Bethany Lutheran Church

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

September 2016

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? - Isaiah 43:19

Important Dates

9-01 Prayer Book Discussion7:00pm
9-11 "God's Work Our Hands"
9-14 Confirmation 6:30 pm
9-15 Prayer Book Discussion7:00pm
9-18 Rally Sunday
9-22 Prayer Book Discussion7:00pm
9-25 Outdoor Worship and Pet Blessing

Contact Information

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

Pastor Chad Whaley
pastor@wbbethany.org

Office Hours
Monday & Thursday
9:00 a.m. - Noon

*Pastor Chad is also available by appointment.

Admin. Assistant: Paula Casper
blcsecretary@lcom.net

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

Dear Faithful People of God,

This article is from a recent devotional placed on the Bethany Lutheran Facebook page; thus, if you have already read it my apologies. Our family recently got back from a vacation to Gulf Shores, Alabama. We love it down there. Relaxing on the beach, listening to the peaceful melody of the waves as they crash into the shore, soaking up the warmth of the Sun God made, catching momentary glimpses of dolphins glorifying their Creator as they dance in the water, and simply finding some Sabbath rest in the midst of busy lives. However, this time we ran into quite a bit of rain and not just normal 20-30 minute showers. It was easy to get depressed and frustrated since I had looked forward to this since last year and desperately was in need of the time away. This was not part of the plan.

So after a few days of rain we cut our trip short and headed off to a new destination. I was still bummed but our new journey prompted one of the most fun parts of our trip as we went rafting in Chattanooga on the Ocoee River where they held the kayaking competition for the 1996 Olympics.

I think as the church we can get into a similar pattern. We get focused on one way of doing things. We close ourselves off to the very new thing God might be doing. We can spend our time reminiscing on the glory days of the past, get depressed, and miss out on the promise God is doing something new. Indeed God continues to create, reform, and prompt us to expand our horizons in order that we may draw more deeply into a relationship with our Creator. It's similar to how God does something new in Christ each time we draw near to the baptismal waters and remember that each day we emerge once again out of those waters as a new person – washed freely from the sin that binds us and free to live out our life of faith responding to that amazing grace and forgiveness as we spread that love in the world through service.

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

Pastor Chad

Birthdays

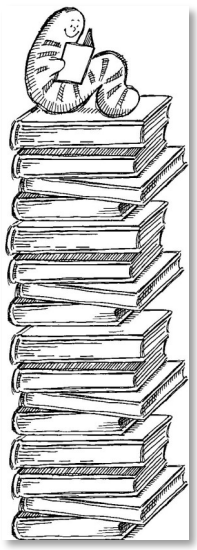
09-01 Dru Johnston, Jared Liebergen
Andrea Pedersen
09-03 Jaden Hierseman
09-04 Nick Fitzgerald
09-09 Emma Fryauf, John Fuhrmeister
09-14 Jeff Arp, Jaylen Votroubek
09-15 Anne Fetzer
09-16 Rebecca Black, Victoria Yeater
09-17 Ron Madsen, Kendra Webb
09-19 Wade Holmes
09-20 Andrew Samuelson
09-21 Kevin Blaalid
09-22 Pam Glandon
09-23 Cindy Knoop, Helen Petersen
09-24 Kyle Anderson
09-29 Jim Racey

CONFIRMATION 2016-2017

Opening night of Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) Class will be on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m.

All parents and students in 7th and 8th grade and are wishing to be confirmed are invited to attend.

A meal will be provided. Please see Pastor Chad with any questions.



Bethany Books

by Frank Frostestad

Books For Adults

Pastor Chad has started a small group that will last for six weeks and will focus on Prayer. As he stated in the August newsletter "Prayer is something we do individually but it is also something we do together and why not talk about prayer together. That is the intent of this opportunity." This month's Bethany Books article will follow this theme of prayer. The book *Prayer, a primer* by Henry F. French is the book that is being used for this class. In it basic spiritual disciplines are offered that not only help the most beginner of seekers to develop a rewarding prayer life but also is a lifelong guide for those who want to go further into various aspects of prayer. I am adding a copy of this book to the library so that members can read it even if they do not take the class.

Faith Begins @Home: Prayer by Mark Holmen tells parents that just as they teach their children many important skills from tying shoe laces, to using a fork, and riding a bike, they also need to teach them how to pray.

