

# Bethany Lutheran Church

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



**September  
2017**

## Important Dates

9-10 God's Work. Our Hands.  
Sunday  
9-11 Ugandan Thunder Concert 6:30  
p.m.  
9-13 Women's circle 9:00 a.m.  
9-17 Rally Sunday potluck  
9-24 Outdoor Service with Pet  
Blessing

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*When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." - Luke 2:15*



Dear Faithful and Precious Saints of God,

I have just returned to my desk after spending a few minutes watching the moon pass before the sun. Thankfully, the clouds covering the sky much of the day on the 21st of August gave way to see this awe inspiring event.

The energy and excitement leading up to this day has been tremendous. Everyone was talking about it. It was all over the internet and on the television screens. After all, the next total eclipse won't happen until April 8, 2024.

It is events such as this in life that really do heighten our anticipation levels. They are exciting; but, so is faith. Isn't it amazing that we get to partner with the God who created the sun and moon and brilliantly designed this total eclipse? Isn't it exciting we get to serve alongside our Lord and Savior? Don't you almost have to pinch yourself each day knowing just how much God loves you? Each and every day as a follower of Christ is joyous as we live in the glorious glow of God's grace.

Similar to the shepherds in the birth narrative of Jesus, as told by Luke, it is the excitement of what God has done, is doing, and will continue to do that causes us to spring into action. To follow our Lord. To worship and praise Him. To serve Him in all aspects of our lives. To be people caught up in the excitement of His great love for us and then to live and tell people just how much we, too, love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Blessings!

Pastor Chad





## Birthdays

09-01 Dru Johnston, Jared Liebergen  
 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

## FOURTH SUNDAY MEAL

This is a ministry the Council moved to support and we have been doing for nearly 4 years. In that time, hundreds of people have come through our doors, received a meal, and had a wonderful time of fellowship. We thank all who have attended, all who have volunteered to serve these meals and we invite all who have not attended or volunteered to consider doing so. If preparing a meal for 20-30 people seems overwhelming then consider simply coming to help out. Please see Paula with any questions.

*Our next meal is Sunday,  
 September 24th  
 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.*



## Bethany Books

by Frank Frostestad

### Books For Adults

The books this month are by Beverly Lewis who has been called “the queen” of Amish fiction. We have a number of books by her and this month will add the *Rose Trilogy* and *The Ebb Tide*.

Lancaster County, with the rolling meadows and secret byways, may seem idyllic, but it is not without its thorns.

*The Rose Trilogy* is the story of two Amish sisters, and the events and decisions that changes their lives. In volume one, *The Thorn*, we meet the Kauffman family. Rose Ann Kauffman, the youngest, has had a long close friendship with the bishop’s rebellious foster son. Rose’s older sister Hen, who knows more than she should about

falling for the wrong man, cautions her against him. Rose is being courted by another, and so dismisses her warnings. Hen Kauffman Orringer’s impulsive marriage to an outsider divided her from the People. This is a decision she now regrets since she has a daughter of her own. In volume two, *The Judgment*, Hen struggles to reclaim aspects of Amish culture. Her very modern husband pushes back and the two soon come to an impasse. The reader wonders if she can find a way to reconcile her longing for the Old Ways with the life she has chosen. In volume three, *The Mercy*, Hen cares for her husband after he is injured, uncertain what the future holds. Rose’s relationship with her former suitor does not work out. She welcomes a second chance when she least expects it. Will it work out? You’ll have to read volume three to find out what happens to Rose as well as Hen’s marriage.

In *The Ebb Tide* we meet Sallie Riehl who has dreamed of traveling at least once before settling down to join the church. She is thrilled at an unexpected summer opportunity to be a nanny for a well-to-do family in Cape May. Saying even a temporary goodbye to Paradise Township, however, means foregoing baptism for another year, as well as leaving behind a would-be beau. The weeks in Cape May soon prove to be unforgettable as Sallie meets a Mennonite young man whose friendship she quickly begins to cherish. Has she been too quick in her promises? Will she only find what she is longing for back home?

