

Bethany Lutheran Church

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



November

2018

Important Dates

11/4 All Saints Sunday
11/12 Council meeting 6:30 pm
11/14 Women's Circle 9:00 am
11/21 No Wed. Faith Formation
11/25 Community Meal 5:00 pm

Contact Information

Bethany Lutheran Church
235 South Second Street
West Branch, Iowa 52358

Pastor Chad Whaley
pastor@wbbethany.org

Admin. Assistant: Paula Casper
blsecretary@lcom.net

Paula's Office Hours
Tuesday & Thursday 8:00-11:30 a.m.
Office Phone: (319) 643-5998

FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

Simply search "Bethany Lutheran Church (ELCA) West Branch, Iowa" on facebook and "like" our page!

ALSO FIND US ON TWITTER!

Search @blcwestbranch

When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." - Luke 15:17-19a



Dear Faithful Saints in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Recently, while driving one of our cars I noticed a fairly significant vibration going down the highway. The steering wheel shook in my hands and the experience of going down the road was simply not a comfortable one. Something was wrong. Something was off kilter. As I have experienced this before, I sensed it more than likely was a tire that had become out of balance. Thus, I took it in and sure enough that is what it was. A relatively simple process to get the car running smoothly again; yet, without it further trips in that car would be anything but smooth.

Our life of faith faces similar hurdles along the way. Things can quickly become unbalanced. Our relationship with our Lord slowly becomes a bit off kilter and we too may feel the vibration along the pathway of faith. We have all been there. And like that tire, we need help to put it back in balance. We need to slow down and take a look at what it is that is causing the discomfort.

The verses above come from the story of the Prodigal Son in Luke's gospel. It is a beloved story for many and for a variety of different reasons. As you recall, the father had two sons. The younger requested his inheritance and then left home and squandered his wealth only to find himself alone, hungry, and in dire need. His relationship with his father had been severely strained as a result of his actions. Yet, it was during this time of great need, when things were unraveling, and clearly he was experiencing some vibrations in his life that he sensed he needed help.

And so he decided to return home, admit he had erred in handling his inheritance, and plead for his father's mercy and forgiveness. He even doubted his father would claim him as his son. Who could blame the father for being angry? Yet, that is not what his father did. He threw his arms around him, kissed his son, and prepared a celebration for his son's return.

When I think about this story and our relationship with God I am constantly reminded that no matter how unbalanced we may think it may be God is the one who can set it right again. God has set it right in the life, death, and resurrection of God's Son, Jesus Christ. We return to God and admit we have sinned. We have strayed from God and followed our own wants, desires, and tried to go it alone. It's the confession we do at the beginning of nearly every Sunday worship service. We repent and turn again to the source of all we are, all we have, and all we will be. And it is always followed by the forgiveness. The promise of knowing God rebalances and restores that relationship. God welcomes us back with open arms. This is a picture of grace! It is a picture of God's love for the children of God.

Blessings,

Pastor Chad



- 11-02 Addison Langley
- 11-03 Betty Slach
- 11-06 Tammy Urmie
- 11-07 Paul Weismann
- 11-08 Madelyn Anderson
- 11-09 Eulyn Frostestad
- 11-14 Josephine Hervey
- 11-16 Kevin Crosthwaite
- 11-18 Alex Poppen
- 11-22 Scott Marsh, Julian Kilburg
- 11-23 John Hierseman
- 11-26 Patty Yeater
- 11-27 Steve Campbell

If your birthday is not shown, please contact Paula so we can update our records.



Christmas Worship
Schedule

We will celebrate Christ's birth together during our Christmas Eve candlelight services.

December 24th

5:00 pm
and
8:00 pm



Bethany Books

by Frank Frostestad

Books for Adults

This month will feature books again by Karen Kingsbury. The Baxter family was introduced in the *Redemption Series*. The story was continued in the *First Born Series*. Now the *Summer Series* adds the next stage of their lives. In the first book, *Sunrise*, the family spends much of the time in preparation for the wedding of Dayne and Katy. Keeping it private and avoiding publicity takes some effort. At the same time, John Baxter is not sure how his kids will handle the feelings he is having for his friend Elaine. In the meantime, the Flanigan family is struggling with the alcohol problems of Cody Coleman.

