

Bethany Lutheran Church

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



"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." – 1 John 5:14

Important Dates

06-13 to 06-17
Vacation Bible School
06-13 Council meeting 6:30 p.m.
06-26 Community meal 5:00 p.m.
07-11 Council meeting 6:30 p.m.
07-24 Community meal 5:00 p.m.

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Dear called, gathered, fed, and sent people of God,

Well, last month I wrote about our new prayer and thanks-giving wall in the Great Hall. After a slow start I am proud to say you all have responded wonderfully and the wall is filling up. It's not too late. There is still plenty of space available. If you can't make it in to personally write a prayer request or something you are grateful for then email me and I will gladly write it on the wall for you. My email is: pastor@wbbethany.org. We have even prayed over the names and other things listed on the wall a couple times following worship during our fellowship hour.

As I have told the council and told the gathered worshipping community lately I am convinced prayer must be a part of everything we do. Prayer is vital to our faith lives. Prayer is a way in which God draws closer to us and subsequently we draw closer to God. Prayer changes and transforms us. Prayer opens us up. Prayer brings peace and comfort. Prayer lets us release those things we hold onto and perhaps are afraid to tell anyone else but we can tell them to God.

I know so many of you pray and I think it is important we share stories of how prayer has been instrumental in our lives. And so this is my next invitation to all of you. Along with continuing to fill our wall with prayers and things we are thankful for I invite you to fill out an index card and share a few thoughts on prayer. Respond to questions such as: Why is it important to you? How does it bring you comfort or hope? Share an example of a time, perhaps, you didn't feel God was listening but then later on realized God's presence or perhaps it was in the midst of prayer you truly did feel the presence of the Holy Spirit come upon you and wrap you like a warm blanket. I think it would be awesome to share some of these stories in upcoming newsletters. Share our faith together. Share how God is at work in our lives. There will be a box and cards located on the altar in the Great Hall. Feel free to take a note card home, fill it out, and bring it back. You don't need to include your name.

May God's peace be with you all and keep on praying faithful people of God!

Pastor Chad



Birthdays

June Birthdays

- 06/01 Sarah Fischer, Phil Hougen
- 06/02 Ethan Fetzer
- 06/03 Katie Lipes
- 06/05 Cora Lipes
- 06/06 Gavin Hierseman
- 06/07 Richard Madsen
- 06/11 Lee Cassabaum
- 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
- 07/07 Tara Langley
- 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 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 Lipes

Bethany Books

by Frank Frostestad



Books For Adults

This month's theme is Amish fiction. The first book is *The Photograph* by Beverly Lewis. I reviewed two of her books *The River* and *The Love Letters* last October. *The Photograph* is set in a 1980's Amish community. Three sisters face a time of transition in their family. Their widowed mother has died and they must relocate due to their brother taking over the family farmhouse. The youngest sister suddenly disappears and can not be found. When Jed Stutzman, an Amish buggy maker from Ohio, shows up with a photo of an Amish woman, they have a clue. Read the book to see how the author resolves their dilemma.

Next is a series of three books the *Prairie State Friends* by Wanda Brunstetter. Her last book that I reviewed was *The Lopsided Christmas Cake* last December. She is also the author of the *Amish Quilting Club* series. In the first book *The Decision*, we are introduced to the three main characters Elaine Schrock, Priscilla Herschberger, and Leah Mast. They are close childhood friends, now in their 20's, wondering what their life will be like. The first book is mainly about Elaine Schrock. She lost her parents when she was a young child and was raised by her grandparents. Tragedy comes in the form of her grandfather's death and her grandmother's decline into dementia. She takes care of her grandmother by herself and ignores her growing love for her friend Jonah or any help from others.

The second book, *The Gift* has Leah Mast as the main figure. Her life changes when a bachelor Adam Beachy, suddenly becomes a father to his three nieces upon his sister's and brother-in-law's death. He can not handle the situation alone. He finds himself needing a wife, immediately. Despite their differences, Leah seems the best option to fill that role. Will this just be a marriage of convenience? Adam also brings unresolved childhood issues to the relationship.

