

# Bethany Lutheran Church

"To grow so deep in Christ through worship, education,  
and fellowship that we celebrate by reaching out to others."



Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.  
Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing. ... For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever. - Psalm 100:1-2, 5

## Important Dates

8-14 Council meeting 6:30 p.m.  
8-27 Community meal 5:00 p.m.

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Dear Faithful Saints of God at Bethany,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and from our  
Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Amen.

There are times it appears the church is no longer making a joyful noise to the Lord. Moments when we bicker with one another. Seasons where it seems we are just going through the motions. Days when discipleship seems more of a drudgery than a precious gift to behold. Moments when the joy of loving God, worshipping God, being in the presence of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ is difficult and it is much easier to sit on the sideline than remain in the game. I know I experience those moments. Being a disciple of Christ isn't always easy and we can easily become exhausted and feel like we are on an island alone.

That is when I return to this psalm. I hear the voices of the saints of old singing and giving praise to God. Gathering in God's presence. Overcome with the goodness of the Lord and being reminded of the promise God's steadfast love endures forever. I find such comfort, rest, and then energy in this psalm. Yes, as the book of Ecclesiastes tells us there are seasons for everything under the sun. Yet, our life of faith is one marked by great joy. It is marked by gathering together and glorifying God with shouts of thanksgiving. It is marked by celebrating the love of Christ, the grace of God, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. It is marked by living in the promise that God will prevail against all the forces of evil in the world.

So as I write this today and read this psalm I am reminded of the joy in our life together. Joy as we gather for worship. Joy over the wonderful new pianist God has blessed us with. Joy of all the children at VBS. Joy in the ministry we do together to feed hungry in our community and clothe those who need it. Joy in fellowship following worship. Joy in meeting Jesus Christ through each of you. Joy for another day to serve as your pastor. Joy in the beautiful hymn sung by the choir yesterday. Joy in what the Spirit will do next among us. Joy to know that when we fail God picks us up again, forgives us, and then says go try again faithful servant. Joy found only in the loving, compassionate, and caring arms of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor Chad



## Birthdays

08-01 Aiden Shields  
 08-02 Mia Olson  
 08-04 Chris Korsmo, Jennifer Olson  
 08-06 Jenna Helms  
 08-08 Shawn Samuelson  
 08-09 Karen Brick, Kay Yanecek  
 08-11 Jane Frauenholtz  
 08-16 Jason Friis  
 08-18 Jordan Arp, Courtney Heid  
 08-19 Anna Friis  
 08-21 Dana Arp, Conner Paulsen  
 08-23 Allison Arp, Sam McCrory  
 08-25 Paige Roth  
 08-27 Miley Shields  
 08-28 Jacob Langley  
 08-29 Sam Hartman,  
     Kaylea Zimmerman  
 08-31 John Grimm

## CONFIRMATION

Opening night of Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) Class will be on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will last approximately 30 minutes.

All parents and students in 7th and 8th grade wishing to be confirmed are invited to attend.

Please see Pastor Chad with questions.



## Bethany Books

by Frank Frostestad



### Books for Adults

This month will feature recent non-fiction books. I think that these are important books of concern to us today. One change is that several of these books are available in the West Branch Public Library and I have not felt that we should duplicate collections.

*Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience, and Finding Joy* by Sheryl Sandberg (CEO Facebook) and Adam Grant (Psychologist at Wharton) was written after the death

of Sandberg's husband. It gives insights on finding strength in the face of adversity. *Option B* tells how to help others in crisis, develop compassion for ourselves, raise strong children, and create resilient families, communities, and workplaces. Many of these lessons can be applied to everyday struggles, allowing us to face whatever lies ahead. None of us can escape sadness, loss, or life's disappointments, so the best option is to find our Option B. (available at the West Branch Public Library)

Trevor Noah is known as a comedian. He can be found on TV on *The Daily Show*. *Born A Crime* by Trevor Noah consists of stories from his childhood in South Africa under apartheid. He was a bi-racial child (black mother and white father) who did not really fit in either the white or black cultures. This is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. The stories show him in hard times trying to make his way through a damaged world in a dangerous time armed only with a keen sense of wit and his mother's unconditional love. (available at the West Branch Public Library)

*Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance sheds light on our country's vast cultural divide. He grew up in Appalachia, in poor white communities where family strife was a constant, work was not and even many pawnshops closed their doors. He managed to overcome this by the high expectations of his grandparents, the discipline of the Marines and got himself into Yale Law School. He was now a stranger in a strange land. This book was written before the recent election but it helps to explain it. The cultural divide in the United States is a topic that has become more relevant than Vance would have dreamed when he was writing this book. (available at the West Branch Public Library)

