

# Bethany Lutheran Church

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



**September  
2014**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**09-07 "God's Work. Our Hands."**

**09-08 Church Council - 6:30 pm**

**09-10 Women's Circle - 9:00 am**

**09-10 Adult Choir - 6:15 pm**

**09-10 Confirmation Parent/  
Student Orientation - 6:30 pm**

**09-11 Led By the Spirit Event**

*(see page 2)* 6:00-8:00 pm

**09-14 Rally Sunday**

**09-17 Cross Training Starts**

*(see page 2)* - 6:45 pm

**09-21 Youth Night - 5:00 - 7:30 pm**

*(see page 2)*

**09-28 Outdoor Worship with  
Pet Blessing**

**"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." - Matthew 11:28-30**



Dear people of God,

Grace and peace to you! Recently, one of the faithful here at Bethany shared with me a passage from the Bible that meant a great deal to them. It was verses five and six of Psalm 126:

May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.  
Those who go out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
Shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.

I am so grateful this individual shared this passage with me. I am so grateful the living word of God continues to speak and these verses brought this individual comfort and strength. That is the power of God's word that continues to be alive in the world today. It continues to speak to us anew. It continues to help us through the challenges of life when at times we feel the absence of God. It continues to come to us and reveal to us the good news of Jesus Christ, the love of God revealed in the incarnation, death, and resurrection of God's Son. The Bible is the story of God's people and as people of God we are joined to that story.

When has God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, spoken to you? What Bible verse gives you strength or comfort? What passage carries you through times of doubt, despair, or loneliness? How does that passage help you live out your life as a person of faith? How does that passage call you to respond to God's grace freely given? We need to share those with one another. I have many passages that I cling to but one in particular has proven to be one I return to time and time again is the words Jesus spoke in Matthew 11 found above. These verses have been ones that I consistently return to, find strength and comfort in, and they remind me that I am not alone and that if I but put it into His hands the promise holds true that He will make our load lighter.

I would love to hear about those passages that are so important to each of you and somehow find a way to share those. I invite you to email me ([pastor@wbbethany.org](mailto:pastor@wbbethany.org)), slide a note under my door, or fill out an index card in the Great Hall and drop it in the box. You can share what you want - just the passage (please include name of book, chapter and verse, e.g., John 3:16) or you might *also* share a brief sentence or two about why this passage is important to you. How powerful would that be if we had those passages and then your personal testimonies of how they spoke to you, how they helped you, how they comforted you, how they strengthened you, etc.? Maybe we can then figure out a way to make these verses known, to share our stories of why these are important, and to simply remember that God is always with us, speaking to us, and guiding us along our journey of faith.

In peace,

Pastor Chad

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## Happenings

### COMING SOON!

All High School students are invited to attend a time of continuing your walk with Christ Wednesday evenings called **"Cross Training"** from 6:45-7:30. We will gather in the "High School" room in the Great Hall. Also, plan to attend for a time of food, faith, fellowship, and fun on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. *(details below)*

Contact Amanda Whaley, Jeni Schiele, or Jenni Olson with questions.

### YOUTH NIGHT

#### Sunday, September 21

Fun, Faith, Food, Fellowship

**EPIC:** All youth in 5th-8th grade are invited to attend from 5:00-6:00 pm.

**Meal:** 6:00 - 6:30 pm for both EPIC youth and High School youth

**High School:** All youth in 9th-12th grade are invited to attend 6:30-7:30 pm.

Contact Amanda Whaley, Jeni Schiele, or Jenni Olson with questions.

## You Are Invited!

- \* **What:** Led by the Spirit: Together in Conversation
- \* **When:** Thursday, September 11 ~ 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- \* **Where:** Christ the King Lutheran Church, Iowa City
- \* **Who:** All members of the Southeastern Iowa Synod but particularly of Conference 7 of which Bethany is a part of.

