

# BERN BUGLE'S JOYFUL NOTES



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Bern Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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Worship Availability

Sundays 9:00am

In House Service following strict CDC guidelines

Parking Lot Service (91.7fm)

Video on Website

**Ministers:** ALL THE MEMBERS EVERYDAY

**Pastor:** The Rev. Phyllis Wolkenhauer

727-543-3537

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**Parish Secretary:** Beverly Whipple

**Parish Nurse:** Toni Sweitzer

610-372-3753

**Music Director:** Jane Battaglieri

610-370-0965

## Happy Birthday

\*Denotes 80 Years Young!

05/01 Beth Braucher	05/20 Ruth Keeney*
05/03 Austin Beissel	05/21 Jacob Braucher
05/05 Ronald Stonefelt*	05/21 Luke Braucher
05/06 Tina Hissinger	05/21 Kimberly Shank
05/06 Timothy Mogford	05/26 Alan Wolkenhauer
05/07 Hannah Mogford	05/28 Jennifer Miller
05/09 Patricia Yocum	05/29 Marian
05/13 Gregory Knabb	Zimmerman
05/16 Sharon	05/29 Katherine Koch
Janiszewski	05/31 Renee Mease
05/17 Tara Lash	

## Happy Anniversary

05/06 Richard & Donna Giles (27)  
05/07 Sandsbar & Arlene Ensinger (33)  
05/09 Walter & Lorie Schlottman (28)  
05/13 Matthew & Rowbee'C Kasisky (15)  
05/15 April Riegel & Tammi Shiller (6)  
05/16 Randall & Bonnie Schlappich (34)  
05/20 Andrew & Maggie Pawlyk (5)  
05/23 Carl & Linda Lash (29)  
05/28 Dennis & Charlene Egan (43)  
05/30 Brent & Kate Schuler (6)

## Bugle Sponsor

THE BERN BUGLE THIS MONTH IS PROVIDED

by Donna Marks in memory of all  
those who have paid the ultimate  
price to preserve our freedoms.

### Building Principles

Devotion to Jesus as Lord &  
Savior  
Compassionate Sharing &  
Community Service  
Persistent Faithfulness  
Courageous Witness  
Flexible Leadership

### Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the May Bern Bugle  
are due by 05/18

### Purpose Statement

God's purpose for our  
congregation is to:

Learn God's mission

Share God's love

Witness through Word & Service

Welcome all to a fellowship of  
forgiveness & thankful praise

## Congregational Council Meeting Highlights

- Received approval of our application for a second Payroll Protection Loan
- Agreed to advertise for a volunteer to assist Bob Hissinger with lawn mowing & seek proposals from Lawn Care services in case we are unable to find a volunteer
- Voted to allow funeral services for members to be held in the Sanctuary, conducted in compliance with CDC guidelines



## Volunteers Needed!

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer some time to serve your church? We are in need of volunteers to assist Bob

Hissinger with the mowing & trimming of the grass on the church property. He has served our congregation for a number of years, along with Danny Eagle who passed away last month & Warren Lengel who is no longer able to assist. They have done a great job of maintaining our grounds, but it is a lot of work for one person to do alone. If you enjoy working outside & would be willing to assist Bob, please contact Brenda Reichart. All equipment is provided. It is your generous time & energy that is needed. If you are interested but not able to assist every week, we would still like to hear from you.



**Do you have a child graduating High School or College this year?**

If yes, please let us know! Contact the office with the following information:

**Student's Name, Attending School, & Plans for after Graduation**

## ***We are on Facebook!***

Follow us for current information on Worship Services, Events, Cancellations, and other news.

<https://www.facebook.com/Bern-Lutheran-Church-103625754955228>



## **Catechetical Instruction**

Catechetical Instruction will be postponed until this fall.

