the entire family. It symbolizes some of the feelings that most of us have about this past year.

But, when we look back on our life, it is those times of adversity that cause us to lean into the Lord and to grow spiritually. It is a time to reflect and remember that during the difficult periods the Lord has pulled us out of the storm and lifted us up out of the rough waters.

God calls us to trust Him alone and He will provide us with all that we need to serve Him. Then, we can be good stewards with our time, talents and resources. When I think of a good steward, I think of Dan Brick with his joyful attitude of service and love for all people. I remember my father and his great compassion and empathy for people that were hurting. And I remember my grandmother and her faithful service in ministry to people in our community and in the church. These people were diligent and consistent in giving of themselves to everyone around them even as they were going through their own difficult struggles.

As we move forward to 2021, let us remember how the Lord has brought us through this difficult year and trust that He will guide us through the year ahead. We can give ourselves to serving the Lord, our church, our family, friends and community with the knowledge that the Lord is with us and guiding us.

“fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” *Isaiah 41:10 (ESV)*

Photo Gallery—Christmas Eve Drive -In Service



Photo Gallery (cont.) - Christmas Eve Online Service

