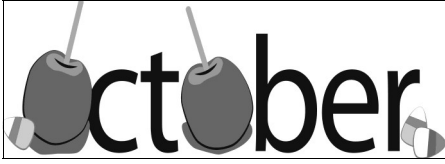


Bethany Lutheran Church

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



2013

IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/02 No Confirmation**
- 10/09 Women's circle**
- 10/11-10/14 Pastor on Vacation**
- 10/14 Council meeting**
- 10/27 Stewardship Sunday**

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

*May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those
who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!" –*
Psalm 70:4 (ESV)



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ!

We have much to be joyful for at Bethany. First and foremost is the love of our Creator for us. It's a love so great that God sent God's only Son into the world to walk alongside us in the joyful times but also in the difficult, frustrating, sorrow-filled, and lonely times that life often brings. There is joy in knowing that our Creator does not leave us alone and choose to remain hidden in some far off place but rather meets us exactly where we are at. There is joy in the promise that through Jesus' death we are saved from the chains of sin and death. We find joy in the promise we are forgiven and will live eternally with Him in His kingdom.

Another thing to lift up and rejoice over each year at this time is a new group of students studying to affirm their Baptism. We give thanks for those who have come before them and this year we give thanks for the 13 youth gathered every Wednesday to learn about God's great love for each of them. It reminds me that at their Baptisms not only did their parents and sponsors make promises before God but also the church, that is the people, made a promise to God. That promise is that we would support each of them and pray for each of them. As we strive to do our best to uphold that promise please pray for all of God's precious children here at Bethany but specifically constantly hold these youth in prayer.

They are: Maggie, Lauren, Emma, Karly, Annika, Ethan, Billy, Derek, Brett, Jaden, Abbey, Maddie, and Jayden.

What are you joyful for? In the Great Hall is a sign that says, "I am joyful for ..." that you are invited to share with the community your joys by writing them on a sticky note and attaching it to the wall. Let's see if we can fill up the wall with the many joys of life God blesses us with.

In peace,

Pastor Chad



Fall Happenings

UPCOMING EPIC EVENTS

Sunday, October 20 – 5:30 in Great Hall

Sunday, November 17 – 5:30 in Great Hall

Sunday, December 15 – 5:30 in Great Hall

Reminder all youth in 5th – 8th Grade are invited to attend EPIC events.



We will have a Minister of Christ's Light (aka Acolyte) Training Class on Sunday, November 10 following Sunday School. The training will last approximately 30 minutes. In the past most kids have started around the 5th grade.

Please let Pastor Chad or Bonnie Conner know if your child plans to attend.

First Communion



We will be offering a class for those interested in first communion.

A tentative date has been set for Monday evening October 21.

(Time to be determined) with first communion taking place on Reformation Sunday October 27. It is our belief that a child does not need to be a certain age to take communion; however, some education is required so that the child will have a basic understanding of this sacrament. The decision of whether or not a child is ready is made between the parents/guardian and pastor. Traditionally, we have done first communion to kids in the 3rd grade.

If interested please let Pastor Chad know as soon as possible so supplies can be ordered.



December 7th

The annual Christmas Past celebration will be the weekend of December 6-8. Once again Bethany will host the ever popular cookie walk. Please volunteer to help with advertising, set-up, Danish (or other) cooking demonstrations, etc.

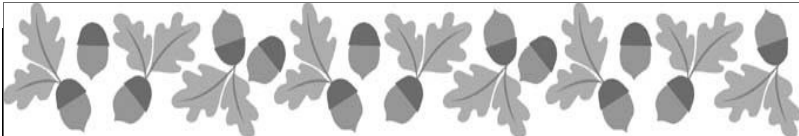
We look forward to welcoming the community to Bethany as we wish "Peace on Earth, Good Will to All."

Coffee, cookies, visits with friends—what a great way to celebrate the season.

Questions? Call Candy at 643-5869.

