

# BERN BUGLE'S JOYFUL NOTES



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Worship Availability

Sundays 9:00am

In House Service following CDC guidelines

Parking Lot Service (91.7fm)

Video on Website

**Ministers:** ALL THE MEMBERS  
EVERYDAY

**Pastor:** The Rev. Phyllis Wolkenhauer

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**Music Director:** Jane Battaglieri

610-370-0965

## Happy Birthday

\*Denotes 80 Years Young!

06/02 Sonja Starr	06/17 Sierra Staff
06/03 Stephanie Wagner	06/19 Elizabeth Borkey
06/04 Judy Haas	06/23 June Kochan*
06/08 William Kerns*	06/23 Jean Ziegler*
06/09 Brian Eiche	06/24 Ellie Wagner
06/12 Madyson Reigel	06/26 Judy Scheipe*
06/14 Dolores Gruver	06/28 Beth Hartman
06/15 Carolyn Preseton	06/28 Franklin
06/17 Dylan Slusser	

Reifsnyder III

## Happy Anniversary

06/02 Jeremy & Marlies Goetz (20)  
06/02 Jason & Anne Spieker (9)  
06/04 Gary & Ruth Bleacher (7)  
06/04 Robert & Jennifer Noecker (22)  
06/20 David & Judy Haas (40)  
06/20 Ted & Rachel Mountz (23)  
06/21 Ryan & Stephanie Wagner(7)  
06/25 David & Beth Hartman (38)  
06/26 Phyllis & Alan Wolkenhauer(45)

## Bugle Sponsor

THE BERN BUGLE THIS MONTH IS PROVIDED  
for the Glory of God

### Building Principles

Devotion to Jesus as Lord &  
Savior

Compassionate Sharing &  
Community Service  
Persistent Faithfulness  
Courageous Witness  
Flexible Leadership

### Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the July Bern Bugle  
are due by 06/22

### 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

### February Congregational Council Meeting Highlights

- Voted to revise worship guidelines as of June 6 –  
see Beginning to Emerge article for details.

- Voted to allow use of our facilities by outside  
groups beginning in July with updated guidelines  
to be followed.
- Voted to approve \$200 World Hunger offering for  
the Synod Assembly on 06/03-06/04



### Sandwich Sale – R&K Subs

Are you tired of cooking dinner or making lunches? We have a solution... at least for one day! We are offering an R&K Sandwich fundraiser. Order sheets are available on the table in the narthex or [Click Here to Place Order](#). Please take one & share this opportunity with friends and family. You may also call the church office to place orders.

**Orders & money are due by Sunday June 6, 2021.** Pickup for the sandwiches will be at the church on Thursday June 17 between 6 and 8 PM. In addition to the sandwiches, Mike Zimmerman has donated a painting that will be available for a silent auction. The painting will be on display prior to and the day of the sandwich pick-up.



Mark your Calendars – Kauffman Chicken BBQ – Friday, October 22

More details to come in future newsletters.

### **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.



- 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.

## Church Council Meeting

June 21 at 7pm

### AV Help Needed for Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>

Mike Reichart will not be available to post the worship service to YouTube on Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>. If you have some YouTube skills and are willing to assist that week, please contact Brenda Reichart at 610-926-6772



## 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 will be on vacation

June 25- July 9

The office will be closed on June 10th & June 17th

### Parish Secretary Beverly

Tuesday 830am-330pm

Wednesday 1230pm-400pm

Thursday 830am-1230pm

### We are on Facebook!

You can follow us on Facebook for information on Worship Services, Events, Cancellations, and other news.



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



## The Rogation Sunday World Hunger Offering

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Rogation Sunday offering. Together we collected \$431.00. Your generosity will help to feed families who struggle to put food on the table. Thank you.



### Parish Nurse Update

After 14 years of serving our congregation as Parish Nurse, Toni Sweitzer has made the decision to resign from that role as of the end of May. We thank her for all that she has

done to promote the health of members of the congregation. Her monthly office hours were a great time to ask questions, get advice, or just engage in a friendly conversation. The Health

Ministry Committee will continue to offer opportunities for BP screenings and other wellness promotions but will miss Toni's leadership and guidance.

