

# Bethany Lutheran Church

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



## Important Dates

6-10 Community meal 5:00 pm  
6-11 Vacation Bible School  
6-12 Vacation Bible School  
6-13 Vacation Bible School  
6-14 Vacation Bible School  
6-24 High School Youth Meeting  
with Pizza

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## SO IF THE SON SETS YOU FREE, YOU WILL BE FREE INDEED.

John 8:36 (NIV)



Dear Faithful Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As many of you are aware, three of us from Bethany recently attended the Anamosa State Penitentiary to worship with around 20-25 inmates at the newly formed *FreeIndeed* congregation.

This is a recent mission startup of the Southeastern Iowa Synod and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Bethany has stewarded a portion of our gifts to this new ministry.

I have to admit I was a bit intimidated going in. I wasn't quite sure what to expect. I had visited folks in jail before; however, I have always known who they were going in and have also had a thick piece of glass in between them and me. This was different. We would actually pass through the old iron gates that separated the outside world from life inside those massive stone walls. We would be on the inside, locked up, without the ability to simply leave if we decided to do so. We would be face-to-face with men who might very well be spending the rest of their life in jail. What I had gotten myself into?

As we entered the building, passed through those gates, and headed up a long, steep set of stairs to the chapel we were immediately greeted by several men. They were waiting for us and instantly made us feel welcome. It was hospitality you often don't find in many congregations. They were ready to shake our hands, offer us coffee, show us around the chapel and the library full of all sorts of religious books from every different faith tradition. All they were interested in was our name. They really didn't care about anything else such as what we did, where we were from, or why we decided to join them this morning. They were simply glad we were there and would take some time out of our day to go be with them. All they appeared to see was another brother and sister in Christ ready to worship our Savior.

As fellow inmates continued to enter the chapel each almost immediately did the same thing as those first men waiting to welcome us. They sought us visitors out, put us at ease, shook our hands, and talked with joy about their church. This 90 minutes they had was special. It was cherished. It was clear they did not take it for granted. Some even gave up time outside in the "yard" on one of the nicest and warmest Saturday mornings we have had since last fall. They had a choice to make and based on my conversations with one of the inmates it was a no brainer for him. He came to church.

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He came to church because it was changing his life. He showed me his Bible and I could see verses highlighted and notes on the pages. God's word was giving life to this man and he wanted to tell others about it. Yet, he understood the dilemma facing other men who chose not to come that morning. Time in the "yard" was also a privilege and looked forward to, especially after a long winter. He told me that for those who were not there and had been before he would seek them out and let them know he missed them in worship. Interesting isn't it. This inmate, and others like him, in many ways revealed what being part of the body of Christ (i.e., the church) was in a way we could all strive to emulate.

I really don't think he or any of the other men cared what worship setting they were going to be using or whether Pastor Collell stood behind the pulpit or preached in the aisle. I don't think they cared whether traditional hymns were sung or praise songs were incorporated into the service. I don't think they cared about which seat they sat in or if the service lasted 45 minutes or 90 minutes. I don't think they cared if we showed up in blue jeans or a suit and tie. It was apparent that what these men cared about was the opportunity to worship, to praise their Lord, and that we were there to do it with them.

You can see by the length of this article I could go on and on. I want to conclude with that opening Bible verse from John 8:36, "If the Son sets you free, you will be *free indeed*." Clearly, this verse was the impetus for the name of this new congregation, *FreeIndeed*. I entered that space. The windows we stared out during worship had bars on them. The door to exit was locked down. For one of the very few times in my life, I felt trapped with nowhere to go. Yet, these men were free in that short time period. Free to hear words of grace and forgiveness. Free to worship. Free to be with us. Free to sing. Free for some to play guitars and piano. Free to know they aren't forgotten. Free to know God loves them and be set free from whatever crime they had done because of what Christ has done for them. In the text box to your right you will find a section of an article written from one of the inmates in the most recent newsletter issued by Pastor Collell. It is powerful and reveals just how the Holy Spirit is alive and at work in the lives of these men. We, too, are free! Free from the sin, guilt, and separation from God we may at times feel because God has already forgiven us, redeemed us, and saved us. That is such an awesome thing that indeed because of that freedom should move us to rejoice and shout it out to the world.

