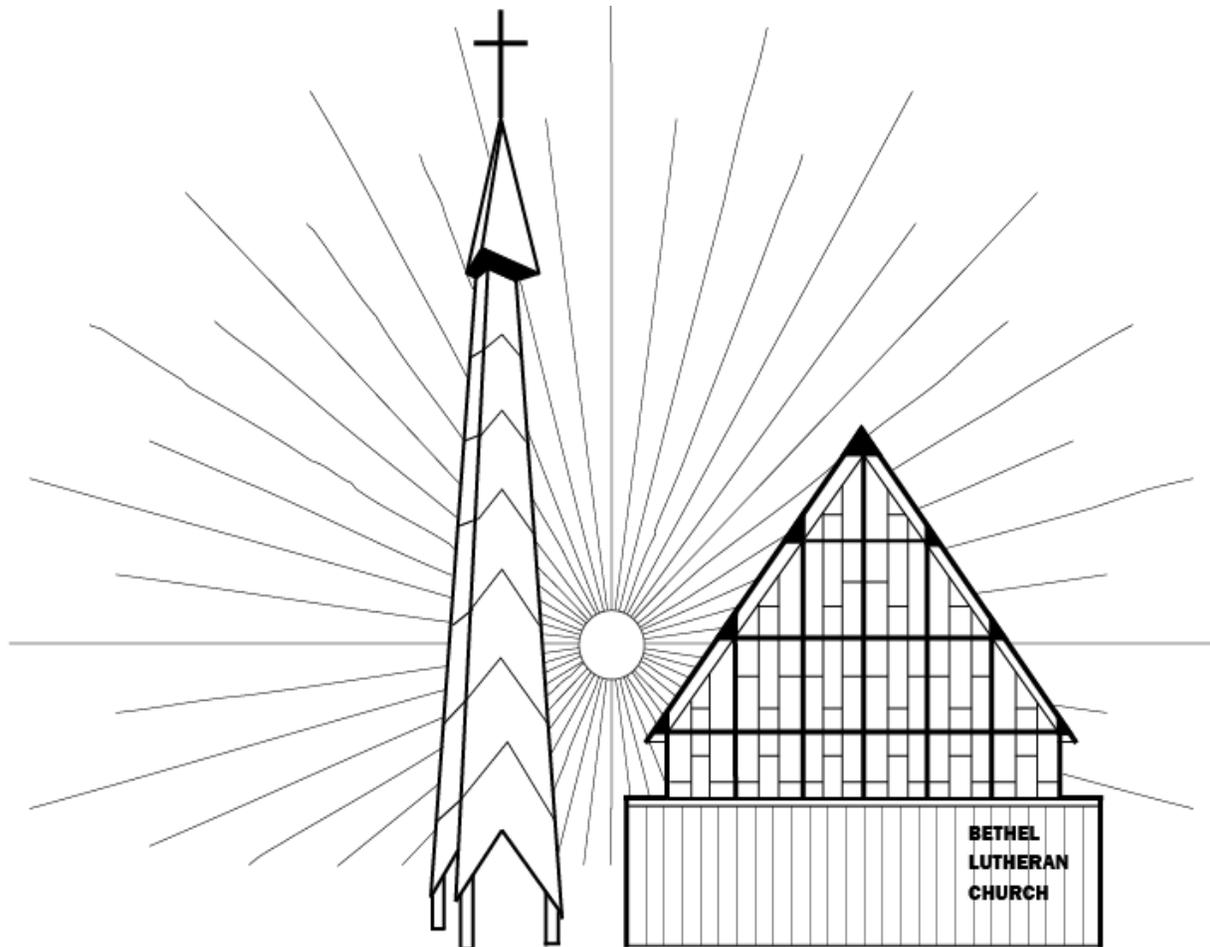




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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020
25th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
10:30 A.M.**

WELCOME

Bethel's Mission Statement – Bethel's mission is to be a Lutheran congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ in the community of Miller, in which members are nurtured in the faith and by whom community residents are ministered to, with the expectation that the Holy Spirit will add to our fellowship and ministry.

Welcome to worship! May you experience the blessing of God for you and your life during this time. Bethel Lutheran Church is open to everyone and all are welcome here. Enjoy the music; raise your voice in song and prayer. Let the Spirit of the Lord touch your heart and soul and feel free to join in worship again in the coming weeks.

Holy Communion – is celebrated the second Sunday of each month. Holy Communion is open to all the baptized in addition to those who worship here on a regular basis. Holy Communion is administered by the distribution of individual "Fellowship Cups" which contain a wafer (bread) and juice (wine).

If you are new to worship, you are invited to fill out a Welcome Card or write your name, address and phone number on a sheet of paper then place it in the offering plate.

