

Bethany Lutheran Church

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



January
2018

Important Dates

1-8 Council Meeting 6:30 pm
1-21 Annual Meeting following
worship in the Great Hall.
1-28 Community Meal 5:00 pm

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The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

John 1:5



Peace in the name of Jesus Christ!

I hope this letter finds you still filled with the joy of the newborn Christ child warm in your hearts. The Christmas season is a wonderful time of year and perhaps many of you, like me, continue to sing the beautiful words of Christmas hymns like, "Joy to the world, the Lord is come..." or "Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright..." Wouldn't it be great if we could bottle the excitement and energy present in the Christmas Eve services? Wouldn't it be awesome if the tranquility and peacefulness of singing "Silent Night" in the warm glow of candles in a dark sanctuary could last forever?

Each Christmas Eve so many gather to worship and celebrate the birth of our Savior. Some folks we won't see until next Christmas Eve; however, we rejoice in their presence. Some we will see each Sunday. But no matter what, each of us came with stuff. Stuff that bogs us down. Stuff that at times frightens us. Stuff that we can't let go of. Stuff like guilt. Stuff like debt. Stuff like loneliness. Stuff like anger. Stuff like despair. Stuff like ponderings of what in the world is going on in our world at times with all the violence, negative words thrown around, political unrest, climate changes, wildfires out of control, illness and death. Stuff that may keep us up at night or leave us so weary in the day we don't see any end in sight.

While we know our faith in Christ won't eliminate all the stuff we bring with us and while we can't bottle the joy of Christmas Eve or the fact that perhaps, for that one brief hour, we can forget all that stuff—we can and do live in the promise of that first Christmas each and every day. We are not alone with our stuff! God is with us! God is always coming to us and helping ease the burden of the stuff we harbor. God is offering endless forgiveness for the guilt we may bring or the sins we think can't be forgiven. God is offering grace that is eternal and abundant. God is always listening when we feel no one else is. In the incarnation of Jesus Christ, we do see the clearest revelation of God, and it is in Him that we witness a God of love, compassion, and a God who goes to great depths to experience and take it upon God's self the pain, hatred, violence, and brokenness of our own lives and of the world.

Yes, there are pockets of our lives and are world that often seem so dark but the glow of Christmas Light, our Lord and Savior, is shining brightly and piercing through that darkness and overcoming it. It reminds me of the words of verse 1 in the hymn "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (ELW 671):

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness
shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the
truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.

As we move from the carols and hymns of Christ, may this be our song we sing to the world longing for light! Grace and peace,

Pastor Chad



Birthdays

01/09 Hallie Fitzgerald
 01/11 Tonya Lovetinsky, Robin Benz
 01/14 Deanna Pedersen
 01/15 Paula Villhauer, Alberta Sweat
 01/17 Herb Hinkhouse
 01/20 Tonya Samuelson
 01/23 Deb Lund
 01/24 Robbie Boaz, Paul Bruns
 01/25 Lisa Zimmerman
 01/26 Hunter Niles, Dianna Fuhrmeister
 01/29 Lance Schiele, Kay Davisson
 01/30 Jenny Blaalid, Kent Pedersen
 01/31 Pat Cassabaum

FAITH RESOURCE

We lifted up this new resource last month and do so again because we think it is a valuable tool to have faith conversations in the home and dwell on God's word throughout the week. We have been including these in the bulletins but will now move to leaving them at the entry to our worship space to pick up and on the faith resources table in the hallway leading to the Great Hall. We would love your feedback on this resource from Milestones Ministry. There are many good things found on these handouts including: daily Bible readings, scripture verse for the week, prayers, a devotion, starter questions for caring conversations at home, and also ideas for respond-

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 13:24-37	The day and hour unknown
Monday	Isaiah 64:1-9	A communal prayer for help
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	God is faithful
Wednesday	Isaiah 9:1-7	The promised messiah
Thursday	Matthew 24:29-31	The coming of the Son of Man
Friday	Revelation 1:1-6	Christ sends a message
Saturday	Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19	Prayer for Israel's restoration
Sunday	Mark 1:1-8	The beginning of the good news

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.
 Mark 13:33 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
 Gracious God, we thank you for your love that reaches out to us through Christ our Savior. Give us joy and gladness as we wait for his coming again. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
 Lord God, thank you for giving us hope for the heart and food for the plate. For Jesus our Savior we watch and we wait. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
 May the God of grace and peace and the Lord Jesus Christ keep you strong in your faith until Jesus comes again. (1 Corinthians 1:8)

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Bethany Books by Frank Frostestad

Books For Adults

Many times in Bible study, having a better understanding of the context and times of what you are studying would be helpful. *Nelson's Complete Book of Bible Maps And Charts* helps to do just that. All the books of both the Old and New Testaments are included. Each book is introduced and important information is organized. Maps, charts, and outlines help to place events, places, and people. It helps to make books written years ago clearer to the reader.

