



Bethel
Lutheran Church WELS

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A newsletter from Bethel
Galesville-Arcadia, Wisconsin

September 2018

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Sunday Worship Times Moving to 9 AM on September 9th

During these past 12 months, our congregational leaders have been considering the opportunity that two pastors provide to shift our Sunday worship times to an arrangement that could work better for our members. This consideration went hand in hand with our prayers that more Bethel families would gather for worship on a more regular basis.

To gauge what the congregation thought about a possible change in worship times, an online survey was sent to 94 member email addresses.

The results of the survey encouraged us to believe that our members were not strongly opposed to a change in service times. On the contrary, those results not only expressed support for a change, but in some cases, strong support.

In addition to the online survey, church leaders listened for personal comments on the subject of changing service times. We also made a point of discussing this subject at our annual congregational meeting in July. Along the way, there continued to be a fairly even balance between those recommending no change and those expressing their support of a change.

So the Board of Elders arrived at a plan of action for Bethel worship times.

Beginning on Sunday, September 9th, Bethel Lutheran Church will offer

9:00 AM Sunday worship AT BOTH LOCATIONS

followed by fellowship

followed by Bible Class and Sunday school at 10:30 AM.

We will encourage all of our families to dedicate themselves to gathering together around Word and Sacrament, for fellowship, and for spiritual growth.

We will listen for what our congregation thinks about this change of service times.

We will carefully evaluate the results of this change and, if needed, will return our service times to our current schedule as of January 2019.

We hope to see an increase in the number of people gathering to worship Sunday by Sunday. May we remember how God's rich blessings are distributed through his Word and Sacraments! Your presence in worship is not only important to your own spiritual life, it encourages the spirit of those who are members of Bethel with you!

Arcadia Cleaning Day

We need to spruce up our place of worship for our 10th anniversary celebration. We will be gathering on Saturday, Sept. 8th at 9:00 AM to clean the church. We will break for a potluck lunch at noon and continue cleaning until finished. The more hands we have to clean, the faster the job will get done. Please join us. See you then!

Choir Begins

The Galesville Choir will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, September 11th at 6:30 PM in the Galesville sanctuary. If you love to sing God's praises, you should join us. We sing in church about once a month. Everyone is welcome!!

Galesville Fellowship Treat Schedule

We will have fellowship treats each Sunday from 10:00 – 10:30 AM. Listed below is a schedule of ladies to bring treats each Sunday. If you are unable to serve treats on your designated day, please switch with someone else. Please provide a beverage for the children and coffee can be made with the church supplies. Thank you!

Sept. 9 – Judy Howell

Sept. 16 – Esther Peterson

Sept. 23 – Mary Gilbert

Sept. 30 – Darlene Johnson

Oct. 7 – Kathryn Mann

Oct. 14 – LaVonne Wier

Oct. 21 – Deb Barkeim

Oct. 28 – Julie Haessig

Arcadia's W.O.W. Group Minutes

- Pastor Baerbock led the devotion based on our confession, "He descended into hell."
- Sandy Witte reported that the treasury is in good standing.
- We will have a potluck to meet and greet the Camp Phillip youth workers, who are leading our students in Day Camp.
- There will be a work day at the church on Sat., Sept 8th. We want to have everything cleaned and looking good for the anniversary celebration in September. There will be a potluck at noon.
- Sandy will check on the date of the city-wide garage sales in Arcadia in September.
- The next meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 5th at 4:30 PM.



Bible Classes & Sunday school

begin

September 9th
at 10:30 AM.



Food for More Challenge



We have an opportunity to stretch our dollars in support of our food pantry from Sept 9th to Oct 20th, for every dollar donated to the Arcadia Community Food Pantry, Feed My People Food Bank will match it with a pound of food, up to 5000 pounds, significantly increasing the value of your donation to this program! Additionally, as a partner with Feed My People we are able to obtain at least ten times the amount of food as we could through retail sources for the same cost. Make checks out to Arcadia CommUNITY Food Pantry and in the memo line write "Match Challenge". For more information, contact Sandy Witte at 323-3811.

Matching Gift Opportunity

In connection with this opportunity to support the Arcadia CommUNITY Food Pantry, a family of our congregation has offered to match all monetary gifts given to this cause from Sept. 9 through Oct. 20 up to \$1,000. So the dollar you give automatically becomes two dollars! We thank this family for their generous offer. The food pantry being served at our church location in Arcadia has been effective in providing a way for Bethel to make connections with neighbors in our community. Please consider giving a special gift to this effort. Thank you.



BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 4 – Fred Lintelmann
- Sept. 4 – Keith Witte
- Sept. 6 – Sherri Christenson
- Sept. 7 – Chris Hamilton
- Sept. 7 – Fred Mann
- Sept. 7 – Danielle Arndt
- Sept. 10 – Alissa Geske
- Sept. 11 – Gary Putz
- Sept. 14 – Ben Loding
- Sept. 17 – Ted Kosmo
- Sept. 17 – Judy Grzadielewski
- Sept. 20 – Olivia Radatz
- Sept. 22 – Garrett Knudsen
- Sept. 26 – Henry Karow
- Sept. 27 – Amy Thorn
- Sept. 29 – Kevin Baumbach
- Sept. 29 – Lindsay Schober
- Sept. 29 – Abby Rotering
- Sept. 30 – Carla Mehner

ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 1 – Rick & Laurie Krause
- Sept. 3 – Rick & Debra Scholl
- Sept. 10 – Chuck & Karla Johnson
- Sept. 10 – Gary & Kelly Adank
- Sept. 10 – Fred & Kathryn Mann
- Sept. 12 – Wayne & Tina Rothering
- Sept. 20 – Greg & Abby Rotering
- Sept. 20 – Tim & Danielle Bakeberg

Galesville Church Cleaning Schedule for September

- Sept. 1 – Fred Lintelmann and Noah & Heather Karow
- Sept. 8 – Duane & Doris Fruechte and Abe & Tracy Weber
- Sept. 15 – Craig & Tami Yehle and LouAnn Farley
- Sept. 22 – Tim & Deb Smieja and Dan & Stacie Campbell
- Sept. 29 – Rollin & Deb Barkeim and Dawn & Gary Bender

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beginning September 9th.**

**Ushers, Greeters & Acolytes
for the Month of September**

<u>Arcadia</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
Sept. 2	Dan Thorn Ken Thorn	Kathy Fonstad	Jonathan Thorn
Sept. 9	Todd Eckart Ian Eckart	Paul Koch Deb Koch	Samantha Berg
Sept. 16	Bruce Arnoldy Jeremy Conradt	Chuck Johnson Karla Johnson	Breah Golden
Sept. 23	Brian Steinlicht Michael Steinlicht	Eileen Hanson JoAnne Wier	George Munson
Sept. 30	Bruce Arnoldy Jeremy Conradt	Martin Knudsen Janice Knudsen	Hank Munson
<u>Galesville</u>			
Sept. 2	Dave Evenson	Kay Evenson Julie Haessig	
Sept. 9	Dave Evenson AJ Johnson	Kay Evenson Audra Johnson	
Sept. 16	Dave Evenson AJ Johnson	Kay Evenson Audra Johnson	
Sept. 23	Dave Evenson	Kay Evenson	
Sept. 30	Dave Evenson	Kay Evenson	

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<p>2 Worship with Communion</p>	<p>3 Labor Day</p>		<p>5 A – Confirmation 4PM A – WOW mtg 4:30 PM G – Confirmation 6PM</p>	<p>6 G – Midweek Worship 6 PM</p>		<p>1 <hr style="width: 80%; margin-left: 0;"/></p> <p>8</p>
<p>9 Worship SS/BC G – Ladies meeting 10 AM</p>	<p>10 G- Council Mtg. 6:00 PM</p>	<p>11 G – Midweek Bible Class 1:15PM G – Choir 6:30PM</p>	<p>12 A – Confirmation 4PM G – Confirmation 6PM</p>	<p>13 G – Midweek Worship with Communion 6 PM</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 Worship with Communion SS/BC</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 G – Midweek Bible Class 1:15 PM G – Choir 6:30PM</p>	<p>19 A – Confirmation 4PM G – Confirmation 6PM</p>	<p>20 G – Midweek Worship 6 PM</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 Worship SS/BC Anniversary Celebrations</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 G – Midweek Bible Class 1:15 PM G – Choir 6:30PM</p>	<p>26 A – Confirmation 4PM G – Confirmation 6PM</p>	<p>27 A – Food Pantry G – Midweek Worship 6:00 PM</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 Worship SS/BC</p>					<p>Sunday School/ Bible Class 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Sunday Worship 9:00 AM</p>

