

Happy October! Much has happened at New Bethel since my last letter. I'm pleased to share some good news about our Sunday School Class and the opportunities we have to learn and serve together.

Our Class. Tracey Dieter is now serving as co-facilitator for our Class. New furniture has begun to arrive, including comfortable chairs, an area rug, and a lamp. A recliner will be delivered later this month. Our room is becoming a comfortable, welcoming place to gather.

Our Bibles. New Bibles have been distributed and are now used each week to enrich our discussions. This Sunday, we'll begin identifying favorite Bible passages to turn to in times of need. Please bring your Bible and any passages you would like to share.

Pet-Fest. More than 125 guests enjoyed Saturday's celebration, including a petting zoo, a pet photographer, and other attractions and displays. More than 35 pets received blessings! It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome our neighbors and give thanks for the companionship of our pets.

New Bethel Oral History Project. The audio recording equipment described in my September letter has arrived! This Fall, our Class will use it to interview senior members of our congregation and record their stories. On Sunday, we'll begin developing field recording skills in preparation for our participation in the Great Thanksgiving Listen (information enclosed).

Serving in Worship. Six members of our Class have completed acolyte training. Yesterday, Jackson served as an acolyte during worship. Thank you, Jackson! We look forward to seeing other members of our Class take their turns in this important ministry.

Planning for Holiday Activities. This Sunday we'll also begin planning a calendar of activities for the months ahead. Possibilities include a hayride, a movie night, a sleepover at the church, another service project at the Tipton Lutheran Home, and Christmas caroling. Bring your ideas (and your calendars) so that we can plan together!

Hope to see you Sunday (October 11th)! Church begins at 9:00 a.m., and our Class meets at 10:30 a.m. There is much to look forward to as we continue learning, planning, and serving together.

Wishing you everything good! Bob Peiffer 570.778.1245