*Blest, Blest Forever*

*Only a little while, sowing and reaping,  
Only a little while, our vigil keeping;  
Then we shall gather home, no more to sever,  
Clasped in eternal love, blest, blest forever.  
Only a little while, heartbreak and sorrow,  
Dark though the night may be, cloudless the morrow;  
Only a little while, Earth ties to sever,  
Then in our Father land, blest, blest forever.  
Only a little while, shadow and sadness,  
Then in eternity sunshine and gladness;  
Only a little while, then o'er the river,  
Home, rest and victor palm, life, joy forever.*

—Fanny Crosby

## **2021 Bulletin & Newsletter Sponsorships**

*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.*

[Click Here to 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!*

[Click Here to Sponsor a Newsletter](#)

(When you sign up electronically, a reminder email will be sent to you a few days before the Sunday or month you are sponsoring.)



### National Day of Prayer

Thank you to all who participated in the National Day of Prayer on Thursday May 6. We had a total of 11 people sign up for one or more of the 30 minute time slots that day to commit to praying during that time. I hope that those who participated found it to be a meaningful experience. Prayer is powerful. Thank you for joining me.

Brenda Reichart

Pastor Phyllis & Members:

I would like to say a big "Thank You" to Pastor Phyllis and everyone who kept me in their prayers, all the beautiful cards I got and many phone calls. I appreciated them all. My recuperation has been very slow but am hoping to get back to full use of my arm. Thank you!

Pat Yocum

Thank you to everyone for the kind thoughts & messages shared & your continuous prayers during my father's illness while he was on the prayer list. We also sincerely thank everyone for the cards, your thoughts and prayers & kind messages following his death. God has certainly answered all the prayers by giving us the strength & healing we need. Through our faith, we believe in the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Savior, & know that one day we will all be reunited in our heavenly home.

Tim & Beverly Moyer & the Moyer family



*We wish the very best for  
our members that are  
graduating High School  
this year!*

Jacob Braucher

Luke Braucher

Tanner Mountz

Emily Starr

*"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'" Psalm 91:1-2*

Dear God,

We ask you for your powerful protection over our graduates as they go to different places and embark on new journeys in life. We ask you to watch over their way and keep their footsteps secure. Protect their coming and going.

We ask that you cover them from behind and guard them from all evil. In Jesus' name, amen.

#### INCOME & ATTENDANCE

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

Budget Report - Year to Date

	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$11,371.00	\$74,027.80
Congregational		
Fund Raising	\$0.00	\$243.44
<b>Actual Income</b>		
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>YTD</u>	
Budgeted Income	\$34,156.64	
Non-Budgeted Income	\$21,986.99	
Budgeted Expenses	\$38,659.90	
Non-Budgeted		
Expenses	\$107.67	
Benevolence to		
be Paid	\$511.00	\$1,427.00
Surplus/Deficit		\$19,084.24

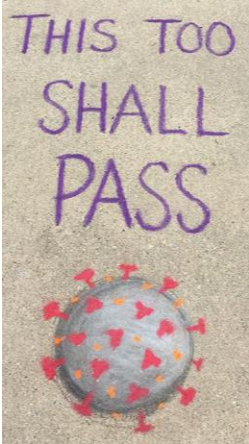
<b>Benevolence</b>	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2021 Pledge</u>
Synod & ECLA	\$224.50	\$1,222.50	\$3,000.00
World Hunger	\$149.00	\$729.50	\$1,500.00
Mission Field	\$86.00	\$365.00	\$1,300.00
W.B.M.D.	\$51.50	\$262.00	\$600.00
Other		\$143.00	\$0.00

<b>Capital Improvement Account</b>	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Member Contributions	\$110.00	\$765.00
Interest	\$0.65	\$2.60
Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$39,857.05

<b>Savings Account</b>	<u>YTD</u>
Thrivent Choice dollars	\$129.00
Interest	\$3.34
Expenses	\$0.00
	\$131,440.68

**Beginning to Emerge – Revisions to Indoor Worship as of Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Council has developed a plan that will loosen some of our current COVID-19 restrictions based on the increased number of people vaccinated and the resulting decrease in reported cases. These revisions include:



- o Members may enter through the main doors.
- o Social distancing practices will continue.
- o There will not be a temperature screening at the door, but members should continue to do the self-screening for symptoms prior to attending indoor worship.
- o Once seated in the Sanctuary, fully vaccinated members may remove their masks if they choose to do so.
- o Full liturgy will resume, including a children's sermon.
- o Singing of Hymns will resume.
- o Sharing of the Peace will continue to be done in sign language.
- o Communion will continue in the pew.

**Worship will remain at 9 AM. The option of attending from the parking lot will continue, as well as the recording of the service, and the Home Worship Ideas that are distributed weekly for members who prefer to continue to worship at home.**