A graphic for Church Office Hours. It features a spiral-bound notebook with a pen resting on it, and a small potted plant in the corner. The text "Church Office Hours" is written in a large, bold, black font. Below this, the contact information for Pastor Phyllis and Parish Secretary Beverly is listed.

**Church Office Hours**

**Pastor Phyllis**  
Tuesdays 9:00 – 12 noon  
(Pastor Phyllis can be contacted at other times by her cell 727-543-3537)  
Her day off is Friday.  
Pastor Phyllis will be on vacation 05/10-05/16

**Parish Secretary Beverly**  
Tuesday 830am-330pm  
Wednesday 1230pm-400pm  
Thursday 830am-1230pm

## Bulletin & Newsletter Sponsorships Opportunities

*In order to provide high quality weekly bulletins & cover mailing costs we invite you to become a sponsor for only \$20. You are welcome to do this in honor of loved ones or important anniversaries or in memory of someone or to the glory of God.*

[SPONSOR A BULLETIN](#)

*By sponsoring our monthly newsletter you are helping us to share our faith, our church, our family. We are able to share news of birthdays, upcoming events, and so much more!*

[SPONSOR A NEWSLETTER](#)

### GIVE+ Giving to your church is as easy as 1-2-3

Download the FREE Give+ app from the App Store and see how easy giving can be.

**1. Search**



**2. Select**



**3. Submit**



- Enter church name or tap Find churches near me to start your search
- Select your church
- Your selected church will be displayed as your default church
- Tap Donate Now
- Choose a fund and a preset amount or enter another amount
- Select Make Another Donation to make additional donations in the same transaction
- Tap Next to enter your credit card information
- Review your donation summary then select Complete Donation

**Interested in giving online? Unsure how to? Beverly is available to help anyone who would like to set up their donations through Vanco. Contact the office to set up an appointment.**

### Lyons Endowment Received

From the estate of Richard & Rhoda Lyons, our congregation received \$40,000.00 for the Endowment Fund. We are grateful to Richard & Rhoda for all the ways they served the mission of Bern as active members & for remembering our ministry in their will.



The Endowment Fund is a fund used to help secure the future ministry of our congregation.

### INCOME & ATTENDANCE

\$3259.19 is needed per week to meet 100% of the Budgeted Expenses

Budget Report - Year to Date

	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$11,682.00	\$32,600.15
Congregational		
Fund Raising	\$0.00	\$243.44
Total Funds	\$32450.60	\$52,225.19
<b>Benevolence</b>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2021 Pledge</u>
Synod & ECLA	\$724.00	\$3,000.00
World Hunger	\$167.50	\$1,500.00
Mission Field	\$220.00	\$1,300.00
W.B.M.D.	\$172.50	\$600.00
Other	\$143.00	\$0.00
<b>Actual Income</b>		
<b>/Expenses</b>	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Budgeted Income	\$12,434.02	\$34,156.64
Non-Budgeted Income	\$21,394.27	\$21,986.99
Budgeted Expenses	\$15,017.59	\$38,659.90
Non-Budgeted		
Expenses	\$15.89	\$107.67
Benevolence to		
be Paid	\$1,427.00	\$1,427.00
Surplus/Deficit	\$18,794.81	\$17,376.06

<b>Capital Improvement Account</b>	<u>March</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Member Contributions	\$105.00	\$460.00
Interest	\$0.67	\$1.95
Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$3,9746.40
<b>Organ Fund</b>		<u>YTD</u>
Member Contributions		\$0.00
Interest		\$0.18
		\$2,265.58
<b>Savings Account</b>		<u>YTD</u>
Thrivent Choice dollars		\$250.00
Interest		\$8.91
Expenses		\$0.00
		\$13,255.03
<b>Piano Fund</b>		<u>YTD</u>
Member Contributions		\$0.00
Interest		\$0.28
Expense		\$0.00
		\$4,257.83





### Pentecost Sunday Prayer:

Let us go forth today,  
In the joy of our Creator,  
In the love of our Redeemer,  
In the wisdom of our Advocate,  
In the company of family  
From every tribe and nation and  
culture.