*I've been in prison 6 years, most of it locked in Protective Custody—a place of great violence and hatred, loneliness and despair ... . Their (ELCA Pastor Jerry Collell and his volunteer Rich) heartfelt interest in us, our spiritual growth, and our humanity brings light in this darkness and offers us the faith to believe we're no longer alone in this horrible place—makes us feel we are still human and worth the effort to provide us with spiritual leadership. They listen, share, and guide us so we feel like God is at our side.—ASP Inmate*

I have taken many things away from that visit and am sure I will do so on future visits. Perhaps, one of the most important things from this visit is how I take for granted the opportunity to worship, praise, and glorify God on Sunday morning. Also, how I take for granted what an honor, privilege, and blessing it is to gather with the people of God. We have our differences. We may not agree with one another on a variety of topics. We come with our own wants for what we expect church to be. We come with our own agendas. We gravitate toward those who are like us and aren't always receptive to those who are different. These men set all that aside in that 90 minutes. All that mattered was Jesus and time together. I think the Holy Spirit was calling me to remember that and perhaps calling all of us to remember that.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Chad



Standing just outside the main entrance to the penitentiary. Jill, Al, and Pastor Chad with others from area congregations of our



## Birthdays

### June Birthdays

06/01 Sarah Fischer, Phil Hougen  
 06/02 Ethan Fetzer  
 06/03 Katie Lipos  
 06/05 Cora Lipos  
 06/06 Gavin Hierseman  
 06/07 Richard Madsen  
 06/08 Jeanette Lipos  
 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  
 06/27 Janet Friis  
 06/30 Sue Hughes



### July Birthdays

07/02 Diane Hougen  
 07/05 Kim Colvin  
 07/07 Tara Langley  
 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 Matthew Paulsen, Kristin Black  
 07/23 Kelsi Fryauf  
 07/30 Carol Roghair  
 07/31 Derek Fetzer, Margaret Lipos

*Note: If you don't find your name on this list, please contact Paula to make sure we have it in our database. Thanks!*

## Bethany Books

by Frank Frostestad



### Books For Adults

On February 21, 2018, Billy Graham died at age 99. He was one of the most charismatic figures of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, a confidant to Democratic and Republican Presidents alike. More than 215

million people heard him preach forgiveness in person. We have acquired an updated edition of William Martin's book

*A Prophet With Honor: The Billy Graham Story*. Martin chronicles Graham's rise from preaching in from of saloons to addressing large crowds in the world's largest areas. We also have *Just As I Am* the autobiography of Billy Graham.

Books that he wrote that we have include:

*Angels: God's Secret Agents*

*Answers To Life's Problems*

*Peace With God*

*Storm Warning*

On a different note – I am adding the book *The Miracle Season* by Kathy Bresnahan. It is the story of the 2011 season for the Iowa City West volleyball team. Confronted by tragedy they work toward victory over themselves as well as opponents. It is now out as a movie also. It is a real tear jerker. Anyone who has struggled to overcome life's challenges will appreciate this story of strength, faith, perseverance and love.

### Book For Children

*Hermie: a common caterpillar* by Max Lucado is a board book meant for younger children. Hermie does not like being so common. He does not think that he is special. This story tells children that God has made each one of us unique. (donated)

### DVD

*A Song From The Heart: True love is music for the soul* stars Amy Grant as a blind cellist and music teacher. She enjoys a quiet comfortable life until it is upset by a person who thinks she should undergo a risky eye operation. It takes a life changing moment to realize that sometimes "true love is right before our eyes waiting to be discovered." (donated)





## 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**  
Will reconvene Wednesday,  
September 12  
**All are Welcome**

**Adult Discussion**  
Will reconvene next fall.  
**All are Welcome**

## Vacation Bible School

**June 11-14**

**Mon - Thurs 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

There is still time to register. We would love to have all children who have just completed kindergarten through 5th grade to attend even if you can't come each day. This is so much fun every year as we sing, learn, play, and just have fun. Invite your friends, cousins, or neighbors.

