

# Bethany Lutheran Church

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



*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. – 1 John 4:7*

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 6/03 Youth Meeting 7:00 pm
- 6/08 Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 6/17 Grief Workshop 6:30 pm
- 6/28 Community Meal 5:00 pm
- 7/13 Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 7/26 Community Meal 5:00 pm
- 7/27-7/31 Vacation Bible School

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Greetings People of God,

I have been thinking a great deal lately about my particular call as pastor of Bethany Lutheran. It is four years this month since I was installed as your pastor and I find it helpful to reflect upon, pray, give thanks, and examine these first four years of ministry with all of you in which God has allowed me to be a partner in. This is my "first call" and I continue to grow and learn as a pastor. I realize I have made mistakes along the way. I realize I am human with many weaknesses, many limitations, many faults, and I am just as much in need of God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness as the next person. Yet, I also realize I am who I am and I can't change that. God has called me to be a pastor in Christ's church just as I am and all I can do is trust that is enough and try to faithfully do the best I can with God's help. I also realize I am only one person and I can't do this alone even though there are still times when I forget or fail to trust in that. It's seems that is part of our fallen humanity in which all too often we struggle to take our hands off the steering wheel and let God truly take control of our lives.

I am thankful for each and every one of you. God has called each of you here just as you are and just as God created you to be. God has chosen each of us in this place to bring all of our unique gifts together in order to do Kingdom work together. We are never alone. God is standing next to each of us in many ways but especially through the presence of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. I probably don't say it enough but I am so grateful and so blessed to be your pastor. It truly is an honor and a privilege. I love Jesus and I love the whole church He calls each of us to be a part of; but especially, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bethany Lutheran Church, and all the people God has called to partner in ministry together here. God has done some pretty amazing things through all of you in the past, during the four years since I arrived, and no doubt will continue to do some pretty awesome things here in the future. That is what I truly love about this call – watching what God is up to and being able to come alongside each of you and see your love for Christ, for one another, and for Bethany. God loved us first and we are called to respond to God and to one another with that same love. What do you love about Bethany? How do you respond to God's love daily? May God's love always be at work among us, reflect through us, and guide us into the future. We are God's people doing God's work!

Blessings on your ministry!  
Pastor Chad



## VBS 2014 Photos



## God's Work. Our Hands. 2014 Photos



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 27th - July 31st

Join us again this year for our VBS Day Camp! Registrations are in the mail! We will also be needing many volunteers for time and food donations! Please have Registrations and Volunteer forms returned to the church office by June 26th or let Courtney Heid know! You can also find the Registration form on the Bethany website!

We look forward to spending the week with you!

## “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday September 13, 2015

Once again this fall Bethany will join together with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ of the nearly 10,000 congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for the third annual “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday. This will be a dedicated day of service. We will gather for a short worship and then go forth responding to God's grace in service. Last year we did projects around the church building and grounds, cleaned up Beranek Park, trimmed branches along the Hoover Trail, helped an older member do yard work and exterior maintenance on her home, and also packaged meals for Kids Against Hunger. Plans are under-way to do something similar this year. Everyone is invited to once again wear their yellow shirt from last year. If you did not purchase a shirt last year or desire a new one please see the table in the Great Hall for order forms and more information on this event. The shirts will be of the same design this year. We hope to see you there!

God's Work



Our Hands



## June Birthdays

06/01 Sarah Fischer, Phil Hougen  
 06/02 Ethan Fetzer  
 06/03 Katherine Lipis  
 06/05 Cora Lipis  
 06/06 Stacy Beyer, Gavin Hierseman  
 06/07 Richard Madsen  
 06/09 Shay Kinsinger  
 06/11 Lee Cassabaum  
 06/12 Alicia Grimm  
 06/13 Annika Olson, Lauren Whaley  
 06/15 Amanda Whaley  
 06/17 Curt Casper  
 06/18 Jennifer Leslie, Chad Whaley  
 06/20 Lon Liebergen  
 06/21 Camden Marshall  
 06/27 Janet Friis  
 06/30 Sue Hughes