Join Bishop Michael Burk as he leads a time of conversation focused on creating a deeper understanding of what it means to walk together as we are Led by the Spirit to fulfill the mission of Christ's church. In addition to time in a large group setting, each gathering will also provide an opportunity for congregations within each conference to engage with one another, form connections, and make decisions. This event is for all members and combines the annual conference assembly and The Evening with the Bishop from prior years.

Please see Pastor Chad with questions or if you plan to attend. Unfortunately, due to a Wedding Rehearsal at Bethany scheduled prior to this event being scheduled Pastor Chad will be unable to attend. Please prayerfully consider attending and representing the faithful people of God at Bethany among the wider church. Thank you!

## OUTDOOR SERVICE

Last year was such a success that the stewardship and worship committees invite you again this year to a day in which we give thanks to God for the beautiful and bountiful creation that God has surrounded us with.

Our worship service on September 28th will be outside. The service will take place in the driveway outside the main entry. All are invited to bring their lawn chairs. Going along with the theme of the day you are invited to bring your pet(s), we will do an order of blessing upon them during the service. Please note that in the event of rain the service will be moved inside to the Great Hall, and please leave your pets at home.



## Rally Sunday!

Join us September 14th for Rally Sunday! We will be kicking off our Sunday school year with a potluck and bounce house for the kids!

We will also be installing our Sunday school leaders during worship. We would love to have everyone come and support our youth with this fun fellowship event!





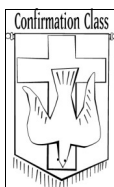
## September Birthdays

09-01 Dru Johnston, Jared Liebergen  
Andrea Pedersen  
09-03 Jaden Hierseman  
09-09 Emma Fryauf, John Fuhrmeister  
09-14 Jeff Arp, Jaylen Votroubek  
09-15 Anne Fetzner  
09-16 Rebecca Black, Victoria Yeater  
09-17 Ron Madsen, Kendra Webb  
09-19 Wade Holmes  
09-20 Andrew Samuelson  
09-21 Kevin Blaallid  
09-22 Pam Glandon  
09-23 Cindy Knoop, Helen Petersen  
09-24 Kyle Anderson  
09-26 Brett Fetzner  
09-29 Jim Racey

### College Students Addresses Needed

If you have a son or daughter away at college, please provide Paula with their address so that we can remain in contact with them. Pastor Chad would love to drop them a note from time to time. Thanks!

### Affirmation of Baptism (aka Confirmation)



Parent/Student  
Orientation: Wednesday,  
September 10 @ 6:30 pm  
Meal provided by Pastor Chad  
Please contact Pastor if you  
won't be able to attend.



## Bethany Books

by Frank Frostestad

### Books For Adults

The common thread for the books in this month's newsletter is that they were all recommended to me by Pastor Chad. The first two books were written by David J. Lose who was professor of Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. He also had served as Academic Dean. I noticed in a recent issue of *The Lutheran* that he had become the

president of our seminary at Philadelphia. I believe that Pastor Chad has come in contact with him during his continuing education seminars.

In *Making Sense Of The Christian Faith* the author introduces the essentials of the Christian story so that you can join countless others who have found energy and strength from the "God-talk" we call theology. If you wished that you knew just a little more about the Christian faith, or if you want to go more deeply into what you already know, or if you want to make sense of some of the many theological books and movies that are popular now, or just curious about God and the life of faith, then this book is for you. By looking at the seven parts (theological doctrines) of the Christian faith he explores the heart of Christian faith and just how important that can be to our daily lives. This book is written as a conversation that helps to draw the reader in and also reflect on what is being said.

In *Making Sense Of Scripture* he states that many of us find the Bible to be confusing at times with strange names and customs on every page. It is filled with kinds of literature that we do not meet anywhere else. Within the Bible we find everything ranging from poetry to genealogies and parables to legal codes. We often try to get more out of the Bible than a casual reading would give us. At least, that tends to be the aim of our Wednesday morning men's group. The Bible can be difficult and complicated but the author wrote this book to help us make sense out of this amazing book.