Many of you have read *The Sacred Acre* about the death of Ed Thomas, the football coach at Aplington Parkersburg. *Sentenced To Life: Mental Illness, Tragedy, and Transformation* is by Joan Becker, the mother of Mark Becker who was the shooter in Thomas' death. She is able to show that signs of mental illness were apparent before the shooting incident. They sought help but she maintains that the system failed them and did not provide adequate care. Iowa is near the bottom in the nation in beds for mental patients. She is now committed to being an advocate for individuals with mental illness. It is quite an interesting other side of the story.

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## Adult Education Opportunities



Pastor Chad's sermons can be found on Bethany's website ([www.wbbethany.org](http://www.wbbethany.org)) by placing your cursor over the "Resource" tab found on the home page and then selecting

### Bethany Men's Breakfast Bible Study Group

Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m. in the Great Hall

### Thursday Women's Bible Study

6:00 a.m. in the Small Hall  
All are Welcome

### Women's Circle

Second Wednesday of Month  
9:00 a.m. in Great Hall unless stated otherwise

### Monthly Prayer Group

First Thursday of Month  
7:00 p.m. in Small Hall  
All are Welcome

## Bethany Books

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*Living With Parkinson's Disease* is edited by David Belgum (a former pastor at Bethany). This book explores the disease from a professional point of view and includes short pieces, written by Parkinson's patients, about what it is like to experience the disease. This book is a practical reference for all who come in contact with this debilitating and tragic condition. This book went to press right before he died. (donated)

### Book for Children

*Where Are You From? The Wonderful Story Of Your Birth* is for ages 2-5. From the Sparkhouse Family of books this tells the story of life from conception to birth using language that is appropriate for toddlers and young children



SING PRAISES TO HIM;  
TELL OF ALL HIS WONDERFUL WORKS.

PSALM 105:2

## BLESSING OF BACKPACKS



All students are invited to join worship on Sunday August 20th as we will pray over and bless their backpacks prior to the beginning of another school year. We hope you plan to attend and each student will receive something to assure them they are never alone.



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SMALL CATECHISM APP



Augsburg Fortress, the publishing house of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, recently introduced their first mobile app featuring *Luther's Small Catechism*. This short resource is Luther's guide to the basics of the Christian faith. This app can be downloaded for free via the Apple IOS App Store and on Google Play. Simply search "Luther's Small Catechism" and then look for the one by Augsburg Fortress.



Thank you to all who helped to make this years VBS a great success.



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017





**UGANDAN THUNDER**  
**RESOUND**  
THE 2017 TOUR

*An Unforgettable  
Live Worship Experience!*

### **ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY**

**The 22 members of Ugandan Thunder are selected each year from the orphanages and schools that partner with Pennies for Posho in Uganda.**

Teachers in the 19 schools and orphanages served by Pennies for Posho nominate their brightest students and most talented performers ages 8-13 each year for the opportunity to attend Royal School Orphanage in Mityana, Uganda and then tour the United States. Each year, a new brand new group of students is selected to give as many students the opportunity as possible.

**Bethany Lutheran Church will be hosting a  
Ugandan Thunder Concert:**

**Monday September 11th**

**The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m.**

**Refreshments will be served after the concert.**

**A love offering will be taken during the concert. This money will be sent straight to Uganda to be used for classrooms, dormitories and hospitals.**

# SOUTHEASTERN IOWA SYNOD ASSEMBLY RECAP

Below is a summary of the 2017 Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly held this past May. Bethany's voting members in attendance were Dave Bahnsen and Laura Twing. Should you have any questions please see Dave, Laura or Pastor Chad.

## Summary of Actions

The Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the synod, met May 19-20, 2017 at Lutheran Church of Hope, West Des Moines. The assembly gathered under the theme, "God So Loves the World."