In The Steps Of Jesus by Peter Walker is an illustrated guide to the places of the Holy Land. By being able to trace the footsteps of Jesus through the land where he lived and conducted his ministry the reader gains new insights into his teachings. Using the gospel of Luke as its road map it follows the chronology of Jesus' life. It covers all the sites visited by Jesus and explains the historical backgrounds, geography, and archaeology. Numerous maps, diagrams, timelines and photos are provided. Many of the different locations are described as they are today. Travel with the author starting in Bethlehem through to the road to Emmaus.

In The Steps Of Paul by Peter Walker is an illustrated guide to the apostle's life and journeys. Drawing mainly on Luke's account in Act's as well as on Paul's own letters the writer reconstructs Paul's wide-ranging travels. Some of the most important sites of the early church are detailed. He starts in Damascus, then follows the three missionary journeys, and then traces the final visit to Jerusalem and Caesarea, and eventually to Rome. Each chapter focuses on a particular site and tells Paul's story within that location, a list of key dates, and what it is like today. Color photos, maps, and street plans help to offer a unique view of an extraordinary man – his motives, his struggles, his mission, and his world. These books have been donated.

We have other books that are helpful in understanding the geography and setting of events in biblical times. They include the *Atlas Of The Bible Lands* edited by Harry Thomas Frank, *The Golden Bible Atlas*, and *The World Of The Bible For Young Readers*.

Book For Children

Does God Forgive Me? by August Gold introduces young children to the ideas of forgiveness and reconciliation. It gently shows how God forgives all that we do if we are truly sorry.

CD'S

A 6 CD collection entitled *Psalms & Proverbs* has been donated to the library. They provide over 6 hours of listening with dramatic readings and orchestral music. They help to bring the Psalms and Proverbs of the Bible alive to the listener.

DVD

A Song From The Heart has been donated. Maryann Lowery (played by Amy Grant) is a blind cellist and music teacher. She enjoys a quiet and comfortable life with her friend and widowed neighbor Oliver (played by Keith Carradine). When a world famous musician visits the Conservatory where she works, he sees undiscovered talent in Maryann. He promises her fame and convinces her to undergo a risky eye operation. As the two fall for each other, it will take a life-changing moment for Maryann to realize that sometimes, true love is right before our eyes, waiting to be discovered.



Adult Education Opportunities

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

Adult Discussion
10:20 a.m. in the Small Hall
*Next study will begin
January 8*
All are Welcome

Monday Lunch Bible Study at Mexico Lindo
11:30 a.m.
January 8, 15, 22, 29
February 5 and 12

LUTHERAN SERVICES IN IOWA (LSI) NEWS

Raising our Voice for Iowa Children and Families Lutheran Day on the Hill

Families living in poverty. Iowa children in need of a forever family. Former refugees building new lives. These kinds of issues are rarely the center of attention at the Iowa State Capitol. Let's change that! Please consider joining Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) and the three Iowa synods of the ELCA for Lutheran Day on the Hill, an annual day of advocacy in Des Moines to uplift the needs of our neighbors. **The event will be held on Thursday, February 8.** Visit www.LSIowa.org/advocacy next month for event details, online registration, and an online toolkit for your congregation. If you are new to advocacy, come learn more about the legislative process and your role as a citizen. If you've attended before, join us again. We hope this year's schedule will also allow you more opportunities to connect with legislators.



Friendly Competition

When the time came to take their U.S. Citizenship Exam, Bhakti and Chhali felt overwhelmed. Originally from Bhutan, the couple moved to Des Moines from a refugee camp in Nepal. Since then, they have been busy improving their English and settling into their new home. They both worked seven days a week and struggled to find time to study for their exam. LSI's Refugee Community Services were there to help. LSI provides English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, and Bhakti and Chhali studied hard in class to prepare for the writing and reading component of their exam. They supported and competed with each other, pushing themselves to succeed. Their work paid off, and Bhakti and Chhali recently passed their exam and are now U.S. Citizens. "We appreciate the help our LSI volunteers gave us on the Citizenship Exam," Bhakti says. "They are so committed to seeing us meet our goals."

