

Bethany Lutheran Church

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



October
2017

Important Dates

10/09 Council meeting 6:30 pm
10/11 Women's circle 9:00 am
10/16 1st Communion Class
6:30 pm
10/22 Community meal 5:00 pm
10/22 Viewing of *Rick Steves'
Luther and the Reformation* 6:15 pm

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For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith." - Romans 1:17



Dear Faithful Saints,

500 years ago things changed dramatically as a little known German monk, priest, and professor nailed a list of 95 concerns he had with the teachings of the church of his day to the doors of the Castle church in Wittenberg. This would be the fuel that sparked what we call the Reformation. It is important to note the Roman Catholic church of Luther's day is not the Roman Catholic church of today and that in recent years Lutherans and Catholics have come together in agreement on many theological and doctrinal issues.

The passage above from Romans and the entire book itself really opened Luther up to a completely new understanding of God and God's grace. Prior to this discernment by the Holy Spirit Luther writes:

"Although I was living an irreproachable life as a monk, I felt that I was a sinner before God with an extremely distressed conscience. I could not have confidence that it could find peace through my performance of satisfactions. I did not love – I hated! – the righteous God who punished sinners. Secretly, I expressed anger with God, if not in the form of blasphemy, at least with intense grumbling. (*By Heart Conversations With Martin Luther's Small Catechism*; Augsburg Fortress, 2017; p. 9)

Following his revelation of the goodness and grace of a loving God from his study of Romans, he writes:

"At this point I felt that I had been completely born again and had entered paradise itself through wide open doors. There a completely different face of the entire Scripture appeared to me." (*By Heart*; p. 9)

Five-Hundred years later this amazing grace of God is what continues to drive the church forward. The gospel of Jesus Christ, his life, death, and resurrection, is the life-blood of our entire beings that fills us and truly gives us new life each and everyday. In these words Luther found freedom. Rather than seeing a God of judgement he found a God of salvation. Rather than living in fear of God as a judge he found a God of love in Jesus Christ. Rather than seeing righteousness as something he could never strive to attain he saw it as a gift, pure and unconditional, flowing from God. Grace upon grace and he wanted the world to know about it and live into that same inexplicable joy his heart had been filled with. This is truly what we continue to celebrate 500 years later.

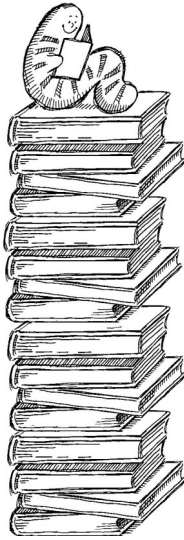
Blessings,

Pastor Chad



Birthdays

10/01 Laura Twing
 10/03 Lynne Haub, Neil Korsmo
 10/04 Dylan Haub
 10/07 Karly Blaalid
 10/09 Emalee Casper, Makayla Casper
 Reed White
 10/10 Vicky Kimpe , Jeannette Cummins
 10/12 Kat Korsmo, Greg Lipes
 10/13 Katie Anderson
 10/14 Maddie Leslie, Alexa Fitzgerald
 10/15 Deanna Weismann, Tyler Johnston
 10/18 Nick Yeater, Erica Fitzgerald
 10/19 Billy Friis
 10/20 Delores Paulsen, Karen Swenson
 10/24 Jeni Schiele, Jill Taylor
 10/25 Frank Frostestad
 10/26 Layla Samuelson, Hannah Schiele
 10/27 Heath Graham
 10/29 John Crow
 10/30 Marv Brick



Bethany Books

by Frank Frostestad

Books For Adults

This month will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the 95 Thesis by Martin Luther and the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Last year, I added quite a few books on this topic to our collection. I plan to put them out on the display table once again. In addition to them is *October 31, 1517: Martin Luther And The Day That Changed The World* by Martin E. Marty. Marty is a Lutheran minister who taught at the University of Chicago. He is a well-known writer of church history. Marty provides valuable insights into why Luther's speaking about "repentance" meant so much then, why his commitment to "justification" has now built a bridge for Lutherans and Catholics to work with each other, and why an event of 500 years ago can give a hopeful future for Christian believers. It is interesting that the forward is written by a Jesuit. There is a lot to think about in this small book on the anniversary of the Reformation.