God's Work, Our Hands

September 8 turned out to be a great day to show God's love for others in West Branch. Between 35-40 Bethany members of all ages pitched in to spread mulch around trees at the cemetery, help a local individual with yard work and do gardening and cleaning at the church.



Bethany is planning a fall work day at the church to rake leaves, clean gutters and other chores. This may include a chili lunch. There is sure to be a lot of fellowship and fun. Please watch for the date.



BIRTHDAYS

- 10/01 Laura Twing
- 10/03 Lynn Haub
Neil Korsmo
- 10/04 Jan Grimm
Dylan Haub
- 10/07 Karly Blaalid
- 10/09 Emalee Casper
Makayla Casper
- 10/10 Vicky Kimpe
- 10/12 Katie Anderson
Kat Korsmo
- 10/15 Deanna Weismann
- 10/18 Nick Yeater
- 10/19 Billy Friis
- 10/20 Delores Paulsen
- 10/24 Jeni Schiele
Jill Taylor
- 10/25 Frank Frostestad
- 10/26 Layla Samuelson
Hanna Schiele
- 10/27 Jeanette Flores



**October
31st
5:30-7PM**

**Join us at Bethany for this year's
Halloween party - Trunk or Treat!**

How it works:

1. Register for a space in the parking lot by contacting Paula at the office or sending an email.
2. Come to Bethany on Halloween and decorate your trunk - and of course bring treats to share!
3. Enjoy an evening of wonderful costumes, fun,

ALL ARE WELCOME!



The Church Storage Shed has a new look these days. One that we hope will invite more rain to the area. Recently the building & grounds crew installed a new

metal roof on the shed. We removed the existing asphalt shingles one evening and got the new roof in place before dark.

Thanks to those helping: Jonathan Holstad, Dan Holstad, Sam McCrory, Del Hughes, John Black, and Kent Kaufman.

Financial Report

Submitted by Claudia Beyer

Budget Comparison

YTD thru August

	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Total Receipts	10,161.21	10,750.00	91,471.80	96,531.26
Total Expenses	12,369.03	12,032.00	83,939.97	96,372.00

Attendance:

- August 04 54
- August 11 54
- August 18 68
- August 25 72

October 27th



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY



Updates/Reminders

Pastor Chad's sermons can now be found on Bethany's website (www.wbbethany.org) by placing your cursor over the "Resource" tab found on the home page and then selecting "Sermons" when it pops up. Additionally, some people have requested an email with the sermon attached. If you prefer that method please contact Pastor Chad.

Reminder:

If you or a loved one is in the hospital and desire a pastoral visit, please have someone contact the church at 643-5998.

Adult Education Opportunities

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

All are Welcome

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

All are Welcome



OCTOBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open 5:30 PM Yoga class	2 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	3 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	4	5
6 9:00 AM Worship followed by fellowship 10:15 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Sunday School all ages	7	8 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open 5:30 PM Yoga class	9 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 9:00 AM Women's Circle 6:15 PM Senior Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation dinner and study	10 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	11	12
13 9:00 AM Worship followed by fellowship 10:15 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Sunday School all ages	14 6:30 PM Council Meeting	15 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open 5:30 PM Yoga class	16 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:15 PM Senior Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation dinner and study	17 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	18	19
20 9:00 AM Worship followed by fellowship 10:15 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Sunday School all ages 5:30 PM EPIC (Middle School Youth) Night	21 6:30 PM First Communion Class	22 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open 5:30 PM Yoga class	23 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:15 PM Senior Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation dinner and study	24 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	25	26
27 9:00 AM First Communion Sunday 9:00 AM Worship followed by fellowship 10:15 AM Adult Study 10:15 AM Sunday School all ages	28	29 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open 5:30 PM Yoga class	30 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:15 PM Senior Choir 6:30 PM Confirmation dinner and study	31 6:00 AM Women's Bible study		



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Stewardship Spotlight

Our fall stewardship campaign will take place in October this year and is entitled
“Found faithful, with little, with much, with all”.

