

# Bethany Lutheran Church

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



## Important Dates

- 3-07 Lent Supper 6:15 pm  
Lent Worship 7:00 pm
- 3-12 Council meeting 6:30 pm
- 3-14 Lent Supper 6:15 pm  
Lent Worship 7:00 pm
- 3-21 Lent Supper 6:15 pm  
Lent Worship 7:00 pm
- 3-25 Community meal at  
Bethany 5:00 pm
- 3-29 Maunday Thursday Service  
at Springdale United Methodist  
Church 7:00 pm
- 3-30 Good Friday Service at WB  
United Methodist Church 12:00  
pm and 7:00 pm
- 4-01 Easter Service 9:00 am

Don't forget Daylight  
Savings time!  
Set your clocks forward  
March 11th!



After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me."

Mark 8:34 (CEB)



Dear Beloved Sons and Daughters of God at Bethany,

Each year a group of around 200 clergy and laity from ELCA congregations across the state gather at the Iowa Capitol building to advocate for continued funding for services provided by our partner in ministry Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) and additional specific needs. I attach photos below of our group that met with Senator Bob Dvorsky and Representative Bobby Kaufman. We thanked them for their service and talked about issues such as Medicaid, refugee services, care for Iowa's families and children in need, and also topics such as domestic violence and education. It is a great experience and I encourage you, if at all possible, to attend in future years.

The verse above is from the gospel passage that was assigned for worship on February 25th. It's one that is challenging and has been ripped out of context and used inappropriately. For instance, perhaps you've heard that remaining in an abusive relationship is just part of "bearing your cross". This is a dangerous and unhealthy interpretation. However, journeying with someone who may find themselves in this position, helping them find safety, advocating for funding to continue to be directed to aid those affected by domestic violence, stewarding our financial gifts to be directed to agencies such as the Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP) or volunteering with such a program is one way we do in fact "carry our cross and follow Jesus". We deny our own interests and love our neighbor, speak for our neighbor and assure them of the promise they are not alone in their suffering.

Advocacy is just one way we lift up our baptismal calling of following Jesus and bearing our cross. Jesus spoke up, was present with, revealed God's love to, and stood with all for whom the powers of his day attempted to oppress, deny ones rights and equality as a human being created in the image of God, strip one of their personal dignity, and left destitute and vulnerable. We advocate because Jesus advocated. We love because he first loved us. We give because of what he gave us. The grace of God moves us to be voices that speak of God's great love, reconciliation, and peace in the world! To learn more about advocacy efforts within the ELCA visit: <http://www.elca.org/advocacy>.

In peace,  
Pastor Chad





## Birthdays

March 01 - Ellie Holstad  
 March 02 - Kathy Roth  
 March 06 - Travis Kaufman  
 March 08 - Cheryl Fischer  
 March 09 - Alan Beyer, Abbey Fryauf  
 March 11 - Johnathan Holstad, Mike Fryauf  
 March 13 - Dylan Schiele,  
 Miranda Wieneke  
 March 16 - Marisa Kaufman  
 March 20 - Kevin Olson  
 March 21 - Mark Anderson  
 March 22 - Brett Schiele  
 March 25 - Bradley Arp  
 March 28 - Ellen Gunderson  
 March 29 - Toni Dodds, Justin Roth  
 March 31 - Brian Roth