A Prayerbook For Husbands And Wives by Ruthanne and Walter Wangerin is a collection of read-aloud prayers for all occasions. It is a collection that will draw husbands and wives closer to God and to one another.

Praying In Color: Drawing A New Path To God by Sybil MacBeth was recently donated. "It is rare to find a book that is so simple and profound. *Praying In Color* will forever change the way that you pray." This is an exercise in praying with the right side of your brain.

Teach Us To Pray: Overcoming Obstacles To Daily Prayer by Bradley Hanson sheds light on a number of difficulties we experience in prayer. He gives suggestions that he and others have found to be helpful. He invites us to face our prayer problems because we all encounter them at some time in our lives.

The Power Of A Praying Parent by Stormie Omartian highlights the importance of prayer in our children's lives. Being a perfect parent does not matter. Being a praying one does. "Whether your child in three or thirty-three, it's never too late to discover the joy that comes with being a part of God's work in your child's life."

The Power Of A Praying Wife by Stormie Omartian takes a look at the power of prayer in marriage. Today's challenges and pressures can make a fulfilling marriage seem like an impossible dream. Everyone who desires a closer relationship with their spouse will benefit from this book.

Adult Education Opportunities

Sermons Are Online

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

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

Bethany Books Continued...

Books For Children
How Does God Listen? by Kay Lindahl teaches children that God is everywhere, and the world is full of wonder. This book for ages 3-6 helps children use all their senses to explore how God is always present in their everyday lives, and is always listening. It helps children develop a direct and personal understanding of God.
Grandad's Prayers Of The Earth by Douglas Wood has been reviewed previously but I thought that it fit in with this month's theme to be included once again. In walks with his grandfather a young boy is told that all of creation prays. One day the boy asks "Are our prayers answered…?"
Later, he finds the answer to his own question.

December 3rd
9:00 am till ?

Once again it is time to think about Bethany's annual cookie walk. Although we have been doing this for many years, the community still looks forward to not only the treats, but the fellowship.

Please give serious thought about whether we should continue this event and what you can do to help. Any new ideas?

Set– Up Schedule

Friday, December 2nd

Set up at1:00 pm. Need a couple of strong men to help with tables, etc!

The Dansk Cafe needs volunteers to bake and serve coffee.

The quilters will again offer items for sale.

Most important—we need lots of cookies.

Call Paula (643-5998) or Candy (643-5869) with any questions and VOLUNTEER to help.

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 – Kat Korsmo

Organist – Seth Butler

Church Council

John Black
(319) 631-5622
johnblack@lcom.net

Greg Lipes
(319) 643-3211
Greg.lipes@gmail.com

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

Jill Taylor
(319) 643-5865
jtmetmrt@gmail.com

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

Tonya Samuelson
(319) 643-5915
3sams@aol.com

Kevin Olson
(319) 330-7650
kevinolsonlaw@gmail.com

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

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

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

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY

Once again Bethany will join thousands of congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) across America as we respond to God's grace through acts of service and love to our neighbor. Indeed, we are called to respond in such ways daily; however, this day has become one many people look forward to.

Activities Planned This Year

- **Worship at 9:00 a.m.**
- **Car Wash:** This will be held in the Bethany Parking Lot and begin at 11:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m. We will wash cars for free as we respond in love to our neighbor out of God's great love for us. However, if people do want to make a donation all proceeds will go to the Hoover Elementary Weekend Hunger Program which sends food home with children and their families over the weekend. Supplies will be provided. We *do need cookies, bars, etc. to set out for our guests to snack on while waiting for their car to be washed.*
- **Hymn Sing at Crestview Nursing Home**: Our organist Seth will be sticking around to assist us as we visit the wonderful residents of Crestview and sing songs of praise with them. We will begin at 11:00 a.m. and sing for approximately 20-30 minutes.
- **Quilting:** Come one and all to help the quilters following worship in the Great Hall. If you have never quilted - no worries - the experts will welcome you in and guide you on what to do.

We do still have a few of the yellow t-shirts available for this day. If you would like one please see Pastor Chad.

FAITH AT HOME

For some time now we have had short Bible passages and reflections pertaining to that text on the tables in the Great Hall. We have decided to also place those in the Newsletter. The passages and questions will match up with those found on the tables. Therefore if you want to continue the discussion at home you can. This is one more way we are trying to spur conversation about faith and also absorb ourselves in the word of God.

