

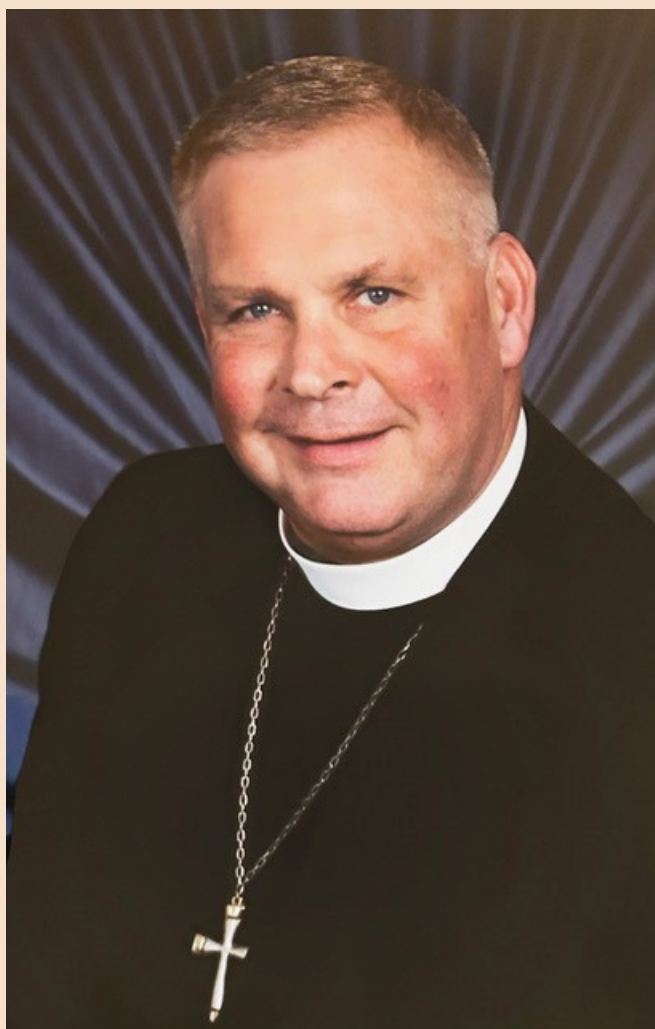
The Bethany Messenger

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October

Rev. Dr. Paul D. Krampitz
November 21, 1958 - September 18, 2024



Rest in Peace
Pastor Paul

October

Volunteers

Assisting Minister	6	Noelle Keegan
	13	Jerry Griscom
	20	Noelle Keegan
	27	Jerry Griscom
Altar Guild: Angel Carlin		
Greeters & Ushers	6	Diane & Mark Aresco
	13	
	20	
	27	
Live Stream Audio	6	
	13	
	20	
	27	
Slides	6	
	13	
	20	
	27	
Coffee Hour	6	Karol Brzozowski & Norma Zashut
	13	
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	27	
Counters		Russell Smith & Holly Linder
Altar Flowers	6	
	13	
	20	Barb Hughes
	27	

Volunteers for November 3, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

Assisting Minister: Mike Balinskas

Altar Guild: Angel Carlin

Greeters & Ushers:

Live Stream:

Slides: Nancy Balinskas

Coffee Hour:

Altar Flowers:

Counters:

2024 Card Ministry



Thank you to everyone that volunteered to continue this ministry for 2024. We couldn't continue this ministry without your help!

January & February — Wendy Soneson
 March — Barbara Sunbury
 April — Karen Sullivan
 May — Linda Carlson
 June — Holly Linder
 July — Kelly McTeague
 August — Barb Hughes
 September — Pr. Maureen Hawksley
October, November & December — Diane Rauss



If you would be interested in helping out with this ministry in 2025, please either give me a call in the office (860-635-4618) or send me an email at: bethanylutheran-churchcromwell@gmail.com

Thank you.



On October 17 the Saints will gather to hear Officer "Liz" from the Cromwell Police Department speak to us on Public Safety.

For many seniors this has become an important issue as we face the problems of cyber security, the targeting of seniors on fake calls for help as well as purse snatching and other issues as we go about our daily lives.

Our program will center on these issues and how we can better protect ourselves and those we love. Please join us at 1:30 p.m. for this timely program on current issues impacting our lives.

As usual refreshments will be served and good fellowship always.