In Book two of the series, *Summer*, Hollywood actor Dayne Matthews and Katy Hart are married and living in Bloomington. Dayne finds a solution to his on-camera love scenes – he wants Katy to star in his next film. The Baxter family learns that Ashly and Kari are both pregnant, but an ultrasound reveals that something is wrong with one of the babies. As the summer progresses the sisters pray for a miracle while trying to face the unthinkable. The Flanigans continue to draw closer to their only daughter, yet Bailey struggles to find her way amidst the turmoil of adolescence.

In book three, *Someday*, pressures of the celebrity lifestyle weigh heavily on Dayne and Katy Matthews as they take on separate movie projects. Tabloid rumors talk of trouble and unfaithfulness between the two of them. Something drastic finally catches Dayne's attention. It will make him realize the destruction they are playing with. Is it too late? The Flanigan family recognizes the deep loss of the Christian Kids Theater program and they lead a final effort to keep the theater from being torn down. Meanwhile, John Baxter takes the next step in his growing relationship with Elaine. It gives his reason to think about selling the Baxter house and along with it, losing a lifetime of memories made there. As the rest of the family considers the future and what lies ahead, they must pull together like never before.

Book four, *Sunset*, is about the power of family love, and the healing miracle of redemption. As John Baxter makes plans to marry Elaine, one of the Baxter's enters into the most trying time of all. During a time of renewed love and hope for the future, the Baxter's try to come together to establish the sacred ground of marriage and to chart a course for the future. Memories of times gone by meet with the changes of today in a story that proves that only the support of faith and family can take a person into the sunset years of life. All four books were donated.

Book for Children

This month's book is *Rufus And His Angry Tail: A Book About Anger*. Rufus and Ava usually get along, but today Rufus' tail is twitching and he can't seem to stop this feeling of anger. As preschoolers journey along with Rufus they will learn how to recognize anger, name it, and manage it through prayer to feel more calm and peaceful.

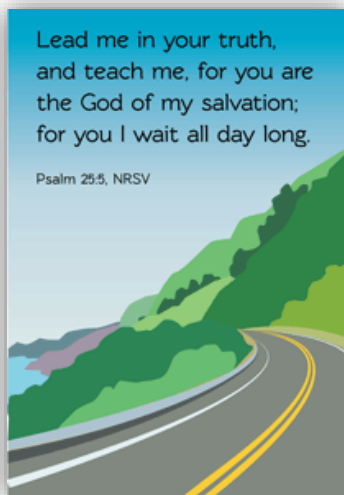
Adult Education Opportunities

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

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



Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) News

National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month, a time to honor families who have opened their hearts and homes to children in need. For LSI it is a time to celebrate the families we support through Foster Care and Adoption, and to raise awareness for the hundreds of Iowa children in need of a safe, loving home.

In 30 counties in western Iowa, LSI Foster Care and Adoption recruits, licenses, and supports foster and adoptive families to ensure every Iowa child grows up in a safe, stable environment.

But more work needs to be done. According to the most recent federal data, more than 100,000 children in the U.S. are waiting to be adopted from foster care, and thousands of teens age out of foster care every year without a permanent family. To learn more about supporting Iowa children in foster care, visit LSIowa.org/Foster, or contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Helping to Carry the Load

Renato and Nellie Jimenez knew they wanted to adopt children. But when they learned about the desperate need for foster families, they also decided to open their home to children in need of safe, temporary care.

"We realized there are some big needs out there," Renato says. "Sometimes, we might not see it. But there are people suffering and struggling. We knew our family could make a difference."

Over the last four years, Renato and Nellie have adopted four children and are currently fostering three. Their children range from 6 months to 14 years of age.

The couple enjoys supporting children of all ages, and they focus their parenting on helping them stay connected to their history and culture whenever possible.

Especially for older children, Renato says, it is vital to be given a safe space to open up and talk about the past in a healthy way.

"The most rewarding experience is the transformation of the kids. They come with baggage and they come hurt. But we can provide a home and love and security for them, so they know they belong in a family," Renato says. "Be there for the kids. The more healthy and supportive people these kids have around them, the better. Help them carry the load."





Angel Tree—Discipleship Opportunity

Dear Friends,

We are nearing the start of the holiday season! Bethany will be hosting Angel Tree families again this year. I have coordinated this mission for a number of years. I ask that you consider working with me this year to learn the process of this important event.

Remember these are all local families that we support. We should get our families mid November. If you are interested in working on this mission, please contact me at schieles@Lcom.net or 319-631-2661.

