



Bethel United Church of Christ
3029 N Green River Rd.
Evansville, IN 47715

-----*Bethel Record - May 2025*-----



Monthly Mission: Raise the Roof!

Communion Sunday → May 4th

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE → May 21st

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 8AM - 2 PM, FRIDAY CLOSED
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MISSION FOCUS - MAY 2025 - RAISE THE ROOF!



Recent storms have taken a toll on our beloved sanctuary, escalating the urgent need for a new roof. What was once a future goal has become an immediate necessity. We're calling on your kindness and generosity. Every donation—large or small—brings us one step closer to ensuring safety, warmth, and continuity for all who gather here.



May Meeting YAWN - YOUTH

IN APRIL WE HAD A FUN EASTER EGG HUNT WITH COOL PRIZES. THEY HAD A GREAT TIME FINDING THE EGGS AND PICKING OUT PRIZES. WE TALKED ABOUT THE POWER OF PRAYER AND PLAYED SOME GAMES. WE NOW HAVE A MINIATURE AIR HOCKEY MACHINE WHICH WAS A LOT OF FUN.

WE WERE SAD TO SAY GOODBYE TO LILLY SCALES BUT WE KNOW SHE HAS A GREAT LIFE WAITING FOR HER IN MINNESOTA. GOOD LUCK LILLY! OUR NEXT GET TOGETHER WILL BE **MAY 25TH AT 10:15 IN THE YOUTH ROOM**. ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!

PLEASE CALL SHARON WITH ANY QUESTIONS: 812-205-8948
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!!!

Bethel United Church of Christ
Leadership Council Meeting Summary
April 27, 2025

Continuing Business:

1. Lawsuit: Our lawyer is drafting a motion for default judgement against the insurance company since they failed to appear.
2. Sabbatical: Rev. Lynn Moreno will be filling in for Rev Buehrer while he is away in June – August. A display will be posted in the Narthex. The following meals are being planned:
 - a. June 1- Picnic with sharing of what Rev. Buehrer will be doing while on Sabbatical as well as in introduction to Rev. Moreno.
 - b. July 20? – Church Catered dinner. A time for “Recreating Family Relationships”
 - c. September 6 – Rally Day and Homecoming Celebration Dinner
3. Abby Thomas: We are still awaiting a final check from the online ticket sales for the winter production. The tables and dividers that were removed from the garage storage were returned.

New Business:

1. Preschool: The Preschool is starting a summer program. We are also now enrolling children as young as 2 ½ years old.
2. Sanctuary Roof replacement & Concrete ramp on main walk from parking lot to the Sanctuary. We are fund raising to cover the cost of replacing the roof (\$50,000) and cutting a ramp into the sidewalk (\$4,800). We have received \$11,000 to date toward this fundraising.

Financials:

1. Our Operating Budget remains tight as income is down slightly from last year.
2. Bethel Buddies: Expenses are running slightly ahead of income. This is a trend we are watching closely since the State of Indiana has put their focus on having the public schools provide preschool. We have experienced a loss of students as a result of this change.



MAY 5TH
@
Bosse High School

6 PM
Registration

6:30 PM
Meeting
Begins

NEHEMIAH ACTION RALLY!

Together, we're calling on our city leaders to support an ordinance dedicating 2% of the city budget to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund – a vital step toward housing justice in our community.



Bethel Buddies

Child Care & Preschool



April has been packed with fun and learning! The giggles were endless as little feet bounced high in bounce houses provided by a preschool parent, and we made some furry new friends during a special visit from some adorable goats. We celebrated Earth Day by getting our hands dirty and planting flowers. Our preschoolers are growing green thumbs and big hearts!

Can't wait to see what May brings!

Sunday May 18th

1 - 2 pm Check In with your charity
2-4 pm 2025 Annual Walking for Dreams

Evansville Walk at Bally's Riverfront
421 NW Riverside Dr., Evansville, IN 47708



Thank you for the use of the Bethel Gym + Fellowship hall through the winter months. We greatly appreciate Bethel's support of our group.

Sincerely,
The Society for Creative Anachronism



Dear Bethel U.C.C.

We are incredibly grateful for your generous donation of hygiene kits to U.C.S.. Your thoughtfulness + support will greatly help those in need in our community, ensuring they have access to essential personal care items.

Thank you for making a positive impact in the lives of those we serve. Your kindness is truly appreciated.

Warm regards.

