

BETHEL BELL FAMILY NEWS

AUGUST 2026



Healing in God's Time

Healing is one of the great promises woven throughout Scripture.

We often think of healing as the restoration of our bodies, and we pray for those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or facing chronic illness. Yet God's healing reaches far beyond the physical. He heals broken hearts, strained relationships, wounded spirits, and weary souls.

The Psalms remind us that God is "close to the brokenhearted" (Psalm 34:18). Jesus' ministry was filled with acts of healing, not only restoring sight to the blind and strength to the lame, but also restoring people to their families, communities, and hope. Every healing miracle pointed to God's deep desire for wholeness in our lives.

Sometimes healing comes quickly and dramatically. Other times it unfolds slowly through the care of physicians, the support of family and friends, or the quiet work of prayer over many months. There are also times when healing does not come in the way we expect. Even then, God promises never to leave us. His presence strengthens us, comforts us, and gives us peace that carries us through life's most difficult moments.

As a congregation, we are called to be part of God's healing work. A visit to someone who is homebound, a handwritten note, a meal shared with a grieving family, or simply listening with compassion can become channels of God's grace. Healing often begins when people know they are not alone.

This month we will have a healing service as part of our worship on August 23rd. Come. Bring your brokenness.

Let God be with you.

Peggy

Church Council meeting July, 2026

Church council did not meet during the month of July.

The next Church Council meeting will be on Sunday, August 10 at 8:30 a.m.

Enjoy this time of recreation with your friends and family; wishing everyone safe travels.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The church sanctuary will be closed in order to steam clean the carpet and the pew cushions during the week of August 24-28. Cleaning will take place on Monday and Tuesday the 24th and 25th and the remainder of the week will be to allow time for thorough drying. The church offices will remain open on their normal schedule.

East West Blessing Box Challenge Extended

Our East vs. West Blessing Box Challenge has been extended through the month of August! While the competition began in July, the race has become a bit one-sided, so we're giving everyone another chance to help their team catch up and make it a close finish. Each Sunday, please bring canned goods and other non-perishable food items to the table just inside the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. Your donations will be weighed and counted toward your team's total before being stocked in our church's Blessing Box storage area, to help provide food for those in need in our community.

Every donation makes a difference—not only for your team, but for the families who rely on our Blessing Box. So, gather your items, invite your friends to join in, and help your team earn the winning prize while sharing God's love through this important ministry.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us make a difference, one donation at a time!

Missions / Outreach Teacher Support

Thanks to the generous support of everyone who participated in our yard sale, the Mission and Outreach Ministry is excited to announce a new community outreach initiative. **With the proceeds from the sale, we will adopt one classroom at each of several local schools, providing much-needed supplies that teachers often purchase out of their own pockets.** Through this ministry, we hope to bless our local educators, support students, and share Christ's love in a practical and meaningful way.

Thank you for helping make this outreach possible!

More....This and That



August Has 5 Sundays! Bring a Friend to Church!

Sunday, August 30th, we'll once again be hosting

Bring a Friend to Church Day;

followed by a covered dish meal.

This month, we have something extra special! We'll be opening Bethel's History Room, giving everyone the opportunity to explore the incredible 175-year history of our church. It's a wonderful chance to see how God has blessed Bethel through the generations.

So mark your calendar, invite a friend, bring a favorite dish to share, and enjoy great food, fellowship, and a walk through Bethel's rich history. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sunday School Teachers are needed for our children.

Folks who are willing to help with our Sunday school for school age children starting in September, after Labor Day. There is an exciting, entirely new curriculum waiting to be explored. Please give prayerful consideration to this request, our children need you!



Pictorial Directory

The long-awaited directory is finished and should be ready before our homecoming date of September 13th. Those of you who had pictures taken may have received communication from a website with a code to look at your picture. If you have any directory questions, please reach out to Shelia Lingle.



Come help us celebrate our new home in Salisbury 1706 Whitney Lane
We'd love for you to stop by on Sunday, August 23, anytime between 1:00 and 3:00 PM
Come, enjoy some light refreshments, catch up, and take a look around our new place.
Your presence is the only gift we'd like—please, no gifts!

Peggy



Family Fun Night!

August 29th Taco bar and games....maybe a movie, who knows?

Always a great time and good friends. A cool place to be during this summer heat.

