

Bethany Lutheran Church

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



I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of
your wonderful deeds. – Psalm 9:1 (ESV)

Important Dates

6-12 Vacation Bible school
Council Meeting 6:30 pm
6-13 Vacation Bible school
6-14 Vacation Bible school
6-15 Vacation Bible school
6-16 Vacation Bible school
6-25 Community meal 5:00 pm
7-10 Council Meeting 6:30 pm
7-23 Community meal 5:00 pm

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Dear Faithful People of God,

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

It is always nice to hear a "thank you" isn't it? It's a simple gesture
that can mean so much and brighten someone's day. A quick search
of the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) Bible found 213 hits of some form of the
word "thank." It runs throughout scripture and we find Jesus himself often looking up to
heaven and giving thanks to God before the miracles he performed or before the meal he
shared with his disciples on the night before his passion. We hear those very same words
when we gather for the meal of Holy Communion, "On the night in which he was betrayed,
he looked up to heaven, gave *thanks*, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples ... "

There obviously is something about giving thanks that is vitally important to who we are
and were created to be. Giving thanks is a way in which we draw closer to God. It sets our
hearts and minds on what God does for us and has given us.

But it does so much more. There are any number of articles on-line that reveal the benefits
of having a thankful and grateful mindset. Benefits such as improved physical and mental
health. Grateful people experience fewer aches and pains and reduce fewer toxic emotions
such as anger, resentment, bitterness and frustration. Being thankful and grateful can also
help improve self-esteem and empathy toward our neighbor. These are just a few of the
benefits. It would appear offering thanksgiving and being grateful is one way we can faith-
fully steward our bodies.

My wife challenged me to start a Gratitude Journal a while back, which I have been doing
for some time now. It truly has been transformational. When I first started I was listing
things such as my family, house, job, clothing, food, friends, God's love, etc. These are in-
deed wonderful things to be thankful for; however, I found that after a while I was thinking
a bit differently and giving thanks for items such as the pad of paper I was writing on or the
pen in my hand. Things I often take for granted but things many people around the world
don't have access to. A peer of mine in seminary who was from Sudan alerted us to the fact
children where he lived learn to write by tracing their finger in the dirt or using a stick to
write in the dirt.

Further along in this newsletter you will find a picture of things our Confirmation youth and
4th-6th grade youth were thankful for after inviting them to write them down each Wednes-
day evening for the final few weeks of class. Thankful minds! Thankful hearts! Thank you
all for being you and all you do as God's precious and beloved sons and daughters!

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
- 06/08 Jeanette Lipes
- 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

Happy Birthday!



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
- 07/30 Carol Roghair
- 07/31 Derek Fetzer, Margaret Lipes

Bethany Books

by Frank Frostestad



Books For Adults

This month's featured author is Lauraine Snelling. Her books have been read by many in our congregation. Her main series deals with the life of early Norwegian pioneers in North Dakota. The first book this month is book 4 of the *Song of Blessing* series titled *From This Day Forward*. The two main characters of this book are Deborah MacCallister and Toby Valdars and their on again, off again relationship. In telling about them, we

become involved in the daily lives and activities of the familiar people of the town of Blessing.

The Second Half, also a recent publication, is set in a contemporary time period. Mona and Kenneth Sorenson are approaching retirement and they are looking forward to traveling, time with the grandchildren, and hours in the garden. It is what they have looked forward to after years of planning. Life for them changed in an instant and they assume guardianship of two grandchildren. Stepping back into a role they thought was behind them, they get to embrace a second half that they never anticipated.

In *Wake The Dawn*, physician's assistant Esther Hansen struggles to run an ill-equipped small town clinic during a devastating storm. She is both tested and finds healing when a grieving border patrolman arrives with an abandoned baby. (donated)

In *Breaking Free*, Maggie Roberts gains a renewed sense of purpose through working to keep a horse from being discarded. This book shows how both animals and people can be changed by each other.

In *One Perfect Day*, only a few days before Christmas, the tragic loss of a child devastates one mother but offers another the miracle she's been praying for. Can hope be found in knowing the spirit of each child lives on?

In *On Hummingbird Wings*, Gillian Ormsby is called from her successful career to care for her ailing mother. As she tends for mother's garden with the help of a handsome neighbor, she begins to question if her life is on the right path.