### Book for Children

*How Roland Rolls* by Jim Carrey is a story about a wave named Roland. He is afraid that one day, when he hits the beach, his life will be over. But when he gets deep he is struck by the idea that he is not just a wave – he is the whole big, wide ocean. The story shows humanity’s interconnectedness through the metaphor of a wave in the ocean. Children need to feel part of something larger than themselves. This can be helped by time spent with parents and grandparents.



## Adult Education Opportunities



### Sermons Are Online

Pastor Chad's sermons can be found on Bethany's website ([www.wbbethany.org](http://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

### Lunch Bible Study

Monday's at 11:30 a.m.  
at Mexico Lindo Grill and Cantina  
(See additional information on next page)

## DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITY TEACH OR HELP WITH YOUTH EDUCATION

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](mailto: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.

*We would love to have a few high school students assist with one of our adult teachers.*

## RALLY SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 17

Plan to join us in worship Sunday, September 17 as we begin another year of child and youth education. We will install teachers and give youth Bibles out to those entering 4th grade.

Following worship, we will have a brunch potluck. The main dish will be provided and all are invited to bring a side dish to share.

## CONFIRMATION

Opening night of Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) Class will be on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will last approximately 30 minutes.

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

Please see Pastor Chad with questions.





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CHILD AND YOUTH EDUCATION

Once again this year we will be having 2 class groups for youth education.

- *Pre-K—3rd grade* will meet on Sunday morning shortly following worship (approximately 10:20 a.m.). This class will start Sunday, October 1.
- *4th—6th grade* will meet on Wednesday evening. This class will start Wednesday, September 27.

On Wednesday evenings a light snack will be served at 6:30 p.m. Education will begin at 6:45 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m.



LUNCH BIBLE STUDY COMING SOON!

This was done several years ago and we are going to try it again. We will gather 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. We will plan to meet through October, with the exception of 2 weeks Pastor will be gone for continuing education, and then evaluate whether to continue or not. The dates are listed in the next column. See Pastor Chad with questions.



- September 11
- September 18
- October 9
- October 16
- October 23
- October 30

Learn & Grow

Carry the cross  and follow me.  
Luke 14:27, NRSV



## SUNDAY ADULT DISCUSSION RETURNING

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.

## WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Women young and old are invited to attend a monthly gathering that enjoys fellowship, food, and a study located within *gather* magazine, which is produced and published by the ELCA. This magazine for women is delivered ten times per year at an annual subscription rate of \$19.95. To get more information or subscribe please visit: [www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org)

We gather in the Great Hall at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates through the end of 2017: September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13.



## FAVORITE HYMNS

Throughout the summer months we have been including favorite hymns lifted up by members last spring. The remaining hymns will be sung during worship this fall. The hymn name and date it will be included in worship is listed below. Thanks to all who filled out a form and let us know your favorite hymns.

- September 10 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* (ELW 656)
- September 17 *Borning Cry* (ELW 732)  
*This Little Light of Mine* (ELW 677)
- September 24 *This Is My Father's World* (ELW 824)  
*On Eagle's Wings* (ELW 787)
- October 1 *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* (ELW 808)  
*Were You There* (ELW 353)
- October 8 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (ELW 807)
- October 15 *When Peace Like a River* (ELW 785)
- October 22 *How Great Thou Art* (ELW 856)  
*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* (ELW 857)





## LUTHERAN SERVICES IN IOWA (LSI) NEWS

### Direct Support Professionals Week

Do you know someone who is a caregiver to a loved one? It is often both a demanding and meaningful role. During September's National Direct Support Professionals Week, we celebrate all the ways in which these professionals help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful lives.

One way LSI is empowering Iowans with disabilities is through our Respite Care program. We offer respite care for both children and adults, providing caregivers with a well-deserved break. Through respite, an individual is able to get out into his or her community and build a strong bond with a respite care provider. It's another way LSI is empowering the people we serve toward a more independent lifestyle.