## July Birthdays

07/02 Diane Hougen  
 07/05 Kim Colvin, Phyllis Barth  
 07/07 Tara Langley, Mason Sweat  
 07/08 Lynn Snyder  
 07/09 Tim Shields  
 07/10 Jerry Dodds  
 07/12 Millie Anderson, Dan Holstad  
 07/13 Peggy Jeffries, June Madsen  
 07/14 Herb Friis  
 07/15 Claudia Beyer, Dale Swenson  
 07/16 Dan Haub  
 07/17 Anna Bruns  
 07/19 Roxanne Bahnsen  
 07/20 Kristin Black, Matthew Paulsen  
 07/22 Sarah Villhauer, Adam Villhauer  
 07/23 Kelsi Fryauf  
 07/29 Chris Marshall  
 07/30 Elizabeth Smith, Carol Roghair  
 07/31 Derek Fetzer, Margaret Lipis



## **Bethany Books**

by Frank Frostestad

### **Books For Adults**

This month's newsletter theme is cancer. Not a nice word or thought, but one that in some way affects all of us. One out of two men will be diagnosed with cancer, one of three women will be diagnosed with cancer. Here are some books that we have in the church library that tell of how some people have coped with this disease.

Walter Wangerin, Jr. is an author of many books that we have in our library and that I have written about on several occasions. *Letters From The Land Of Cancer* are a series of letters that he began writing to friends and family after being diagnosed with lung cancer. They deal with many aspects of living with and surviving cancer and reflecting on the end of life. As he writes, "Here is the story which must ultimately embrace every living body, every physical person. Here, too, is the story in which our faith in Christ most can shine."

*Days Like These: Even In The Darkest Moments, Light Can Shine Through* by Kristian and Rachel Anderson is an inspiring book put together from popular blog posts and other writings. It is an inspiring story filled with hope and a reminder of the ultimate truth that even in the darkest moments, light can shine through. Kristian touched lives, passed on hope, and left behind a legacy that will mean a better quality of life for many cancer patients.

*Stations Of The Heart: Parting With A Son* by Richard Lischer was reviewed in the January, 2015, newsletter. "This is the story of one last summer and the young man who lives it as honestly and faithfully as possible."

*The Color Of Rain* by Michael and Gina Spehn is a true story of how two families found faith, hope, and love in the midst of tragedy. When two childhood friends die of cancer just weeks apart, the shared experience of loss brings their grieving spouses together. After months of late-night phone calls, family dinners, and countless tears and dreams, this unlikely pair built a trust, a love, and a shared life. In what almost seems like a modern up-dated Brady Bunch story a person gets to see people endure the unthinkable and yet still be open to what is next in their lives. Michael and Gina Spehn had to choose to hope again. They host a weekly talk radio show, *Your Family Matters*, in Detroit.

Other books that we have that could be helpful include: *Grieving The Death Of A Friend* by Harold Ivan Smith, *When Your Parent Dies* by Ron Klug, *As I Journey On: Meditations For Those Facing Death* by Sharon Dardis and Cindy Rogers, and *Step By Step: Your Guide To Making Practical Decisions When A Loved One Dies* by Thrivent.



## Adult Education Opportunities



Pastor Chad's sermons can now 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 "Sermons" when it pops up. Additionally, some people have requested an email with the sermon attached. If you prefer that method please contact Pastor Chad.

**Bethany Men's Breakfast Bible Study Group**  
Wednesdays at 6:00 am  
in the Great Hall  
**All are Welcome**

**Thursday Women's Bible Study**  
6:00 am in the Small Hall  
**All are Welcome**

**Adult Discussion Group**  
Sunday mornings at 10:20  
In the Small Hall  
**All are Welcome**

## Bethany Books Cont.....

### Book For Children

*The Berenstain Bears And Too Much Junk Food* by Stan and Jan Berenstain confronts a problem that we have today. Too many of us are eating junk food instead of having proper nutrition. This has resulted in many of the health problems that we face today. The book presents this problem in a way children can understand. The problem is not only discussed but also what can be done about it and the benefits of healthy eating.

### DVD

*The Color Of Rain* is the Hallmark movie channel version of the book. It shows how each recently losing a spouse find a kindred spirit in each other. As they help each other and their children through grief, they grow closer and fall in love. They need to ask themselves if their new found love is strong enough to overcome the grief surrounding both families. You need to view it to find out.