Registration forms can be picked up at the church or you can also find them online at our website.

<http://www.wbbethany.org>

We also are in need of volunteers to help in various capacities. We invite high school students to also volunteer and they are able to receive silver cord hours.

There are signup posters located directly outside the kitchen for helpers and also food products needed for lunches and snacks.

*Please see Tonya with any questions. Thanks!*

## CALLING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Pastor Chad invites you to a meeting on Sunday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the great hall. Pizza and refreshments will be served. There have been funds set aside for some time now in a youth fund and we want you all to do something creative with a portion of those funds to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Please see Pastor Chad with any questions.



## Alleluia!

### FELLOWSHIP SUPPLIES

*gathered together*

Each Sunday following worship we gather for a time of fellowship. This includes coffee, juice, and light snacks. We thank you for all who sign up to serve in this capacity. There are Sundays when no one is signed up and we therefore have snacks on hand just for that purpose. Supplies are running low so if you want to donate a box of crackers, package of cookies, canister of nuts, or similar non-perishable food items we would greatly appreciate it. Please see Al Beyer with any questions. Thank you!





# CONFIRMATION 2018

# GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS 2018

On May 20<sup>th</sup> during worship Cole B. affirmed his baptism (aka confirmation). Way to go Cole! He is an awesome and precious child of God.

Mark you calendars for the ever popular event, "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. This is a wonderful day of worship, fellowship, mission, and outreach. Put the date below in your phone, on your calendar, and we hope to have another large turnout. *If you are interested in serving on a task force to help plan and coordinate this day, please see a member of the Church Council or Pastor Chad.*



September 09, 2018



# 2018 GRADUATES

Congratulations to our graduates! These 3, Billy, Ethan, and Lauren were able to join us in worship May 13. Best wishes go out to all: Billy, Ethan, Lauren, Emma, Maggie and Annika!





# COMFORT QUILTS

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Thank You to  
Our Staff

The ladies who faithfully quilt week after week have set this display up in the hallway to the Great Hall. Do you have a friend or loved one in the hospital? Or going through a difficult time? You are invited to take one of the quilts and give it to that individual who may need uplifting and comforting.





## LUTHERAN SERVICES IN IOWA (LSI) NEWS

### Happy Father's Day!

At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we strive to build up and empower Iowa kids and families. For us, Father's Day is a time to celebrate all the fathers and male role models we see every day. Many of the boys and young men that LSI serves in our Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers have never had a positive male role model in their lives. But our caring volunteers are there to help guide them. In our Early Childhood fatherhood program, young men are learning to become dads. They're becoming confident and active in their child's life, and they are creating loving, bright futures for their families. You are making all of this possible through your support of LSI. Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

### On the Road to Success

As everyone was preparing for the Christmas season last year, Ali was eager to finally give his family a gift he'd been dreaming of: a second car. After Ali came to the U.S. as a refugee from Somalia in 2014, he dedicated his time to finding a job and building a better life for his family. But he and his wife struggled to keep up with both of their busy jobs and caring for their four children with one vehicle. "It was a very stressful time for my family, especially when emergencies happened or schedules changed," Ali says. Ali decided to make it his goal to set aside money for a second car. He used LSI's Refugee Community Services Individual Development Accounts (IDA) program to save the money he needed. Through the program, Ali has received guidance through basic financial literacy classes and one-on-one coaching to prepare him for the new car-buying experience. Now, Ali and his family are thriving. They have reliable transportation, and Ali feels confident knowing his family's needs will be met every day. "I'm very thankful for LSI and this opportunity," Ali says. "It is really good of them to offer this program, and it has made a great impact for my family."