### It takes a village

Jessica felt overwhelmed. She spent most of her time caregiving for her daughters, Angelique and Ariana, and she knew she needed a break. She turned to LSI's Services for People with Disabilities. Through LSI, Jessica and her family could receive respite care for the girls, which gave her some time to take a break and catch her breath.

Angelique and Ariana now receive respite care from their providers, Kaitlyn and Megan. Once a month, Kaitlyn and Megan play games with the girls and get them out in their community, giving Jessica time to take care of herself.

Since last fall, Jessica has seen her daughters become more confident and independent as they've built a strong bond with their LSI caregivers. She is feeling more relaxed and in control of her parenting, and she is happy to see Angelique and Ariana find great role models in Kaitlyn and Megan.

"It was a big decision to open up and feel comfortable with respite care for the girls, but Kaitlyn and Megan have done wonderful things for them," Jessica says. "We're so appreciative for LSI's respite care, and having that resource is just wonderful."



## 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](http://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.



## 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.*

[WWW.WBBETHANY.ORG](http://WWW.WBBETHANY.ORG)

This is just a short reminder that our website ([www.wbbethany.org](http://www.wbbethany.org)) is full of useful information. The calendars for children and youth education will soon be located there as is the schedule for confirmation. You also find a church calendar, daily Bible verse, current and past newsletters, sermons, and a page full of useful other resources. We hope you check it out and refer to it often.

## OUTDOOR/PET BLESSING WORSHIP SERVICE

What has become an annual event, our outdoor worship service with pet blessing will take place on Sunday, September 24. A few notes on this service:

- Please bring a lawn chair if possible; however, we will have some folding chairs set up outside
- In case of inclement weather (i.e., precipitation of any kind no matter how light it may be or extreme hot or cold temperatures) we will move inside. Please leave your pets at home. An email will be sent out that morning and also a notice placed on our website, Facebook and Twitter pages.
- Pets: Due to liability reasons and suggestions from our insurance carrier the Council asks that all please adhere to the following:
  - ◊ All pets must remain leashed or caged at all times.
  - ◊ Use caution and common sense when considering whether to bring your pet. If your pet doesn't socialize well around other animals then it may be best to leave him or her at home that day. The safety of all people and other pets is vital.
- Do not bring your pet if it is in heat.
- Pets must remain outside at all times.



## Council Minutes - June, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by President Lipes

**Members Present:** Greg Lipes, Jill Taylor, Tonya Samuelson, Cheryl Fisher, Paula Casper, Wayne Frauenholtz, Pastor Chad, Jamie Zimmerman

**Members Absent:** Jon Twing, Beth Kaufman

Pastor led us in a discussion of tonight's Bible Passage which was Psalm 46:1-3. The passage focuses on how God brought order out of chaos at the creation of the world and how God continues to provide order to the world today. We then discussed how we personally respond to change and how we have learned to lean on God in times of challenge, change, fears, anxieties, and doubt and how God can be our refuge of strength if we allow him to be. We then closed with a prayer.

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

-Pastor had a busy month again with 9 in-home visits; conducted the confirmation service which saw 120 people in attendance; has been busy helping organize VBS; working on organizing a golf tournament with the elementary principal to raise \$ for the school backpack program. Pastor also had lunch with the Tipton ELCA minister and they have decided to do a pulpit exchange this September.

**Secretary's Report:** (submitted by Jamie for Jon Twing)

-Cheryl moved and Paula seconded that we accept the report. Motion passed

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

-Jamie moved and Wayne seconded that we accept the report. Motion passed

### **Committee Reports:**

**Building and Grounds:** (Jamie Zimmerman)

-Have spoken with Robertson's on timeline to replace the Sanctuary shingles and they are still planning on late July although they are somewhat behind based on the cold, wet spring.