In *Someday Home*, when Lynn Lundberg's husband passes away, she struggles to adjust to life without him in their big, family lake home. She does not want to leave the place where they made many precious memories. She opens her home to two female tenants, each of whom brings along her own unique crises. Will these women be in over their heads, or find friendship to last a lifetime? (donated)

See also *Reunion* and *Heaven Sent Rain* that I have written about in prior newsletters.

Books For Children

Search And Find In The Bible is for children ages 2-5. Children will love engaging with the timeless stories found in God's Word. Each story's illustration features objects for kids to find and dozens more details that will keep them coming back to explore the exciting world of the Bible.



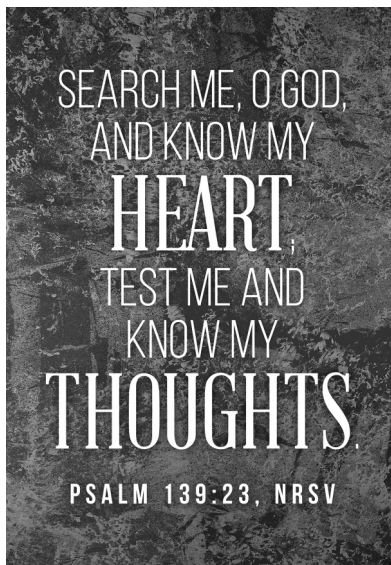
Adult Education Opportunities



Pastor Chad's sermons can 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 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



PRAYER GROUP

For several months a small group has been meeting on the first Thursday to pray and learn about prayer. We are trying something new coming in July. We will gather on July 6th at 7:00 p.m. and write cards to our shut-ins and others and pray for them as we do. Feel free to bring a few cards, stamps, a pen, etc. Otherwise, we will have some on hand.

IT'S OFFICIAL - NEW PIANIST

After filling in as our Interim Pianist for quite some time we can officially welcome Jill Barnhart as our "official" musician. We are so grateful to have her on board and the wonderful gifts she brings to our faith community. *Join us in worship June 4th as we welcome her.* Praise be to God!

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS 2017

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.

September 10, 2017

God's work.
Our hands.



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



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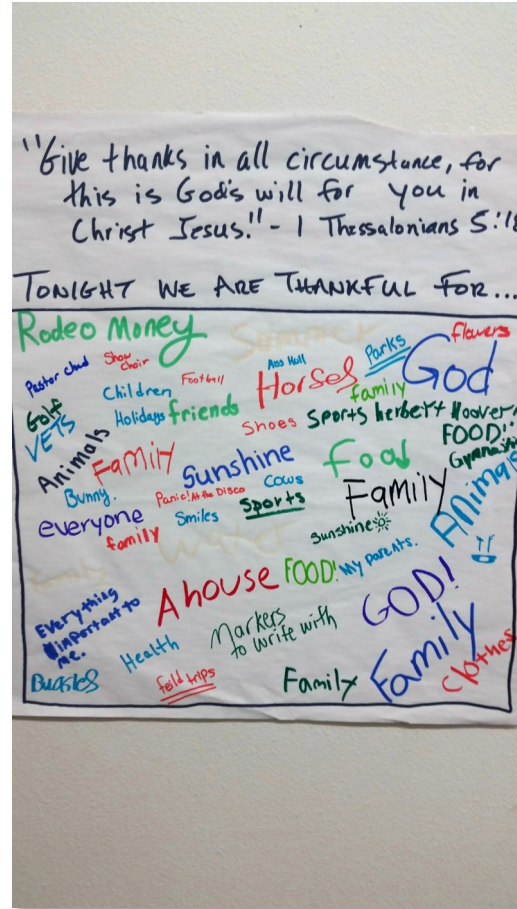
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WHAT OUR YOUTH ARE THANKFUL FOR?

Note: See Pastor's newsletter article on front page for an explanation of this photo.



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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.



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.

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.

Many of the boys and young men that LSI serves in our residential programs have never had a positive male role model in their lives. But our volunteer mentors are there to help guide them.

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."

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!

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

Breaking Barriers

After years of living in fear, surrounded by violence in his home country of Burundi, Firmin wanted to create a better life for the family he and his wife, Emma, dreamed of.

They fled to Tanzania, where they lived in a refugee camp for 13 years. While there, Firmin worked as a principal in the camp's school and he and Emma welcomed two baby boys, Dan and Joshua. But when the Tanzanian government closed the camp, he and his family were sent to live in the U.S. as refugees. When he arrived in the U.S., Firmin came to LSI's Refugee Community Services to attend English classes and become familiar with his new home.