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## Bethany Books

by Frank Frostestad

### Books For Adults

The featured writer this month is C.S. Lewis. He was one of the intellectual giants of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He was at Oxford University for most of his career. He wrote more than 30 books, many of them are still published today. One of the most popular introductions to the Christian faith ever written is *Mere Christianity*. Millions of copies have been sold worldwide. The book brings together his broadcast talks during World War II in which he set out to "explain and defend the belief that has been common to all Christians at all times". He provides an opportunity for believers and unbelievers alike to hear a powerful, rational case for the Christian faith. One of my favorite books by Lewis is *The Screwtape Letters*. It is the correspondence of a worldly wise devil (Screwtape) to his nephew Wormwood, a novice demon in charge of securing the damnation of an ordinary man. It gives a sly and ironic portrayal of human life from the unique vantage point of a high placed assistant to "Our Father Below". It is a most engaging account of temptation. In the *Reflections On The Psalms* Lewis helps us begin to reveal their meaning in our daily lives and in the world. Thinking again on these passages we find both joy and difficulty but also moments of enlightenment and grace. *The Latin Letters Of C.S. Lewis* by Martin Moynihan are a little known correspondence between C.S. Lewis and Don Giovanni Calabria of Verona, a Roman Catholic priest. The letters reveal what kind of person C.S. Lewis was – concerned and encouraging, honest as well as gentle. They show an intellectual camaraderie between two men committed to serving God.

### Books For Young Readers

Lewis and his good friend J.R.R. Tolkien (author of the *Lord Of The Rings* trilogy) met in an informal writers' club to discuss story ideas. Lewis's fascination with fairy tales, myths, and ancient legends led him to write his most famous work *The Chronicles Of Narnia*. Book one is *The Magicians Nephew*. When Digory and Polly try to return the wicked witch Jadis to her own world, the magic gets mixed up and they all land in Narnia where they witness Aslan blessing the animals with human speech. Book two *The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe* is easily the most famous of the books that make up the *Chronicles* and was the first one that he wrote. Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia. They assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter. Book Three is *The Horse And His Boy*. A boy and a talking horse share an adventurous journey to Narnia to warn of invading barbarians.

Book four is *Prince Caspian: The Return To Narnia*. Four children help Prince Caspian and his army of Talking Beasts to free Narnia from evil. Book five is *The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader*. Lucy and Edmund, accompanied by their peevish cousin Eustace, sail to the land of Narnia where Eustace is temporarily transformed into a green dragon because of his selfish behavior and skepticism. Book six is *The Silver Chair*. Two English children undergo hair-raising adventures as they go on a search and rescue mission for the missing Prince Rilian, who is held captive in the underground kingdom of the Emerald Witch. Book seven is *The Last Battle*. When evil comes to Narnia, Jill and Eustice help fight the great last battle, and Aslan leads his people to a glorious new paradise.

## Adult Education Opportunities

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

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

**Women's Circle**  
Second Wednesday of Month  
9:00 a.m. in Great Hall unless  
stated otherwise  
**All are Welcome**

**Adult Discussion**  
10:20 a.m. in the Small Hall  
**All are Welcome**

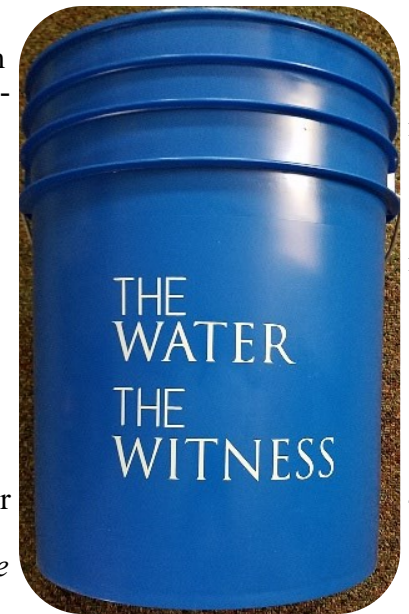
## THE WATER THE WITNESS

During our Wednesday worship service you will notice a blue pail with the words "The Water The Witness" upon it in our worship space. In lieu of a formal offering, donations may be placed in the pail. All gifts received will then be presented at the Southeastern Iowa Synod Annual Meeting May 18-19 by our voting delegates. Below is an excerpt about the project from the Office of the Bishop.

We take for granted that we can quench our thirst at any water tap anytime without worrying about illness. Globally, 1.4 billion people – about 1.8 billion – drink from contaminated water sources. Water is essential. And the waters of baptism are a reminder of what this project all about.