## WHERE DOES MY OFFERING GO?

This is a good question. The wonderful gifts you steward to God go to a variety of places to further the work of the kingdom. One of those places is the tithe (10%) of giving we, as a congregation, forward to the Office of the Bishop of the Southeastern Iowa Synod. You may have heard this referred to as benevolence or mission support. We do this first and foremost in response to the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ! We do this in response to the fact all we have is God's. We do this because we are connected to one another and together can pool our gifts and do some pretty amazing things.

So where does this money go? In 2017 we sent \$15,065 in mission support to the Office of the Bishop. Here is how those gifts were stewarded and put to work for sake of proclaiming and giving witness to the good news of Jesus Christ.

\$7,005 stayed in the Southeastern Iowa Synod to support the following ministries: leadership support, Synod Center for Ministry (Synod office) facility and staff Synodical witness (LSI, seminaries, mission initiatives for peace and justice), support to congregations (in transition, mission planning, conflict resolution, etc.).

\$8,060 went to our churchwide partners for the following ministries: leadership support and development, support churchwide ministries (Lutheran Disaster Response, etc.), grow the Lutheran church in the world (missionaries, etc.), and grow the Lutheran church in the United States (new congregations, faith formation, etc.).



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





## WEDNESDAY NIGHT WRAP UP

On May 16 we concluded our Wednesday evening education for the current academic year for youth in 4-6th grade and our confirmation students in 7th and 8th grade. We gathered for a short time of worship, then had a blast with a couple fun activities and concluded the evening with root beer floats. This time of Wednesday education has proven very successful and we look forward to next fall. If you are interested in helping out in anyway, please let us know.

Thank you to all our teachers throughout the year who have assisted on Wednesday night or on Sunday morning with the preschool—3rd grade children. They are: Tonya Samuelson, Amber Marsh, Tim Shields, Jeni Schiele, Tara Langley, Darla Crosthwaite, Erica Fitzgerald, Katie Lipes, and Lisa and Jamie Zimmerman. Thanks to the parents who brought snacks and got their children to class and thanks to the students whose laughter, smiles, and energy makes it all worthwhile. Here are some pictures of that final Wednesday night!







BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES March 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Kaufman.

**Members present:** Beth Kaufman, Linda Black, Wayne Fauenholtz, Jamie Zimmerman, and Alan Beyer.

**Members Absent:** Cheryl Fischer, Jon Twing, and Tonya Samuelson.

The meeting opened with a presentation by Brance Rivera, our Titus Insurance representative. He reviewed our policy highlighting coverage on property, liability, crime, work comp, and umbrella categories. The cost of our insurance was up \$116 from last year to a total of \$4879. Coverage on the property section totals about \$1.5M.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Chad submitted a lengthy report for a busy last month. Lenten services have been very meaningful and he wished that more could attend. He is taking a break from Monday lunch Bible study during Lent. A Financial Task Force has been created to create more efficiencies for the treasurer. His laptop has been malfunctioning and needs to be replaced. Two youth have signed up for confirmation camp at EWALU this summer. Confirmation youth and parents will be packaging food for about 3500 meals on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Secretary's Report:** Jamie moved and Linda seconded to accept the February minutes. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Revenue for February was \$11587.48 and expenses were \$12774.62. Other funds, including Mission Investment Fund, total \$85419.84. Jamie moved and Linda seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Linda moved and Wayne seconded to give \$100 from the Youth Fund to the After Prom Party. Motion passed. Pastor Collell who preached at Bethany last Sunday from Anamosa Prison Ministry requested that his pulpit supply fee be given to the prison ministry. Council agreed to do this.

**Building and Grounds:** Jamie said he is investigating options for sound proofing in the Great Hall.

**Education:** Tonya was absent.

**Evangelism:** Wayne is exploring a prison ministry help group.

**Fellowship:** Lenten Service meals are going well. Alumni council members are serving next and Men's Group will serving the last meal. Pam Glandon and Barb Wood will be serving for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Meal.