Blessings,

Jeni Schiele



Cookie Walk 2018



Saturday, December 8th

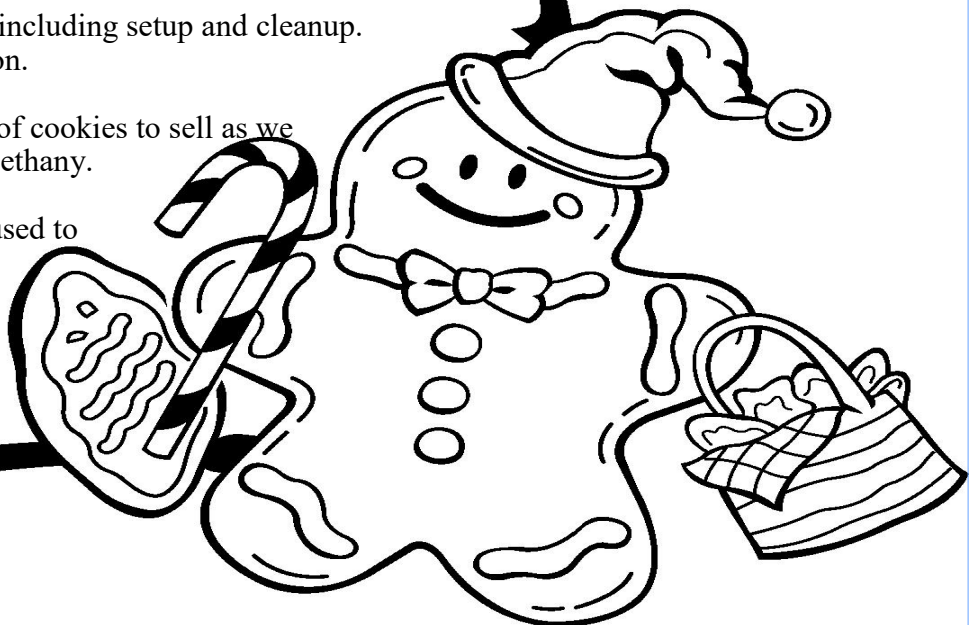
The Dansk Cafe will be serving coffee.
9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
(or when cookies are gone)

Please bring your cookies to the church either Friday evening or Saturday morning by 8:30 a.m.

Help is needed for the event, including setup and cleanup. Set up will be Friday afternoon.

Everyone please bring a tray of cookies to sell as we welcome the community to Bethany.

Proceeds from the event are used to support local ministries including our Quilters.



Church Staff

Pastor - Chad Whaley
(319) 643-5998 or (319) 643-7257
pastor@wbbethany.org

Admin. Assistant - Paula Casper
(319) 331-9456
blcsecretary@lcom.net

Custodian – Jerry Dodds

Organist – Jill Barnhart

Church Council

Beth Kaufman - Council President
(319) 643-5734
bkkaufman@lcom.net

Nancy Bruns - Treasurer
(319)643-3201
Nancy-bruns@uiowa.edu

Alan Beyer - Secretary/Fellowship
(319)643-2136
iabeyers@aol.com

Cheryl Fischer - Vice Pres./Youth
(319) 643-7358
1982cmf@lcom.net

Jon Twing - Stewardship
(319) 331-6547
jon.s.twing@pearson.com

Linda Black - Worship
(319)430-0604
lblack@lcom.net

Tonya Samuelson - Education
(319) 643-5915
s3ams@aol.com

Wayne Frauenholtz - Missions
(319) 930-1196
wrfrauen@lcom.net

Jamie Zimmerman - Building & Grounds
(319) 325-4322
jazzim1@lcom.net

Financial Secretary

Claudia Beyer
(319) 643-2136
iabeyers@aol.com

Thank You to
Our Staff

All Saints Sunday

All Saints Day is Sunday, November 5th. We will give thanks for and honor our Senior Saints, those whom are 80 and older. If you are 80 and over we hope you can join us.

We will also have a baptism welcoming our newest saint and also invite those who have been baptized since last All Saints Day to join us as well.

We will also remember and give thanks for the saints who have died in the past year.

This should be a great worship service and we want all to attend!



Bible Quiz

Fill in the blank to complete this verse from a psalm of thanksgiving: "Bless the LORD, O my _____, and forget not all his benefits."

- A. people B. soul
C. heart D. children

Answer: B (See Psalm 103:2, ESV).

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event we need to cancel worship or other activities at Bethany due to inclement weather notification will be done in the following formats. There will be a post on the church website (www.wbbethany.org/westbranch/), on Twitter, and on Bethany's Facebook page. There will be an email sent out to all Bethany members who have provided an email address. Notification will also be provided to KGAN channel 2 television station. These will be the primary means of notification. If none of the above means work for you please contact Paula so we can make other arrangements. Thank you!