-Have purchased all wood needed to reinforce the Sanctuary ceiling and Del has cut them to fit. We still need to measure the angle iron pieces and have them made. We have spent approximately \$75 dollars and will be spending another couple of hundred dollars on the metal angle pieces. The reinforcement project will not be done until later this summer or early fall when the weather cools down some as the attic is too hot to work in right now.

-We have marked a number of milkweed plants on the eastside of the Great Hall in the landscaping and we ask that people not pull these as we want to leave them for the Pollinator Program.

**Education:** (Tonya Samuelson)

-VBS started today with 40 kids in attendance. We still don't have enough volunteers helping the teachers to monitor the kids and need to try and get more people involved. First day went well although it was very hot.

**Evangelism:** (Wayne Frauenholtz)

-The mobile food bank will be in town June 20 from 3-5 PM and several members of Bethany will be assisting again

-Talked about doing a follow-up with people who attend services occasionally as it is easy to attract people initially but harder to keep people coming on a consistent basis.

**Fellowship:** (Paula Casper)

-The Synod will be holding a Candidacy Retreat here at our church in October

-We don't currently have a 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday dinner volunteer for this month yet

-Would like to have a summer fellowship event for members and the Fellowship committee is open to ideas if you have any

**Stewardship:** (Jon Twing) No report

**Youth:** (Cheryl Fischer) No report

**Worship and Music:** (Beth Kaufman) No report

### **Old Business**

-Capital Campaign for the Sanctuary Roof: No update at this time

-PA System for the Great Hall: Jamie asked that this be table for future discussion

### **New Business**

-Community Needs Survey and Interviews: Discussion took place as to why and what we are attempting to accomplish with this program as it relates to the community and our church's outreach program. The Council decided to narrow down the assignment to each individual council member interviewing 1-2 community members and reporting back at the next council meeting on the result of their interview(s). The potential list of interviewees was narrowed down and assignments were made.

-God's Work, Our Hands: Pastor announced that this will take place on Sunday, Sept 10 and that we need to have a Council liaison to work with the congregation as this develops. We will discuss in more detail at our July meeting as well as potential projects we would like to pursue this year.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:48 PM with The Lord's Prayer.





## FAITH AT HOME

These short Bible passages and reflections are intended to be one more way to spur conversations about faith and also absorb ourselves in the word of God at home. We hope you enjoy them and would love to hear any feedback on whether you find these beneficial or not.

### **John 8:31-32**

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

- Continuing in Christ's word...
- Living as a disciple...
- Truth that makes me free...



### **Psalm 118:24**

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

- When I wake in the morning, I am usually...
- Today, I can rejoice and be glad because...
- On a normal day, I am mindful of God...

### **John 11:25-26**

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

- I believe...
- Never dying...
- Hope...