Book For Children

I will mention once again the book *Papa Luther: A Graphic Novel* by Daniel D. Maurer. *Papa Luther* tells the story of Martin Luther and the Reformation as seen through the eyes of his children. It is for children ages 8 to 12 but it is also suitable for older children.

DVD

We have a copy of *Rick Steve's Luther And The Reformation*. This is a one hour public television special commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Filmed on location in Germany and Rome, Rick Steves traces the dramatic events of this movement that changed the course of history. I think that it is important that he provides the context for the reformation and provides the roots of the religious discontent that led up to this moment, including the messy politics of the 16th century. Bonus features on this DVD include: *Germany's Luther Towns* which are from his public television series. Also included are one hour specials on *Rick Steves' European Christmas* and *Rick Steves' European Easter*.

HOPE CHEST NEWS

October is the time of transition from spring/summer to fall/winter at the HOPE CHEST. We are now accepting new or gently used **FALL/WINTER** clothing and shoes for all ages. **THANK YOU** to all who continue to support the Hope Chest and its mission to serve those in need.



Adult Education Opportunities



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.

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

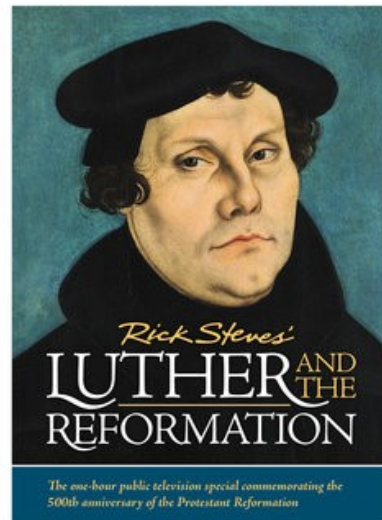
REFORMATION 500

We will give thanks for the work of Martin Luther and his fellow reformers and also pray for the continued reformation of the universal church in worship on October 29. Being this year marks the 500 year anniversary of the Reformation we also want to keep you apprised of some additional events.

On the next page are some events happening in Davenport, Iowa City and Cedar Rapids to commemorate this celebration.

Also, on October 22 at 6:15 p.m. at Bethany all are invited to view a showing of *Rick Steves' Luther and the Reformation*. This will follow the fourth Sunday meal from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. The video is one hour in length. Below is a short description of this video.

Along with the Renaissance, the Protestant Reformation represented the growing pains of a Europe evolving from the Middle Ages into the modern age. Today, on the 500th anniversary of this pivotal event in European history, Rick Steves travels in the footsteps of Martin Luther—distilling the story of that bold monk, the chaos of the Reformation, and the larger political, economic, and theological context into an engaging, inspiring, and enlightening hour.



Sunday, October 22
6:15 p.m.
Bethany Lutheran Church



REFORMATION 500

Davenport

The River Bend Conference is hosting a Reformation Hymn Festival, in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, on Sunday, October 29th at 3:00 p.m. at St.. Paul's Lutheran Church, Davenport.

This event will include a piece sung by the joint choir, compiled by the area church choirs, led by John Hurty of Augustana College. Please mark your calendar and join us for the Reformation Celebration.