In book three, *The Restoration*, Priscilla Herschberger is featured. She and a childhood friend Elam Gingerich have been courting (dating) for a long time. He has not asked her to marry him. Is he marriage adverse? Should she look elsewhere? David Morgan, an outsider (English), enters the picture and she suddenly has a choice. The author also has unresolved issues from the first two books to wrap up by the end of this book as well. It is interesting to see how she does it. If you start book one, you are making a commitment to read all three of this series.

Beverly Lewis is a well known author to reader's of Amish fiction. We have several of her series including *Home To Hickory Hollow* and also the above book. .

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Adult Education Opportunities



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

Bethany Books continued...

This series *Annie's People* are three novels in one volume. In *The Preacher's Daughter* we meet Annie Zook. She wants to please her preacher father, but a passion for art stands in the way. It is not approved by their bishop. Will outside influences tempt her to pursue her dreams? In *The Englisher*, Annie struggles to keep her promise to abandon her art, as she succumbs to another forbidden desire – a relationship with Englisher Ben Martin. In *The Brethren*, Annie longs to return to her art and the days spent with Ben before her father ordered her to never see him again. Will the brethren forever stand between them? How is this resolved?

Books For Children

The Story Of Moses And God's Promise by Martina Smith and illustrated by Peter Grosshauser and Ed Temple is for children 3-7. It tells the story of Moses and the deliverance of the Hebrew people from Egypt. It ends with the 10 Commandments and God's promise to His people

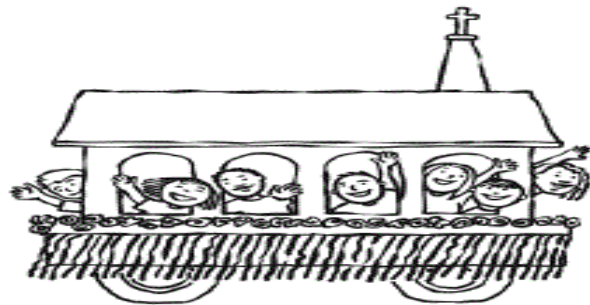
**Bethany Men's Breakfast
Bible Study Group**
Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m.
in the Great Hall

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

Women's Circle
Second Wednesday of Month
(September - May)
9:00 a.m. in Great Hall

IT'S TIME FOR A PARADE.

If anyone is interested and willing to organize, plan, and help build a Bethany float to have in the Hoover Hometown Days please let Pastor Chad know so we can register. Pastor Chad will be gone that day but perhaps we could get a team together if there is any interest.



Hometown Days Float



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SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Once again this year all West Branch area churches have been invited to participate in the free lunch program the week of August 15 - 19. Bethany has decided to take Monday, August 15th to provide a sack lunch for the children. On Sunday, August 14th we will be asking for volunteers to help during fellowship time assemble sandwiches and pack the lunch bags, which will be delivered to the children on Monday. We are looking for helpers or even someone to organize this event. If you feel you would like to take charge on this please talk to Greg Lipes or Paula Casper.

Thank you for all you do!

Greg Lipes (Evangelism & Missions)
Paula Casper (Fellowship)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner as it begins Monday, June 13 and ends on Friday, June 17. We are set for another exciting year. This year we are joining with our sisters and brothers of the West Branch United Methodist Church and we look forward to this partnership. We already have upwards of 50 kids registered and will need all the help we can get so if you are interested please see Courtney Heid. There will be a short program held on Thursday, June 16 at the Methodist Church and all are invited to attend. A time has not yet been set so if interested please stay tuned for more information.





June 2016

Happy Father's Day!

Many of the boys and young men that Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) serves in our residential programs have never had a positive male role model in their lives.

Recently, at a gathering of mentors and mentees, a few of these children introduced their mentors to each other. When a boy from Beloit spoke, you could hear the quiet pride in his voice.

"This is Josh," he said simply. "And he's the mentor I've always wanted."

As you celebrate Father's Day with your family or by remembering someone who served as a father figure or mentor for you, remember what you have to give to others around you: a word of encouragement, a listening ear or the gift of your time and presence. You may be surprised how much it means.

