



Bethel

by God, each other, family, friends and community

May 31, 2023

Bethel Lutheran Church, White Rock, SC

Pentecost Sunday was a sight for sore eyes. As folks arrived at church for Sunday school and worship, we saw various shades of red because many decided to be festive and dress in our liturgical color for the day we celebrate the birthday of the Christian church. On top of that we had a variety of flowers in shades of red brought from different homes and, no doubt, nurtured with love and care to decorate our chancel to the glory of God. I had forgotten how much I love Pentecost. I love it when the church comes together for the common good (as Paul notes in Corinthians). During the sermon I encouraged those present to consider the gifts the Spirit has given them. Whether you know it or not, you are each blessed with gifts to contribute to the common good of the church and world. Singing. Teaching. Leadership. Kindness. Patience. Attention to detail. Care for neighbor. What is your gift? How can you use your gift at this time in your life to show God's love to others? How are you using it to serve the church? As we head into summer months, my prayer is that the Holy Spirit kindles the fire within us to serve. To listen and pray. To discern how God is at work in us and through us as we continue to be the church in the world today.

Peace be with you all,
Pastor Megan



Altar flowers are needed for the dates listed below to beautify our sanctuary:
June 4 & 11 and the months of July, August and September.
Please contact the church office if you are interested in filling those dates.
Thank you!

Saturday, June 3 Youth Pool Party



The youth will have a pool party on Saturday, June 3 from 12:30-3:00 pm at the Kochems home. Bethel youth are encouraged to attend and RSVP as soon as possible!

SC Synod Assembly is in Columbia June 8-10



Synod Assembly is the meeting of our larger church body to do yearly business, learn about how the Spirit is at work in the church, and find out ways we can join in this mission. Ron Heater and Diane McCartha will attend as our voting members along with Pastor Megan. We look forward to updating you once we return!



Pastor Megan will be out of the office for vacation

from the afternoon of
Sunday, June 11 through
June 17.

Please contact Robbin in the office during regular hours OR Council President Allan Derrick if you need pastoral care or have an emergency. They will connect you with the on-call pastor.



Camp ministry plays a formative role in the lives of youth across the country. This year our youth will head up the mountain for **Kairos Campfirmation at Lutheridge**. Brandon Derrick, Emily Harling, and Lucy Harling will be at camp for the week of **June 18-June 24** learning about God and connecting with other people of faith. Pastor Megan will be assisting the other leaders with Kairos camp this week. *If you have a pastoral care emergency, she is still on so call her cell phone.



Sunday, June 25 - Church Picnic

We will be having a church picnic following the service, sponsored by the Church Council. Please plan on joining us. More details to come!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the LMM Fish Fry last month. From the cooking of the delicious meal, serving the meal and taking the meals to our shut-ins. It was a wonderful teamwork event!



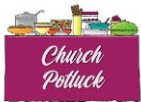
SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR SUMMER:

LUNCH BUNCH- All are welcome to gather at Higher Ground on Tuesday, June 27, at 11:00 am for lunch and fellowship. Please RSVP to Pastor Megan no later than Thursday, June 22 so can make a reservation.



BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP SERIES:

There has been a desire from numerous individuals for more Bible study, fellowship, and food opportunities. You can get all three by joining us June 28, July 5, 12, & 19 at 6:00 pm for Bible study and a themed potluck. Bring a small dish to share to match the weekly theme. June 28 will start with Mexican night. Bring your favorite Mexican dish, side, or dip to share!



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/2 Gale and George Faust
- 6/10 Ron Heater and Patrick George
- 6/13 Bonnie and Dick Lowman
- 6/14 Sally and Robin Duncan
- 6/15 Mary Kathryne and Chad Wadford
- 6/29 Donna and Richard Torres



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6/1 Dick Cameron
- 6/3 Peggy Spell
- 6/5 Tessa Bitterwolf
- 6/7 Maggie Stone
- 6/23 Claude Leviner
- 6/28 Marilyn Shealy
- 6/30 Joyce Troutman



SAVE THE DATE:
AUGUST 13 AT 3:00 PM
BLESSING OF BACKPACKS
SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT

JUNE WE CARE ITEMS NEEDED

You are so faithful to help us inform the community of our needs. The following items are needed this month: Vienna sausages, canned potatoes, spaghetti sauce, soup (all sizes and flavors), corn muffin mix, instant potatoes, ramen noodles, canned tomatoes, syrup, kids snacks, paper and cleaning products and toiletries. We are **critically** in need of these items! You may notice that the list looks very similar to May's list, and part of the reason for that is that we are still at extremely low levels of these same items. So we are praying for generosity of donations to help us stock our shelves – thanks for helping us do that!



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| Dot Park | Phil Wunder |
| Pebble Briggs | Barb Gross |
| Vannie Toy | Sue Elliott |
| Russell Miller | Greg McCullah |
| Claude Leviner | Irene Leviner |
| Bertha McCartha | Ronnie Taylor |
| Sheri Southworth | Bella Raniszewski |
| Paul and Bonnie Bates | Richard Chouinard |
| Davis Samples and Mac (Eugenia Matthews' relatives) | |
| Teresa Abshire (Bertha McCartha's niece) | |
| Tracey Sikora (Richard Torres' sister) | |



Homecoming and Golden Age Sunday will October 8. Bishop Aibescher will join us. Mark your calendars.