Iowa City

The following events are planned for ELCA churches to highlight the 500th anniversary of the Reformation:

Date TBD - at Holy Trinity (North Liberty), screening of the film, "Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed the World"

Oct 15 - 4pm at St Mary's Catholic Church (Iowa City), Ecumenical service with area ELCA churches and Roman Catholic congregations

Oct 21 - Table Talk with Martin and Katie at Zion (Iowa City), will include a German meal and a discussion

Oct 22 - Worship with Martin and Katie at Zion (Iowa City) at 8:15 or 10:45 and stay for a discussion after the last service

Oct 22 - 9:15 a.m. -- artist, Diego Lasansky, creator of the "Junker Jorg" prints, will speak on Oct 22, 9:15 a.m. at GDLC (Iowa City) during Adult Forum, to describe his printmaking process and the inspiration for the print. "Junker Jorg" is the alias used by Martin Luther when he was in hiding at Wartburg Castle in 1521.

Oct 29 - 9:15 a.m. - Prof. Glenn Ehrstine will speak at GDLC (Iowa City) during Adult Forum about "Luther vs. the Pope in the Reformation Media Campaign." The words and images used by both sides were designed to get an emotional response from the public.

Cedar Rapids

Landmark Worship Service Among Catholics and Lutherans Following a worldwide initiative, Catholics and Lutherans in the Cedar Rapids/Marion area will gather for a landmark common worship at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22. The service will start at Immaculate Conception. Halfway through participants will walk across the street and finish at First Lutheran Church. Refreshments following.



LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Warming Hearts with God's Love and a Good Pair of Mittens

Far too often, there are children who arrive at LSI's Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers with almost nothing in their possession. And for children or youth who have been in the foster care system, it's not uncommon for them to arrive with everything they own in a single garbage bag.

We give thanks for Iowa congregations because you faithfully respond to these needs, year after year! As winter approaches, LSI relies on your loving support to meet the demands for hats, gloves, and mittens for children and youth at Beloit and Bremwood. It's important for us to give children the opportunity to shop for their favorite new winter coat. Because of that, we ask that you please not donate articles of clothing. With your generous financial donation, each child will have the simple joy of buying their new coat, knowing that they are loved and cherished.

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.

Healing through Harmony

Jaden's life changed when he was 5 years old. His father unexpectedly passed away, and through his grief, Jaden's connection to his mother became strained and he struggled to manage his anger at home. He was placed in LSI's Beloit Residential Treatment Center in Ames when he was 10, and he remembers being introduced to Spiritual Life.

The voluntary LSI program connects youth in residential treatment with faith-based art, music, and film. It is there to serve as a safe space for children to open up about their emotions and get the support they need to thrive.

"I always knew I loved to sing and I liked music," Jaden says. "Songs made me feel better, and music allowed me to express myself." Jaden eventually relocated to LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly, where he reconnected with Pastor Dennis Bauer, the director of the Spiritual Life program. "Jaden is one of the few kids who would actively set up lunch appointments with me," Pastor Dennis says. "He's really benefitted from being able to talk during the day." Having access to a support network and a trusting relationship with Pastor Dennis has helped Jaden feel empowered to make a positive change during his time at Bremwood.

Now 14, Jaden's finding his faith through music, and he's learning how to talk about his trauma and become a role model for other Iowa children in residential treatment. Jaden has now been adopted into a loving family. As he finishes up his treatment at Bremwood, his family is there to visit and worship with him, and Jaden is enjoying being a new big brother in his family.



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SENIOR SAINT SUNDAY**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW**

All Saints Day is on Sunday, November 5th. Last year we honored our Senior Saints, those whom are 80 and older, and we will once again do that this year. If you are 80 and over we hope you can join us.

Also, we invite those that have been baptized since last All Saints Day to join us as well. They are our newest saints at Bethany.

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

**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



BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES

August 14, 2017 Council Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:36 p.m. by President Lipes

Members Present: Greg Lipes, Jill Taylor, Paula Casper, Beth Kaufman, Jamie Zimmerman, Jon Twing, Pastor Chad, Cheryl Fischer

Members Absent: Wayne Frauenholtz, Tonya Samuelson

Opening Prayer and Devotional (Pastor Chad)
Pastor Chad led a devotional asking “why are we here”? We are here because Jesus loves us and we should embrace, celebrate and proclaim this with joy.