ADULT DISCUSSION HOUR

Everyone is invited to our next Adult Discussion that starts January 7th. This is a 7 part Discussion about the book we call the Bible. Each of the sessions lasts about 45 minutes. The sessions are on separate topics so you don't have to attend all the sessions; come to the ones that interest you! This Discussion is designed for those of us that want to know the basics about the Bible. The topics are: Canon-what was or wasn't included; History-the versions of the Bible and how they affect what we learn; Testaments-two parts of one story; Gospels-the Good News of Jesus; Genre-history, poetry, prophecy, and apocalyptic writing; Interpretation-how we understand the Bible and assumptions that might affect our understanding; and Grace-using the Bible for good and loving each other. See you on the 7th! Please see Neil Korsmo with any questions





ReVitalize is a one day event, open to all. Join others from congregations around the Southeastern Iowa Synod for a day of workshops given by real people making a difference in their community.

Across the Southeastern Iowa Synod there are signs of vitality and life in the ministry of congregations just like yours. Rather than bring in a ‘professional’ to talk about what brings congregational vitality, you are invited to hear from leaders – your own neighbors – who have tried something new, revamped an oldie-but-goodie, or who are engaged in ministry with surprising partners.

At its heart, ReVitalize aims to promote vitality in your congregation by providing tools and resources to equip individuals to live out their faith in daily life and foster excitement about your congregations’ future. During this daylong conference you will join congregations from around the Southeastern Iowa Synod for workshops given by real people making a difference in their community.

Re:Vitalize. Get ideas. Be inspired. Renew the church.

Workshops vary in scope from worship and arts to hunger and multi-cultural ministries to practical how-tos of moving a congregation in the right direction. In addition to the workshops there will be opportunities to network, worship, and fellowship in a day that reminds us that we are #inthistgether for the sake of the world.

Saturday, February 24, 2018
First Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
\$25 per person, includes lunch
Discount for groups of 4 or more from the same congregation

Learn more and register at <http://bit.ly/2BURsSf>

If you have questions about this event contact Rev. Erika Uthe at 319-338-1273 or uthe@seiasynod.org



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COOKIE WALK

Hats off to all the Bethany bakers! The 27th annual Cookie Walk was a huge success. Hundreds of beautiful cookies, quilts, and other handcrafted items were available for the multitude of people who were welcomed. Everyone working together and watching the joy of our community makes this event so much fun. Thank you to all who made this possible!





ANNUAL MEETING

Bethany's annual meeting will be held January 21, 2018.

Please plan to attend as your presence is vital and very much appreciated.

Also, this is a reminder of who is a voting member, according to our Constitution. Visitors, inactive and lapsed members are always welcome to attend; however, they can't vote.

C8.02.c Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation.

Additionally, there are some amendments to our Constitution to be voted on due to recent changes at churchwide assemblies. Those are found on a table in the hallway leading to the Great Hall. Please review prior to the annual meeting.

SIMPLY GIVING

The Simply Giving Program is a convenient, consistent, and safe way to steward your financial gifts to Bethany Lutheran. By contributing electronically you will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week.

Get started today! Ask for an authorization form from our Financial Secretary, Claudia Beyer, or visit the "Resource" tab on our church website for a flier and registration form. Please see Claudia with any questions.



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

The Stewardship Committee wants to first, thank you all for your generous support of the various services you have provided to God, Bethany and the community over the past year. When you look at all the things we do, from the food pantry, to the quilters, to the Angel Tree and all the other projects and services (both internally to Bethany and throughout God's community) we accomplish quite a bit and are truly champions in Stewarding God's blessings.

In 2017 we did several different things. We did not have a "standard / typical" fall fundraising campaign. Because the people of Bethany are so diligent in their support, this was simply a formality that we did not need. Indeed, giving is good, finances are good, participation in Stewardship activities is good, people are sharing both their time and talent and for that we are also blessed and thank you again! We also used the "Noisy Can Collection" as a new way to get youth involved in Stewardship as a Ministry and not just a money collecting event. You will be hearing more about this in the coming year.

In 2018 we will continue with our theme of "continuous stewardship" and will align it with the ELCA's guide to "year around stewardship." Remember, Stewardship is not about giving money to the Church, but rather about "...seeing all God has entrusted to each one of us and using all that we are and have—time, talent, treasures—in God pleasing ways." Look for this after the first of the year, along with new Time and Talent Sheets such that we can best see what areas God has called you to help Steward.