You provide all these things and more through your support of LSI. Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

LSI is proud to be an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Building Confidence from Legos

Once a week Beloit becomes an imagination station of Legos, robotics and computer programming. That's what happens when the passions of LSI mentors and LSI clients align.

Tom first learned about LSI's Beloit Residential Treatment Center through a mission event at his church. Together, he and LSI's volunteer staff began exploring the idea of creating a robotics group at Beloit.

"You're playing, but you're also learning," said Tom. "I enjoy helping them experiment and learn what is or isn't interesting to them. It's a great opportunity to match up their interests and passions."

As a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activity, the group also helps youth practice problem-solving skills they can use in the classroom. Many schools now offer robotics as an extracurricular activity. LSI hopes this activity helps youth at Beloit feel a sense of belonging with their peers when they are introduced to STEM subjects in the future.

"Our kids love going to this program," said Angie, an LSI caseworker. "They like it because it is out of the ordinary, and they get to use their imagination, too. It's something they are able to create and see the end result."

On this day, Daniel, age 14, has just learned how to make his "robot" move. "I built that," he says with a huge grin. And thanks to LSI donors and volunteers, he's building a bright future, too.



BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES - April 2016

Present:: Pastor Chad, John B., Tonya, Beth, Greg, Jamie, and Jill

Absent: Paula, Jon T., Kevin

We opened with a devotion on prayer and verses about Jesus praying followed by a few minutes for everyone to be alone to pray.

Pastor's report:

We discussed a congregational offering for synod assembly. Many congregations are having financial difficulties resulting among other things from recent increases in health insurance. Because of this the synod is receiving less benevolence from congregations. We plan to: ask Pastor Ostrem to speak on this at the retreat; put a sign on the quarter tube that current quarters will go for this special offering; and mention a special offering in bulletins and at church.

We discussed food for the retreat.

Secretary's report:

Jamie moved to approve the March minutes after several corrections. Beth seconded. Approved

Jamie moved to approve the treasurer's report and Greg seconded. Approved

Building & Grounds: No Report

Education: Tonya discussed VBS news. The UMC is on board for food and snack donations and volunteer help. There is a Volunteer Spot website used by the school district that we will try to use. The food menu will be the same as previous years. Tonya & Courtney and others will meet on May 2 when they will discuss afternoon activities. A huge need is finding volunteers to house counselors. With the need for more volunteers and space, the church won't work for overnight stays this year.

Worship: Beth mentioned that things were quiet in April. Next events will be confirmation and Baccalaureate.

New Business: Chad and Amanda looked at window coverings to replace all the broken/aged blinds in the parsonage. They found some at Lowes that will be installed for \$130 for an approximate total of \$1600.

The church roof has lost some shingles but Jamie isn't concerned because of the locations. John thought the last roof was in the 1990's.

There was a discussion of three possible memorial fund uses.

Pastor mentioned the small hall conference table lacking in space and ripping clothing. Jamie will look out for a table at Welter.

Another discussion for memorial funds was purchasing quality binders for Pastor Chad to use on Sundays instead of constantly replacing cheap ones. He will order a set from Augsburg to see if they are better quality. The third was purchasing religious pamphlets for Chad to take on visits and display in the Great Hall entry hall.

There was a discussion of cable run to the Great Hall and better screen for services down there and/or overrun of the sanctuary for funerals/weddings. It would be more than the current memorial fund balance.

Jamie also talked about looking at a time for cleanup day, and thinking ahead about chores (furnace room) and making list so people can come in anytime and work.

Jamie would like to reconfigure and/or neaten up the small hall/secretarial area.

Meeting Dismissed.





Synod News

Below is a note recently received from Southeastern Synod Assistant Vice President Heather Miller and Bishop Michael Burk:

Dear Partner in Ministry,



Southeastern Iowa Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Please express my thanks to the Council and to the members of your congregation for the offering you provided at the 2016 Southeastern Synod Assembly. Your gift, together with the gifts of many others, is a sign of what it means to be the church together. At a time of an expressed need, your response was an important affirmation of the ministries of this synod.