Family Advent and Christmas Resource



For those who may not know, Augsburg Fortress, is the publishing house of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). As Advent and Christmas draw near, we wanted to share a new product which may be of interest. See below for a description.

Families Celebrate Advent & Christmas is a colorful deck of cards that is full of rituals, prayers and reflections. Endlessly flexible for busy schedules, you can create a new after-meal ritual, use them as decorations, or carry them on the go. Explore the entire season from Advent to Christmas through Epiphany. These make a great gift for families!

Order today at: augsburgfortress.org/familycards

Southeastern Iowa Synod News

Introducing the new Southeastern Iowa Synod App

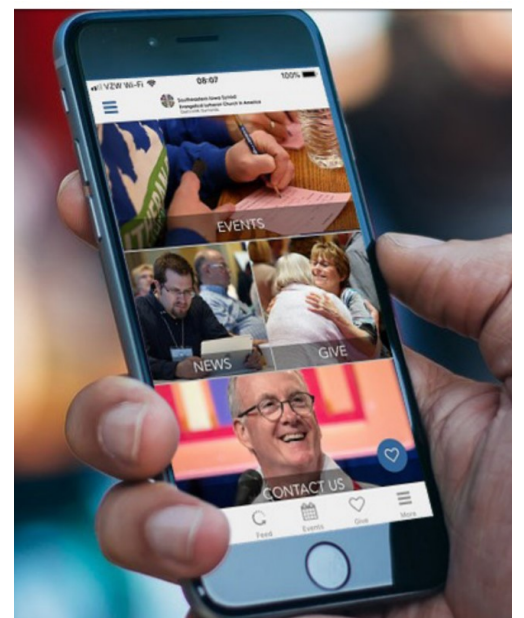
Stay up to date on events, news, get directions, give online, all right from your phone. Take a photo of the code below to get started.

For more information go to:

<https://seiasynod.org/southeastern-iowa-synod-mobile-app/>



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



Statement from ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton on Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting

The statement below was released October 27, 2018 and taken from the website of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (www.elca.org).

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I write to you with a broken heart – for the lives lost, wounded, and shattered by horrific hatred and violence at Tree of Life Congregation this morning. We join our Jewish neighbors and enter into mourning for all that has been lost. In our grief, God is our comfort. "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18).

From Pittsburgh to Portland, and around the world, Jews are living in fear. Anti-Semitism is on the rise. Public acts of hatred and bigotry against Jews are commonplace. As Christians, and particularly as Lutherans, we deplore and reject this bigotry. "We recognize in anti-Semitism a contradiction and affront to the Gospel, a violation of our hope and calling, and we pledge this church to oppose the deadly working of such bigotry, both within our own circles and in the society around us" (1994 Declaration of the ELCA to the Jewish Community).

We are reminded that hate-filled violence knows no bounds – whether a Sikh Temple in Oak Creek, a Christian church in Charleston, or a Jewish synagogue in Pittsburgh. As people of faith, we are bound together not only in our mourning, but also in our response.

Therefore, in this tender moment of grief, let us reach out to those whose hearts are most broken – our Jewish neighbors. I encourage you to contact your local synagogue, or your Jewish colleagues, friends, and family members, to share your words of care, support, love, and protection. There may be specific acts you might offer to demonstrate your care, such as when the members of Faith Lutheran Church surrounded Congregation Beth Israel of Chico, California, serving as *Shomrim*, or guardians, as they observed Yom Kippur following a hate crime in 2009.

Such simple acts can go a long way to demonstrate our love, as an extension of God's love. As we seek to heal the brokenhearted, we are assured that God is near. There is no greater promise in the face of grief.

In peace,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop, ELCA

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES Sept 2018

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

Opening: Pastor Chad opened with reflections from Bishop Burk regarding vital signs in a congregation. Proclaiming Christ must be at the center because “It drives everything that it means to be a church.”. He then handed out an invitation from Bishop Burk to attend one of six #inthisTogether meetings for elected leaders in congregations.