Firmin and Emma have spent the last 10 years raising their family in Des Moines, and Firmin is finding ways to give back and support more Iowa kids and families. During the school year, Firmin can be found in the halls and classrooms of public schools across the Des Moines district. He is one of several bilingual outreach community workers in the schools, translating for families who speak Swahili, Kirundi, Kinyarwanda, Kinyamulenge, and French.

In his free time, Firmin works as a direct support caregiver in the Des Moines area, and he spends his weekends as a pastor at a local church. He loves that he can help ease the congregation's daily stresses and lingering trauma through prayer and worship.

Dan and Joshua are now in high school and Firmin and Emma have welcomed two daughters, Grace and Selah, in Iowa.



CONFIRMATION 2017

On Sunday May 21st during worship five youth affirmed their baptism or better known as they were confirmed. These youth shown in the photo below. Way to go Katie, Anna, Gavin, Ellie and Olivia! These are 5 awesome and precious children of God. If you weren't here on the Confirmation Sunday make sure to tell them "congratulations" when you see them next and what a joy and gift they are to our community.



Vacation Bible School

June 12-16

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

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

There is still time to register. We would love to have all children who have completed 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. Tonya Samuelson has created an online sign-up spot and can be found at the following website: <http://signup.com/go/Afe2m6>

Please see Tonya with any questions. Thanks!

Council Minutes - April, 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, Tonya Samuelson, Pastor Chad, Cheryl Fischer

Members Absent: Wayne Frauenholtz

Opening Prayer and Devotional (Pastor Chad)

Pastor Chad led a devotional with synergy to the recent Council Retreat and focused on the message from Acts 18: 1-10 focusing on Paul and his continuous witnessing

Pastor's Report (Pastor Chad)

See report as submitted

Pastor Chad assisted the West Branch Chief of Police in several activities

Pastor provided a wide range of activities including conducting a funeral service, providing premarital counseling, preparing for the Synod worship leadership, and facilitating the Council Retreat.

Pastor Chad commented that he is thankful for improved health after his surgery and once again thanked Bethany and all those praying and supporting him and his family during this time

Pastor Chad commented on how well the Lenten services and attendance were this year. This congregationally oriented Wednesday night services were a huge success.

Secretary's Report: (Jon Twing)

Jon Twing distributed the March minutes and accepted numerous commentary and corrections. Jon will redistribute the corrected minutes prior to the next Council Meeting.

Jamie Zimmerman moved to accept, second was by Paula Casper. Minutes accepted with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: (Jill Taylor)

Jill Taylor provided the report and there was some discussion about how some of the categories were labeled and/or how we classified some expenses. For example, differences between maintenance, improvements and technology were discussed. Decision was made to strive for consistency and to note what goes into each classification.

Paula Casper moved to accept, second was by Jon Twing. Report was approved.

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds (Jamie Zimmerman)

Jamie Zimmerman reported that he had already done the spring Church cleanup such that no cleanup day by the congregation was needed. This was met with rousing applause by at least one member of the Council.

Jamie Zimmerman provided an update regarding the status of the roof. In the spirit of continued maintenance given the Roof Capital campaign, Jamie and others investigated the structural integrity of the roof and supporting beams. This was done in 1999 when steel rods were added to secure the building. If the structural integrity was secure, there would be no reason to spend \$7,000 to remove the old roof prior to adding the new one. Evidence suggested the structure was sound and the decision was made to not remove the old roof.

Education (Tonya Samuelsson)

Tonya updated the Council on plans for Vacation Bible School this summer:

EWALU will provide the councilors again.

VBS will be June 11-16 this year and will be hosted at the Methodist Church as a combined activity again this year.

A \$200 deposit was paid to secure everything.

Councilors will arrive on Sunday and Jamie Zimmerman again agreed to host.

Jon Twing agreed to pay for all meals but was unable to arrange to provide any of the means himself.

Tonya also pledged the 4th-6th grade group will be doing the fourth Sunday Supper this month.

Sunday School ends on May 17 this year.

Evangelism (Wayne Frauenholtz)

No report submitted

Fellowship (Paula Casper)

Paula updated the council on the Lent meals and the Last Sunday Community Meal. The Council thanked Paula for all her work supporting these ministries.