**The Water and The Witness**, the theme for the upcoming 2018 synod assembly, calls us to make the connection between the waters of our baptismal witness and the world's water related need. *One-hundred percent of gifts will support water ministries of the ELCA.*

If you don't attend the Wednesday services and wish to donate please include a check in the Sunday offering noting it is for "The Water The Witness" or give directly to Claudia Beyer, our Financial Secretary. Thank you!



## ADULT DISCUSSION HOUR

Everyone is invited to our next Adult Discussion study that starts March 4th. This is the third and final study in the series. This is a 7 part Discussion about our religious practices. Each of the sessions lasts about 45 minutes. The sessions are on separate topics so you don't have to attend all the sessions; come to the ones that interest you! This Discussion is designed for those of us that want to know more about the basics of our Christian practices. The topics are: Prayer-Oriented Toward God; Food-Eating With Jesus; Worship-Seeking God's Presence; Sacraments-A Tapestry of Traditions; Money-The Joy of Sharing; Service-The Needs Right Around You; and Community-An Unexpected Family. We hope to see you following worship at 10:20 a.m. in the Small Hall.

## 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!





## Worship Opportunities During Lent and Easter

Once again this year we will be partnering with our brothers and sisters in Christ of Springdale United Methodist Church and West Branch United Methodist Church in worshipping together for the services of Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. The remaining schedule is below. Over the years these have been some wonderful worship opportunities and if you haven't attended at one of the other congregations please consider doing so this year. Your presence is so appreciated as we truly come together as the body of Christ.

### **Maundy Thursday Service - Thursday, March 29**

7:00 pm at Springdale United Methodist Church

### **Good Friday Service - Friday, March 30**

12:00 pm at West Branch United Methodist Church

7:00 pm West Branch United Methodist Church

### **Easter Sunday Services at Bethany\* - Sunday, April 1**

9:00 am

\*Each congregation will have its own Easter services.



We invite you to join us for worship this Lent as we gather together for Prayer Around the Cross. This will be a short contemplative and meditative prayer service to assist us in centering ourselves during the season of Lent. We will sing songs, offer prayers together and be invited to pray around the cross for whatever it is that lays heavily upon our hearts. If you have never attended, please see images on the next page for a better picture of this worship opportunity.

### **Wednesday, March 7**

6:15 p.m. Lent Supper

7:00 pm Prayer Around the Cross Worship Service

### **Wednesday, March 14**

6:15 p.m. Lent Supper

7:00 pm Prayer Around the Cross Worship Service

### **Wednesday, March 21**

6:15 p.m. Lent Supper

7:00 pm Prayer Around the Cross Worship Service



## PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS PHOTOS

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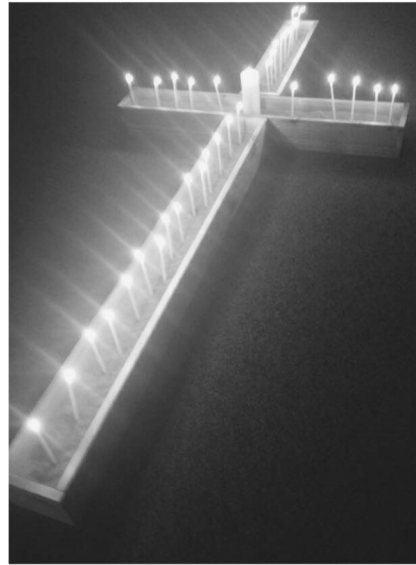
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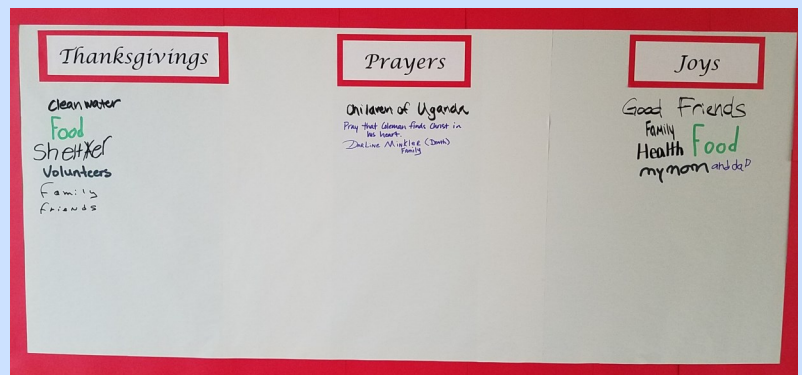
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Thank You to  
**Our Staff**