**Stewardship:** Jon was absent.

**Youth:** Cheryl was absent.

**Worship and Music:** All is ready for Easter and Easter lilies have been ordered. Bonnie Conner will be donating special crosses made Venezuela to be carried in for the Easter service. The youth have requested that the black acolyte robes be replaced with lighter colored robes. Alan moved and Jamie seconded to purchase six new robes with money from the Elsa Boedeker fund. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

- Next council meeting will be held at the Synod Office at 6:00 p.m. with the Bishop in attendance.
- The group that had wanted to use the Great Hall for a short weekly meeting has found another venue.
- ReVitalize, the meeting scheduled for last Saturday in Cedar Rapids, was cancelled.

**New Business:**

- Wayne moved to purchase a new computer and software for up to \$1200. Jamie seconded. Motion passed.
- God's Work Our Hands will be held in September. Pastor is considering forming a committee for this.
- Council may have a retreat on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Details are yet to be worked out.
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Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.



BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES April 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Kaufman.

**Members present:** Beth, Linda, Tonya, Nancy, Jamie, and Alan.

**Members Absent:** Jon, Wayne and Cheryl.

A Council Retreat was held prior to the council meeting. Pastor Chad led the retreat.

**Secretary's Report:** The March meeting report was not available for distribution so will be presented at the next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** March income was below expenses, but the April report should be improved with five Sundays, including Easter. March revenues were \$10,090.00 and expenditures were \$13,011.17. Linda moved and Alan seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

Jamie mentioned that the acoustic tiles had arrived for use in the Great Hall.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Chad purchased a new laptop computer which had previously been approved. He mentioned how much better it performs compared to the old one.

Cole Bailey will be confirmed on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Kiwanis Club has contacted the church several times for use of the Great Hall for an organizational meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jamie moved and Linda seconded a motion to allow use for this purpose. Motion passed.

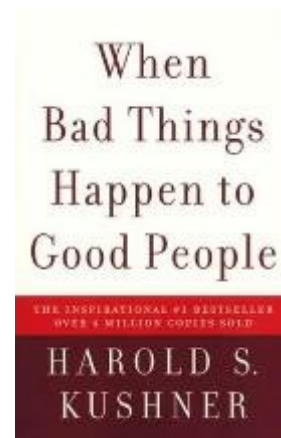
The Methodist Church has contacted the church regarding joining them and possibly hosting their annual tailgate party prior to school opening. Further discussion will be ensuing.

Pastor Chad may be attending a special synod program about leadership on June 6 – 9<sup>th</sup>. He will know more before our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

MEN'S GROUP NEWS

The Wednesday morning men's group will begin reading the book *When Good Things Happen to Good People* by Rabbi Harold Kushner later this summer. We know we gather early (6:00 a.m.) but we invite all men to join us. This is a great book about a question we have all wrestled with at some point in our journey of faith. If you can't join us but would like to read the book, there is a copy in the church library.




?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

What word can be placed in all four blanks to complete this Bible passage?

"But just as he who called you is \_\_\_\_\_, so be \_\_\_\_\_ in all you do; for it is written: 'Be \_\_\_\_\_, because I am \_\_\_\_\_.'"

A. righteous  
B. holy  
C. loving  
D. merciful



Answer: B (See 1 Peter 1:15-16, NIV.)



## 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.

### Romans 8:37-39

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- An experience of God's love...
- God's love includes...
- God loves even when...



### 1 Samuel 16:7

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

- Outward appearance pressures for males...
- Outward appearance pressures for females...
- To look inward, to look on the heart, I...

### Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- Peer pressure...
- This world is saying...
- In order to discern what is the will of God...