Pastor’s Report (Pastor Chad)

See report as submitted
Pastor Chad commented that “Music Sunday” was a big hit and a good respite for the summer service.
Pastor Chad commented that his is thankful for the vacation time and glad to be back refreshed and recharged.

Secretary’s Report: (Jamie Zimmerman for Jon Twing)

Jamie distributed the June/July minutes and accepted one correction.
Jill Taylor moved to accept, second was by Paula Casper. Minutes accepted with corrections.

Treasurer’s Report: (Jill Taylor)

Jill Taylor provided the June and July reports. Some clarification discussion but no action was required.
Paula Casper moved to accept, second was by Jamie Zimmerman. Report was approved.

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds (Jamie Zimmerman)

Jamie Zimmerman reported that roofing project was expected to start in the next two to three weeks. All materials have been purchased and the contractors were scheduling the job.

Jamie Zimmerman updated the Council on the purchase of a new wireless microphone for use in the Great Hall. This was discussed previously (i.e., after last year’s Annual Meeting), as with large groups it is hard to be heard.

Jamie is catching up on the landscaping but is happy for members to join in when they want and if they see some gardening/landscaping that is needed.

Education (Pastor Chad for Tonya Samuelsson)
Rally Sunday is scheduled for September 17th.

Per usual, we will have a potluck fellowship following. Postcards will be going out shortly. More teachers are needed—particularly for grades PS-3. If anyone is interested and/or knows of someone who might be interested, please see Tonya.

Evangelism (Wayne Frauenholtz)

No report submitted

Fellowship (Paula Casper)

Paula reported that support for the Fourth Sunday supper is waning and that if we want to keep up this service we need to find help organizing it and running it.

Paula also updated the Council on plans for “Uganda Thunder” Concert coming to Bethany on September 11 (Monday). More support is needed. One more host home is desired. An evening meal is needed (Chicken, rice and vegetables). Help with activities at the concert is also needed (ushers, parking lot attendants, refreshments, etc.). Please see Paula if you can help. Bethany is also providing breakfast and a sack lunch the next morning; help with this function is also needed). There will be a store at the concert to purchase merchandise and a love offering will be made. All the proceeds go to local Uganda charities.

Stewardship (Jon Twing)

No report

Youth (Cheryl Fischer)

Cheryl discussed the feedback on the youth surveys mailed. The Youth Group is exploring monthly or bimonthly activities “on demand” to exploit opportunity and schedule.

Worship & Music (Beth Kaufman)

Beth reported that the Worship and Music committee have been very busy working on:

New Acolyte robes, Outdoor Service, Rally Sunday Senior Appreciation day (First Sunday in November) Choir Training

We discussed extensively the Christmas Eve services this year since Christmas falls on a Sunday. The Worship and Music Committee will explore options and report back.

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Old Business (All)

Greg led discussion regarding the Community needs project and followed up with the discussion by providing minutes of what was discussed (redacted for confidentiality):

Provide rides to Iowa City for folks with limited transportation means., Support for Families, Inc.; They have lost a lot of funding. They have 1-2 people per week (in West Branch) who need their services, but cannot afford them. Not covered by most health insurance. \$1,000 gives 1 family service for 3 months (counseling in the home).

How to get kids involved in the Church and the community?

Prayer at the pole event (tried before successfully)?

Get a praise band to come to West Branch/

Host a Summer Camp (like Grinnell)

Suggests that the mistake we often make is to contact parents and try to "force" kids to participate. Instead, suggests we provide financial support and let the kids lead such an effort.

On a similar theme, it was suggested that kids don't have anything to do in the summer. What can we provide?

We have families in emergency in our community (i.e.: about to have their power turned off). Would like to have access to an emergency fund to help these folks. Jamie suggested that he at least ask Bethany about helping before turning folks away.