PROGRAM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR:

October 17 th		Police: Guest Speaker on Senior Safety *
November 21 st	-	Celebration / Thanksgiving for "Piglet" Program
December 12 th	-	Christmas Party – Decorate Lounge

* Remember that our "piglet" will be present as we continue to raise funds for the ELCA "piglet" program.

COME AND JOIN US FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!

REMEMBER TO GIVE A SAINT A CALL!

Bethany has an online directory with all of our church members, addresses and phone numbers listed. We even have a small photo of individuals / families with the entries. If you would like to download this directory to your phone or computer so that you will have access to all of our members addresses and phone #'s, give Robin a call in the office (**860-635-4618**) or send her an email and she will send you a link to set it up. The link is only good for 48 hours.



**Online Church
DIRECTORY**

Once you have the directory downloaded, you will be able to update your address or phone #. If you would like a picture included (or update a current picture), please send Robin a **jpeg** picture and it will be put up on the site.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Oct. 1	-	Scott Friedmann
	-	Douglas Gagnon, Jr.
	-	Bruce Gustafson
Oct. 2	-	Madison Garcia
	-	Evan Ocampo
Oct. 4	-	Jennifer Lynch
Oct. 5	-	Charlotte Marks
Oct. 10	-	Bev Gerosa
	-	Craig Mroczka
Oct. 14	-	Frank Servidone
Oct. 19	-	Diane Rauss
Oct. 21	-	Ann Naughton
Oct. 22	-	Frank Daniele
	-	Brittany Knopf
Oct. 25	-	Barbara Hughes
Oct. 26	-	Quentin Iozzo
	-	Luke Saponare
Oct. 28	-	John Loesel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Nancy & Mike Ballinskas October 2, 1982
Elizabeth & Kevin Johnson October 3, 1987
Charlotte & Charles Gardinier October 4, 1958
Amy & Frank Daniele October 4, 1997
Carolyn & Pastor Joe Ek& eberg October 4, 2014
Louise & Joe Courchaine October 11, 1986
Elizabeth & Christopher Galletta October 16, 2004
Christine & John Trousdale October 17, 1987
Emily & Ted Roback October 18, 2018
Alexa & Ryan Griscom October 22, 2022
Sue & Dan Kopycinski October 25, 1969



TABLE TALK

Table Talk (Bible Study) is being held at **Luther Ridge** with Pastor Cathy Rohrs of Faith Lutheran Church, Middletown.

It begins at **10:30 a.m.** in the **1st floor community room** for conversation and a look at the lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday.

All visitors must check in at the front desk upon entering the building.

MASKS are Optional for Luther Ridge residents, staff and visitors.

Halloween Safety Tips...

- ⚡ Instead of masks — use make-up
- ⚡ Use reflective tape on costumes and/or coats
- ⚡ Bring a flashlight
- ⚡ Only go to homes that have lights on
- ⚡ Make sure an adult accompanies young children
- ⚡ Check all candy carefully

Get Involved at Bethany

If you would like to help out at one or more of our church services, you can sign up online at **"SignUp Genius"** (see the links below). Simply click on the link and select what Sunday(s) you'd like to help out. Weekly, we need the following helpers:



Assisting Minister

Ushers / Greeters

Altar Guild (Monthly)

Liturgy Slide Assistants

Live-Stream Assistants

Coffee Hour Hosts

Altar Flowers

After you sign up, you'll receive an email reminder about a week before the service. You can also edit or swap dates if something comes up. If you have questions, please reach out to **Mike Balinskas** or **Robin (860-635-4618)**.



Worship Service Volunteers

Right click picture and then click "Open Hyperlink" to go directly to SignUp Genius.



Worship

Coffee Hour



Altar Flowers



St. Vincent de Paul
Middletown

MEETING NEEDS, OFFERING HOPE.

Bethany has had a long standing relationship with **St Vincent de Paul** in Middletown supporting efforts to **feed the hungry**. Here is a new way to do so and it couldn't be easier. There is no need to remember to purchase items, then deliver those items to whatever food drive is happening currently. There is no need to wonder what items will be of the most use. St Vincent now has a way to donate by going to Amazon and ordering what they need from their list and Amazon will ship direct to St Vincent. Use the following link, scroll down to Option 2 for the link to the Amazon site and make your donation anytime, anywhere with confidence that it's something that is really needed.