Also, during Wednesday services this year those gathered are invited to write a prayer, joy, or thanksgiving on the bulletin board outside the kitchen as sort of a spiritual discipline to help us draw nearer to God on our Lenten journey. You are more than welcome to write something up there anytime during the season of Lent.



## LUTHERAN SERVICES IN IOWA (LSI) NEWS

### March is National Professional Social Work Month

March is National Professional Social Work Month, a time to recognize social workers and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we're grateful for our many social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving their communities!

Maybe you've never had a social worker involved in your life. Yet, whether you realize it or not, you've had the benefit of their behind-the-scenes work in your community. Social workers help people help themselves in overcoming life's most difficult circumstances or managing challenges of everyday living: poverty, abuse, mental illness, depression, addiction, disability, and many other situations.

Iowa wouldn't be the same without the patience, guidance, and empowerment that social workers provide. Happy National Professional Social Work Month!

*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](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](http://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

### A Home Full of Love

Many of Cheryl's favorite memories involve raising her two children, watching them thrive, and counting the shoes in the doorway each night to see how many of her children's friends she would be making dinner for. As her children grew up, Cheryl knew there were more Iowa youth who needed a loving family and support system like hers. That's when her family began adopting.

"We were a welcoming family, and we really didn't want that journey to stop," Cheryl says.

Since starting her journey as an adoptive parent 20 years ago, Cheryl has welcomed 19 adopted children into her family and her children range from ages 9 to 35. They come from different backgrounds and cultures, and Cheryl says it's been enriching to celebrate those differences in her home.

Iowa has a great need for more foster and adoptive families like Cheryl's. She says it has been a learning experience to raise so many different children but together, her family has found lots of love and laughter along the way.

"People will say to us, 'God bless you that you've done this.' We don't see it that way," Cheryl says. "We see it as how blessed and thankful we are to have a family that's so big."



## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Thank you all for faithfully stewarding your financial gifts to the ongoing mission of God here at Bethany Lutheran. We truly are doing a lot of kingdom work and making a difference in people's lives in our community and with our connection to the ELCA and our partnerships with organizations such as Lutheran World Relief, LSI, etc. within our nation and around the globe.

This is a reminder that online giving options are available. If you were unaware of this or desire to change your giving contribution please see Claudia Beyer. We are all encouraged, each year, to prayerfully look at our financial giving to the church's mission and listen to how God is leading us to manage those gifts. Once again, thank you!



## EASTER GARDEN TRADITION

Each Easter, we are greeted with the beauty and sweet fragrance of Lilies adorning our sanctuary. If you would like to contribute to this display, please fill out the information below and return this slip by Sunday, March 18th to Paula, Linda Black or mail to:



Bethany Lutheran Church  
P.O. Box 236  
West Branch, IA 52358

Dedications will be listed in the bulletin on Easter morning.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will bring a potted lily, tulip or daffodil to the church by noon on Friday, March 30th.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like Bethany to purchase an Easter lily for me. I have enclosed \$10.00  
Please print your dedication as you wish it to appear in the bulletin. Please indicate if this is  
"In honor of" or "In memory of" and list those names below:

### Save the Dates!

**Vacation Bible School is Coming!**

**When: June 11- 15**

**Where: Bethany Lutheran Church**

**Who: Children Kindergarten - 5th Grade**

**Look for More Information to Come!**

**Questions: See Tonya Samuelson**



### FREE INDEED PRISON MINISTRY

Free Indeed is a new ministry taking shape at the Anamosa State Penitentiary, a men's state prison located in Anamosa. Free Indeed is a community that shares the good news of Jesus Christ with and through those inside the prison walls, with support of ministry partners outside the prison walls. Currently, Free Indeed is a congregation under development in the Southeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Free Indeed will serve the nearly 1,000 men living at the Anamosa State Penitentiary with the mission to share the good news of Jesus Christ to those who are inside and outside of prison walls, build a community of faith within the confines of the prison using national Prison Congregations of American model, build a network of supporters on the outside of the prison walls to support and participate in the congregation and assist those who are released to be restored to the community and to continue in their spiritual journey. (From Southeastern Iowa Synod website)

Pastor Jerry Collell has been called to this congregation and will be worshipping with us on March 11 and sharing more about this ministry, which Bethany has supported financially the last 2 years.

For more information and a video, go to: [seiasynod.org/ministries/prisonministry/](http://seiasynod.org/ministries/prisonministry/)

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES JANUARY 2018

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

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

**Members Absent:** Cheryl Fischer

**Opening Prayer and Devotional** (Pastor Chad)

Pastor Chad led with an opening prayer. The theme was that all we need is enough light for the next step as God knows our ultimate destination!

**Pastor's Report:** (Pastor Chad)

See report as submitted

Pastor is pleased with participation in the Monday prayer group luncheon.

WBARC Pulpit Exchange is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>  
Kudo's to the Kaufman's for all the support during the Christmas services this year.

Ash Wednesday will be held at Bethany on February 14<sup>th</sup>

Special thanks to all those who helped with the painting effort

**Secretary's Report:** (Jon Twing)

Jon Twing distributed, council reviewed

Jamie Zimmerman moved to accept, second was by Beth Kaufman. Minutes accepted as corrected or amended

**Treasurer's Report:** (Jill Taylor)

As submitted with various attachments detailing end-of-year and in preparation for annual report.

One correction of a typo suggested on Attachment D (\$36,699.71 for education should be \$3,699.71)

Attachments and summaries required to get correct summary reports out of the Synod software ICON.

**Committee Reports:**

**Building and Grounds** (Jamie Zimmerman)

Performed moving assistance in December as a community service function

Stewardship Committee to send thank you notes for painting

**Education** (Tonya Samuelsson)

VBS day camp provided by EWALU will be June 10-June 15. Deposit has been made. Amber, Darla and a team of volunteers are helping this year. Tonya spoke about the evangelism and advertising with bulletin boards, sign-up sheets, early warning notices and a focus on advanced planning.

**Missions & Evangelism** (Wayne Frauenholtz)

Annual report submitted

Online Angel Tree process worked well

**Fellowship** (Paula Casper)

The Fourth Sunday dinner program needs an owner

**Stewardship** (Jon Twing)

Newsletter distributed

**Youth** (Cheryl Fischer)

No report.

**Worship & Music** (Beth Kaufman)

Successful but very busy Christmas time!

Kudos to Jill Barnhart who provided five services!

**Old Business** (All)

Annual reports for Congregational Meeting have all been received

Pastor's Performance Review is still pending. President Lipes to complete.

**New Business** (All)-Due to scheduling issues New

Business was moved to the front of the agenda Council debated the merits of moving money from checking (a non-interest bearing or low-interest bearing fund) to an investment fund that provides more interest. Motion was made by Jamie Zimmerman that \$10,000 be moved; Jon Twing second the motion. Motion approved.

Council set the fair market value of the Parsonage at the same value as last year. Jon Twing made the motion, second by Wayne Frauenholtz. Motion approved.

Discussion about banners from the Great Hall that have gone missing. Debate included merits in their ability to provide sound proofing. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.