Let us go forth today,  
United in the Sacred Three,  
In the image of the Holy One,  
Made in diversity,  
Desiring understanding,  
Proclaiming with enthusiasm  
All people matter,  
We care,  
God loves,  
All lives are extraordinary.

Amen.

Prayer adapted from The Gift of Wonder, Christine  
Sine



### Red Geraniums for Pentecost

Help Us in Celebrating Pentecost with Red Geraniums.  
Flowers may be designated in memory or in honor of  
someone.

**Deadline for orders is May 9!**

[Click Here to Order Your Flowers](#)



### National Day of Prayer - May 6, 2021

Do you find comfort in prayer?  
Have you seen the impact that  
prayer can have in your life, or the  
life of those that you pray for? We all have different ways of  
praying and different times that we do it, and that is ok.

Think of how powerful it could be if Christians throughout the  
country were all praying at the same time. That is what is  
going to happen on **Thursday, May 6, 2021**. That date has  
been designated as the National Day of Prayer for 2021. This  
year I would like Bern Lutheran Church to participate in this  
event by having members commit to 30 minute slots of time  
from 8 AM to 8PM and spend that time in prayer.

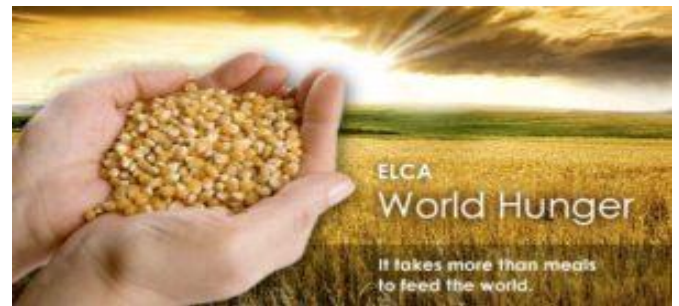
I hope that many of you will be willing to participate in this 12  
continuous hours of prayer from our congregation. Please  
choose the time that works best for you from the schedule  
Beverly has posted in the link below. If the time that you  
prefer has been taken and there is not an opening that works  
for you, that is ok too. I don't think God will mind if we  
double up.

[Click Here to Sign Up for Your Prayer Time](#)

Think of the impact that a day devoted to prayer could have  
for our country and our world.

Praying you will join me, Brenda Reichart

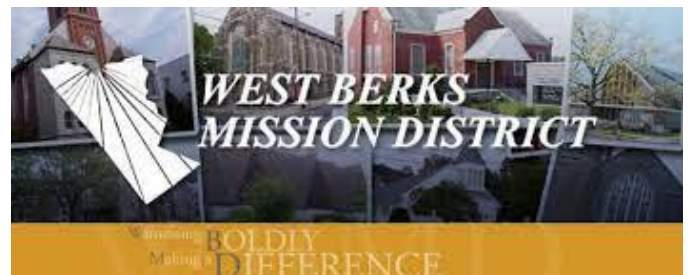




A Special World Hunger offering will be received on Rogation Sunday, May 9 th. Find the designated envelopes in your bulletin or weekly mailing. Your offering may be brought by the church office, mailed in, or placed in the offering plate. Thank you for helping to feed the world!



The theme for the NEPA Synod Assembly is “Growing Young & Vital.” Strategies for helping congregations share the good news with the younger generations will be presented. Pastor Phyllis and Brenda Reichart will be attending. We still need a male delegate. It will be virtual on the afternoon of June 4 through the afternoon of June 5. If you are interested, please call Pastor Phyllis.



WBMD Spring Assembly will take place virtually on May 13 at 7 pm. Our new bishop will be the speaker and we need to elect a Dean and Council members. 2 delegates are needed. Please call Pastor Phyllis for more information.