In the first few days of the month, you will be receiving a letter with a financial commitment card enclosed. Please take some time this month to pray about your pledge to support the ministries at Bethany and consider if you can increase your giving by a certain amount or percentage. You may mail in your pledges or bring them to the altar during worship on October 27. These pledges will help the financial committee prepare the budget for 2014.

We will explore the following themes during our worship services in October:

October 6 – Called to be faithful. How are we working to move forward in mission and service? Are we using appropriately all that has been placed in our care?

“Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.”
-1 Corinthians 4:1-2, NRSV

October 13 – Found faithful in little. In what “little” ways is God asking us as individuals and as a faith community to help reveal grace to others? What has been placed in our care to pass onto others, small as it might be?

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish.
But what are they among so many people?”
-John 6:9, NRSV

October 20 – Found faithful with much. We are richly blessed. How does God call us to be faithful with these generous blessings?

“[The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all he had and bought it.”

-Matthew 13:45,

NRSV

October 27 – Found faithful with all. In this final emphasis Sunday, time and talent sheets will be made available and we will turn in our pledge cards. We acknowledge that all we have has been entrusted to us by God and we are called to be wise, generous stewards of the time, talents, and money and material goods that we have.

“Well done, my good servant!” his master replied. “Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.”
-Luke 19:17, NIV

We will also celebrate that Sunday with a meal provided by the Stewardship Committee.

As we gear up for our fall stewardship emphasis, **Found faithful, in little, with much, with all**, let’s commit anew to listening for God’s voice, and our individual and congregation’s particular calls to faithfulness.

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CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 12, 2013

Members present: Pastor Chad, Claudia Beyer, Nancy Bruns, Bonnie Conner, Toni Dodds, Courtney Heid, Del Hughes, Kent Kaufman, Candy Madsen, Laura Twing

Members Absent: None

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 p.m. by President Del Hughes

Opening Prayer/Devotions: Pastor Chad led a devotion on Psalm 30 and Bonnie Conner gave the prayer.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Chad reported on his activities for the month. One of the highlights was participating in the Vacation Bible School program, which was in addition to normal activities and a family vacation.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the July regular meeting to be approved: Kent Kaufman moved to accept the minutes. Claudia Beyer seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Claudia presented the July financials. Candy Madsen moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Courtney Heid seconded. Approved.

Committee Reports:

Building & Grounds: Kent reported that he worked on the vacuum cleaner, fixed a plugged toilet and has been working on the parking lot and retaining wall issues. Also, the furnace motor has been replaced.

Education: Courtney and Toni reported that VBS was awesome. The EWALU counselors were very energetic and great to work with and we will plan to have them back next summer. They also reported that \$805 in donations were received to offset the cost of \$52/camper, \$200 in advertising, and \$400 in additional expenses. Sunday School will be starting on September 15 and they are currently looking for teachers.

Youth: EPIC, energetic peeps in Christ, entered a float in the Hoover Hometown Days parade, delivered chemo bags to the Mercy Cancer Unit, raised approximately \$300 for the Malaria fund with their lemonade stand, and are hosting a swimming pool party at the West Liberty pool on Sunday evening, August 18. They are also planning a fun trip to Adventureland in September.

Evangelism & Missions: no report.

Music and Worship: Bonnie reported that she received good feedback on the service that took place downstairs the weekend after the VBS program. She has been looking into getting instrumental music for special music at some of the worship services.

Fellowship: Candy is taking a different approach to the Sunday morning fellowship time and is asking folks to help stock the cupboards with cookies and crackers for simple snacks to serve on Sunday mornings. She would also like to work with the Stewardship committee and Education committee on some food/meal planning.

Stewardship: Nancy reported that the Stewardship committee has the bulletin board up and going with plans to highlight various ministries during the year and promote volunteer opportunities as they come up. The group is working on the next quarterly newsletter and the upcoming fall campaign, "Found Faithful, in Little, with Much, with All".