Pastor’s Report: Day-to-day activities continue as usual from visiting our shut-ins, preparing and planning for worship, sermon preparation, assisting Paula in preparing bulletins and newsletters, et. There are some things that I am excited about moving forward. They include some changes we have made in worship to assist our proclamation of and experience of receiving the good news of Jesus Christ. I felt the worship yesterday in the Great Hall was fabulous. Sometimes change is good. I am excited about the possibility of incorporating some new songs into worship. The choir is planning on helping us with “Here I am to Worship” and then we will have the congregation sing that song. The recent copyright license we purchased opens us up to many new possibilities for songs and protects us and the choir from printing the words and reproducing these songs for worship. As of this Sunday, we will fully have introduced all of Setting 10 in the hymnal. Moving to a new setting also has been life-giving from my viewpoint. This doesn’t mean we are using setting 10 all the time. This simply means we are opening ourselves up to opportunities for growth and experiences of encountering the risen Christ in our worship. I am grateful the congregation has been open to this as well and I have heard some positive comments on this as well. I am also excited to see where our Wednesday night faith formation goes. EWALU camp counselors studying at the University of Iowa have been contacted about the possibility of partnering with us in ministry but I have not heard back from any of them. I stay optimistic about this possibility and utilizing the gifts those young adults have. Moving forward, my hope is to assemble a small team to look at the future (next semester or next year) and envision ways we might continue to enhance and grow this ministry of proclaiming God’s great love to our children and youth. One other project I am working on is with pastor Wartick at Trinity in Tipton. We are in discussion about a joint retreat sometime in 2019. Initially, this retreat may simply consist of 2 or 3 hours on an evening or Saturday morning. I will help lead a men’s retreat and she will help lead a women’s retreat. I think this is a new way of exploring how we can be church together. I continue to have meetings with my leadership coach. As part of the school I attended in June I have monthly meetings with a coach for the next year. This entails reading, reflection, and project work (2 of which are listed above). I just completed the book *Change Your Questions Change Your Life 12 Powerful Tools for Leadership, Coaching and Life*. I am grateful for this opportunity and hope it will enhance my ability to

grow my leadership skills as a pastor.

Secretary’s Report: Beth mentioned that she, and not Linda, had contacted Deanna about the Sagert fund. Jamie moved and Linda seconded to approve the Secretary’s report with this correction. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Receipts \$12,257.44; Disbursements \$11,508.83 Income was down a little bit but higher than last year.

Building and Grounds: Jamie said that there was a great turnout for God’s Work Our Hands Sunday. Much work was done at the church, quilting, personal Care Kits, and at the library. He talked to Curt Casper regarding mowing and snow removal. On August 21st, the council unanimously approved paying Curt for his services.

Education: Wednesday September 19th will be the beginning for education night at Bethany. Preschool through 3rd grade has also been moved to Wednesday evening. Tonya, Amber, and pastor met last week to discuss organization. Amber sent an email to parents of all students and received one reply to help. They still need more teachers. Classes last from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and confirmation until 7:45 p.m.

Evangelism: No report

Fellowship: A “families with small children” event was held on August 19th. Five families attended and had a good time. The kids especially enjoyed the Bounce House. Fourth Sunday meal was well-attended and the next two months are signed up. After service fellowship continues to be going well.

Stewardship: No report

Youth: Cheryl reported that they are still looking for ideas to entice youth activity.

Worship and Music: Linda said the church had paid \$324 for copy write licenses and Song Select, which is a music add-on giving access to more music.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The city is offering an agreement for no charge to use the street sweeper on the church parking lot in the autumn and winter months in exchange for the church allowing parking by Beranek Park users. Al moved and Cheryl seconded to approve this agreement. Motion passed. A person from the community has solicited funds from the church to be used for a mission trip to Kenya and Mozambique. After discussion, the council decided that, as we had done so in the past, to encourage her to solicit funds from individuals, but not from the congregation. Pastor Chad offered to contact her with our decision.

The meeting adjourned 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.

Genesis 50:20

“Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.”

- God’s plan...
- A good thing that came out of a bad thing...
- A present bad thing that I have yet to discover good in...



James 2:19-20

You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren?

- Because of my faith, my choices...
- Because of my faith, my actions...
- Because of my faith, my relationships...

Exodus 3:13-14

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

- God becomes personal to me...
- The names and ways I refer to God are...
- My “burning bush,” or “wake up call” with life and faith...