Bishop Michael L. Burk invited the assembly to join in singing "All Are Welcome" and then led the Order for Opening of an Assembly. He declared the thirtieth Southeastern Iowa Assembly to be open at 10:08 a.m. on Friday, July 19, 2017

### **Guests:**

Guests present who brought a report or greeting to the assembly included:

- William Horne, Vice President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Bishop Laurie Haller, Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church
- The Rev. Jeff Thiemann, President and CEO of Portico Benefits Services
- John Twardos, CEO, Lutheran Services in Iowa

Assembly Musicians and Worship Leaders, Members of Dakota Road Music  
Larry Olson, Hans Peterson, Nelson Morlock

### **Worship**

Holy Communion was held at 5:30 p.m. on Friday. Bishop Michael Burk served as preacher and presider. Synod Council member, Ms. Suah Borsay, was the assisting minister. Holly Knouse was the reader. An offering was received to support Hunger Ministries of this church, totaling more than \$48,000. The offering reflects the culmination of a hunger awareness effort called "Pigs With A Purpose." Congregations were invited to pledge at least \$500, at which time they were given a plywood pig to be decorated and brought to the assembly. Over 50 congregations and individual donors participated.

Morning Prayer was held at 8:30 am on Saturday. Pastor Ritva Williams, St. Stephens Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, served as preacher. Mr. Bill Horne, ELCA Vice President was the assisting minister.

### **Actions of the Assembly**

Voting members of the 2017 Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly took the following actions:

- Adopted the Standing Rules, Agenda and Credential Report.
- Elected the following members to the Synod Council.
  - ◊ Marita Rouse – Conference One. Three-year term.
  - ◊ Donna Darnall – Conference Six. Three-year term.
  - ◊ Pastor Maureen Howard – Conference Seven. Three-year term.
  - ◊ Jonathan Fry – Conference Ten. Three-year term.
  - ◊ Chris Scott – Lay Male At-Large. Three-year term.
  - ◊ Noah Aanestad – Youth Male. Two-year term.
- Adopted the 2018 budget.
- Adopted the 2018 Minimum Compensation Guidelines.
- Approved constitutional amendments, primarily related to the Ministry of Word and Service roster.

Adopt the following resolutions, which can be found in their entirety at [seiasynod.org/assembly/](http://seiasynod.org/assembly/)

- Resolution #1: 1,000 Days
- Resolution #2: Refugees
- Resolution #3: Immigrants

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## SYNOD ASSEMBLY RECAP CONTINUED

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### **Recognitions**

Bishop Burk introduced those who were new to the Southeastern Iowa Synod since the 2016 Synod Assembly. Those recognized included:

- Five newly ordained Ministers of Word and Sacrament
- Two newly consecrated Ministers of Word and Service
- Six Ministers of Word and Sacrament received into the synod
- Four candidates newly assigned to the synod
- Eight interns from four seminaries serving on the territory of our synod

The following congregational anniversaries were recognized.

- Elvira Zion Lutheran Church, Clinton; 125 years
- Paul Lutheran Church, Fort Madison; 125 years
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Malcom; 150 years

Congregations that closed in the past year were recognized with a “Thanksgiving for Ministry.”

- Salem Lutheran Church, Spragueville
- St. John Lutheran Church, Hopkinton

Twenty-three Rostered Ministers celebrating significant anniversaries were recognized during the Friday evening banquet.

Four Pastors who have died since that 2016 Synod Assembly were honored In Memoriam.

### **Credentials**

The final report of the Credentials Committee:

Lay Voting Members	209
Deacons	5
Retired Deacons	2
Pastors	134
Retired Pastors	20
<b>TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS</b>	<b>370</b>
Visitors	59
<b>TOTAL PRESENT</b>	<b>429</b>

Of Voting Members Present:

Lay Voting Members	58%
Of Lay Voting Members Present:	
Male	56%
Female	44%





## FAITH AT HOME

These short Bible passages and reflections are intended to be one more way to spur conversations about faith and also absorb ourselves in the word of God at home. We hope you enjoy them and would love to hear any feedback on whether you find these beneficial or not.

### John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

- God's love...
- Believing...
- Eternal life...



### Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

- My life path, my journey, is guided by...
- God's light...
- If I could only keep one page of the Bible, I would keep the words about...

### John 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

- Jesus as the light of the world...
- Walking in total darkness...
- Having the light of life...

## LUTHERAN SERVICES IN IOWA (LSI) NEWS

### **Back to School Month**

School is right around the corner! But imagine being a child or teen with an emotional or behavioral disorder. This time of year can be extremely stressful. They are afraid they won't be able to concentrate or fit in at their school. They worry about the transition adjusting to a new classroom routine.

Did you know Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) partners with schools across the state to provide mental health services right in their communities? Our therapists can work one-on-one with children while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services team is there to collaborate with families in their home and develop skills like anger management and decision-making.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift and support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [deborah.whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:deborah.whitford@LSIowa.org).

*Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

### **Happier, healthier families**

For years, Bia struggled with her daughter's behaviors. McKenna, 8, lashed out against authority, and tempers regularly flared at home.

"It took a little more time to work with her on anything," Bia said.

Bia couldn't find a way to help gain control of her child, and she became more and more frustrated. That's when her DHS social worker recommended LSI's Families Together program.

Through the program, Bia regularly meets with her Families Together worker, Gaylene. Together, they are working on what Bia calls a "three-step technique."

"Whenever a possible argument comes along, I start by telling McKenna to go take a break and reset herself. Then I can go calm down and eventually, we can talk it out," Bia says. "It's teaching both of us. My main goal right now is to learn how to better handle McKenna and better handle myself."

Bia is also practicing the technique with her younger daughter, Brynn, which she says is "working perfectly." It's drastically improving the way her family communicates, and Bia says she has recommended Families Together to any friends looking for guidance.

"I love the program," she says. "I love how it works and I know if I have questions, they can give me advice on how to go about things."

## Council Minutes - May 10, 2017

**Meeting called to order** at 6:30 PM by President Lipes

**Members Present:** Greg Lipes, Jill Taylor, Beth Kaufman, Tonya Samuelson, Cheryl Fisher, Wayne Frauenholtz, Pastor Chad, Jamie Zimmerman

**Members Absent:** Jon Twing, Paula Casper

-Pastor led us in a discussion of things we should be grateful for (that often get overlooked) and then asked each of us to tell what or who in our church we are grateful for and why. Pastor then opened our meeting with a Prayer.

**Pastor's Report:** (Pastor Chad)

-Pastor once again had a busy month with 19 Pastoral Visits, a funeral service for a long time Bethany Member, 2 Pre-marital counseling meetings, final classes and preparation for our 5 confirmation students, as well as the other many monthly meetings and classes that Pastor teaches and attends.

**Secretary's Report:** (Jon Twing)

-Jill is making corrections to last month's report and will forward them to Jon. Beth moved and Jamie seconded that we accept the minutes with corrections. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Jill Taylor)

-Revenues for the month exceeded monthly budgeted amount, and expenses for the month were substantially below the budgeted amount. There were no out of the ordinary or surprise expenses for the month. Jamie moved and Cheryl seconded that we accept the report. Motion passed.

-Jill mentioned that we need to determine how much we want to give at the Synod Annual Meeting for an offering and where we want to take it from. Discussion ensued. Jill moved, and Beth seconded that we make a \$500 offering (which is consistent with what we have done in the past) and the funds come from: Missions Fund \$161.02; Thrivent Fund \$59.00, and the balance from the Cookie Walk Fund. Motion Passed.

### Committee Reports

**Building and Grounds:** (Jamie Zimmerman)

-Updated on progress regarding the repairs to Sanctuary attic.

-Need to put down new mulch in church landscaping and have been waiting for prices to go down on bags of mulch. It was suggested that we look at bulk mulch.

**Education:** (Tonya Samuelson)

-Bible School is scheduled for June 11-16

-Have been working on getting VBS organized and on-

line sign-up put together for volunteers

-The Methodists will be helping with teaching

-Men's Bible Study group will be providing lunch on Wednesday June 14 for VBS

**Evangelism:** (Wayne Frauenholtz)

-Wayne talked about some evangelism projects in the community that are available such as the Blood Drive (Wayne and Kent Kaufman) Care Initiatives Hospice (see handout), and the Mobile Food Pantry (4 Bethany members work at this)

**Fellowship:** (Paula Casper)

-Paula needs someone for the May 28<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Meal and Jill volunteered to do it

**Stewardship:** (Jon Twing)

-No report

**Youth:** (Cheryl Fischer)

-Cheryl is in the process of contacting youth in the church to see if we can't get something going that they would be interested in

**Worship and Music:** (Beth Kaufman)

-Jill has agreed to become our full time pianist for Sunday services and choir so we will be able to keep Sunday services at 9:00 this summer.

-Beth moved and Jill seconded that we hire Jill Barnhart to be our full time accompanist. Motion passed.

### OLD BUSINESS:

-Jamie reported that from Claudia that \$26,900 has been pledged toward the roof campaign and we have received \$20,300 of that.

-Jamie reported that he has not done anything yet on researching costs for PA System for the Great Hall.