OLD BUSINESS:

- Gods Work Our Hands Sunday – Del and Candy will contact the city to see if there is a project we can undertake downtown, such as cleaning town hall.
- Hoover Hometown Days popcorn stand was run by Del again this year and made a profit of about \$200.
- Kent reported that the preliminary parking lot expansion proposal has passed the zoning committee and city council and will be presented to the congregation at a special meeting. The rough estimate is \$25,000 to \$27,000 for 15 additional paved spots.
- Kent also reported that upon further review of property lines the railroad tie section of the retaining wall between the parsonage and neighbor is actually on the neighbor's property. He has been in contact with the neighbor regarding this.
- Kent also noted that the abstract for the church property has been corrected and is now up-to-date, thanks to John Black.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The sound system in the great hall is not working. Pastor Chad has received a bid, which will be reviewed at the September council meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 pm by President Del Hughes

Next Meeting: Monday, September 9, 2013 @ 6:30 p.m.



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*.

Oct 1 Tuesday	Hosea 10:9-15 James 5:1-6	Psalm 62	Oct. 20 Sunday	Genesis 32:22-31 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
Oct. 2 Wednesday	Hosea 12:2-14 Matthew 19:16-22	Psalm 62	Oct. 21 Monday	1 Samuel 25:2-22 1 Corinth. 6:1-11	Psalm 57
Oct. 3 Thursday	2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36 Revelation 2:8-11	Psalm 37:1-9	Oct. 22 Tuesday	1 Samuel 25:23-35 James 5:7-12	Psalm 57
Oct. 4 Friday	2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37 Revelation 2:12-29	Psalm 37:1-9	Oct. 23 Wednesday	1 Samuel 25:36-42 Luke 22:39-46	Psalm 57
Oct. 5 Saturday	Isaiah 7:1-9 Matthew 20:29-34	Psalm 37:1-9	Oct. 24 Thursday	Jeremiah 9:1-16 2 Timothy 3:10-15	Psalm 84:1-7
Oct. 6 Sunday	Lamentations 1:1-6 2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10	Oct. 25 Friday	Jeremiah 9:17-26 2 Timothy 3:10-15	Psalm 84:1-7
Oct. 7 Monday	Habakkuk 1:5-17 James 1:2-11	Psalm 3	Oct. 26 Saturday	Jeremiah 14:1-6 Luke 1:46-55	Psalm 84:1-7
Oct. 8 Tuesday	Habakkuk 2:5-11 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21	Psalm 3	Oct. 27 Sunday	Jer. 14:7-10, 19-22 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
Oct. 9 Wednesday	Habakkuk 2:12-20 Mark 11:12-14, 20-24	Psalm 3	Oct. 28 Monday	1 Samuel 2:1-10 1 Peter 4:12-19	Psalm 84:8-12
Oct. 10 Thursday	Leviticus 14:33-53 2 Timothy 1:13-18	Psalm 111	Oct. 29 Tuesday	Daniel 5:1-12 1 Peter 5:1-11	Psalm 84:8-12
Oct. 11 Friday	Numbers 4:34-5:4 2 Timothy 2:1-7	Psalm 111	Oct. 30 Wednesday	Daniel 5:13-31 Matthew 21:28-32	Psalm 84:8-12
Oct. 12 Saturday	Numbers 12:1-15 Luke 5:12-16	Psalm 111	Oct. 31 Thursday	Proverbs 15:8-11, 24-33 2 Corinth. 1:1-11	Psalm 32:1-7
Oct. 13 Sunday	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c 2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19			
Oct. 14 Monday	2 Kings 5:15-19a Acts 26:24-29	Psalm 61			
Oct. 15 Tuesday	1 Samuel 10:17-25 Hebrews 6:13-20	Psalm 61			
Oct. 16 Wednesday	2 Kings 15:1-7 Matthew 10:5-15	Psalm 61			
Oct. 17 Thursday	Isaiah 54:11-17 Acts 17:22-34	Psalm 121			
Oct. 18 Friday	Genesis 31:43-32:2 2 Timothy 2:14-26	Psalm 121			
Oct. 19 Saturday	Genesis 32:3-21 Mark 10:46-52	Psalm 121			