Also, in 2018 we are looking to expand the ranks of our Stewardship Committee by recruiting new members. We will kick-off more specific recruiting efforts after the first of the year but if you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact Pastor Chad or Jon Twing for more information.

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Our Staff

ANGEL TREE

Once again the faithful people of Bethany responded to God's grace and mercy by stewarding their gifts and loving our neighbor through the Angel Tree. Below are some photos of the abundance of gifts received and also purchased through financial giving. Most of these items were clothing that met real needs of families in our community. We are grateful for your support. We are grateful to Jeni Schiele for once again coordinating this ministry effort. Way to go everyone!

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

In the event we need to cancel worship at Bethany due to inclement weather notification will be done in the following formats. There will be a post on the church website (www.wbbethany.org/westbranch/), on Twitter, and on Bethany's Facebook page. There will be an email sent out to all Bethany members who have provided an email address. Notification will also be provided to KGAN channel 2 television station. These will be the primary means of notification. If none of the above means work for you please contact Paula so we can make other arrangements. Thank you!

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES NOVEMBER 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Lipes

Members Present: Greg Lipes, Jill Taylor, Paula Casper, Beth Kaufman, Jamie Zimmerman, Jon Twing, Pastor Chad, Cheryl Fischer, Wayne Frauenholtz, Tonya Samuelson

Members Absent: None

Opening Prayer and Devotional (Pastor Chad)

Pastor Chad led a devotional focusing on rejoicing in prayer, and giving thanks for all that we have. Readings from Exodus 18:9.

Pastor's Report (Pastor Chad)

Pastor Chad commented that WBARC planned a Community Service of Unity and Peace which was well covered in the West Branch Times. Pastor commented that this was a very powerful service.

Work has completed on the final constitution and a copy will be distributed to the members of Bethany for review and comments. Vote pending at the upcoming Annual Meeting. Laura Twing and Dave Bahnsen attended the Synod Conference 7 Annual Assembly

Secretary's Report: (Jamie Zimmerman for Jon Twing)

Jamie distributed the September minutes. Jill Taylor moved to accept, second was by Beth Kaufman. Minutes accepted. Jamie distributed the October minutes. Additions and corrections were discussed. Jamie moved, Jon Twing second. Minutes accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: (Jill Taylor)

Jill Taylor provided the corrected September report. Accepted without vote since the report pending corrects was already approved. Jill provided the October report. Discussion included the copier maintenance which includes toner replacement. Pastor Chad to check on the costs of other maintenance options. Pastor Chad's continuing education budget fund balance was rolled over as it is anticipated to be used before the end of the year. Jamie moved to accept, second was by Cheryl. Report was approved.

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds (Jamie Zimmerman)

Roof completed.
Carpet was professionally cleaned.
Discussed potentially painting the Great Hall

Education (Tonya Samuelsson)

Report as submitted. No issues.

Evangelism (Wayne Frauenholtz)

HACAP food distribution truck will provide services on 21Nov2017. Jill Taylor, Wayne Frauenholtz and Dave Bahnsen will represent Bethany in this regard.

Co-hosted Veterans Day supper on 09Nov2017 with West Branch Lions. West Branch Mayor and State Representative Devorski both spoke at the supper.

Fellowship (Paula Casper)

Paula reported that Jeni has the Angle Tree under control. Candy and Paula are organizing the Cookie Walk again this year. Al Beyer and Sterling Benz will provide the fourth Sunday supper. No fourth Sunday supper in December. Paula is organizing the Christmas poinsettias again this year.

Stewardship (Jon Twing)

Jon reported that there is a plan for an abbreviated "fall campaign". The plan for the Noisy Can collection disposition as well as the ELCA aligned Stewardship campaigns will be rolled out after the first of the year.

Youth (Cheryl Fischer)

Cheryl spoke about reading the prayer signup and participation of the group in this Ministry. Cheryl is also working to arrange a youth service project in the future

Worship & Music (Beth Kaufman)

All Saints Sunday was a big success. Advent is coming so "Hanging of the Greens" is being planned. Christmas Eve service will be one in the morning due to Advent and two at night for a total of three services. A first for Bethany!