### NEW BUSINESS:

-Greg and Pastor led a discussion on potential community needs in West Branch and how we want to approach this issue to include: a list of who to talk to in the community; how to involve the congregation; and what questions we will want to ask people in the community. We then developed a list of key leaders in the community who we will potentially want to talk with.

-Pastor submitted the list of Confirmation students to be confirmed on Sunday, May 21. They are: Anna Friis, Katie Anderson, Ellie Holstad, Olivia Poppen, and Gavin Hierseman. Wayne moved and Beth seconded that we approve the Confirmation student list as presented by Pastor. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM with The Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting is Monday, June 12, 2017 at 6:30

## Daily Bible Readings

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings. The complete Daily Lectionary is also found on pages 1121-1153 of our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

Tues, August 1	Psalm 119:121-128 1 Kings 4:29-34 Ephesians 6:10-18	Thurs, August 17	Psalm 67 Isaiah 45:20-25 Revelation 15:1-4
Wed, August 2	Psalm 119:121-128 Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33 Mark 4:30-34	Fri, August 18	Psalm 67 Isaiah 63:15-19 Acts 14:19-28
Thurs, August 3	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Proverbs 10:1-5 Philippians 4:10-15	Sat, August 19	Psalm 67 Isaiah 56:1-5 Matthew 14:34-36
Fri, August 4	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Isaiah 51:17-23 Romans 9:6-13	Sun, August 20	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28
Sat, August 5	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Isaiah 44:1-5 Matthew 7:7-11	Mon, August 21	Psalm 87 2 Kings 5:1-14 Acts 15:1-21
Sun, August 6	Isaiah 55:1-5 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21	Tues, August 22	Psalm 87 Isaiah 43:1-13 Romans 11:13-29
Mon, August 7	Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29 Deuteronomy 8:1-10 Romans 1:8-15	Wed, August 23	Psalm 87 Isaiah 66:18-23 Matthew 8:1-13
Tues, August 8	Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29 Deuteronomy 26:1-15 Acts 2:37-47	Thurs, August 24	Psalm 138 Ezekiel 28:11-19 1 Corinthians 6:1-11
Wed, August 9	Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29 Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35 Matthew 15:32-39	Fri, August 25	Psalm 138 Ezekiel 31:15-18 2 Corinthians 10:12-18
Thurs, August 10	Psalm 85:8-13 1 Kings 18:1-16 Acts 17:10-15	Sat, August 26	Psalm 138 Ezekiel 36:33-38 Matthew 16:5-12
Fri, August 11	Psalm 85:8-13 1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40 Acts 18:24-28	Sun, August 27	Isaiah 51:1-6 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20
Sat, August 12	Psalm 85:8-13 1 Kings 18:41-46 Matthew 16:1-4	Mon, August 28	Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32 1 Samuel 7:3-13 Romans 2:1-11
Sun, August 13	1 Kings 19:9-18 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33	Tues, August 29	Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32 Deuteronomy 32:18-20, 28-39 Romans 11:33-36
Mon, August 14	Psalm 18:1-19 Genesis 7:11-8:5 2 Peter 2:4-10	Wed, August 30	Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32 Isaiah 28:14-22 Matthew 26:6-13
Tues, August 15	Psalm 18:1-19 Genesis 19:1-29 Romans 9:14-29	Thurs, August 31	Psalm 26:1-8 Jeremiah 14:13-18 Ephesians 5:1-6
Wed, August 16	Psalm 18:1-19 Job 36:24-33; 37:14-24 Matthew 8:23-27		



## August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> 9:00 AM Worship	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	<b>2</b> 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting	<b>3</b> 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:00 AM Worship	<b>7</b> 7:00 PM Education Meeting	<b>8</b> 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	<b>9</b> 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	<b>10</b> 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:00 AM Worship	<b>14</b> 6:30 PM Council Meeting	<b>15</b> 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	<b>16</b> 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	<b>17</b> 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9:00 AM Worship	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	<b>23</b> 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	<b>24</b> 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM West Branch Community Meal @ Bethany	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	<b>30</b> 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	<b>31</b> 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

### Monetary Gifts Report

Submitted by Jill Taylor

	Month May 2017		YTD	
Saints in Worship: May 05/07 52 05/14 64 05/21 120 05/28 33 Total 269	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Total Receipts	14,032	13,167	63,482	65,835
Total Expenses	11,255	13,042	56,945	65,278

***Thank you*** all for faithfully stewarding the gifts God has entrusted us with in fulfilling the ministry and mission of God here at Bethany Lutheran Church! In so many ways, not just monetarily, God is abundantly providing for our needs.