<https://svdmiddletown.org/donation-opportunities/>

PRAYERS

If you would like a hospital or home visit, or are otherwise in need of pastoral care, please call the church office at **860-635-4618**. If it is after hours, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



We will keep names on the prayer list for a two (2) week period. Names will automatically be removed at the end of the two (2) weeks. If you would like a person to stay on the list for another two (2) weeks, please email Robin on the Wednesday prior to the removal date at:

bethanyluthranchurchcromwell@gmail.com.

As of this date we are praying for:

Distribution of Holy Communion in Pews

We are happy to distribute Holy Communion in the pews for those who find it difficult to come to the communion rail in the chancel area. Moving forward, we will be using chalices pre-filled with gluten free bread and wine for those who are receiving in the pew. These are the same pre-filled chalices used during the pandemic and for home communion. This distribution method is less likely to result in accidental spills. As a reminder, simply notify an usher if you'd like to receive Holy Communion while seated.

Please try to sit at or near the end of a pew.

Bethany Lutheran Preschool

where it all begins

Bethany Lutheran Preschool opened its doors for its 59th school year on September 2nd. We welcomed returning and new students to our Bethany Preschool Family. We are excited to get to know all the children. The staff all returned from last year and we have been working as a great team. We have a lot of fun educational activities planned for the year.

During the month of September, we got to know the routines of the classrooms, the names of our new friends and we learned new songs. The children in the 4 year old class got right to work reviewing the letters in their name. The three year olds began to trace lines to get used to writing.

We had Company N' Tempo come and do a music class with all the children. They loved singing and playing the instruments.

October is a busy month for us. We have the fire department and librarian coming and we are preparing for Halloween!

Check out our bulletin board near the small community room to see what we are up to!

Terri Camilleri
Director, Bethany Lutheran Preschool

WE NEED YOU !!

Empty spaces on the volunteer sheet (page 2) designate that we need volunteers for our weekly services.

Please sign up online on Signup Genius (info on Page 5) or to sign up for Coffee Hour you can use the sheets in the kiosk in the narthex as well as Signup Genius. Call Robin to sign up for Altar Flowers. Give Robin a call in the office if you have any questions 860-635-4618 or to sign up.



From Calumet!

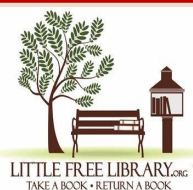
Check out "Boom Chicka News" — a brand new monthly effort — to be in the know about all kinds of information Calumet Nation will want to know!



Use this link: <https://calumet.org/resources/boomchickanews>

Calumet Lutheran Ministries * PO Box 236,
W. Ossipee, NH 03890 * 603.539.4773

The **Little Free Library** located by the Preschool entrance belongs to everyone! It offers a way to share good things to read with both children and adults.



Take books. If you see something you would like to read or share with someone you know, take it! There is no need to return it to the Little Free Library.

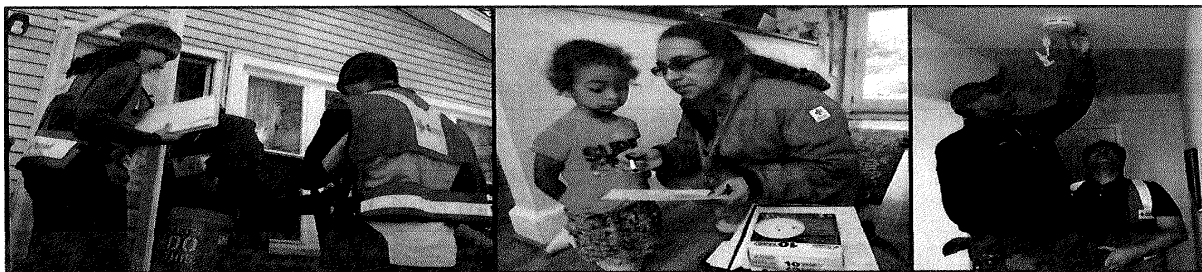
Give books. If you have new or gently used books that you would like to donate you can either put them directly into the Little Free Library or in the marked box that is located in the coat closet. During the school year we really go through a lot of preschool-age books.

I have made arrangements with the new florist at Stop & Shop to do our weekly altar flowers. The cost will be \$45 for the 2 arrangements, and you can take them home with you after the 9:30 a.m. service. The containers that the flowers come in are yours to keep or throw away.



If you would like to order flowers, you can either use the Signup Genius form online (link is on page 5) or you can give me a call in the church office at 860-635-4618. If you do want to order the altar flowers, please make sure to do them 2 weeks in advance.