Additional information about the variety of ministry opportunities here at Bethel are listed at the end of this worship bulletin.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

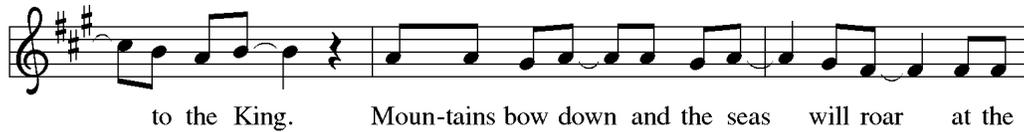
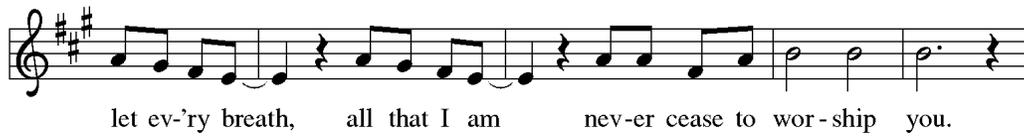
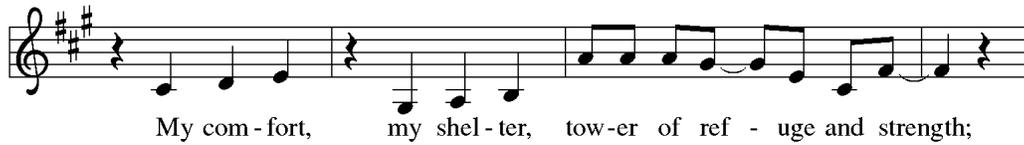
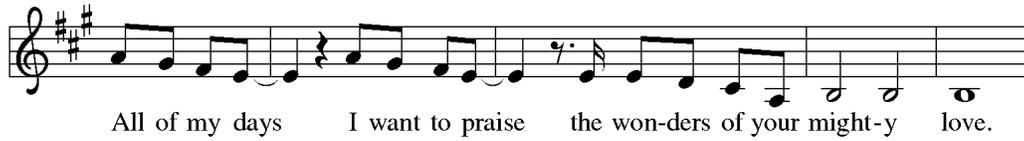
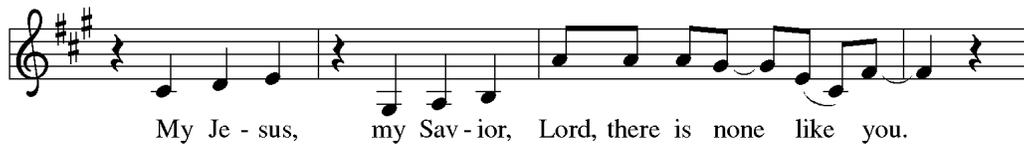
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Shout to the Lord



Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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GREETING

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Cong: And also with you.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, Have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let
us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend up gracious Lord.

All: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray.

All: God, whose fondness for humanity knows no limit, write your word upon our hearts, so that we need not scroll, no book, no script to know that you love us. Show us the power of your covenant, that you will be faithful to us, even when we fail to remain faithful to you. For the beauty of your word inscribed upon us, we pray, in the name of the one whose body and blood became your new covenant with us, Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹In the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah until today. ³It may be that when the house of Judah hears of all the disasters that I intend to do to them, all of them may turn from their evil ways, so that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

⁴Then Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at Jeremiah's dictation all the words of the LORD that he had spoken to him. ⁵And Jeremiah ordered Baruch, saying, "I am prevented from entering the house of the LORD; ⁶so you go yourself, and on a fast day in the hearing of the people in the LORD's house you shall read the words of the LORD from the scroll that you have written at my dictation. You shall read them also in the hearing of all the people of Judah who come up from their towns. ⁷It may be that their plea will come before the LORD, and that all of them will turn from their evil ways, for great is the anger and wrath that the LORD has pronounced against this people." ⁸And Baruch son of Neriah did all that the prophet Jeremiah ordered him about reading from the scroll the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

²¹Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it from the chamber of Elishama the secretary; and Jehudi read it to the king and all the officials who stood beside the king. ²²Now the king was sitting in his winter apartment (it was the ninth month), and there was a fire burning in the brazier before him. ²³As Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut them off with a penknife and throw them into the fire in the brazier, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier. ²⁷Now, after the king had burned the scroll with the words that Baruch wrote at Jeremiah's dictation, the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: ²⁸Take another scroll and

write on it all the former words that were in the first scroll, which King Jehoiakim of Judah has burned.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalm 119:9-16

⁹How shall the young keep their way clean?

By keeping to your word.

¹⁰With my whole heart I seek you;

let me not stray from your commandments.