Lots of books, pamphlets, and booklets have been written through the centuries as companions for average people who wanted help finding their way through a complicated subject. Following Jesus is hard enough without having to navigate the rocky terrain of church culture all by yourself. *The Lutheran Companion* is the indispensable companion for anyone trying to become a well-informed church goer and have a good laugh/chuckle getting there.

*Night* by Elie Wiesel, which tells about his World War II concentration experiences, was referred to by Pastor Chad in one of his mid-week services during Lent.

**Additional books** that have been donated this month and added to the collection include: *Emerging Ministry: Being Church Today* by Nathan C.P. Frambach, *264 Great Outreach Ideas*:

*For Individual Christians And For Churches* edited by Joel D. Heck, *Faith Begins At Home: The Family Makeover With Christ At The Center* by Mark Holmen, and *So What's The Difference?* by Fritz Ridenour.

### Books For Children

*Children of God Storybook Bible* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu is more than 50 Bible stories retold for children ages 4-7. They highlight God's desire for all people to love one another and to find peace and forgiveness in their hearts. Twenty artists from around the world have illustrated the stories portraying them in light of their own culture. The result is a truly global Bible for children. Each story shows how God's love works through history and ends with a short prayer.

**Additional books** of this type that we have are a number of Bibles designed for children. *The First Step Bible* is for toddlers. *My First Study Bible* is for children starting to explore God's word of their own. We also have the *Early Reader's Bible* and the *Bedtime Bible Story Book*.



## Adult Education Opportunities



Pastor Chad's sermons can now 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 "Sermons" when it pops up. Additionally, some people have requested an email with the sermon attached. If you prefer that method please contact Pastor Chad.

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

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

## Updates/Reminders

### Reminder:

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

## HELP BETHANY CELEBRATE "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS" SUNDAY!

It is our Second Annual "God's work, Our hands" Sunday service event on *September 7th*. Members of our congregation will live out our calling as God's people responding to God's extravagant grace and mercy as God uses our hands for God's work in the community. We will gather for an abbreviated worship service at 9:00 am and then be sent forth in service. Several events have been planned:

Hiking Trail Maintenance. Follow **John Black** on a hardy but enjoyable trek trimming the trees along the hiking trail. Volunteers should bring trimming saws or other gadgets and meet up with John at Church.

Tree Mulching at Beranek Park. **Al Beyer** will be leading a group of fall fun lovers helping to mulch the trees in our backyard playground better known as Beranek Park. Please bring pitchforks and rakes and meet up with Al after services. Hey, the price is right as the City is providing the mulch for free!

Special Needs Access Ramp. Volunteers looking to hunker down on their carpentry skills should join our expert handy man in residence, **Kent Kaufman** as he looks to upgrade and repair our access ramp. Please bring your assorted hand tools and meet up with Kent after service. This project is truly the gift that keeps on giving throughout the year.

Kid's Against Hunger Packaging Event. For those of you afraid of rain, or looking for a "tamer" function, join **Mike Fryauf** to package food for our Kid's Against Hunger drive. What a great way to show the world God's work through our hands!

General Church Upkeep. **Candy Madsen** will be leading a team doing important work...feeding the crews and updating the various needs throughout the church. Stick around after service to lend a hand and have a bite!

Let's make our second event just as wonderful as our first and start a real tradition here a Bethany showing how God's work is really in our hands. Don't forget your yellow tee shirts if you have them!





## WANTED: CHOIR MEMBERS

**POSITIONS OPEN:** Tenor, Bass, Alto & Soprano

**PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

Must be able to carry musical notes throughout the Sanctuary

Must have sufficient vision to see the director 15 feet away

Must be able to walk slowly up the aisle of the Sanctuary

**EXPERIENCE:** 2+ years' experience singing, humming or whistling in the tub or shower

**WAGES:** Satisfaction and pleasure in singing a joyful noise to the Lord!

**FINGE BENEFITS:** Social Security – we promise you the security of social fellowship with other members of the choir

**HOURS:** Practice on Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:00 p.m. and sing twice per month at 9:00 a.m. service

**VACATION:** Missed rehearsals and worship services are primarily a matter of conscience

**RETIREMENT:** No particular age, but it is generally determined in prayer, printed notes getting too small, notes too high, Sanctuary too hot/cold, or pianist unable to play the notes you sing.