## WEST BRANCH FOOD PANTRY June 2015

### Urgently needed:

Saltines	All-in-one Mexican meals
Microwave Popcorn	Ramen/beef, pork, shrimp
La Choy Oriental Meal-in-can	Regular oatmeal
Breakfast bars	Pizza mix (All-in-one box)
Instant oatmeal packets/flavored	Salsa
Bisquick (20, 32, 40 oz.)	Rice/Pasta mixes
Pancake Syrup	Women's deodorant
Canned chicken	Spaghetti Sauce
Laundry & Dish detergent	Pizza Crust & Sauce
Salad Dressings	Jelly or Jam
Canned fruit	

### Ongoing need for:

Stuffing mixes	Instant pudding mixes
Iced tea mix and bags	Granola bars
Feminine Products	Adult Toothpaste
Shampoo/conditioner	Bar soap
Men's deodorant	Cake mixes
Hamburger/Tuna Helper	Coffee
Cookies	Fruit juices
Creamed & Canned Soups	Canned Peas
Paper towels	Toilet Paper
Mustard, Ketchup	Diapers: Newborn, #'s 3,4,5

**Reminder: The pantry can't accept dented cans, opened boxes or packages, or date expired items.**





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## **Ministry Minute**

Last month in this article we focused on fellowship, one of the specific areas of ministry addressed in our Congregation's Constitution and Bylaws. The others are: Worship and Music, Education, Youth, Evangelism and Missions, Stewardship, and Buildings and Grounds. This month we will focus on Building and Grounds. Once again the intent of this and future articles is to help communicate and educate more about our life together at Bethany and how we work together to further God's mission. Each of these specific ministries is represented on the council by a called leader of Bethany. Their role is to help facilitate the oversight of these ministry areas along with the support of others whose gifts can help each area of ministry continue to thrive and be fruitful here at Bethany. We are grateful for their leadership, for those who have or presently serve in any function within these ministries, and to all who prayerfully consider being a part of one of these ministry teams/committees.

Pertaining to Building and Grounds our Bylaws state, "The Building and Grounds Committee shall plan for, coordinate, oversee, and implement the care and maintenance of all property, real and personal, owned by the congregation." God has truly blessed us with a wonderful facility and grounds to worship and praise God, learn about the great love revealed through God's Son, share time in fellowship in which the Holy Spirit comes to us, and join together in all the other things we share in throughout our life together as the called, gathered, and sent people of God. We are stewards of all God has entrusted us with and the Buildings and Grounds Committee's primary call is to faithfully steward the buildings and grounds here. This is a big task and many hands are needed. Presently, John Black serves as the Council Representative overseeing this Committee. If you feel called to serve God and further the mission of Bethany Lutheran in this capacity please contact John.

## **Grief Workshop**

You are invited to attend an introductory session on grief. Since the dawn of humanity there has always been grief. Even Jesus mourned as he wept over the dead body of Lazarus. We each grieve in different ways and working through and coping with our grief is certainly a process. Please join us as we welcome Jeff Barton, Bereavement Counselor, for Iowa City Hospice to help us better understand grief, recognize it, and begin to understand how to work through it. This is open to anyone regardless of whether they are a Bethany member or not. Please pass this along if you know of someone who may find this beneficial.

**Where:** Bethany Lutheran Church

**Date:** June 17, 2015

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.



## Daily Bible Readings June 2015

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 June 1	Numbers 9:15-23 Revelation 4:1-8 Psalm 20	Thu June 18	Job 29:1-20 Acts 20:1-16 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
Tue June 2	Exodus 25:1-22 1 Corinthians 2:1-10 Psalm 20	Fri June 19	Job 29:21-30:15 Acts 21:1-16 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
Wed June 3	Numbers 6:22-27 Mark 4:21-25 Psalm 20	Sat June 20	Job 37:1-13 Luke 21:25-28 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
Thu June 4	Isaiah 28:9-13 1 Peter 4:7-19 Psalm 130	Sun June 21	Job 38:1-11 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41
Fri June 5	Deuteronomy 1:34-40 2 Corinthians 5:1-5 Psalm 130	Mon June 22	Exodus 7:14-24 Acts 27:13-38 Psalm 65
Sat June 6	Genesis 2:4b-14 Luke 8:4-15 Psalm 130	Tue June 23	Exodus 9:13-35 Acts 27:39-44 Psalm 65
Sun June 7	Genesis 3:8-15 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35	Wed June 24	Joshua 10:1-14 Mark 6:45-52 Psalm 65
Mon June 8	1 Samuel 16:14-23 Revelation 20:1-6 Psalm 74	Thu June 25	Lamentations 1:16-22 2 Corinthians 7:2-16 Psalm 30
Tue June 9	1 Kings 18:17-40 Revelation 20:7-15 Psalm 74	Fri June 26	Lamentations 2:1-12 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 Psalm 30
Wed June 10	Isaiah 26:16-27:1 Luke 11:14-28 Psalm 74	Sat June 27	Lamentations 2:18-22 Luke 4:31-37 Psalm 30
Thu June 11	Genesis 3:14-24 Hebrews 2:5-9 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15	Sun June 28	Lamentations 3:22-33 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43
Fri June 12	1 Kings 10:26-11:8 Hebrews 11:4-7 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15	Mon June 29	Leviticus 21:1-15 2 Corinthians 8:16-24 Psalm 88
Sat June 13	2 Kings 14:1-14 Mark 4:1-20 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15	Tue June 30	Leviticus 15:19-31 2 Corinthians 9:1-5 Psalm 88
Sun June 14	Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 Mark 4:26-34		
Mon June 15	Ezekiel 31:1-12 Galatians 6:11-18 Psalm 52		
Tue June 16	Jeremiah 21:11-14 Revelation 21:22-22:5 Psalm 52		
Wed June 17	Jeremiah 22:1-9 Luke 6:43-45 Psalm 52		