¹¹I treasure your promise in my heart,

that I may not sin against you.

¹²Blessed are you, O LORD;

instruct me in your statutes.

¹³With my lips I recite

all the judgments of your mouth.

¹⁴I take greater delight in the way of your decrees

than in all manner of riches.

¹⁵I will meditate on your commandments

and give attention to your ways.

¹⁶My delight is in your statutes;

I will not forget your word.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

WORD OF GOD:**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

A reading from Jeremiah.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Pastor: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON**PASTOR JOY HEINE**

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

AM: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

(pause for silent reflection)

AM: Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

AM: You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Direct our use of creation to provide for the needs of all people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

AM: Bring peace to every place where conflict rages (*especially*). Grant opportunities for ending divisions among us and usher in your reign of unity and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

AM: Heal the sinful divisions we erect between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your image in those whose dignity we have stripped away (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

AM: Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth throughout the church. Sustain those who work in children's ministry, youth ministry, and campus ministry as they nurture the gifts of young people. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

AM: Heal those who are sick, give strength to those in need. Surround (*especially especially David Rose, Ann Rose, Mike Creaney, Mark Galazin, Autumn Galazin, Emil Mariani, Jim Kiercheras, Bob Hernandez, Elaine Sandine, Mona Matson, Toronna Qualls, Joe Swanson, Crispen Bowfinger, Juanita Walker, Tommy Walker, Ebbie Lee Hill, Miriam David, Lou Jeanne Walton, Andrea Griffith, Naudia Lewis, Jomar Hess, Bayne Spotwood, Amber Letbetter, Patricia Bueltmann, Willie Patterson, Sandra Lewis, Marvin Lewis, Danny McCoy, Bob Arvidson, Mildred Shannon, Vertis Bolden, and John Karagory*) with your loving, healing arms. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

AM: Thank you for saints now departed (especially Ben Watkins, *Carol Armiger, Pastor Cheryl Pero*) who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always

Cong: And with you also

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING (For Online Contributions go to <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1234592> or the Giving page on the website www.bethelmiller.org)

BLESSING OF SPECIAL GIFTS F OR SOJOURNER TRUTH HOUSE

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

All: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

BLESSING OF BETHEL'S NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR MINISTRY

SENDING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

DISMISSAL

AM: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: **Amen.**

AM: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

Cong: **With joyful hearts, living in Christ
We love and serve our neighbors.
We are Bethel!**

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THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR WAYS YOU CAN JOIN THESE TIMES TOGETHER ON-LINE!

TODAY	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
		In-person and online
		Via Zoom Conference
		Meeting ID 936 646 7032
		Password: L1LAC
NEXT SUNDAY	10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Worship
		In-Person and online

Online Service is on:

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/Ucc3974ZJisCzhwgN5uyphFw>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/events/s/bethel-lutheran-online-worship/285814119301654/?ti=icl>

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: None this week.

Nate & Dixie Sayles



Tuesday, November 24

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: None this week

Happy Birthday!

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Worship Service Bulletins are printed first thing Thursday mornings. Please provide the office any announcements you would like posted by the Wednesday. You can include words of encouragement in the bulletin during this time of isolation. Please send words of encouragement to bethelmiller@hotmail.com. Thank you.

IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY we remember those who are in need of healing (illness, infirmity, homebound, etc. *especially David Rose, Ann Rose, Mike Creaney, Mark Galazin, Autumn Galazin, Emil Mariani, Jim Kiercheras, Bob Hernandez, Elaine Sandine, Mona Matson, Toronna Qualls, Joe Swanson, Crispen Bowfinger, Juanita Walker, Tommy Walker, Ebbie Lee Hill, Miriam David, Lou Jeanne Walton, Andrea Griffith, Naudia Lewis, Jomar Hess, Bayne Spotwood, Amber Letbetter, Patricia Bueltmann, Willie Patterson, Sandra Lewis, Marvin Lewis, Danny McCoy, Bob Arvidson, Mildred Shannon, Vertis Bolden, and John Karagory.*



THE BETHEL FAMILY lifts up in the saints of every time and place *especially the families Ben Watkins, Carol Armiger, and Pastor Cheryl Pero.* Please hold the families in prayer as they mourn these losses, comforting and supporting them in the example of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord.



THE BETHEL FAMILY CONTINUES TO PRAY: Open the ways of love, in the pursuit of peace throughout the world, and bless the efforts of healthcare professionals, administrators, first responders, cleaning crew, grocery store workers, truck drivers, activists and caregivers for women and children experiencing domestic violence, relief workers, especially those who find themselves in harm's way, *Lillie McElroy, Latonya Lark, Kendra Riley, Matthew McLaurin, Brandon Campbell, and Edward Sampson.*

Want to help spread the word about our online worship service? If so, send family and friends a text message at least an hour before the worship service begins inviting them to our online worship service and include the Facebook and Youtube link.