Can we "up the ante" with the food pantry, perhaps using Tipton as a model to strive towards (i.e., fresh produce, refrigeration, coupons for discounted purchases, etc.)?

Hunger was identified as a big problem in our community

Community Garden? Open to all, but target kids who qualify for free/reduced lunch program, backpack program; Get kids to help in garden. Teach kids every aspect of running a garden (starting seeds, planting, weeding, harvesting). Teach kids how to use the food/cook with food. There is at least one member of the community who is passionate and would love to support. Mayor Laughlin is very excited about this project and is willing to push for it—the City may donate land to this project.

The Library needs various help--maintaining the exterior of the building (pruning, weeding, etc.); various volunteering needs; could use homemade cookies for children's' programs.

New Business (All)

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is coming. Dutch and Dea need help with their basement as they have much water damage. This would involve cutting and hauling drywall away. We could also target the Library (see community needs project listing) as well.

New member application for Sterling and Robin Benz was approved.

New Constitution update was provided. Due to Churchwide guidelines, Bethany must make changes to our Constitution to be compliant. Paula will make the changes but we will need to schedule approval at the annual meeting. Much discussion ensued without action.

Council discussed what to do about the Treasurer's position given Jill's term will end next year. Turnover at the Treasurer's position is a problem because it takes so much effort to get up to speed. Council will continue to brainstorm options.

Council discussed the "Little Free Pantry" idea requested by a member. This is similar to the "Book Library" seen outside of the Methodist Church but for other pantry items like toiletries and foodstuffs. Council thought it was a great idea and encourages the congregation to move forward with this project. No objections with it located on Church property were raised.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:21



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 100:1-5

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

- For me, joyful noises to the Lord are...
- My favorite song or piece of music that reminds me of God...
- I sense being in God's presence when...



John 14:2-3

“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.”

- When I think of heaven, I imagine...
- I hope that in heaven...
- Being with Jesus...

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

- An experience of God giving me a fresh, clean heart, and restoring my joy...
- I need a more willing spirit in order to...
- A time that I felt cast away, not sensing God's presence, was...

UGANDAN THUNDER CHOIR PHOTOS



A great evening was had on September 11th as we welcomed the Ugandan Thunder Choir that consisted of 22 orphans from Uganda. We had approximately 75 people in attendance both locally and as far away as central Iowa. Additionally, over \$1,400 was collected to help house, feed and educate some of the 2.7 million orphans in Uganda. Thank you to all who attended and volunteered their time in making this event a success. We are looking into the possibility of having them back next year.





YOUTH EDUCATION

Wednesday 4-6th Grade Class Schedule

6:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. -- Light Snack

6:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. -- Class

October 4

October 11 (*Class will start at 7:00 p.m. due to Community Tailgate*)

October 18

October 25

November 1- NO CLASS (Parent/Teacher Conferences)

November 8

November 15

November 22- NO CLASS (Thanksgiving Break)

November 29

December 6

December 13

December 20

December 27- NO CLASS (Christmas Break)

January 3

January 10



Note: The schedule above, on the next page, and others can be found on our church website. Please visit it for a wealth of additional information at: www.wbbethany.org

These schedules are found under the “Education” tab on the homepage and then selecting “Sunday School” from the drop down menu.

FIRST COMMUNION EDUCATION

Is your child ready to start receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion? A tentative date for first communion instruction has been set for Monday, October 16th at 6:30 pm. All children going through the instruction will then receive their first communion during worship on Reformation Sunday, October 29th.

It is our belief a child does not need to be a certain age to take communion; however, some education is required so 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/guardians and pastor.

If your child plans to attend please let Pastor Chad know as soon as possible so supplies can be ordered.