Laura's Children's Closet

Laura's Children's Closet at Bethel Lutheran Church has been awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Michael Peeler/Virginia Casey Fund through the NC Synod office.

The Michael Peeler Fund was established in 1955 under the will of Michael Peeler, a Salisbury businessman and member of St. John's, Salisbury. The income gifted to the North Carolina Lutheran Synod was "to be used by the synod each year wherever it is needed most for the advancement of the Kingdom of God."

The Virginia Casey Fund was established in 2007 by a gift from the trust of Virginia W. Casey. Mrs. Casey was a native of Davie County and member of Gloria Dei, Salisbury. She served the North Carolina Synod as secretary to former bishops George Wittecar and Ernest Misenheimer. Mrs. Casey asked that the gift to the North Carolina Lutheran Synod "be used to glorify God and promote the work of the Church," with an emphasis on identifying and equipping leaders; and reaching out to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a changing world.

The investments are managed by trustees elected by Synod Council and are held, along with other long-term endowments, by the North Carolina Synod Foundation. Synod Council uses a grant process that includes recommendations from its Peeler/Casey Committee to distribute these funds, giving priority to proposals that consider the Synod Council's mission and vision:

MISSION: Together As the North Carolina Synod of the ELCA, God Calls us to...

Cultivate and Celebrate Vital Congregations

Identify, Equip, and Nurture Whole and Healthy Leaders

Embrace and Engage in Collaboration

Proclaim the Promise of the Resurrection with a Prophetic Voice...All for the Sake of the World

CORE VALUES: Christ-Centered, Generosity, Relationship, Reconciliation



Bethel's 175th Anniversary T-Shirts Coming Soon!

As we continue celebrating Bethel's 175 years of faith, fellowship, and service, we are excited to share that **commemorative anniversary day**. **Sample shirts will be on display at the church**, giving everyone a chance to see the color, design, and fit before placing an order. All shirts will be **prepaid at the time the order is placed**.

More details — including pricing and ordering dates — will be shared very soon. Stay tuned as we add another joyful piece to this milestone celebration!



LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION (LMIM) MEETING July 7, 2026

The Lutheran Men in Mission met on July 7, 2026 at Pastor Carroll's Shop. There were **12** men in attendance. Perry VonCanon opened the meeting and he gave our blessing before supper. We enjoyed BLT's (bacon, lettuce and tomato) sandwiches. Thank you to Cathy for our 2 desserts, oatmeal cookies and ice-cream sandwich dessert. This was a wonderful meal and everyone enjoyed it. Al Brandon gave our devotions entitled, "One Nation Under God". The June 2, 2026 minutes were read. Al made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Mike Raney 2nd the motion and it was unanimously approved. Perry reported that we have \$2,510 in our LMIM account. Perry made a motion to give Bethel's 4 teachers, (Eric Shock, Anna Lingle, Allison Hartung and Caroline Monroe) a gift of \$100 each for purchasing school supplies. Al Brandon 2nd the motion and it carried unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with everyone reciting Galatians 2:20. **"I have been crucified with Christ: it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me: and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me".**

Respectfully Submitted,

Butch Williams, Secretary LMIM



On August 9, we will celebrate the men of our church. They will lead nearly every part of our worship service, with the exception of the Blessing of the Backpacks. We are excited to hear Jerry Trier bring the message and are grateful for the meaningful participation of the other men of our congregation as they share their gifts in worship. We look forward to this special Sunday as we celebrate their faithful service and leadership.

Blessing of the Backpacks will be given by Pastor Peggy.

Galatians Bible Study Continues in August!

Our study of **Galatians** will continue in August, and everyone is welcome to join us—even if you were unable to attend the first sessions.

Zoom Sessions:

Wednesdays: **August 5, 12, and 26**

7:30 p.m.

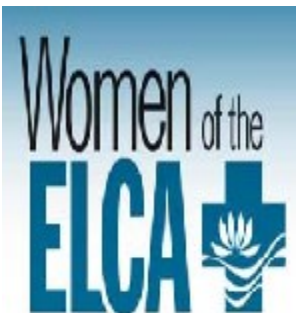
See Peggy for the Zoom link.

Study books are available in my office. We would love to have you join us as we continue exploring Paul's powerful letter to the Galatians together.

In-Person Sessions:

Fridays: **August 7, 14, and 28**

1:00 p.m. at the church



The July fellowship was held at Blue Bay Restaurant, Highway 70; **7** women in attendance.