## 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.

### Psalm 22:1

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

- I am in the most need of help when...
- When bad things in life happen, I wonder...
- God seems far away when...



### Romans 3:21-24

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

- Since all have sinned and fall short...
- Since grace is a gift...
- In God's eyes, I...

### Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

- I feel my words and my heart are most acceptable when...
- I feel my words and my heart are not acceptable when...
- I need God to be my rock when...

## 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*.

Thurs, March 1	Psalm 19 Exodus 19:1-9a 1 Peter 2:4-10	Sun, March 18	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33
Fri, March 2	Psalm 19 Exodus 19:9b-15 Acts 7:30-40	Mon, March 19	Psalm 119:9-16 Isaiah 43:8-13 2 Corinthians 3:4-11
Sat, March 3	Psalm 19 Exodus 19:16-25 Mark 9:2-8	Tues, March 20	Psalm 119:9-16 Isaiah 44:1-8 Acts 2:14-24
Sun, March 4	Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	Wed, March 21	Psalm 119:9-16 Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23 John 12:34-50
Mon, March 5	Psalm 84 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22 1 Corinthians 3:10-23	Thurs, March 22	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Deuteronomy 16:1-8 Philippians 2:1-11
Tues, March 6	Psalm 84 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19 Hebrews 9:23-28	Fri, March 23	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Jeremiah 33:1-9 Philippians 2:12-18
Wed, March 7	Psalm 84 Ezra 6:1-16 Mark 11:15-19	Sat, March 24	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Jeremiah 33:10-16 Mark 10:32-34, 46-52
Thurs, March 8	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Genesis 9:8-17 Ephesians 1:3-6	Sun, March 25	Isaiah 50:4-9a Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47
Fri, March 9	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Daniel 12:5-13 Ephesians 1:7-14	Mon, March 26	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 Hebrews 9:11-15
Sat, March 10	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Numbers 20:22-29 John 3:1-13	Tues, March 27	John 12:1-11 Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14
Sun, March 11	Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	Wed, March 28	1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 12:20-36 Isaiah 50:4-9a
Mon, March 12	Psalm 107:1-16 Exodus 15:22-27 Hebrews 3:1-6	Thurs, March 29	Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1-3 John 13:21-32
Tues, March 13	Psalm 107:1-16 Numbers 20:1-13 1 Corinthians 10:6-13	Fri, March 30	Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Wed, March 14	Psalm 107:1-16 Isaiah 60:15-22 John 8:12-20	Sat, March 31	John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22
Thurs, March 15	Psalm 51:1-12 Isaiah 30:15-18 Hebrews 4:1-13		Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1-19:42
Fri, March 16	Psalm 51:1-12 Exodus 30:1-10 Hebrews 4:14-5:4		Genesis 1:1-2:4a - Creation Romans 6:3-11 John 20:1-18
Sat, March 17	Psalm 51:1-12 Habakkuk 3:2-13 John 12:1-11		

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**March 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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**Monetary Gifts Report**

Saints in Worship:

1/07	62
1/14	58
1/21	55
1/28	65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>240</b>

	January 2018		YTD	
Total Receipts	Actual 11,493	Budget 13,000	Actual 11,493	Budget 13,000
Total Expenses	Actual 12,030	Budget 13,426	Actual 12,030	Budget 13,426

*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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### Ministers of Proclamation (Lectors)

03-04 Greg Lipes  
 03-11 Deanna Weismann  
 03-18 Del Hughes  
 03-25 Tonya Samuelson

### Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

03-04 Monica & Cliff Hinkhouse  
 03-11 Paul & Deanna Weismann  
 03-18 Del & Sue Hughes  
 03-25 Paula Casper & Alberta Sweat

### Ministers of Christ's Light (Acolytes)

03-04 Aizlyn & Auron Marsh  
 03-11 Aiden & Miley Shields  
 03-18 Jacob Langley & Dylan Schiele  
 03-25 Aiden & Miley Shields



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