Stewardship (Jon Twing)

Jon Twing provided an update about the Noisy Can collection and how the Stewardship committee will use this with the youth to teach about the value of Stewardship. Jon will meet with the fourth and six grade youth to discuss the collection and their responsibilities in same.

Youth (Cheryl Fischer)

Cheryl is emailing the transitional students, hoping to get the students to step up and participate more. These are the post conformational students that we tend to lose due to a perceived lack of activities and competing priorities.

Council Minutes - April, 2017

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Worship & Music (Beth Kaufman)

Beth reported that she is working a scheme with Jill Barnhart and Springdale Methodist Church to keep her playing at Bethany through the summer. More news to follow.

Old Business (All)

Jamie updated the Council on the Capital Campaign. Pledges and cash on hand appear to be enough to cover the job.

The new roof will be scheduled for June or July but will be sure not to conflict with VBS.

Jamie will ensure proper cleanup including magnetic collection of metal debris.

New Business (All)

Much discussion and debate about follow up to the Council Retreat. The Council discussed what we want to focus on and what the needs of the Church are. Like Paul, the Council decided that Bethany needs to bring witness into the community.

This is consistent with the discussion from the Annual Meeting where we pledged to reach out and engage in a conversation in the community.

This will involve soliciting participants from the Congregation in addition to the Council

Knocking on doors

Talking to community leaders

Hosting and going to open house functions

Conducting informal surveys

Our future requires us to go into the community to grow larger in Christ. We as a Church must be more focused and aggressive in this regard. This could be that one great thing that can get our congregation engaged and growing again.

Meeting adorned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:00

Next Council Meeting is Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:30 PM



THANK YOU

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and support of God's mission with the people of God called and gathered together at Bethany.

Through the stewardship of your financial gifts, time and talents we continue to do God's work with our hands here at Bethany and also as we are sent into our community and the world.

Should you have any questions or need to make changes if you participate in online giving please see our Financial Secretary, Claudia Beyer.

We are in this together!



SAVE THE DATE

LUTHERAN DAY ON THE HILL 2018

February 8, 2018

This past year was a success. We had over 300 people attend to advocate for Lutheran Services in Iowa and the wonderful ministry they do in our communities across Iowa.





FAITH AT HOME

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

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

- If Jesus physically lived among us today...
- Language allows communication. Jesus as the Word communicates...
- In Jesus, I have seen...



Psalm 121:1-2

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

- When I have needed help, I have looked first to...
- Looking to distant hills is like people trying to find help from...
- My help comes from the Lord...

John 1:29

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! .

- If I saw Jesus I would say to others, "Here is..."
- For me, declaring Jesus to others...
- Taking away the sin of the world means for us...

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*.

Thursday, June 1	Psalm 33:12-22 Exodus 19:1-9a Acts 2:1-11	Saturday, June 17	Psalm 100 Exodus 6:28-7:13 Mark 7:1-13
Friday, June 2	Psalm 33:12-22 Exodus 19:16-25 Romans 8:14-17	Sunday, June 18	Exodus 19:2-8a Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23]
Saturday, June 3	Psalm 33:12-22 Exodus 20:1-21 Matthew 5:1-12	Monday, June 19	Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45 Joshua 1:1-11 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5
Sunday, June 4	Acts 2:1-21 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23	Tuesday, June 20	Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45 1 Samuel 3:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5
Monday, June 5	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Joel 2:18-29 Romans 8:18-24	Wed, June 21	Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45 Proverbs 4:10-27 Luke 6:12-19
Tuesday, June 6	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29 Romans 8:26-27	Thursday, June 22	Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18 Jeremiah 18:12-17 Hebrews 2:5-9
Wed, June 7	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Numbers 11:24-30 John 7:37-39	Friday, June 23	Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18 Jeremiah 18:18-23 Acts 5:17-26
Thursday, June 8	Psalm 8 Job 38:1-11 2 Timothy 1:8-12a	Saturday, June 24	Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18 Jeremiah 20:1-6 Luke 11:53-12:3
Friday, June 9	Psalm 8 Job 38:12-21 2 Timothy 1:12b-14	Sunday, June 25	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39
Saturday, June 10	Psalm 8 Job 38:22-38 John 14:15-17	Monday, June 26	Psalm 6 Micah 7:1-7 Revelation 2:1-7
Sunday, June 11	Genesis 1:1-2:4a 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20	Tuesday, June 27	Psalm 6 Jeremiah 26:1-12 Revelation 2:8-11
Monday, June 12	Psalm 29 Job 38:39-39:12 1 Corinthians 12:1-3	Wed, June 28	Psalm 6 Jeremiah 38:1-13 Matthew 10:5-23
Tuesday, June 13	Psalm 29 Job 39:13-25 1 Corinthians 12:4-13	Thursday, June 29	Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 Jeremiah 15:1-7 Galatians 5:2-6
Wed, June 14	Psalm 29 Job 39:26-40:5 John 14:25-26	Friday, June 30	Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 Jeremiah 25:8-14 Galatians 5:7-12
Thursday, June 15	Psalm 100 Exodus 4:18-23 Hebrews 3:1-6		
Friday, June 16	Psalm 100 Exodus 4:27-31 Acts 7:35-43		