Matthew 7:13-14

"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it."

•Presently, the road I am traveling on looks like….
•Life's easy looking roads…
•Life's narrow and difficult roads…

Isaiah 40:6-8

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

•A message that God might ask me to cry out to the world is…
•Past human ideas and beliefs that needed to wither and fade…
•The message of God that stays consistent throughout history…

Isaiah 42:1

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

- The qualities of a servant whom God has chosen for leadership…
- Today's nations are in need of…
- God's delight for me…

Matthew 2:10-12

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

•For me, Christmas…
•The gifts I bring to Jesus are…
•My star, or what is guiding me to Jesus, is…

†

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES June 13, 2016

Members present: Greg Lipes, Jill Taylor, Beth Kaufman, Paula Casper, Pastor Chad, Jamie Zimmerman, Tonya Samuelson, Jon Twing

Members absent: John Black, Kevin Olson

Called to order: 6:31 PM by Vice President Greg Lipes.

Opening devotional and prayer: Pastor Chad led a combination devotional/bible study/prayer following the theme from VBS. Pastor Chad reminded us of the important of prayer and encouraged us to pray. Pastor also reminded us of the ELCA publications: "Book of Faith" and the upcoming "Life of Faith" focused on prayer. Council then shared anecdotes from our prayer lives followed by good group discussion. Devotional concluded at 7:00 pm.

Pastor's report (printed report provided):

- VBS was a big hit after the first day.
- Many social issues the previous weeks. Kudos to West Branch Chief of Police for helping Bethany, the Pastor and those in need.
- Still working on the electric wheelchair for an individual in the community in need.
- Prayer is the current focus or theme for the Pastor.

President's Report: None submitted

Secretary's report: As submitted. Jamie moved to accept with edits. Beth second. All approved.

Treasurer's report: Report was pending at the meeting but distributed later. Miscellaneous expenses were discussed. Parsonage blind expenses reviewed. Table and chairs purchase expense was reviewed.

Building and Grounds:

- Parsonage blinds have been installed with good results. Council spent an additional $150 for professional installation that also carried work warranty. Jamie reported great customer service from the seller and the installer. Pastor reported that he and his family are thrilled with the new blinds.
- Landscape spraying has been completed
- Del reported that tree trimming has been scheduled
- Jamie is looking for special help with the bathroom tile scrubbing

Education: Tonya reported that 48 children are participating in VBS with more "stragglers" on their way in. All donated foods arrived on time. First day was very smooth and kids had a great time. Three ladies from WBUMC are running the pre-school with eight children participating until after lunch. All hope that with this success that a joint VBS continues in the future. Reports are that the counselors are being spoiled by the well run VBS at Bethany this year.

Evangelism: Greg reported that with Laura and Paula's help that summer sack lunches will be provided to the school children following the School / WBARC process the week of 15Aug.

Fellowship: Paula reported that the Great Hall is being used a lot. Paula also reported that the "fourth Sunday free -meal" was good and that the next one is scheduled for June 26. Paula and Jill reviewed the treasurer reports and statements to ensure accuracy and to clean up the files.

Stewardship: Twing offered no report.

Youth: No report.

Worship & Music: offered no report.

Old Business:

Briefly revisited lunch program

New Business:

Pastor reminded us of "Gods Work, Our Hands" activity scheduled for 11Sep.

Meeting adjourned: Meeting adjourned by the President at 7:49 p.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES July 13, 2016

Members present: Greg Lipes, Jill Taylor, Beth Kaufman, Pastor Chad, Jamie Zimmerman, Tonya Samuelson, Jon Twing, Kevin Olson

Members absent: John Black, Paula Casper

Called to order: 6:33 PM by Vice President Greg Lipes. Greg provided hard copies of meeting agenda which was distributed earlier via Google Drive sharing.

Opening devotional and prayer: Pastor Chad showed a video about "God's Work, Our Hands" day and noted that this is also posted on the Bethany Facebook page. Pastor pointed out that this year "God's Work, Our Hands" falls on September 11th. As that date evokes emotions for many, it also serves to remind us that as Christians, we are part of something much bigger than us. Pastor led us in a reading and reflection using Luke, Chapter 10 (1-20). Closed with prayer and with the devotional ending at 6:56 p.m.

