

Announcements & Opportunities
Bethel UMC
April 21, 2024

LIVESTREAMED WORSHIP: Anyone who is unable to attend worship in person is invited to join the livestreamed worship service from Faith UMC, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at: <http://www.churchofbethelumc.com> or <https://www.faithumcshebfalls.org>.

THANK YOU, to Emily Gilbertson, who is bringing the message today and next Sunday while Pastor Kathy is on vacation. **If you have any pastoral needs, Steve Delano is available for any emergencies or needs at 920.917.3600.**

FUTURE NOISY OFFERING DATES ARE: June 30, September 29, and December 29.

THANK YOU to all our April volunteers. You are all appreciated beyond words. We are still looking for someone to serve as custodian(s) for the month. Please call the church office if you can help!

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING: This Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024, 10:30 a.m. at Faith UMC. We will be celebrating six youth: Aiden Raisbeck, Sophia Koeppen, Charlotte Peterson, Connor Kruse, Matt Knaak, and Ava Bradshaw. A short reception, immediately following the service, will be held in the Fellowship Hall, compliments of Faith UMCs Hospitality Team.

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT 2024: Please pray for and support, as the team prepares for its week of service, June 15 through June 22. Twenty-one youth and adults from St. Luke, Bethel (Sammy Gilbertson), and Faith UMC (Sophia Koeppen and Aiden Raisbeck), New Life Community Church, and friends will be traveling to eastern Kentucky to serve as the hands and feet of Christ, our neighbors in need. Mark your calendars for the upcoming fundraiser listed below. It is a terrific way to show support to our youth in their service to community!

- **Brat Fry, Saturday, April 27**, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Rick's Piggly Wiggly, 80 E. Park Ave., Kiel. **Please consider baking and bringing your delicious ready-to-sell baked goods to the St. Luke youth room by April 26, or call Emily at 920.379.5965.**
- **Burgers & Brats, Saturday, May 25** from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Festival Foods, 595 S. Taylor Dr., Sheboygan.

YOUTH OUTING: Sponsored by Faith UMC, on Friday, August 2, 2024, to Land of Natura Water park in Wisconsin Dells. The bus leaves from Faith UMC at 9 a.m. and returns around 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 per youth and includes lunch and dinner. Ages nine and up (must be a comfortable swimmer.) Contact Andria P. with questions (920.207.2796.) Please join in on the fun!

LOOKING AHEAD...OUR ANNUAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT ROAD AMERICA: Mark your calendars for Friday, July 12, for the next fundraising opportunity to help at Road America. More information to follow.

RETIREMENT PARTY AND NEW BASEMENT REMODEL DEDICATION: Everyone is welcome to attend the potluck retirement dinner honoring Pastor Kathy on Saturday, June 29 at 4:00 p.m. here in the "new" Fellowship Hall, along with the dedication of our newly remodeled church basement dedication immediately following dinner. Come and celebrate Pastor Kathy on her retirement from her ministry at Bethel and Faith UMCs, and your gratitude for everyone who assisted by working so hard on the new basement hall remodel. Broasted chicken will be provided, and everyone is asked to bring a complimentary dish to pass. D.S. Park Hunter will be in attendance. To God be the Glory!

WI UM CAMPS – CAMP & RETREAT MINISTRIES SUMMER CAMP 2024: Camp Lucerne and Pine Lake. Youth camps begin June 9-14 and run weekly through August 12-15. So many fun and exciting camping opportunities to choose from. A printed schedule is on the table in the sanctuary and registration forms are available either online, or by contacting the Faith church office (920.467.6244.) Julie will be happy to get you a copy. In addition, the following special camping opportunities are being offered at Pine Lake.

Please Pray For...

Bethel United Methodist Church Joys and Concerns April 21, 2024

Prayers of gratitude from

- Arnie E., for all the people at Kwik Trip who show so much care for him, including customers and staff.
- From Rosie M., for Pastor Don and his wife Barb; Pastor Don has just retired from pastoral ministry with the United Methodist Church.
- Paul L., that the Easter Seals camp in the Dells is fully staffed and everything needed for camp is fully in place for the families who will be utilizing the camp.
- Ted, that Pastor Kathy is going to be able to do the Rite of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday.

Prayers for traveling mercies

- From Jill F., for all those who traveled to Makayla's bridal shower last weekend.

Prayers for sympathy and God's comfort for

- The Mitchell family who mourn the loss of John's mother who passed away last Thursday.

Prayers for God's strength and peace

- From Patti K., for her co-worker Connie, who retired on Tuesday. Connie's husband Jeff died recently after a lengthy illness.
- From Rosie M., for her grandson Adam, who is struggling with caregiving a plastic baby for a school assignment.
- From Trish F., for Caitlyn, Jim, and Judy, who are grieving the death of a favorite husky, Lucy, who recently died.
- From Paul L., for the family of a good friend of the Bethel UMC family, Pete Dorn, who has recently entered hospice care. Paul is thankful for Pete's strong faith and his relationship with our church.

Continued prayers for God's healing presence and quieting strength and peace

- From Emily G., for her sister Carolyn, who was hospitalized with the flu and is now home.
- From Emily G., for Barb in West Virginia, who is waiting for test results from some serious health issues.
- From Arnie E., as he is having breathing issues.
- From Janet M., for her husband Dave, who was hospitalized for confusion; doctors found no health issues and Dave is back home.
- From Janet M., for Dave's brother Tom, who was diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma.
- From Fred L., for his son-in-law who recently had surgery on his back and developed an infection. He is currently a patient at Froedtert.
- From Trish F., for her friend Linda, whose husband was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- From Janet, continued prayers for her friend Marc, who had a double kidney transplant.
- From Faden, for continued prayers for Vicky and Aunt Ruby.
- From Galen, for his brother Gordy, who had a heart attack.
- For Edie L.
- For Tom L.

Prayers for God's guidance and consideration

- For all families dealing with memory issues with loved ones.
- Please continue to pray for and support, as the team prepares for its week of service, June 15 through June 22. Twenty-one youth and adults from St. Luke, Faith UMC, New Life Community Church, and friends will be traveling to eastern Kentucky to serve as the hands and feet of Christ, our neighbors in need.

Prayers for God's provision for peace and the end to the violence

- For the conflict in Ukraine and Israel. Prayer for the peace that Jesus brings and for a rapid end to the tension, anger, discord, and violence. Prayers for God's peace in the hearts of everyone.