As we strive to be the best stewards of what has been entrusted to us, we hope to encourage you in your ministry. The ministries of your congregation in and around your local community are vitally important to our shared witness to good news of God's love for the world in Jesus Christ.

With thanksgiving, and on behalf of the Southeastern Iowa Synod Council,

Heather Miller, Vice President
Rev. Michael Burk, Bishop

Practice Discipleship Initiative

Wondering through Service Learning and Wonder in Prayer,
lunch is provided (\$5).

June 11, 2016 10:00am-2:30pm

500 W. LeClaire Road, Eldridge, IA 52748

Contact us: sonja@stpeterofgrimes.org

Join us for our first Practice Discipleship offering June 11 at Faith Lutheran in Eldridge from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. as we engage in Wondering Through Service Learning and Wondering in Prayer. Training is FREE! Lunch is provided (\$5 per person). Register for the June 11 training online @ seiasynod.org

Wondering through Service Learning – Service learning moves service projects and mission trips from one-time events to experiences that open minds and hearts to new ways of thinking and acting. For example, youth might ponder tough questions about poverty in your hometown, notice the incredible artistry within God's creation, or glimpse the wisdom of a senior citizen in a simple conversation. By emphasizing adequate preparation, intentional reflection, and sharing stories with others, service experiences can be brought to life in profound, astonishing ways. (written by Mark Jackson, Professor & Chair of Children, Youth & Family Studies, Director, Center for Community Engagement, Trinity Lutheran College)

Wondering in Prayer – We teach children the Lord's Prayer and prayers for meals and bedtimes, and we often teach children how to pray for friends and family. We often stop there. But we are called to worship God with all of heart and soul and mind. So, in this session we will explore prayer forms that engage the senses and the imagination, opening a space for us both to dwell and to wonder in God. (written by Dr. Mindy Makant, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Lenoir-Rhyne University).



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*.

Wednesday, June 1	Psalm 5 Isaiah 56:1-8 Mark 7:24-30	Friday, June 17	Psalm 22:19-28 Isaiah 57:1-13 Galatians 3:15-22
Thursday, June 2	Psalm 30 2 Samuel 14:1-11 Acts 22:6-21	Saturday, June 18	Psalm 22:19-28 Isaiah 59:1-8 Matthew 9:27-34
Friday, June 3	Psalm 30 2 Samuel 14:12-24 Acts 26:1-11	Sunday, June 19	Isaiah 65:1-9 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39
Saturday, June 4	Psalm 30 2 Samuel 14:25-33 Matthew 9:2-8	Monday, June 20	Psalm 64 Job 18:1-21 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Sunday, June 5	1 Kings 17:17-24 Galatians 1:11-24 Luke 7:11-17	Tuesday, June 21	Psalm 64 Job 19:1-22 Ephesians 2:11-22
Monday, June 6	Psalm 68:1-10,19-20 Genesis 22:1-14 Galatians 2:1-10	Wednesday, June 22	Psalm 64 Ezekiel 32:1-10 Luke 9:37-43a
Tuesday, June 7	Psalm 68:1-10,19-20 Judges 11:29-40 Galatians 2:11-14	Thursday, June 23	Psalm 16 Leviticus 9:22-10:11 2 Corinthians 13:5-10
Wednesday, June 8	Psalm 68:1-10,19-20 Jeremiah 8:14-22 Luke 8:40-56	Friday, June 24	Psalm 16 2 Kings 1:1-16 Galatians 4:8-20
Thursday, June 9	Psalm 32 2 Samuel 13:23-39 James 4:1-7	Saturday, June 25	Psalm 16 Deuteronomy 32:15-27, Luke 9:21-2
Friday, June 10	Psalm 32 2 Samuel 15:1-12 Romans 11:1-10	Sunday, June 26	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62
Saturday, June 11	Psalm 32 2 Samuel 18:28-19:8 Luke 5:17-26	Monday, June 27	Psalm 140 Genesis 24:34-41, 50-67 1 John 2:7-11
Sunday, June 12	2 Samuel 11:26-12:10 Galatians 2:15-21 Luke 7:36-8:3	Tuesday, June 28	Psalm 140 Jeremiah 3:15-18 Ephesians 5:6-20
Monday, June 13	Psalm 130 2 Chronicles 29:1-19 Galatians 3:1-9	Wednesday, June 29	Psalm 140 Jeremiah 23:16-22 Matthew 10:16-25
Tuesday, June 14	Psalm 130 2 Chronicles 30:1-12 Galatians 3:10-14	Thursday, June 30	Psalm 66:1-9 2 Kings 21:1-15 Romans 7:14-25
Wednesday, June 15	Psalm 130 2 Chronicles 30:13-27 Mark 2:1-12		
Thursday, June 16	Psalm 22:19-28 Isaiah 56:9-12 Romans 2:17-29		