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, Nov 1	Psalm 119:1-8 Exodus 22:1-15 Hebrews 9:1-12	Sat, Nov 17	Psalm 16 Daniel 4:28-37 Mark 12:1-12
Fri, Nov 2	Psalm 119:1-8 Leviticus 19:32-37 Romans 3:21-31	Sun, Nov 18	Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-25 Mark 13:1-8
Sat, Nov 3	Psalm 119:1-8 Numbers 9:9-14 Luke 10:25-37	Mon, Nov 19	Psalm 13 Daniel 8:1-14 Hebrews 10:26-31
Sun, Nov 4	Isaiah 25:6-9 Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44	Tues, Nov 20	Psalm 13 Daniel 8:15-27 Hebrews 10:32-39
Mon, Nov 5	Psalm 51 Deuteronomy 6:10-25 Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10	Wed, Nov 21	Psalm 13 Zechariah 12:1-13:1 Mark 13:9-23
Tues, Nov 6	Psalm 51 Deuteronomy 28:58-29:1 Acts 17:17-29	Thurs, Nov 22	Psalm 93 Ezekiel 28:1-10 Acts 7:54-8:1a
Wed, Nov 7	Psalm 18:20-30 Ruth 3:8-18 John 13:31-35	Fri, Nov 23	Psalm 93 Ezekiel 28:20-26 1 Corinthians 15:20-28
Thurs, Nov 8	Psalm 146 Numbers 36:1-13 Romans 5:6-11	Sat, Nov 24	Psalm 93 Daniel 7:1-8, 15-18 John 3:31-36
Fri, Nov 9	Psalm 146 Deuteronomy 15:1-11 Hebrews 9:15-24	Sun, Nov 25	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37
Sat, Nov 10	Psalm 146 Deuteronomy 24:17-22 Mark 11:12-14, 20-24	Mon, Nov 26	Psalm 76 Daniel 7:19-27 Revelation 11:1-14
Sun, Nov 11	1 Kings 17:8-16 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44	Tues, Nov 27	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 29:1-12 Revelation 11:15-19
Mon, Nov 12	Psalm 94 Ruth 1:1-22 1 Timothy 5:1-8	Wed, Nov 28	Psalm 76 Ezekiel 30:20-26 John 16:25-33
Tues, Nov 13	Psalm 94 Ruth 3:14-4:6 1 Timothy 5:9-16	Thurs, Nov 29	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:6-15 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Wed, Nov 14	Psalm 94 Ruth 4:7-22 Luke 4:16-30	Fri, Nov 30	Psalm 25:1-10 Nehemiah 9:16-25 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22
Thurs, Nov 15	Psalm 16 Daniel 4:4-18 1 Timothy 6:11-21		
Fri, Nov 16	Psalm 16 Daniel 4:19-27 Colossians 2:6-15		

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	29	30	31 6	1 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	2	3
4 9:00 AM Worship	5 7:00 PM Men's Retreat Planning Team Meeting	6 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	7 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:15 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Pre K-6th grade Faith Formation	8 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	9	10
11 9:00 AM Worship	12 6:30 PM Council Meeting	13 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	14 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 9:00 AM Women's Circle Bible Study 6:15 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Pre K-6th grade Faith Formation	15 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	16	17
18 9:00 AM Worship	19	20 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	21 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:15 PM Choir Practice	22 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	23	24
25 9:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM West Branch Community Meal @ Bethany	26	27 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	28 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:15 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Pre K-6th grade Faith Formation	29 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	30	1

Monetary Gifts Report

Submitted by Nancy Brunns

Saints in Worship:

9/2	40
9/9	63
9/16	60
9/23	60
9/30	57
Total:	280

	September 2018		YTD	
Total Receipts	Actual 13,444	Budget 13,000	Actual 112,425	Budget 117,000
Total Expenses	Actual 13,399	Budget 13,396	Actual 113,082	Budget 120,723

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.

Bethany Branches

November 2018 2018



Bethany Lutheran Church
235 South Second Street
PO BOX 236
West Branch, Iowa 52358
www.wbbethany.org



Ministry Assistants

Ministers of Proclamation (Lectors)

- 11/4 Lisa Zimmerman
- 11/11 Frank Frostestad
- 11/18 Jeni Schiele
- 11/25 Paula Casper

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

- 11/4 Cindy Knoop
- 11/11 Kent & Beth Kaufman
- 11/18 Shawn & Tonya Samuelson
- 11/25 Pam Glandon

Ministers of Christ's Light (Acolytes)

- 11/4 Aiden & Miley Shields
- 11/11 Alex Poppen & Jacob Langley
- 11/18 Andrew & Layla Samuelson
- 11/25 Hunter Niles & Jacob Langley



To find Bethany's main page,
search "**Bethany Lutheran
Church (ELCA)
West Branch, Iowa**"

DON'T FORGET TO LIKE US!



Follow us on Twitter!
Our Twitter Handle is:
@blcwestbranch



Psalm 146:5, NIV