Pastor's Report (Pastor Chad, as submitted):

11 visits
Prayer for Bethany Menbers
Crestview Worship
Men's bible study
VBS!
Facebook, Twitter, Church website updates, reading and study, more Prayer. VBS was an awesome week for all (Samuelson to report further). God's work is seen at Bethany! Quilter's efforts, Hope Chest, Fourth Sunday meals are all making a difference in our community and in God's kingdom. Bested for "summer stillness" and a chance to recharge, pray, reflect and ponder.

Upcoming events:
Pastor holiday 29Jul-10Aug

Book study on prayer to kick off soon

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is 11Sep2016!

Rally Sunday is likely to be 18Sep2016 but will need to be finalized

Outdoor worship and blessing will be 25Sep2016
Many social issues the previous weeks. Kudos to West Branch Chief of Police for helping Bethany, the Pastor and those in need.

Still working on the electric wheelchair for an individual in the community in need.

Prayer is the current focus or theme for the Pastor.
Potential Financial Peace University offering through Jodi Clemens at Thrivent. **Twing to coordinate**.

President's Report (John Black): None submitted.

Secretary's report (Jon Twing, as summited):

Corrections suggested (and entered and distributed on Aug/04/2016). Kevin Olson moved to accept corrected minutes. Jamie Zimmerman provided a second to the motion. All approved pending corrections.

Treasurer's report (Jill Taylor, as submitted):

Not a lot of action, pretty standard report. Quarterly tax month close was the essence of the efforts this month.

A discussion about the software and technology budget ensued with year to date already surpassing last year's total and the amount budgeted for this year. **Jill Taylor to investigate and report back**. One suggestion is to increase next years budget, as our software and technology needs are far greater now than they once were.

Similarly, the continuing education budget was questioned as the year to date budget is listed as zero when we have spent quite a lot year to date. **Jill Taylor to investigate and report back**

VBS was discussed. $582 in donations was received and the remaining costs of approximately $3,000 was split with the other church. Typically, this function does more to pay for itself and with the great participation this year perhaps expectations were too high for recovery. It was pointed out, however, that no explicit free will offering was made this year to cover the expense so the donations may have been down due to this.

Money allocated to the Hope Chest to purchase shoes was discussed.

Report was motioned for approval by Jamie Zimmerman, second was offered by Jon Twing. Motion was approved to accept the Treasurer's Report pending actions.

Building and Grounds (Jamie Zimmerman):

Jamie reported that he has sprayed for weeds both at the church and the parsonage.

There is still an issue with bats in the attic of the parsonage. Jamie pointed out that these bats are protected and we can't destroy them. Jamie is working with a contractor to install a "bat escape tube" (not be confused with the venerable "bat signal" sometimes used to summon our superhero the Pastor), which allows the bats an exit route without return. A misguided discussion ensued regarding the old roof, the new roof the attic and if the new roofing contractor had any responsibility in the cost of the bat extrication. This discussion ended without action and/or might still be ongoing.

Kitchen floor scrub is pending. Jon Twing commented that he is right behind Jamie in getting this work done

Continued on page 8

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES continued...

Education (Tonya Samuelson):

Tonya is working on a broadcast email with follow up phone call for planning staffing for Sunday school. Prior to this Tonya reported the age-old dilemma of how many groups, how many volunteers and how best to accommodate schedules to maximize participation.

Tonya noted that she and others had conflicted emotions regarding possible solutions for the low attendance and/or difficulty in getting volunteers—one vs. two class rooms or meeting every other Sunday were possible solutions discussed. The Council then brainstormed some ideas. What about having Sunday school on Wednesday night? Pros and cons were debated. Twing reflected on his success with "one mixed mode" classroom with older and younger kids he had when teaching special needs students. Pros and cons were debated.
It was resolved that **Tonya and a team of participants (likely Courtney Heid, Amber Marsh, Tonya and Pastor) would convene separately to discuss.**

Evangelism (Greg Lipes): No report.

Fellowship (Paula Casper): No report.

Stewardship (Jon Twing): No report.

Youth (Kevin Olson): Kevin reported that despite his efforts to engage he is becoming frustrated and not sure what to do. Between high school sports and other activities there is literally no time left for planned youth functions. The discussion continued during the Worship and Music report.