2017-2018 Sunday School Schedule Pre-K – 3rd Grade

2017

Oct. 1: Sunday School
 Oct. 8: Sunday School
 Oct. 15: Sunday School
 Oct. 22: Sunday School
 Oct. 29: Sunday School
 Nov. 5: Sunday School
 Nov. 12: Sunday School
 Nov. 19: Sunday School
 Nov. 26: ***No Class – Thanksgiving Break***
 Dec. 3: Christmas Program Rehearsal
 Dec. 10: Christmas Program Rehearsal
 Dec. 17: Christmas Program During
Worship
 Dec. 24: ***No class – Christmas Eve***
 Dec. 31: ***No class – Christmas Break***

2018

Jan. 7: Sunday School
 Jan. 14: Sunday School
 Jan. 21: Sunday School
 Jan. 28: Sunday School
 Feb. 4: Sunday School
 Feb. 11: Sunday School
 Feb. 18: Sunday School
 Feb. 25: Sunday School
 March 4: Sunday School
 March 11: ***No Class – Spring Break***
 March 18: ***No Class – Spring Break***
 March 25: Sunday School
 April 1: ***No Class - Easter***
 April 8: Sunday School
 April 15: Sunday School
 April 22: Sunday School
 April 29: Sunday School
 May 6: Sunday School

LUNCH BIBLE STUDY NEWS

Join us for lunch at Mexico Lindo Grill & Cantina at 11:30 a.m. on the Monday's listed below. During our time of fellowship we will also look at the Gospel passage for the upcoming Sunday. See Pastor Chad with questions.

October 9, October 16, October 23, October 30

COOKIE WALK 2017

The 2017 cookie walk is on the *Christmas Past* schedule for Saturday, December 2nd! This year the Dansk Cafe will be serving coffee; there will be no working demonstrations. Please bring your cookies to the church either Friday evening or Saturday morning by 8:30 a.m. Set up will be Friday afternoon.

Help is needed for the event, including setup and cleanup. Everyone please bring a tray of cookies to sell as we welcome the community to Bethany. We are also looking for someone to take over planning this long standing event. If you have any questions please contact Candy or Paula.



Bethany's Annual Cookie Walk

MINISTER OF PRAYER—HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

Off and on over the last few months we have had some wonderful high school students help lead the congregation in prayer during Sunday worship and we are seeking all high school students to consider serving in this capacity. An online sign-up sheet has been created and can be accessed at:

www.volunteersignup.org/TKY3H

The Prayer of the Day is a short prayer, usually 2-3 sentences in length, prayed during worship. An instructional sheet with a copy of the Prayer of Day will be sent in advance so you can practice. Please see Pastor Chad with any questions.



SUNDAY ADULT DISCUSSION

Plan to join us this fall for a time of learning following worship and fellowship. We will begin at approximately 10:20 a.m. in the Small Hall and conclude around 11:00 a.m. Our first Sunday will be October 1. We will be exploring a seven-week course from Augsburg Fortress called *Animate: Faith*. This course features leading voices within the church exploring big questions on faith. There will be short videos followed by a time of reflection and discussion. Please see Neil Korsmo or Pastor Chad with any questions.

We welcome any and all to attend. You don't need to be an expert on the Bible or have all the right answers. We also encourage high school students and young adults to attend as well.



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*.