## 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*.

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|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Friday, September 1</b>     | Psalm 26:1-8<br>Jeremiah 15:1-9<br>2 Thessalonians 2:7-12        | <b>Monday, September 18</b>    | Psalm 133<br>Genesis 48:8-22<br>Hebrews 11:23-29           |
| <b>Saturday, September 2</b>   | Psalm 26:1-8<br>Jeremiah 15:10-14<br>Matthew 8:14-17             | <b>Tuesday, September 19</b>   | Psalm 133<br>Genesis 49:29-50:14<br>Romans 14:13-15:2      |
| <b>Sunday, September 3</b>     | Jeremiah 15:15-21<br>Romans 12:9-21<br>Matthew 16:21-28          | <b>Wednesday, September 20</b> | Psalm 133<br>Genesis 50:22-26<br>Mark 11:20-25             |
| <b>Monday, September 4</b>     | Psalm 17<br>2 Samuel 11:2-26<br>Revelation 3:1-6                 | <b>Thursday, September 21</b>  | Psalm 145:1-8<br>Nahum 1:1, 14-2:2<br>2 Corinthians 13:1-4 |
| <b>Tuesday, September 5</b>    | Psalm 17<br>2 Samuel 11:27b-12:15<br>Revelation 3:7-13           | <b>Friday, September 22</b>    | Psalm 145:1-8<br>Nahum 2:3-13<br>2 Corinthians 13:5-10     |
| <b>Wednesday, September 6</b>  | Psalm 17<br>Jeremiah 17:5-18<br>Matthew 12:22-32                 | <b>Saturday, September 23</b>  | Psalm 145:1-8<br>Zephaniah 2:13-15<br>Matthew 19:23-30     |
| <b>Thursday, September 7</b>   | Psalm 119:33-40<br>Ezekiel 24:1-14<br>2 Corinthians 12:11-21     | <b>Sunday, September 24</b>    | Jonah 3:10-4:11<br>Philippians 1:21-30<br>Matthew 20:1-16  |
| <b>Friday, September 8</b>     | Psalm 119:33-40<br>Ezekiel 24:15-27<br>Romans 10:15b-21          | <b>Monday, September 25</b>    | Psalm 106:1-12<br>Genesis 27:1-29<br>Romans 16:1-16        |
| <b>Saturday, September 9</b>   | Psalm 119:33-40<br>Ezekiel 33:1-6<br>Matthew 23:29-36            | <b>Tuesday, September 26</b>   | Psalm 106:1-12<br>Genesis 28:10-17<br>Romans 16:17-20      |
| <b>Sunday, September 10</b>    | Ezekiel 33:7-11<br>Romans 13:8-14<br>Matthew 18:15-20            | <b>Wednesday, September 27</b> | Psalm 106:1-12<br>Isaiah 41:1-13<br>Matthew 18:1-5         |
| <b>Monday, September 11</b>    | Psalm 119:65-72<br>Leviticus 4:27-31; 5:14-16<br>1 Peter 2:11-17 | <b>Thursday, September 28</b>  | Psalm 25:1-9<br>Ezekiel 12:17-28<br>James 4:11-16          |
| <b>Tuesday, September 12</b>   | Psalm 119:65-72<br>Deuteronomy 17:2-13<br>Romans 13:1-7          | <b>Friday, September 29</b>    | Psalm 25:1-9<br>Ezekiel 18:5-18<br>Acts 13:32-41           |
| <b>Wednesday, September 13</b> | Psalm 119:65-72<br>Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28<br>Matthew 21:18-22   | <b>Saturday, September 30</b>  | Psalm 25:1-9<br>Ezekiel 18:19-24<br>Mark 11:27-33          |
| <b>Thursday, September 14</b>  | Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13<br>Genesis 37:12-36<br>1 John 3:11-16       |                                |  |
| <b>Friday, September 15</b>    | Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13<br>Genesis 41:53-42:17<br>Acts 7:9-16       |                                |  |
| <b>Saturday, September 16</b>  | Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13<br>Genesis 45:1-20<br>Matthew 6:7-15        |                                |  |
| <b>Sunday, September 17</b>    | Genesis 50:15-21<br>Romans 14:1-12<br>Matthew 18:21-35           |                                |  |



June 2017

**Monetary Gifts Report**  
Submitted by Jill Taylor

Saints in Worship:

|       |     |
|-------|-----|
| 6-4   | 44  |
| 6-11  | 51  |
| 6-18  | 50  |
| 6-25  | 52  |
| Total | 197 |

|                | Month June 2017  |                  | YTD              |                  |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Total Receipts | Actual<br>10,794 | Budget<br>13,167 | Actual<br>74,277 | Budget<br>79,002 |
| Total Expenses | Actual<br>12,824 | Budget<br>13,041 | Actual<br>69,770 | Budget<br>78,319 |

July 2017

**Monetary Gifts Report**  
Submitted by Jill Taylor

Saints in Worship:

|       |     |
|-------|-----|
| 7-2   | 49  |
| 7-9   | 59  |
| 7-16  | 58  |
| 7-23  | 50  |
| 7-30  | 51  |
| Total | 267 |

|                | Month July 2017  |                  | YTD              |                  |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Total Receipts | Actual<br>11,993 | Budget<br>13,167 | Actual<br>86,270 | Budget<br>92,169 |
| Total Expenses | Actual<br>8,103  | Budget<br>13,041 | Actual<br>77,873 | Budget<br>91,360 |

*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.