Erica McMichael, Development, U.C.S.

The Flowers That Grace Our Altar And Were Given To The Glory Of God

In Memory Of:

Jean Bernhardt
Betty & Jim McDougal
William Buehrer
Willard & Lillie Damm
Edith Damm
Rosemary Neumann & Rev. Charles Sykes
Virginia & Harold Deusner
Richard Cannon
Mel Kallenbach
Friends & Family
Loved Ones
Loved Ones
Family
Mae & Norm Allsmiller
Sandra Altheide
Adrean & Monzell Beatty
Alma & D.W. Vaughn
Elsa & Hugo Schuessler

From:

Don Bernhardt & Family
Rev. Sam & Ellen Buehrer
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Phillip, Andrea, & Allison Damm
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Lindy Deusner
Lindy Deusner
Linda Garrett
Linda Garrett
Linda Hall
Gale Neidig & Amy Carey
Jerry & Nancy Noland
Frank Schultheis
Carolyn Stephens & Family
Carolyn Stephens & Family
Sheri Sullivan
Laurel Vaughn
Laurel Vaughn

In Honor Of:

Our Children & Grandchildren
Loved Ones
Loved Ones

From:

Charlie & Jo Haller
Jerry & Nancy Noland
Gale Neidig & Amy Carey

The Easter Music Lifts Our Hearts And Is Made Possible By Gifts.

In Memory Of:

Jean Bernhardt
Alma & D.W. Vaughn
Elsa & Hugo Schuessler

From:

Don Bernhardt & Family
Laurel Vaughn
Laurel Vaughn

In Honor Of:

Loved Ones

From:

Shirly Mangold



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy May Anniversaries to:

- 13 Chad & Jennifer Winger
- 20 Frank & Judy Schultheis

Happy May Birthdays to:

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|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Linda Garrett | 13 Jennifer Webster | 24 Bob Bennett |
| 5 Chance Webster | 14 Kyra Webster | 28 Charlie Haller |
| 9 Micah Pricher | 15 Kaylynn Payne | 29 Michael Vanhooser |
| 10 Luke Lawson | 16 Carlos Haskins | 30 Stephanie Weiner |
| 10 Sharon Lawson | 23 Michael Vannatter | |
| 11 Owen Schneider | 24 Marilyn Baggerly | |

Family and Friends Serving in the Active Military - We hold in our prayers: * Jacob Swanson, Army, grandson of Ruth Willis.

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of our dear friend and long-time Bethel member, Jim Vogel, on the morning of April 9, 2025. At this time, no service dates have been scheduled. We will share updates as they become available.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Richard Condi on the passing of their beloved mother, Alice Condi, who entered eternal rest on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Heart to Heart Hospice. Friends may visit on Monday, May 5, 2025, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Browning Funeral Home, 738 E. Diamond Ave., Evansville, IN, with a nursing service beginning at 7:00 PM. Visitation will continue on Tuesday, May 6, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church from 9:00 AM until the start of the Mass of the Resurrection at 10:00 AM, celebrated by Father Zach Etienne. Entombment will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Joan Roth made a donation to the Music Fund in memory of Jim Vogel.

H•O•M•E BOUND

Nursing Homes, Rehab, Retirement Homes, and Homebound Members

Name	Room #	Address
Victor Luhring	149	Heritage Center 429-0700 1201 W Buena Vista Rd., Evansville, IN 47710
Harriet Anderson	103	Holiday Villa 1200 W Buena Vista Rd., Evansville, IN 47710
Letta Fraccaro	1119	Covenant Living at The Holmstad 700 W. Fabyan Pkwy, Batavia, IL 60510
Linda Garrett	117	Primrose Retirement Community 9800 Lincoln Ave., Newburgh, IN 47630
Jeanette Plane Carlos Haskins	S. RM.3 N. RM 26	Protestant Home (812) 476-3360 3701 Washington Ave., Evansville, IN 47714
Ritchie Taylor	528	River Pointe (812) 475-2822 3001 Galaxy Dr., Evansville, IN 47715
Doris Rohlfer	108	Brickyard / Woodlands Care Center 4088 Frame Rd, Newburgh IN, 47630
Cliff Kleymeyer		600 S Cullen Ave #603, Evansville, IN, 47715
Don Carrell	1	Bethel Manor 6015 Kratzville Rd, Evansville, IN 47710
Joan Roth		6337 Elise Lane, McCordsville, IN 46055

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