## Daily Bible Readings July 2015

Wed July 1	2 Kings 20:1-11 Mark 9:14-29 Psalm 88	Sat July 18	Jeremiah 12:1-13 Luke 18:35-43 Psalm 23
Thu July 2	Jeremiah 7:1-15 1 Corinthians 4:8-13 Psalm 123	Sun July 19	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Fri July 3	Jeremiah 7:16-26 2 Corinthians 10:7-11 Psalm 123	Mon July 20	Jeremiah 50:1-7 Hebrews 13:17-25 Psalm 100
Sat July 4	Jeremiah 7:27-34 Matthew 8:18-22 Psalm 123	Tue July 21	Zechariah 9:14-10:2 Acts 20:17-38 Psalm 100
Sun July 5	Ezekiel 2:1-5 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	Wed July 22	2 Samuel 5:1-12 Luke 15:1-7 Psalm 100
Mon July 6	Ezekiel 2:8-3:11 2 Corinthians 11:16-33 Psalm 119:81-88	Thu July 23	1 Kings 19:19-21 Colossians 1:9-14 Psalm 145:10-18
Tue July 7	Jeremiah 16:1-13 James 5:7-12 Psalm 119:81-88	Fri July 24	2 Kings 3:4-20 Colossians 3:12-17 Psalm 145:10-18
Wed July 8	Jeremiah 16:14-21 John 7:1-9 Psalm 119:81-88	Sat July 25	2 Kings 4:38-41 John 4:31-38 Psalm 145:10-18
Thu July 9	Amos 2:6-16 Colossians 2:1-5 Psalm 85:8-13	Sun July 26	2 Kings 4:42-44 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21
Fri July 10	Amos 3:1-12 Colossians 4:2-18 Psalm 85:8-13	Mon July 27	Genesis 18:1-15 Philippians 4:10-20 Psalm 111
Sat July 11	Amos 4:6-13 Luke 1:57-80 Psalm 85:8-13	Tue July 28	Exodus 24:1-11 Romans 15:22-33 Psalm 111
Sun July 12	Amos 7:7-15 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	Wed July 29	Isaiah 25:6-10a Mark 6:35-44 Psalm 111
Mon July 13	Amos 5:1-9 Acts 21:27-39 Psalm 142	Thu July 30	Exodus 12:33-42 1 Corinthians 11:17-22 Psalm 78:23-29
Tue July 14	Amos 9:1-4 Acts 23:12-35 Psalm 142	Fri July 31	Exodus 12:43-13:2 1 Corinthians 11:27-34 Psalm 78:23-29
Wed July 15	Amos 9:11-15 Luke 7:31-35 Psalm 142		
Thu July 16	Jeremiah 10:1-16 Colossians 1:15-23 Psalm 23		
Fri July 17	Jeremiah 10:17-25 Acts 17:16-31 Psalm 23		

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES APRIL 20, 2015

**Members Present:** Courtney Heid, Paula Casper, John Black, Carol Roghair, Candy Madsen, Jill Taylor, Laura Twing, Pastor Chad, Greg Lipes.

**Absent:** Kevin Olson

**Called to Order:** 6:30 pm

A Prayer of movement, for Openness.

**Pastor's Report:** 24 pastoral visits, and funerals for Shari Friis and Jeanette Flores. Ecumenical services around Easter went well. Parent/student night, "why are you here?" also went well. Six graduates to celebrate on May 10. Six confirmands to celebrate on May 17, and new robes have been ordered for them.