Let me know if you have any questions.
- Robin



HOME FIRE PREPAREDNESS CAMPAIGN

Reducing fire injury and deaths one home at a time

At no cost to you, we would like to share some simple steps you can take at home that will help you protect your family against fire. In addition, the Red Cross will **install FREE smoke alarms** within your home. Visits generally last 30 minutes and can be scheduled at your convenience.

During your home visit you will receive:

- Installed smoke alarms if needed
- Guidance in the development of a Family Disaster Plan
- Valuable emergency preparedness tips and information



All demonstration and installation services are performed by Red Cross trained volunteer and/or licensed/insured professionals.

Register at www.redcross.org/ct/schedule-a-visit or call **1-877-287-3327** and choose option 1 to schedule your visit.

Children and Youth Committee

Looking to make an impact on the lives of our congregation's youth? Come get involved with the newly formed Bethany Lutheran Church Children and Youth Committee! This committee was previously known as the "Christian Education Committee", but we have reformed it to be broader and centered around our youth. This committee will oversee and support all of Bethany's children and youth ministries, less the Preschool. The committee is comprised of the Sunday School Teachers and Superintendent, but we are seeking some other individuals to be involved with ongoing ministries or one-off projects such as maintaining the baptismal and confirmation banners, maintaining the quiet bags outside the sanctuary, etc. The intent is to meet every-other month for the inaugural year, but quarterly in the future. Our next meeting will be **Thursday, September 26th at 7:30 p.m. at Megan Ocampo's house**. If you are interested in joining or helping out on some of the one-off projects to support this Committee, please reach out to **Holly Linder: hlinder4@gmail.com or 860-378-5936** and she can provide further details on the upcoming meeting.



October Kid's Page

GROW IN Grace

Make this craft as a reminder to continue growing in God's amazing grace.



What you need:

- An adult to help
- Newspaper
- Acrylic paints
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker
- Potting soil
- Small "indoors" plant or packet of seeds

What you do:

1. Cover your work area with newspaper and squeeze paint onto the paper plate.
2. Paint designs on the pot and plate, cleaning your brush in the water when changing colors. Let dry.
3. With the black marker, write "Growing in God's Grace" along the top ridge of the pot.
4. Pour in a small amount of soil. Place your plant in the pot and surround it with more soil. (If planting seeds, follow packet instructions.)
5. Water your plant. Check it daily and keep the soil moist.
6. Enjoy watching your plant grow!

PUZZLE

Growing up!

You're growing each day in many different ways. A verse from 2 Peter tells what will help you grow!

Directions: Fill in the blanks below, using the height measurements as guides, to complete 2 Peter 3:18.

3 1/4 ft.	knowledge	Savior	3 1/8 ft.
3 1/16 ft.	him	grace	3 ft.
2 3/4 ft.	now	forever	2 1/2 ft.
2 1/4 ft.	Lord	grow	2 1/8 ft.
2 1/16 ft.	glory	Jesus Christ	1 1/4 ft.
2 ft.	Amen		
1 ft.	our		

"But _____ in the _____ and _____ of _____

_____ and _____

To _____ be _____ both _____ and _____ ! _____"

2 PETER 3:18, NIV

Answer: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." 2 Peter 3:18, NIV



THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THE CELEBRATION OF PASTORS LIFE SO MEANINGFUL

No words can express my gratitude and thanksgiving for all those who worked so hard for so many days to make the funeral and events surrounding our loss of Pastor Paul such a beautiful and significant testimony to his life and his time with us.

As Minister of Music, I can only say thank you to all the dedicated and talented members of our music ministry. You are always there-willing to serve and share your talents with us. Our talented trumpeter Phaelon Koski, who, like so many, made himself available for our special time of need.

May I also express to my dear, talented and special friend Liz my sincere gratitude for all the ways you support me personally and in our work together as ministers of music at Bethany. THANK YOU!



CURRENT CHOIR SCHEDULE

- ◆ Bethany Choir rehearses at 8:30 am each Sunday prior to the 9:30 a.m. service. (From time to time we will have an extra rehearsal as needed.)
- ◆ Joyful Noise rehearses after the worship service and is announced in advance.
- ◆ Ring Joy rehearsals are announced in advance.
- ◆ We are, most understanding if singers can't be present each week.