## 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*.

<b>Friday, June 1</b>	Psalm 81:1-10 Leviticus 23:1-8 Romans 8:31-39	<b>Saturday, June 16</b>	Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 2 Kings 14:1-14 Mark 4:1-20
<b>Saturday, June 2</b>	Psalm 81:1-10 Leviticus 24:5-9 John 7:19-24	<b>Sunday, June 17</b>	Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17 Mark 4:26-34
<b>Sunday, June 3</b>	Deuteronomy 5:12-15 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-3:6	<b>Monday, June 18,</b>	Psalm 52 Ezekiel 31:1-12 Galatians 6:11-18
<b>Monday, June 4</b>	Psalm 78:1-4, 52-72 Exodus 16:13-26 Romans 9:19-29	<b>Tuesday, June 19</b>	Psalm 52 Jeremiah 21:11-14 Revelation 21:22-22:5
<b>Tuesday, June 5</b>	Psalm 78:1-4, 52-72 Exodus 16:27-36 Acts 15:1-5, 22-35	<b>Wednesday, June 20</b>	Psalm 52 Jeremiah 22:1-9 Luke 6:43-45
<b>Wednesday, June 6</b>	Psalm 78:1-4, 52-72 1 Samuel 21:1-6 John 5:1-18	<b>Thursday, June 21</b>	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 Job 29:1-20 Acts 20:1-16
<b>Thursday, June 7</b>	Psalm 130 Isaiah 28:9-13 1 Peter 4:7-19	<b>Friday, June 22</b>	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 Job 29:21-30:15 Acts 21:1-16
<b>Friday, June 8</b>	Psalm 130 Deuteronomy 1:34-40 2 Corinthians 5:1-5	<b>Saturday, June 23</b>	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 Job 37:1-13 Luke 21:25-28
<b>Saturday, June 9</b>	Psalm 130 Genesis 2:4b-14 Luke 8:4-15	<b>Sunday, June 24</b>	Job 38:1-11 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41
<b>Sunday, June 10</b>	Genesis 3:8-15 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35	<b>Monday, June 25</b>	Psalm 65 Exodus 7:14-24 Acts 27:13-38
<b>Monday, June 11</b>	Psalm 74 1 Samuel 16:14-23 Revelation 20:1-6	<b>Tuesday, June 26</b>	Psalm 65 Exodus 9:13-35 Acts 27:39-44
<b>Tuesday, June 12</b>	Psalm 74 1 Kings 18:17-40 Revelation 20:7-15	<b>Wednesday, June 27</b>	Psalm 65 Joshua 10:1-14 Mark 6:45-52
<b>Wednesday, June 13</b>	Psalm 74 Isaiah 26:16-27:1 Luke 11:14-28	<b>Thursday, June 28</b>	Psalm 30 Lamentations 1:16-22 2 Corinthians 7:2-16
<b>Thursday, June 14</b>	Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 Genesis 3:14-24 Hebrews 2:5-9	<b>Friday, June 29</b>	Psalm 30 Lamentations 2:1-12 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
<b>Friday, June 15</b>	Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 1 Kings 10:26-11:8 Hebrews 11:4-7	<b>Saturday, June 30</b>	Psalm 30 Lamentations 2:18-22 Luke 4:31-37