Worship & Music (Beth Kaufman): Beth offered that she and the Pastor have been working on opportunities to get youth more involved in Church functions as a way to provide them reasons to become involved. For example, reading and/or ringing the bell, greeting, etc. Twing offered the suggestion of providing a Bethany Scholarship to the high school youth who exemplified themselves in this role. Much debate ensued. Kevin mentioned that show choir was a hook that resonated with youth but we would be in direct competition with the school if we did this. Pastor mentioned the Youth Director position but most of the discussion was about the level of effort needed to provide the type of support we were looking for. Tonya thought a good place to start was to provide jobs to Sunday school attendees and/or confirmation students such that they would have a reason to stay involved after they left Sunday school or were confirmed. All in all, good discussion and good ideas were exchanged.

Old Business (All):

Brainstormed ideas for "God's Work, Our Hands" day. More or less coalesced at doing something for / with Crestview

Greg Lipes motioned that we buy t-shirts, Jon Twing seconded, motioned approved and Pastor to proceed.

Due to Pastor's holiday we will have no float in the parade this year unless members of the congregation wanted to lead it.

A question was raised about the annual school supplies drive and if we would be doing that again this year. **Pastor to follow up with how the Elementary School wanted to do it this year.**

Tonya suggested that we could donate milk money

Kevin suggested a winter coat drive

New Business (All):

Twing mentioned a donation of two Dyson vacuum cleaners (one for upstairs and one for downstairs) such that we can "throw all the old junk away". Jamie agreed to take care of removal of the old stuff.

Jamie Zimmerman gave the Council a "heads up" that the cost of the bat removal is likely to be in the $1,500 range and made a motion that the Council authorize up to $1,500 spend to get it fixed. Twing provided the second. Motion was approved.

Seth requested permission to offer piano lessons following worship. Jamie moved to approve and Twing second. Motion approved pending clarity on supervision with Youth at the church.

Greg Lipes offered Google Drive training and provided verbal directions on use. Google might be a great exchange platform for sharing documents and collaboration on ideas.

Meeting adjourned:

Meeting adjourned by the Vice President at 8:37 p.m. and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Education

We are tying something new this year with our Sunday School Program. We will be having 2 class groups PreK -3rd grade which will meet at the usual time on Sundays shortly after church. Our other group 4th-6th grade will be meeting on Wed. evenings. We will be serving a light snack starting at 6:30pm with class time beginning at 6:45pm and ending at 7:30pm. We will be using the same curriculum as last year, that includes some bible time, a short video message and activities. Rally Sunday will be Sunday Sept. 18 so our first Wed. class is looking to be Sept. 21.

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 17th at 6:30 pm. All children going through the instruction will then receive their first communion during worship on Reformation Sunday, October 30th. 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.

First Communion

Rally Sunday
Sunday Sept. 18

We will have a pot luck after the Service in the Great Hall. Please bring a side dish or a desert to share.

We are in need of volunteers to help teach or be a helper/extra body for each group. Please consider this invitation and if you are moved to help us out please send an email to me, Tonya Samuelson, at s3ams@aol.com or let Pastor know so we can begin to formulate our schedule. We are in hopes of getting enough so that it would be a once per month rotation.

†

Daily Bible Readings

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings. The complete Daily Lectionary is also found on pages 1121-1153 of our hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship.*