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/Ucc3974ZJisCzhwgN5uyphFw>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/events/s/bethel-lutheran-online-worship/285814119301654/?ti=icl>

CONFIRMATION: YEAR 2, FALL

September – December 2020

- Saturday, November 7 (10:00 – 2:00 p.m.) – Sacraments Retreat
- Sunday, November 15 (after church) – Daily Prayer
- Saturday, November 21 (time tbd) – Service
- Sunday, December 6 (after church) – New Testament Overview
- Saturday, December 12 (10:00 – 2:00 p.m.) – Jesus and the Gospels Retreat

SMALL APPLIANCES DRIVE FOR SOJOURNER TRUTH:

Greetings Bethel Family,

I hope that all is well with you and your families. As the holiday season approaches I need your help. I am working on an initiative with Sojourner Truth House. Sojourner is a day shelter program. They help homeless women and children



find housing, employment and get back on their feet. Many of them fled abusive situations and are having to start over. They are in need of small appliances such as irons, toasters, coffee makers, blenders, mixers, electric skillets, microwaves, crockpots, George Foreman’s grills and pots and pans. Because of COVID-19 all appliances must be new and unopened. The donations are needed no later than Sunday, November 22, 2020. If you are able to help you can leave your donation at the church with Charolette. Should you have any questions please feel free to call me at (219)796-3489.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.
God Bless, Barbara

The donation acceptance hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 11a-1p, Sundays from 10a – noon or by calling 219-938-6677 to schedule an appointment.

SAVE THE DATE:

Midweek Advent Service
Wednesdays, December 2, 9 and 16 at 6:30 p.m.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE:

Tuesday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m.

Join members of Bethel via zoom to worship, share time and give thanks to God.

Pastor Joy is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Thanksgiving Service

Time: Nov 24, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9366467032?pwd=RWh3ZUR2TlVWaDRtcGtVY1ZlY0E1jUT09>

Meeting ID: 936 646 7032

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ADVENT DEVOTIONAL



Join us this year in using Advent/Christmas Devotions provided as a gift from the participants of the IK Synod Spiritual Renewal Process – Inspire. Ignite. Invite. Charolette and Florzell Hawkins, Greg Bueltmann and Pastor Joy Heine are participants in this process and wrote a devotion for this 2020 season. Siblings in Christ from 22 congregations began meeting in four cohorts in April 2020. During the monthly ZOOM meetings participants learned a variety of spiritual practices, wrote their own descriptions of spirituality, led small groups in their own congregations, developed relationships with others across the synod, and deepened their own spirituality. Pastor and Members of Bethel will reflect on some of these devotions via facebook live during this season.

Take Action for Justice

Maybe you feel like something needs done to stop racial violence ... but you aren't sure what.

Maybe you feel that you cannot attend a protest ... but you want to.

Maybe you feel your faith tradition entreats you to act ... but you're not sure what to do.

The social justice committees of our congregations feel called to act.

- Bethel Lutheran Church * First Unitarian Church of Hobart * Marquette Park United Methodist Church * St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church * Temple Israel

Please help us. We are asking you to make one phone call, write one letter, or send one email to the Governor of Indiana before Labor Day. We encourage you to pass on this information to anyone else who might also feel called to take action.

Our elected Indiana Black Legislators have given us a roadmap for responsible action toward law enforcement reform in our state. We support their plan. **We ask that you contact Governor Holcomb and communicate these three things:**

- 1. Support for the Indiana Black Legislators Caucus Justice Reform Action Steps.**
- 2. Support for an immediate Executive Order by the Governor to ban law enforcement from using any means of restraint that cut off the ability to breathe.**
- 3. Support for the Governor to immediately establish a diverse Statewide Criminal Justice Commission that includes the reform of policing practices.**

Please add any other statements or ideas you might wish to communicate.

The Governor's contact information:

Office of the Governor
Statehouse
Indianapolis, IN 46204

phone (317)232-4567

The Governor can be emailed through his website at in.gov

After you have made contact with the Governor, please let the person who sent you this information know. Thank you for working for justice.

If you would like more information from our interfaith network, please contact Charolette Hawkins at the Church office phone number 219-938-6677 or email bethemiller@hotmail.com.

(You can download the Justice Reform Action Steps at <https://www.indianasenatedemocrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/IBLC-Justice-Reform-Action-Steps-003.pdf>)

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We welcome our visitors in the name of Jesus.

If you do not have a regular church home, we invite you to return to worship with us every week. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Joy Heine at 219-938-6677 or visit our website www.bethelmiller.org