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Saturday, July 2	Psalm 66:1-9 Zechariah 14:10-21 Luke 9:1-6	Monday, July 18	Psalm 119:97-104 Exodus 18:1-12 Colossians 1:27-2:7
Sunday, July 3	Isaiah 66:10-14 Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Tuesday, July 19	Psalm 119:97-104 Proverbs 9:1-18 1 John 2:1-6
Monday, July 4	Psalm 119:73-80 Jeremiah 6:10-19 Acts 19:21-27	Wednesday, July 20	Psalm 119:97-104 Deuteronomy 12:1-12 John 6:41-51
Tuesday, July 5	Psalm 119:73-80 Jeremiah 8:4-13 Acts 19:28-41	Thursday, July 21	Psalm 138 Esther 2:19-3:6 Acts 1:15-20
Wednesday, July 6	Psalm 119:73-80 Joshua 23:1-16 Luke 10:13-16	Friday, July 22	Psalm 138 Esther 3:7-15 Acts 2:22-36
Thursday, July 7	Psalm 25:1-10 Genesis 41:14-36 James 2:14-26	Saturday, July 23	Psalm 138 Esther 4:1-17 Luke 8:22-25
Friday, July 8	Psalm 25:1-10 Genesis 41:37-49 Acts 7:9-16	Sunday, July 24	Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19] Luke 11:1-13
Saturday, July 9	Psalm 25:1-10 Leviticus 19:1-4, 32-37 John 3:16-21	Monday, July 25	Psalm 55:16-23 Esther 5:1-14 Colossians 2:16-3:1
Sunday, July 10	Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	Tuesday, July 26	Psalm 55:16-23 Esther 6:1-7:6 Romans 9:30-10:4
Monday, July 11	Psalm 25:11-20 Job 24:1-8 James 2:1-7	Wednesday, July 27	Psalm 55:16-23 Esther 7:7-8:17 Matthew 5:43-48
Tuesday, July 12	Psalm 25:11-20 Proverbs 19:1-17 1 John 3:11-17	Thursday, July 28	Psalm 49:1-12 Proverbs 23:1-11 Romans 11:33-36
Wednesday, July 13	Psalm 25:11-20 Ecclesiastes 9:13-18 Matthew 25:31-46	Friday, July 29	Psalm 49:1-12 Proverbs 24:1-12 Ephesians 4:17-24
Thursday, July 14	Psalm 15 Genesis 12:10-20 Hebrews 5:1-6	Saturday, July 30	Psalm 49:1-12 Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 Mark 10:17-22
Friday, July 15	Psalm 15 Genesis 13:1-18 Ephesians 3:14-21	Sunday, July 31	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21
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June 2016

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Monetary Gifts Report

Submitted by Jill Taylor

Saints in Worship:

04-03 70
 04-10 72
 04-17 47
 04-24 55

 Total: 244

	April 2016		YTD	
Total Receipts	Actual 12,990	Budget 13,084	Actual 53,073	Budget 52,336
Total Expenses	Actual 12,324	Budget 13,670	Actual 64,487	Budget 54,693

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.

July 2016

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GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS." SUNDAY



On Sunday, September 11, 2016 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 fourth 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. Look for more information in the August newsletter and mark it down on your calendar.