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<b>Monday, July 2</b>	Psalm 88 Leviticus 21:1-15 2 Corinthians 8:16-24	<b>Wednesday, July 18</b>	Psalm 142 Amos 9:11-15 Luke 7:31-35
<b>Tuesday, July 3</b>	Psalm 88 Leviticus 15:19-35 2 Corinthians 9:1-5	<b>Thursday, July 19</b>	Psalm 23 Jeremiah 10:1-16 Colossians 1:15-23
<b>Wednesday, July 4</b>	Psalm 88 2 Kings 20:1-11 Mark 9:14-29	<b>Friday, July 20</b>	Psalm 23 Jeremiah 10:17-25 Acts 17:16-31
<b>Thursday, July 5</b>	Psalm 123 Jeremiah 7:1-15 1 Corinthians 4:8-13	<b>Saturday, July 21</b>	Psalm 23 Jeremiah 12:1-13 Luke 18:35-43
<b>Friday, July 6</b>	Psalm 123 Jeremiah 7:16-26 2 Corinthians 10:7-11	<b>Sunday, July 22</b>	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
<b>Saturday, July 7</b>	Psalm 123 Jeremiah 7:27-34 Matthew 8:18-22	<b>Monday, July 23</b>	Psalm 100 Jeremiah 50:1-7 Hebrews 13:17-25
<b>Sunday, July 8</b>	Ezekiel 2:1-5 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	<b>Tuesday, July 24</b>	Psalm 100 Zechariah 9:14-10:2 Acts 20:17-38
<b>Monday, July 9</b>	Psalm 119:81-88 Ezekiel 2:8-3:11 2 Corinthians 11:16-33	<b>Wednesday, July 25</b>	Psalm 100 2 Samuel 5:1-12 Luke 15:1-7
<b>Tuesday, July 10</b>	Psalm 119:81-88 Jeremiah 16:1-13 James 5:7-12	<b>Thursday, July 26</b>	Psalm 145:10-18 1 Kings 19:19-21 Colossians 1:9-14
<b>Wednesday, July 11</b>	Psalm 119:81-88 Jeremiah 16:14-21 John 7:1-9	<b>Friday, July 27</b>	Psalm 145:10-18 2 Kings 3:4-20 Colossians 3:12-17
<b>Thursday, July 12</b>	Psalm 85:8-13 Amos 2:6-16 Colossians 2:1-5	<b>Saturday, July 28</b>	Psalm 145:10-18 2 Kings 4:38-41 John 4:31-38
<b>Friday, July 13</b>	Psalm 85:8-13 Amos 3:1-12 Colossians 4:2-18	<b>Sunday, July 29</b>	2 Kings 4:42-44 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21
<b>Saturday, July 14</b>	Psalm 85:8-13 Amos 4:6-13 Luke 1:57-80	<b>Monday, July 30</b>	Psalm 111 Genesis 18:1-15 Philippians 4:10-20
<b>Sunday, July 15</b>	Amos 7:7-15 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	<b>Tuesday, July 31</b>	Psalm 111 Exodus 24:1-11 Romans 15:22-33
<b>Monday, July 16</b>	Psalm 142 Amos 5:1-9 Acts 21:27-39		



**June 2018**

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

**Monetary Gifts Report**  
Submitted by Nancy Bruns, Treasurer

Saints in Worship:

	April 2018		YTD	
Total Receipts	Actual 16,232	Budget 13,000	Actual 49,042	Budget 52,000
Total Expenses	Actual 13,571	Budget 13,418	Actual 51,204	Budget 53,687

**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.



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**July 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00 AM Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	<b>4</b> 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	<b>5</b> 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00 AM Worship	<b>9</b> 6:30 PM Council Meeting	<b>10</b> 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	<b>11</b> 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	<b>12</b> 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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<b>29</b> 9:00 AM Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	<b>1</b> 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	<b>2</b> 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

**PRISON MINISTRY REFLECTION**

*This reflection submitted by Al Beyer.*

Pastor Chad first mentioned an interest in prison ministry several months ago. Pastor Jerry Collell then came to our congregation and talked about Free Indeed, the Lutheran church ministry at Anamosa State Penitentiary. I felt like this would be a nice ministerial outreach for our church, but I was wrong. The Anamosa State Penitentiary has a prison ministry outreach program willing to share with any visitors the saving word of Christ.

On May 5th, nine of us visitors were escorted to the prison chapel where we were greeted by twenty-some inmates who were eager to show their chapel and library. They use a small praise band and power point during the service which lasted about an hour and a half. At no time did any of feel uncomfortable during this inspirational worship. After the service, it was lunch time for the inmates but most of them shook hands before leaving. Charlie, one of the inmates, made a point of saying that he would put us on his prayer list—put us on his prayer list.

If you get the opportunity to visit the prison, say yes. You can attend a service one time as a visitor, simply by calling two weeks ahead. If you want to go regularly, you need to take a two hour training session at the prison.