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Sunday, July 2	Jeremiah 28:5-9 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42	Tuesday, July 18	Psalm 92 Deuteronomy 28:1-14 Ephesians 4:17-5:2
Monday, July 3	Psalm 119:161-168 1 Kings 21:1-16 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12	Wed, July 19	Psalm 92 Proverbs 11:23-30 Matthew 13:10-17
Tuesday, July 4	Psalm 119:161-168 1 Kings 21:17-29 1 John 4:1-6	Thursday, July 20	Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 41:21-29 Hebrews 2:1-9
Wed, July 5	Psalm 119:161-168 Jeremiah 18:1-11 Matthew 11:20-24	Friday, July 21	Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 44:9-17 Hebrews 6:13-20
Thursday, July 6	Psalm 145:8-14 Zechariah 1:1-6 Romans 7:1-6	Saturday, July 22	Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 44:18-20 Matthew 7:15-20
Friday, July 7	Psalm 145:8-14 Zechariah 2:6-13 Romans 7:7-20	Sunday, July 23	Isaiah 44:6-8 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Saturday, July 8	Psalm 145:8-14 Zechariah 4:1-7 Luke 10:21-24	Monday, July 24	Psalm 75 Nahum 1:1-13 Revelation 14:12-20
Sunday, July 9	Zechariah 9:9-12 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Tuesday, July 25	Psalm 75 Zephaniah 3:1-13 Galatians 4:21-5:1
Monday, July 10	Psalm 131 Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22 Romans 1:18-25	Wed, July 26	Psalm 75 Daniel 12:1-13 Matthew 12:15-21
Tuesday, July 11	Psalm 131 Jeremiah 28:10-17 Romans 3:1-8	Thursday, July 27	Psalm 119:129-136 1 Kings 1:28-37 1 Corinthians 4:14-20
Wed, July 12	Psalm 131 Jeremiah 13:1-11 John 13:1-17	Friday, July 28	Psalm 119:129-136 1 Kings 1:38-42 Acts 7:44-53
Thursday, July 13	Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 Isaiah 45:1-5 Romans 2:12-16	Saturday, July 29	Psalm 119:129-136 1 Kings 2:1-4 Matthew 12:38-42
Friday, July 14	Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 Isaiah 48:6-11 Romans 15:14-21	Sunday, July 30	1 Kings 3:5-12 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Saturday, July 15	Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 Isaiah 52:1-6 John 12:44-50	Monday, July 31	Psalm 119:121-128 1 Kings 3:16-28 James 3:13-18
Sunday, July 16	Isaiah 55:10-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23		



JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	29	30	31	1 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	2	3
4 9:00 AM Worship	5	6 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	7 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	8 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	9	10
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25 9:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM West Branch Community Meal @ Bethany	26	27 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	28 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	29 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	30	1

Monetary Gifts Report

Submitted by Jill Taylor

Saints in Worship:

04-02 47
 04-09 75
 04-16 90
 04-23 50
 04-30 45

Total: 307

	April 2017		YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Total Receipts	13,337	13,167	49,450	52,668
Total Expenses	9,262	13,056	43,888	52,236

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.



ELCA GOOD GIFTS

This month we are lifting up a ministry you may not know about. The following is taken from the ELCA website pertaining to the Good Gifts ministry. You can find more information at:

<https://community.elca.org/elcagoodgifts>

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world – together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference.

ELCA Good Gifts go beyond your regular congregational offering to support the ministries of the ELCA that mean the most to you and your loved ones. Together, we can do more than we ever could alone, making a huge collective impact on the needs of our church and the world.

There are many items to choose from that will help a variety of people in need. Below are just a few of those choices. If interested, go to the website for more information.



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