# September 2017

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday    | Saturday  |
|--|--|--|--|--|-----------|-----------|
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| <b>3</b><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Worship   | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b><br><b>1:00 PM</b> Quilters<br><b>1:30 PM</b> Hope Chest Open  | <b>6</b><br><b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast and Bible Study   | <b>7</b><br><b>6:00 AM</b> Women's Bible study<br><b>3:00 PM</b> Community Blood Drive<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Bishop's Meeting on Synod Restructuring | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>10</b><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Worship - "God's work. Our hands." Sunday  | <b>11</b><br><b>11:30 AM</b> Lunch Bible Study at Mexico Lindo<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Ugandan Thunder Music and Dance Concert | <b>12</b><br><b>1:00 PM</b> Quilters<br><b>1:30 PM</b> Hope Chest Open | <b>13</b><br><b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast and Bible Study<br><b>9:00 AM</b> Women's Circle<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation      | <b>14</b><br><b>6:00 AM</b> Women's Bible study  | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b> |
| <b>17</b><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Worship (Rally Sunday)   | <b>18</b><br><b>11:30 AM</b> Lunch Bible Study at Mexico Lindo   | <b>19</b><br><b>1:00 PM</b> Quilters<br><b>1:30 PM</b> Hope Chest Open | <b>20</b><br><b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast and Bible Study  | <b>21</b><br><b>6:00 AM</b> Women's Bible study  | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b> |
| <b>24</b><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Worship (Outdoor with Pet Blessing)<br><b>5:00 PM</b> West Branch Community Meal @ Bethany | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b><br><b>1:00 PM</b> Quilters<br><b>1:30 PM</b> Hope Chest Open | <b>27</b><br><b>6:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast and Bible Study<br><b>6:30 PM</b> 4-6 grade Education<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Confirmation | <b>28</b><br><b>6:00 AM</b> Women's Bible study  | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b> |

## GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY

### SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Each year this is a special day in the life of our community of faith. Presently this year we will be going to Crestview to sing hymns at 11:00 a.m. Additionally, we will be setting up the Great Hall following fellowship for the Ugandan Thunder concert the next day.

*It would be nice to have at least another project. If you have an idea and are willing to help organize and lead that project please let Pastor Chad or Council President Greg Lipes know.*

If you don't have a yellow shirt, please see Paula or Pastor Chad. We have some available from last year. They are \$6.50 each.

## HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

On Sunday, September 3 during worship we will be taking a special offering to help support those dealing with the damage and flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey. All gifts will be directed to Lutheran Disaster Response.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/>

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THE 2017 TOUR

*An Unforgettable  
Live Worship Experience!*

Monday September 11th

The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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Refreshments will be served after the concert.

A love offering will be taken during the concert. This money will be sent straight

**ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY**

**The 22 members of Ugandan Thunder are selected each year from the orphanages and schools that partner with Pennies for Posho in Uganda. Concert will include African and American music.**

Teachers in the 19 schools and orphanages served by Pennies for Posho nominate their brightest students and most talented performers ages 8-13 each year for the opportunity to attend Royal School Orphanage in Mityana, Uganda and then tour the United States.

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### Ministers of Proclamation (Lectors)

- 9-03 Dave Bahnsen
- 9-10 Jeni Schiele
- 9-17 Paula Casper
- 9-24 George McCrory

### Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

- 9-03 Kent & Beth Kaufman
- 9-10 Shawn & Tonya Samuelson
- 9-17 Pam Glandon
- 9-24 Dave & Kami Poppen

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

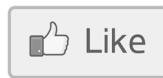
- 9-03 Kaitlyn & Collin Lovetinsky
- 9-10 Dylan & Hannah Schiele
- 9-17 Cole Bailey  
Auron Marsh
- 9-24 Hunter Niles  
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