Ladies, our Women's Meeting, August 3rd will be held at the Terhune's' home at **6:00 p.m.** □ **1706 Whitney Lane, Salisbury, NC.** Bob will be preparing dinner for us, and we'll enjoy our program afterward. Looking forward to a wonderful evening together and can't wait to see everyone!

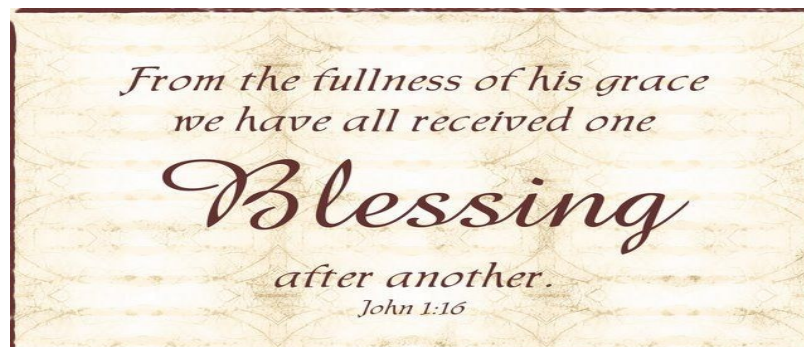


HOMEBOUND/HOSPITAL/NURSING HOME

Betty Shuping	Home of Daughter, 336-513-4035
Katrina Kurfees	Home of Daughter,
Linda Plummer	Trinity Oaks Health & Rehab., Memory Unit
Peggy Swicegood	Continue prayers
Carolyn Hicks	Piedmont Health & Rehab., W. Fisher St., Salisbury
Marcia Miller	Continue prayers
Eric & Dawn Leach	Continue prayers
Danny Norman	Continue prayers (brother of Ellen Webb)
Judy Kennerly	Continue prayers
Robert & Gathel Meachem	Brookdale, Room 34, 2201 Statesville Blvd.
Cody McDowell	NH Rowan Medical Center
Sarah Bame	Home of daughter (mother of Cathy Williams)
Julia Hibbard	Recuperating at her home
Anna Lingle	Continue prayers
Kelly Smith	Continue prayers
Kathy Trexler	Recuperating at her home

God wants to heal you. As part of our service on August 23, you will have the opportunity to come forward and receive Christ's healing grace. A kneeler will be available, and Peggy will lay her hands on you, offer a quiet prayer, and anoint you with oil.

Only God can heal. Come and open yourself to His healing power.



Remember, please let the church office know when you have news to share with your church family. The newsletter deadline is the 3rd Thursday of each month.



Plan Ahead

September 13	175th Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Emily Hartner with lunch to follow
September 19	Blessing of the animals
September 27	Hymn sing during worship
September TBD	Ice Cream Social & Outside games

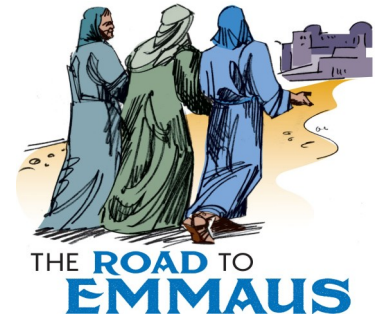
Walk to Emmaus Weekend

Have you considered attending Walk to Emmaus? This weekend of spiritual renewal and fellowship is designed to help you grow closer to Christ.

- **Men's Weekend: Evening of September 10 through September 13**
- **Women's Weekend: Evening of September 17 through September 20**

If you are interested in attending, please speak with Peggy or one of the following previous attendees:

Linda and Jerry Trier, Judy Hoffman, Brenda Holbrook, or Monica Raney.



Birthdays

Emma Carter	4
Sandra Owen	10
Dave Hibbard	11
Hannah Forest	12
Kristina VonCanon	13
Devin Copley	13
Dawn Leach	17
Marcia Miller	21
Madelyn VonCanon	23
Louise Crowther	25
Robin Smith	25
Butch Williams	28

Baptisms

Danny Haas	1
Eric Leach	2
Gail Mullenax	4
Tina Kluttz	12
Evan Paustian	16
Kara Thurston	24

Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Shumway	3
Mr. & Mrs. Preston Forrest	2
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Spry	26



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Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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