Sunday, October 1	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32	Tuesday, October 17	Psalms 34 Amos 9:5-15 Philippians 3:13-4:1
Monday, October 2	Psalms 28 Judges 14:1-20 Philippians 1:3-14	Wednesday, October 18	Psalms 34 Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4 John 6:25-35
Tuesday, October 3	Psalms 28 Judges 16:1-22 Philippians 1:15-21	Thursday, October 19	Psalms 96:1-9 [10-13] Judges 17:1-6 3 John 9-12
Wednesday, October 4	Psalms 28 Judges 16:23-31 Matthew 9:2-8	Friday, October 20	Psalms 96:1-9 [10-13] Deuteronomy 17:14-20 1 Peter 5:1-5
Thursday, October 5	Psalms 80:7-15 Jeremiah 2:14-22 Colossians 2:16-23	Saturday, October 21	Psalms 96:1-9 [10-13] Isaiah 14:3-11 Matthew 14:1-12
Friday, October 6	Psalms 80:7-15 Jeremiah 2:23-37 Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a	Sunday, October 22	Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalms 96:1-9 [10-13] 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Saturday, October 7	Psalms 80:7-15 Jeremiah 6:1-10 John 7:40-52	Monday, October 23	Matthew 22:15-22 Psalms 98 Daniel 3:1-18
Sunday, October 8	Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	Tuesday, October 24	Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20 Psalms 98 Daniel 3:19-30
Monday, October 9	Psalms 144 Ezekiel 19:10-14 1 Peter 2:4-10	Wednesday, October 25	Revelation 18:21-24 Psalms 98 Daniel 6:1-28
Tuesday, October 10	Psalms 144 Isaiah 27:1-6 2 Corinthians 5:17-21	Thursday, October 26	Matthew 17:22-27 Psalms 1 Numbers 5:5-10
Wednesday, October 11	Psalms 144 Song of Solomon 8:5-14 John 11:45-57	Friday, October 27	Titus 1:5-16 Psalms 1 Deuteronomy 9:25-10:5
Thursday, October 12	Psalms 23 Isaiah 22:1-8a 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14	Saturday, October 28	Titus 2:7-8, 11-15 Psalms 1 Proverbs 24:23-34
Friday, October 13	Psalms 23 Isaiah 22:8b-14 James 4:4-10	Sunday, October 29	John 5:39-47 Jeremiah 31:31-34 Romans 3:19-28
Saturday, October 14	Psalms 23 Isaiah 24:17-23 Mark 2:18-22	Monday, October 30	John 8:31-36 Psalms 119:41-48 Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25
Sunday, October 15	Isaiah 25:1-9 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	Tuesday, October 31	James 2:8-13 Psalms 119:41-48 Deuteronomy 10:10-22
Monday, October 16	Psalms 34 Exodus 19:7-20 Jude 17-25		James 2:14-26



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Adult Discussion 10:20 AM Sunday School Pre-K through 3rd grade	2	3 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	4 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:30 PM 4-6 grade Education	5 6:00 AM Women's Bible study 7:00 PM Prayer Group	6	7
8 9:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Adult Discussion 10:20 AM Sunday School Pre-K through 3rd grade	9 11:30 AM Lunch Bible Study at Mexico Lindo 6:30 PM Council Meeting	10 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	11 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 9:00 AM Women's Circle 6:30 PM 4-6 grade Education 6:30 PM Confirmation	12 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	13	14
15 9:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Adult Discussion 10:20 AM Sunday School Pre-K through 3rd grade	16 11:30 AM Lunch Bible Study at Mexico Lindo 6:30 PM First Communion Instruction	17 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	18 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:30 PM 4-6 grade Education 6:30 PM Confirmation	19 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	20	21
22 9:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Adult Discussion 10:20 AM Sunday School Pre-K through 3rd grade 5:00 PM West Branch Community Meal @ Bethany 6:15 PM Luther and the Reformation Video Showing	23 11:30 AM Lunch Bible Study at Mexico Lindo	24 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	25 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:30 PM 4-6 grade Education 6:30 PM Confirmation	26 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	27	28
29 9:00 AM Worship (Reformation Sunday with First Communion) 10:20 AM Adult Discussion 10:20 AM Sunday School Pre-K through 3rd grade	30 11:30 AM Lunch Bible Study at Mexico Lindo	31 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	1 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	2 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	3	4

Monetary Gifts Report

Submitted by Jill Taylor

Saints in Worship:

8-06	40
8-13	63
8-20	64
8-27	75
Total	242

	August 2017		YTD	
Total Receipts	Actual 10,819	Budget 13,167	Actual 97,089	Budget 105,336
Total Expenses	Actual 13,981	Budget 13,039	Actual 91,855	Budget 104,399

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.