Old Business

Discussed composition potential Council members
Discussed composition of Audit Committee
Reviewed Budgets
Approved asking for an increase in Building and Grounds to \$17,000
Approved asking for an increase in Youth to \$1,500
Approved asking for an increase in Education to \$3,000
Approved asking for an increase in Worship to \$10,000
EOY Committee reports are due to Paula by 01Dec2017
Walk through of the Parsonage as a regularly schedule event was approved

New Business

Approved Jamie's request for a new nativity set. Motion made by Jamie, second by Wayne. Motion passed.
Meeting adorned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:21

Next Council Meeting is Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:30 PM



FAITH AT HOME

These short Bible passages and reflection starters are one more way we are trying to spur conversation about faith at home and also absorb ourselves in the word of God. We hope you find them beneficial.

John 20:30-31

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

- What I know about Jesus...
- What I believe about Jesus...
- What I wonder about Jesus...



Acts 1:7-8

He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

- My Jerusalem and Judea: Sharing faith is familiar and comfortable with...
- My Samaria: Sharing faith with people I have nothing in common with...
- My ends of the earth: Sharing faith with people I know nothing about...

Psalms 25:1-2

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

- I lift up my whole self, my very soul, to God when...
- The ways I look towards God are...
- A time I prayed for God's help was...



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*.

Mon, January 1	Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 8 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:15-21	Wed, January 17	Psalm 86 Genesis 16:1-14 Luke 18:15-17
Tues, January 2	Psalm 148 Proverbs 1:1-7 James 3:13-18	Thurs, January 18	Psalm 62:5-12 Jeremiah 19:1-15 Revelation 18:11-20
Wed, January 3	Psalm 110 Proverbs 1:20-33 James 3:13-18	Fri, January 19	Psalm 62:5-12 Jeremiah 20:7-13 2 Peter 3:1-7
Thurs, January 4	Psalm 110 Proverbs 3:1-12 James 4:11-17	Sat, January 20	Psalm 62:5-12 Jeremiah 20:14-18 Luke 10:13-16
Fri, January 5	Psalm 110 Proverbs 22:1-9 Luke 6:27-31	Sun, January 21	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20
Sat, January 6	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Mon, January 22	Psalm 46 Genesis 12:1-9 1 Corinthians 7:17-24
Sun, January 7	Genesis 1:1-5 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11	Tues, January 23	Psalm 46 Genesis 45:25-46:7 Acts 5:33-42
Mon, January 8	Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36 Genesis 17:1-13 Romans 4:1-12	Wed, January 24	Psalm 46 Proverbs 8:1-21 Mark 3:13-19a
Tues, January 9	Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36 Exodus 30:22-38 Acts 22:2-16	Thurs, January 25	Psalm 111 Deuteronomy 3:23-29 Romans 9:6-18
Wed, January 10	Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36 Isaiah 41:14-20 John 1:29-34	Fri, January 26	Psalm 111 Deuteronomy 12:28-32 Revelation 2:12-17
Thurs, January 11	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Judges 2:6-15 2 Corinthians 10:1-11	Sat, January 27	Psalm 111 Deuteronomy 13:1-5 Matthew 8:28-9:1
Fri, January 12	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Judges 2:16-23 Acts 13:16-25	Sun, January 28	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28
Sat, January 13	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Samuel 2:21-25 Matthew 15:1-13	Mon, January 29	Psalm 35:1-10 Numbers 22:1-21 Acts 21:17-26
Sun, January 14	1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20] 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51	Tues, January 30	Psalm 35:1-10 Numbers 22:22-28 1 Corinthians 7:32-40
Mon, January 15	Psalm 86 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1	Wed, January 31	Psalm 35:1-10 Jeremiah 29:1-14 Mark 5:1-20
Tues, January 16	Psalm 86 1 Samuel 15:10-31 Acts 5:1-11		

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM No Sunday School Pre-K through 3rd grade (Christmas Break)	1	2 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	3 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:30 PM 4-6 grade Education 6:30 PM Confirmation	4 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	5	6
7 9:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Sunday School Pre-K through 3rd grade 10:20 AM Adult Discussion	8 11:30 AM Lunch Bible Study 6:30 PM Council Meeting	9 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	10 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 9:00 AM Women's Circle 6:30 PM 4-6 grade Education 6:30 PM Confirmation	11 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	12	13
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Monetary Gifts Report

Submitted by Jill Taylor

Saints in Worship:

11-05	87
11-12	68
11-19	58
11-26	49
Total	262

	November 2017		YTD	
Total Receipts	Actual 12,200	Budget 13,166	Actual 136,141	Budget 144,834
Total Expenses	Actual 11,518	Budget 13,017	Actual 128,988	Budget 143,458

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.

