

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

Parking Lot Service (91.7fm)

Video on Website

Ministers: ALL THE MEMBERS EVERYDAY

Pastor: The Rev. Phyllis Wolkenhauer

727-543-3537

pastorphylliswolkenhauer@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Beverly Whipple

Parish Nurse: Toni Sweitzer

610-372-3753

Music Director: Jane Battaglieri

610-370-0965

Missionaries: Robert & Kathy Moore, Germany

Bern Lutheran Church Sends January Birthday Greetings To

*Denotes 80+ years young!

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|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Jamie Wismer | 1 st | Richard Greener | 13 th | Barry Eiche | 27 th |
| Cindy Reilly | 5 th | Brooke Noecker | 13 th | *Pauline Shuman | 27 th |
| Bonnie Bohnenblust | 7 th | Dave Hartman | 14 th | G. Michael Zimmermann | 27 th |
| Hattie Schuler | 10 th | Charles Lash | 24 th | Jane Battaglieri | 28 th |
| Judith Berger | 11 th | Elena Goetz | 25 th | Hannah Lash | 28 th |
| Nathaniel Rollman | 12 th | Robert Hissinger | 26 th | | |

January Bugle Sponsor

The Bern Bugle this month is sponsored in celebration of the end of 2020!

2021 Bulletin & Newsletter Sponsorships Are Open

Click Here to Sponsor Bulletins

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 who has passed on or to the glory of God.

Click Here to Sponsor Newsletters

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

Or click on the Sponsor Button on our Website!

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

December Congregational Council Meeting Highlights

- We have received confirmation from Tomkins Bank that the Small Business Association approved our request for forgiveness of our Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan & that the loan is now paid in full.
- Council recognized the dedication & many hours of service to our congregation performed by Dan Eagle & Bob Hissinger, who do all of the mowing & grounds maintenance on our property.
- Reviewed exciting updates that Beverly is making to the church website.
- Discussed opportunities to resume fundraising in the new year.



We are Now 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>

Coffee Hour to Resume

Second Sunday of Every Month at 2:00pm
On Zoom:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88043352420?pwd=bFNmejhYZEhMTlA4VmVTY3pYNVA2Zz09>

Submission of information for the Book of Annual Reports is due by Sunday January 24.



When you drive by our church, are you always proud of the way the property looks? That's because Dan Eagle & Bob Hissinger spend many hours mowing, trimming, removing debris, & whatever else is needed to keep our church grounds looking beautiful. Thank you to both of them for all of the hours that they volunteer to our congregation to do this.

We greatly appreciate your efforts!

Thank you to those who stepped in to help cover the secretarial duties between the time that Althea left & Beverly joined us. There are 2 individuals in particular that stepped up and took on regular duties to keep things running smoothly.

A big thank you to, Dianne Leininger, who checked the church voicemail on a daily basis & disseminating the messages to those who needed the information. And for Jane Battaglieri, who took on the task of our weekly worship bulletin. She came to the office every Tuesday to meet with Pastor Phyllis to format, print & fold the bulletins, so that they were ready for worship on Sunday. We are happy that she is skilled in the use of more than one type of keyboard.



Offering envelopes are available for pick up! They can be picked up on Sunday after worship or during regular office hours.



Dear Members of Bern,

Thank you for the generous Christmas gift. I appreciate the abundance of cards and words of love. I am overwhelmed by the monetary gift of appreciation. You are a blessing to me.

This has been a hard year for all of us, but you have held me up and found numerous ways to shine the light of Jesus for me. God has blessed us by giving us one another and mostly, by giving us Jesus.

Thank you for all you do for me and for one another!

*Peace and Hope,
Pastor Phyllis*

Help us to Update our Records!

To ensure we have everyone's information and that it is correct, please [Click Here](#) and complete this online form. If you prefer, you can contact the office and request the printable form.

Thank you for your help in this!

| INCOME AND ATTENDANCE | | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------------|
| | INCOME TOWARD | | ATTENDANCE | |
| | | | Parking Lot | Sanctuary |
| FOR THE WEEK ENDING: | BUDGET EXPENSES | # | 9:00 AM | 9:00 AM |
| 11/22/20 | \$3,801.00 | | 5 | 25 |
| 11/29/20 | \$1,646.00 | | 14 | 24 |
| 12/06/20 | \$3,745.44 | | 12 | 22 |
| 12/13/20 | \$3,111.00 | | 11 | 22 |

\$3259.19 IS NEEDED PER WEEK TO MEET 100% OF THE BUDGETED EXPENSES

| BUDGET REPORT - YEAR TO DATE | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Income | \$128,604.81 |
| Congregational fund raising | \$634.06 |
| Total funds | \$129,238.87 |
| Needed to meet the budget | \$162,959.50 |
| Surplus/Deficit | -\$33,720.63 |

THE FIGURES ABOVE REPRESENT THE INCOME NEEDED TO MEET 100% OF THE BUDGETED EXPENSES. DUE TO THE DEDICATION OF MANY VOLUNTEERS, WE REALIZE A SIGNIFICANT SAVING IN OUR EXPENSES.

| BENEVOLENCE | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | 11/16/20-12/13/20 | YEAR TO DATE | 2020 PLEDGE |
| Synod & ELCA | \$224.50 | \$3,061.50 | \$3,500.00 |
| World Hunger | \$213.50 | \$754.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| Mission Field | \$15.00 | \$441.00 | \$1,300.00 |
| W.B.M.D. | \$36.00 | \$367.50 | \$800.00 |
| Other | \$0.00 | \$221.81 | \$0.00 |

| ACTUAL INCOME/EXPENSES | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| | 11/16/20-12/13/20 | YEAR TO DATE |
| BUDGETED INCOME | \$12,792.44 | \$133,228.81 |
| NON-BUDGETED INCOME | \$1,028.84 | \$4,940.72 |
| BUDGETED EXPENSES | \$11,287.60 | \$140,613.00 |
| NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES | \$0.00 | \$5,478.73 |
| BENEVOLENCE TO BE PAID | | \$201.00 |
| SURPLUS/DEFICIT | | -\$8,123.20 |

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Income - November 16 - December 13 | |
| Member contributions | \$105.00 |
| Interest | \$0.64 |
| Expense | \$0.00 |
| Balance as of December 13, 2020 | \$39,343.78 |

ORGAN FUND

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Income - November 16 - December 13 | |
| Member contributions | \$0.00 |
| Interest | \$0.06 |
| Balance as of December 13, 2020 | \$2,265.40 |

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Income - November 16 - December 13 | |
| Thrivent Choice Dollars | \$0.00 |
| Interest | \$3.13 |
| Expenses | \$0.00 |
| Balance as of December 13, 2020 | \$119,397.36 |

PIANO FUND

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Income - November 16 - December 13 | |
| Member contributions | \$0.00 |
| Interest | \$0.12 |
| Expense | \$0.00 |
| Balance as of December 13, 2020 | \$4,257.44 |

As of December 13, 2020 our general checking account balance is \$66,957.57



Deuteronomy 31:8-9

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.