SINGERS / BELL RINGERS / MUSICIANS ALWAYS WELCOME

HYMN OF THE MONTH:

O Jesus, I Have Promised, ELW #810

As we lift up the lives of two of our recently departed friends, Ellen Arendt and Pastor Paul these words of inspiration and hope seem especially poignant to share.

Those of keen ear and listen to the prelude each week, will be aware that I use this somewhere in the service each week. It was my confirmation hymn; I love it and it beautifully reflects the promise I made that day so long ago-to serve the Lord to the end.

John E. Bode, an English rector wrote these words for the Confirmation of his daughter and two sons.

The music is based on the adaptation of several German tunes. The melody can be found in the famous Oratorio – Elijah where Felix Mendelssohn uses a version of it as Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord.

The words are also often sung to the tune of the Angel's Story. We frequently use this hymn Confirmation Sunday.

Reflect on these words as we remember our departed loved ones.





The Simply Giving Program

The Simply Giving® Program is designed to help you conveniently make payments to Bethany Lutheran Church. Through the Simply Giving Program, your payments are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the frequency of your automatic payment – weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. Your payment is deposited into the church's bank account on the same day it is withdrawn from your account.

Why Sign Up?

- Convenience – Payment will still be made if you are out of town or on vacation.
- Security – No checks are needed which means no lost or stolen checks.
- Environmentally friendly – Save on checks, envelopes and postage.

How to Sign Up

- Complete the form and return it with your voided check to:

Bethany Lutheran Church
ATTN: Simply Giving
50 Court Street
Cromwell, CT 06416

Forms and questions may be directed to:

Robin Scotti
Bethany Lutheran Church Office Manager
bethanylutheranchurchcromwell@gmail.com

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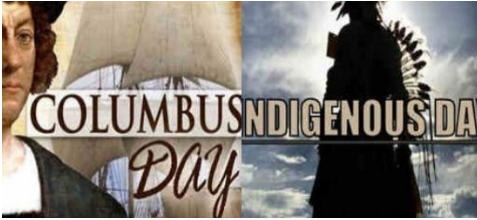
Give Robin a call in the church office, **860-635-4618**, and she can set you up in the Vanco system.

THE CONVENIENCE OF ELECTRONIC GIVING IS BACK

Bethany Lutheran wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

Online Giving allows you to simply scan the QR Code below or visit www.bethanylutherancromwell.org at any time to set up an automatic donation, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Authorization information is available by contacting Robin in the church office at **860-635-4618**.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30 –9:30 pm— GM Chorale (FH)	2 10:30 am— Table Talk at Luther Ridge 6-9:45 pm— NE Chamber Choir (FH)	3	4	5
6 9:30 am—Worship with Holy Comm.	7	8 5:30 –9:30 pm— GM Chorale (FH)	9 10:30 am— Table Talk at Luther Ridge 6-9:45 pm— NE Chamber Choir (FH)	10	11	12
13 9:30 am—Worship with Holy Comm.	14 7:00 pm— Finance <i>Columbus Day</i>	15 5:30 am— Preschool Board (SCR) 5:30 –9:30 pm— GM Chorale (FH)	16 10:30 am— Table Talk at Luther Ridge 6-9:45 pm— NE Chamber Choir (FH)	17 1:30 pm—Saints Alive (L)	18	19
20 9:30 am—Worship with Holy Comm. 10:45 am— Executive Comm. (L) 11 am— Council (L)	21	22 5:30 –9:30 pm— GM Chorale (FH)	23 10:30 am— Table Talk at Luther Ridge 6-9:45 pm— NE Chamber Choir (FH)	24	25	26 10 am— Leonice Tonnie's Funeral 11-2—Reception
27 9:30 am—Worship with Holy Comm. 2:00 –4:30 pm— GM Chorale (FH)	28	29 5:30 –9:30 pm— GM Chorale (FH)	30 10:30 am— Table Talk at Luther Ridge 6-9:45 pm— NE Chamber Choir	31 	C—Chapel BCR—Bell Choir Room FH—Fellowship Hall K—Kitchen L—Lounge O—Office PS—Preschool SCR—Small Community Room S—Sanctuary	

† Services are being offered online ([youtube](#)) as well as Indoor at 9:30 a.m. †

YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJLnFTZijY38BtXJr-6RvkQ>

Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/bethanycromwellct/>

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What's New in New England
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God's work. Our hands.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 9:30 a.m.—Sundays and on
YouTube



The November Messenger
Deadline is: **October 15th**

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