New computers are both fully functional now.

Next project is working with Scott Marsh on a backup program or mechanism. There is a potential expense of \$120.00 annually. Still removing items from Paula's old computer, and working to get the projector to work with the new laptop.

Pastor will be chaperoning a middle school trip to Washington D.C. June 19-24.

Summer vacation will be July 6-19, contingent upon finding supply pastors.

**Secretary's Report:** Moved for approval by Greg Lipes, subject to three corrections. Seconded by Carol Roghair. All Ayes.

**Treasurer's Report:** General discussion regarding various items. Claudia Beyer is now done with tax season and will meet with Jill regarding questions and procedures. Moved for approval, with discussed adjustments, by John Black, seconded by Greg Lipes. All Ayes.

**Building and Grounds:** Women's bathroom needed some attention. Spring cleanup scheduled for April 25. Flooring in the Parsonage will be done in June. Project moved for approval by John Black, seconded by Laura Twing. All ayes.

Building use policy and custodial job description forms were discussed. Moved to approve new versions by Jill Taylor, seconded by Paula Casper. All ayes.

Round tables were discussed in terms of need and proper budget placing. Courtney Heid moved, and Laura Twing seconded approval to buy 10 round tables. All ayes.

Laura Twing moved, and Paula Casper seconded using memorial money to purchase the tables. One vote nay, all other ayes.

**Education Report:** Vacation Bible School "save the

date" cards will be sent.

**Evangelism/Mission:** We have received a letter from Mbakweni expressing gratitude for the milling machine, and some pictures, via Neema Mdoe and Paula Casper.

**Fellowship:** No report.

**Stewardship:** Greg is currently reading "Ask, Thank, Tell."

**Youth Report:** Amanda Whaley and Jeni Schiele have obtained a city permit for a fire pit behind the Great Hall for future activities. Discussion regarding creating teams for "listening posts" with parents on ideas about engaging youth more.

**Worship Report:** Need pianists for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and June 7<sup>th</sup>. Discussed mentioning appreciation for Veterans for Memorial Day.

**Guest Report:** Mike Fryauf present to discuss Kids Against Hunger request for payment, for meals packaged at Bethany on Community Service Day last September. 9 boxes were packed, for a total of 1944 meals. A miscommunication resulted in Bethany not paying for these meals, and the amount budgeted for such went to the Lions' Club Hoover packaging event. Payment will be made next month to KAH for the September event.

#### **New Business:**

- \* Fourth Sunday Dinner in April will be hosted by Paula Casper.
- \* We still have no volunteers to attend the Synod assembly in Des Moines next month.

**Adjourned** at 8:02 pm





## JUNE 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> 9:00 AM Worship followed by fellowship	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	<b>3</b> 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 7:00 PM Youth Meeting	<b>4</b> 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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## JULY 2015

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## SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS AND TEENS:

Summer meals for kids and teens will be offered again this summer through the West Branch School District. They will be serving breakfast and lunch to all children, 18 and younger in the Multi-Purpose room at Hoover Elementary. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be served from 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Monday – Friday beginning June 8th and ending August 14th (Closed July 3rd and 6th). No enrollment needed and no cost.



### Financial Report Submitted by Claudia Beyer

April Attendance:  
 04/05 8:00 54  
 04/05 10:00 84  
 04/12 72  
 04/19 72  
 04/26 72  
**Total 354**

	April 2015		YTD	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Receipts	14,452	12,334	52,878	49,336
Total Expenses	9,729	13,019	46,906	52,141

**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.

Our companion church in Mbakweni, Africa has sent us this picture of the milling machine that Bethany provided for them.

**Sayuni  
Head-Miller**



## VBS DAY CAMP VOLUNTEER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Bethany requires all adults to have a background check completed before volunteering with children per our Child Safety Policy. Please check if you have NOT previously completed a background check with us.**

### PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING TIMES YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER:

**AM SESSION (8:45am - 12:15pm)**

**PM SESSION (11:45am - 3:15pm)**

Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

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### PLEASE CHECK IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO DONATE FOOD FOR THESE MEALS:

EWALU Staff Breakfast

Morning Snack  Morning Drink

Camp Lunch

**WE WILL BE SENDING OUT ASSIGNMENTS FOR DONATIONS OF TIME AND SUPPLIES WITHIN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF JULY.**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY JUNE 26th TO THE BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH OFFICE OR BY MAIL TO: PO BOX 236 WEST BRANCH, IA 52358**