**STARTING DATE:** First practice is Wednesday, September 10th at 6:15 p.m.

## Come to the Castle: Worship, Learning, and Conversation

Wartburg Theological Seminary will sponsor a new continuing education this fall for clergy and congregational members known as "Come to the Castle." Included within this program will be adult Bible study sessions for individuals from congregations that will be led by final-year Wartburg Seminary students. Clergy will participate in sessions specifically offered for them. The cost of each individual session is \$20 per person or \$50 per group of 5 people. Below are the 3 dates this fall and topics for the Bible studies for congregational members. The schedule for the day starts at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 3:00 p.m. with a time for worship with the Wartburg community, lunch, and campus tours. Should you have questions please see Pastor Chad. Additional information can be found online at: [www.wartburgseminary.edu/Castle](http://www.wartburgseminary.edu/Castle)

September 26: Biblically Challenging Creationism

October 24: Living the Sermon on the Mount

November 21: Preparing for Christ's Birth



## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS IS COMING!

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 20th at 6:00 pm. All children going through the instruction will then receive their first communion during worship on Reformation Sunday, October 26.

It is our belief that a child does not need to be a certain age to take communion; however, some education is required so that the child will have a basic understanding of this sacrament. The decision of whether or not a child is ready is made between the parents/guardian and pastor. If your child plans to attend please let Pastor Chad know as soon as possible so supplies can be ordered.





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## **Letters from the Council Retreat held April 26, 2014**

*This is a continuation from the June/July Newsletter. Please see Pastor Chad's newsletter article in the June/July Newsletter for a summary of the 2014 Council Retreat and explanation of these letters that were written based on a Bible study using Revelations 2 and 3.*

### Letter #1

To the Angel of Bethany:

#### Strengths

A base that comes through with financial resources when perceived necessary for capital improvements  
A committed choir – small, but members who have sung together for decades  
Pastoral leadership  
A group of retired members willing to devote significant time and talents to the work of Bethany

#### Weaknesses

Our young and middle adult age groups are small and many are stretched thin  
Our education program needs to become more consistent and grow  
We need to find ways to involve our youth (through service projects).  
Bethany was an immigrant church, which had its Danish founders at its “core” for many generations. That “core” of shared immigrant experience gave it an identity. We largely moved beyond that but I am not sure we have found a replacement “core” set of experiences/beliefs. Thus we seem to flounder sometimes in identifying/relating to the core mission of this church.

#### Challenges

Getting broad member commitment to being involved on a regular basis in the work of the church  
Become more focused on the practices of faith (prayer, Bible Study, etc.)

#### Promise

Eternal life

### Letter #2

To the angel of the church at Bethany,

I know your works: your faithfulness through the Clothes Closet, food pantry, Sunday night meals, your hospitality to strangers, your continued mission efforts to the greater church, local ministries, malaria and hunger campaigns, VBS, and work with our youth. Be cautious and don't be overcome by the temptation to be perfect or to compete with other churches. Remember that which united you – Jesus Christ – in all things lift up that and cling to that. Remain faithful and steadfast in your faith and hold firm to the new life the Spirit is working among you – 3 baptisms and 14 new members. Know that the Lord sees the work you are doing in responding to His grace and do not be discouraged by those who seem apathetic, disengaged, or absent. But in all things give God glory, pray for workers, and live into the fullness of Christ trusting in the promise He is with you, leading, guiding, strengthening, nourishing, creating, redeeming, and loving you in all you do.



BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
JULY 14, 2014

**Present:** Pastor Chad, Claudia Beyer, Candy Madsen, Bonnie Conner, Courtney Heid, Del Hughes, Laura Twing, John Black, Jenni Olson,

**Called to Order:** 6:30 pm

Del Hughes read *The Morning Prayer* as our opening prayer.

Resignation letter from Dave Bahnsen has been received, and Jenni Olson will take his place. Bonnie Conner moved to install Jenni, seconded by Claudia Beyer.

**Pastor's Report:** Gave upcoming vacation notices, "Caring Bridges" webpage and congregational support for church member, one wedding performed recently (Thomann/Lund) and 2 more upcoming. New organist has been hired. The prayer team will have their second meeting soon. The EPIC waterslide event was a success. The youth have been asked to consider going to next year's ELCA Youth Gathering. Continuing Education courses will be attended July 23-25 at Luther Seminary in Minneapolis.

**Secretary's Report:** Kent Kaufman moved to accept, and Claudia Beyer seconded. All ayes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Candy Madsen moved to accept, Bonnie Conner seconded. All ayes.

**Building and Grounds Report:** S & S Flatwork has done the concrete work on the retaining wall. One pine tree needs to be removed. A letter has been received from Meardon of Iowa City, regarding measurements for the Families Inc, Building. A message has been left again with the person recommended to give a sound system update estimate.

**Education Report:** Vacation Bible School will still welcome donations, the food needs have been arranged. Courtney will touch base with Ewalu this week. The Sunday School committee (Kami Poppin) has picked a curriculum, and 5 or 6 teachers have volunteered. K-4<sup>th</sup> will be one group. A TV will be placed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday School room (Nursery).

**Missions Report:** Nothing.

**Fellowship Report:** Nothing

**Stewardship Report:** Nothing

**Youth Report:** EPIC is looking at the use of water in the Bible. The ELCA Youth Gathering will be in Detroit next year, and 5 youth are interested. Fundraising ideas will be discussed. Registration needs to be in by January 15, 2015.

**Worship Report:** Pablo Gorin was selected to fill the organist position. Bonnie Conner moved to hire, and John Black seconded. All Ayes. In case of him declining the offer, Candy Madsen moved to authorize offering the position to the other candidate, Aura. John Black seconded. A repair person has looked at the organ, and has taken a piece to his shop clean. The chimes have been tested and all work except one.

**Old Business:**

- \* The retaining wall has been done.

**New Business:**

- \* Volunteers are still needed for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Supper.
- \* Claudia Beyer moved, and Courtney Heid seconded purchasing farewell gifts for former organist. Bonnie will select a musical icon charm and a gift card to West Music, up to an amount of \$100.00. ALL AYES.
- \* Computer or new laptop for the church office/Pastor was begun. A tech committee will be formed.