Thursday, September	Psalm 1 Genesis 39:1-23 Philippians 2:25-30
Friday, September 2	Psalm 1 Deuteronomy 7:12-26 Colossians 4:7-17
Saturday, September 3	Psalm 1 Deuteronomy 29:2-20 Matthew 10:34-42
Sunday, September 4	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33
Monday, September 5	Psalm 101 2 Kings 17:24-41 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Tuesday, September 6	Psalm 101 2 Kings 18:9-18 1 Timothy 4:6-16
Wednesday, September 7	Psalm 101 2 Kings 18:19-25, 19:1-7 Luke 18:18-30
Thursday, September 8	Psalm 51:1-10 Genesis 6:1-6
Friday, September 9	Psalm 51:1-10 Genesis 7:6-10; 8:1-5 2 Peter 2:1-10a
Saturday, September 10	Psalm 51:1-10 Genesis 8:20-9:7 John 10:11-21
Sunday, September 11	Exodus 32:7-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10
Monday, September 12	Psalm 73 Amos 7:1-6 1 Timothy 1:18-20
Tuesday, September 13	Psalm 73 Jonah 3:1-10 2 Peter 3:8-13
Wednesday, September 14	Psalm 73 Job 40:6-14; 42:1-6 Luke 22:31-33, 54-62
Thursday, September 15	Psalm 113 Exodus 23:1-9 Romans 3:1-8
Friday, September 16	Psalm 113 Ezekiel 22:17-31 Romans 8:31-39
Saturday, September 17	Psalm 113 Isaiah 5:8-23 Mark 12:41-44
Sunday, September 18	Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13
Monday, September 19	Psalm 12 Proverbs 14:21-31 Acts 4:1-12
Tuesday, September 20	Psalm 12 Proverbs 17:1-5 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
Wednesday, September 21	Psalm 12 Proverbs 21:10-16 Luke 20:45-21:4
Thursday, September 22	Psalm 146 Proverbs 22:2-16 2 Corinthians 8:8-15
Friday, September 23	Psalm 146 Proverbs 28:3-10 Ephesians 2:1-10
Saturday, September 24	Psalm 146 Proverbs 28:11-28 Luke 9:43b-48
Sunday, September 25	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31
Monday, September 26	Psalm 62 Amos 6:8-14 Revelation 3:14-22
Tuesday, September 27	Psalm 62 Hosea 10:9-15 James 5:1-6
Wednesday, September 28	Psalm 62 Hosea 12:2-14 Matthew 19:16-22
Thursday, September 29	Psalm 37:1-9 2 Kings 18:1-8,28-36 Revelation 2:8-11
Friday, September 30	Psalm 37:1-9 2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37 Revelation 2:12-29

†

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 **9:00 AM** Worship followed by fellowship **5:00 PM** West Branch Community Meal @ Bethany	29	30 **1:00 PM** Quilters **1:30 PM** Hope Chest Open	31 **6:00 AM** Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	1 **6:00 AM** Women's Bible study **7:00 PM** Prayer book meeting	2	3
4 **9:00 AM** Worship followed by fellowship	5	6 **1:00 PM** Quilters **1:30 PM** Hope Chest Open	7 **6:00 AM** Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	8 **6:00 AM** Women's Bible study	9	10
11 God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday **9:00 AM** Worship followed by fellowship	12 **6:30 PM** Council Meeting	13 **1:00 PM** Quilters **1:30 PM** Hope Chest Open	14 **6:00 AM** Men's Breakfast and Bible Study **6:30 PM** Confirmation Student/Parent Orientation	15 **6:00 AM** Women's Bible study **7:00 PM** Prayer book meeting	16	17
18 Rally Sunday **9:00 AM** Worship followed by fellowship	19	20 **1:00 PM** Quilters **1:30 PM** Hope Chest Open	21 **6:00 AM** Men's Breakfast and Bible Study **6:30 PM** Confirmation and 4-6 Grade Education	22 **6:00 AM** Women's Bible study **7:00 PM** Prayer book meeting	23	24
25 Outdoor Worship and Pet Blessing **9:00 AM** Worship followed by fellowship **4:00 PM** Bingo for fun **5:00 PM** West Branch Community Meal @ Bethany	26	27 **1:00 PM** Quilters **1:30 PM** Hope Chest Open	28 **6:00 AM** Men's Breakfast and Bible Study **6:30 PM** Confirmation and 4-6 Grade Education	29 **6:00 AM** Women's Bible study	30	

Saints in Worship:

7-3 54
7-10 48
7-17 40
7-24 55
7-31 50
Total: 247

Monetary Gifts Report

Submitted by Jill Taylor

	July 2016		YTD	
Total Receipts	Actual 14,283	Budget 13,083	Actual 92,914	Budget 91,585
Total Expenses	Actual 14,840	Budget 13,647	Actual 104,148	Budget 95,641

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

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

†

Ministry Assistants

Ministers of Proclamation (Lectors)

09-04 Jon Twing
09-11 Frank Frostestad
09-18 Kevin Olson
09-25 Brett Schiele

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

09-04 John & Linda Black
09-11 Carol Roghair
09-18 Al & Claudia Beyer
09-25 Paula Casper & Courtney Heid

Ministers of Christ's Light (Acolytes)

09-04 Gavin Hierseman/Hunter Niles
09-11 Andrew Samuelson/Aiden Shields
09-18 Olivia & Alex Poppen
09-25 Ellie Holstad/Katie Anderson

Find us on Facebook

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

DON"T FORGET TO LIKE US!

Like

twitter

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