

# Stay Tuned to Bethel



A publication for viewers of

*Worship at Bethel*



## Grace, gratitude and gladness

A good question to ask can be, *Why do we give?* Another good question is, *Why should we give?* And yet another one, *What happens to us when we do give?*

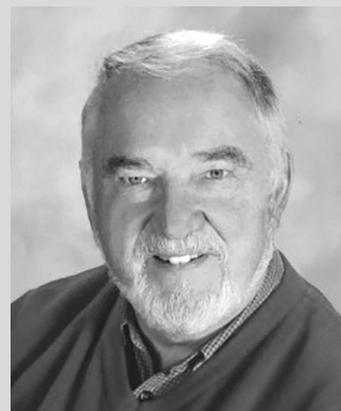
All of the decisions we make concerning the gifts and possessions that are ours, bear us “good fruit” when we look at them through the glasses of Grace, Gratitude, and Gladness.

**Grace** is a gift. It is something we can never get, but we can only receive. There is no way that we can possibly earn it, or deserve it or create it. It is like a pleasing smell that comes suddenly into the air. It resembles a happy disposition we can observe in an infant – the beauty of healthy genes come together. The gift that is free can only be received. It cannot be manufactured. Such is grace.

**Gratitude** shapes the art of giving. A thankful heart is expressive. It generates generosity – a readiness to give and a responsiveness to need. Giving is not obligation but opportunity, an expression of thankfulness. Trusting in the goodness and grace of God, one gives in a spirit of trust and gratitude. *Freely you have received, freely give.*  
--Matthew 10:8.

**Gladness** is the spirit of the giving. We give not reluctantly, begrudgingly or under compulsion. God

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*Pastor Jerry Tews*

**Home:** About 20 miles west of Appleton, Wis., lay rich farming country that I call home. It is a community that now has three or four large farming enterprises working the land where 15 or 16 families used to make their living.

**Growing up:** As I had an older brother who was to continue farming our land, I was given the opportunity to enter schooling that eventually led to my being ordained.

**Career:** My wife Lynn and I served congregations for four years in Nipigon, Ontario in

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### Bethel pastoral staff

**Mike Brown**, *Lead Pastor*  
(beginning 5-28-19)

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**In memory of William Swift** by Joan Swift



## Grace, gratitude and gladness, continued from front

loves a cheerful and willing giver. Giving to others is rare in species other than our own. We are an incredibly giving species. We “know” that life is strengthened through sharing with others. We know that to live is to be given and to give. Giving is rooted in mutuality. Gladness springs in both directions – offering and receiving gifts.

Wrapping our hearts and minds around Grace, Gratitude and Gladness, reduces anxiety in our lives and opens the door for the recipients of our generosity to discover the same within their lives. Generosity creates its own ripple effect; we seldom know just how far those ripples extend.

*Pastor Jerry Tews*

### Pastor Jerry Tews, continued from front

Canada and for two years in Ashland, Wis., before I became a chaplain at St. Luke’s Hospital in Milwaukee, serving in that capacity for an additional two years.

I then became the pastoral director and counselor of the Wholistic Health Center of Mendota, Ill. There I worked with family practice physicians and nurses to address and meet the physical, emotional, intellectual, social and spiritual needs of our people. After 15 years in this capacity we returned to serve in congregational ministries first in Elgin and then in Glenview, Ill.

**Family and retirement:** We “retired” to Stoughton, Wis., where I now enjoy woodworking, particularly wood turning. And together with Lynn, I am now learning the art of beekeeping. We enjoy traveling together, and Lynn continues to develop her interests in photography. We have four married sons and been gifted with seven grandchildren. We have been blessed.

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- ◆ **March 24: In honor of Earl Mylrea's  
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- ◆ **April 21: In memory of Ralph A. &  
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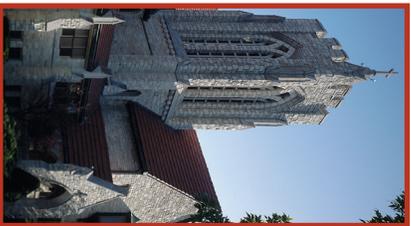
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## Bethel Lutheran Church calendar

2019 Sundays	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
June 2.....	7 Easter Acts 16:16-34	Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
June 9.....	Day of Pentecost Acts 2:1-21	Rom. 8:14-17	John 14:8-17 (25-27)
June 16.....	The Holy Trinity Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31	Rom. 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
June 23.....	Lectionary 12 Isa. 65:1-9	Gal. 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
June 30.....	Lectionary 13 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21	Gal. 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62
July 7.....	Lectionary 14 Isa. 66:10-14	Gal. 6:(1-6) 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
July 14.....	Lectionary 15 Deut. 30:9-14	Col. 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
July 21.....	Lectionary 16 Gen. 18:1-10a	Col. 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
July 28.....	Lectionary 17 Gen. 18:20-32	Col. 2:6-15 (16-19)	Luke 11:1-13
Aug. 4.....	Lectionary 18 Eccles. 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23	Col. 3:1-11	Luke 12:1-3-21
Aug. 11.....	Lectionary 19 Gen. 15:1-6	Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
Aug. 18.....	Lectionary 20 Jer. 23:23-29	Heb. 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
Aug. 25.....	Lectionary 21 Isa. 58:9b-14	Heb. 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17