8:30 Candy Madsen moved to adjourn, seconded by John Black



## 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*

Mon - September 1	2 Samuel 11:2-26 Revelation 3:1-6 Psalm 17	Thu - September 18	Nahum 1:1, 14-2:2 2 Corinthians 13:1-4 Psalm 145:1-8
Tue - September 2	2 Samuel 11:27b-12:15 Revelation 3:7-13 Psalm 17	Fri - September 19	Nahum 2:3-13 2 Corinthians 13:5-10 Psalm 145:1-8
Wed - September 3	Jeremiah 17:5-18 Matthew 12:22-32 Psalm 17	Sat - September 20	Zephaniah 2:13-15 Matthew 19:23-30 Psalm 145:1-8
Thu - September 4	Ezekiel 24:1-14 2 Corinthians 12:11-21 Psalm 119:33-40	Sun - September 21	Jonah 3:10-4:11 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16
Fri - September 5	Ezekiel 24:15-27 Romans 10:15b-21 Psalm 119:33-40	Mon - September 22	Genesis 27:1-29 Romans 16:1-6 Psalm 106:1-12
Sat - September 6	Ezekiel 33:1-6 Matthew 23:29-36 Psalm 119:33-40	Tue - September 23	Genesis 28:10-17 Romans 16:17-20 Psalm 106:1-12
Sun - September 7	Ezekiel 33:7-11 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20	Wed - September 24	Isaiah 41:1-13 Matthew 18:1-5 Psalm 106:1-12
Mon - September 8	Leviticus 4:27-31;5:14-16 1 Peter 2:11-17 Psalm 119:65-72	Thu - September 25	Ezekiel 12:17-28 James 4:11-16 Psalm 25:1-9
Tue - September 9	Deuteronomy 17:2-13 Romans 13:1-7 Psalm 119:65-72	Fri - September 26	Ezekiel 18:5-18 Acts 13:32-41 Psalm 25:1-9
Wed - September 10	Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28 Matthew 21:18-22 Psalm 119:65-72	Sat - September 27	Ezekiel 18:19-24 Mark 11:27-33 Psalm 25:1-9
Thu - September 11	Genesis 37:12-36 1 John 3:11-16 Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13	Sun - September 28	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32
Fri - September 12	Genesis 41:53-42:17 Acts 7:9-16 Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13	Mon - September 29	Judges 14:1-20 Philippians 1:3-14 Psalm 28
Sat - September 13	Genesis 45:1-20 Matthew 6:7-15 Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13	Tue - September 30	Judges 16:1-22 Philippians 1:15-21 Psalm 28
Sun - September 14	Genesis 50:15-21 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35		
Mon - September 15	Genesis 48:8-22 Hebrews 11:23-29 Psalm 133		
Tue - September 16	Genesis 49:29-50:14 Romans 14:13-15:2 Psalm 133		
Wed - September 17	Genesis 50:22-26 Mark 11:20-25 Psalm 133		





# September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	3 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	4 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	5	6
7 God's work. Our Hands. Sunday 9:00 AM Worship followed by fellowship	8 6:30 PM Council Meeting	9 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	10 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 9:00 AM Women's Circle 6:15 PM Adult Choir Practice 6:30 PM Confirmation (Parent/Student Orientation)	11 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	12	13
14 Rally Sunday (Sunday School Kickoff & Installation of Educators) 9:00 AM Worship followed by fellowship	15	16 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	17 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:15 PM Adult Choir Practice 6:30 PM Confirmation dinner and study 6:45-7:30 PM Cross Training	18 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	19	20
21 9:00 AM Worship followed by fellowship 5:00-6:30 PM EPIC 6:00-7:30 PM High School Youth	22	23 1:00 PM Quilters 1:30 PM Hope Chest Open	24 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:15 PM Adult Choir Practice	25 6:00 AM Prayer Team Meeting 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	26	27
28 4th Sunday meal at Bethany 9:00 AM Outdoor Worship with Blessing of Pets	29	30				

## Financial Report

Submitted by Claudia Beyer

### July 2014 Worship

#### Attendance:

07-06: 60  
07-13: 49  
07-20: 82  
07-27: 64  
Total: 255

	July 2014		YTD	
Total Receipts	Actual 11,455	Budget 10,250	Actual 85,420	Budget 71,750
Total Expenses	9,693	11,334	78,997	79,562

**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**

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## Ministry Assistants

### Ministers of Proclamation (Lectors)

**09-07 John Black**  
**09-14 Kevin Olson**  
**09-21 Courtney Heid**  
**09-28 Toni Dodds**

### Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

09-07 Jennifer & Kevin Olson  
09-14 Jeni & Lance Schiele  
09-21 Deanna & Paul Weismann  
09-28 Cindy Knoop

## Ministers of Christ's Light (Acolytes)

09-07 Derek Fetzer/Jayden Roth  
09-14 Gavin /Jaden Hierseman  
09-21 Collin Lovetinsky/Matt P  
09-28 Alex Poppen/Olivia Poppen



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To find Bethany's main page,  
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To find the Youth Ministry  
page, search  
**“Bethany Youth Ministry”**

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