

Bethany Lutheran Church

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



FEBRUARY
2019

Important Dates

- 2-3 Council Installation During Worship
- 2-9 Seaside Escape Women's Retreat, Tipton
- 2-11 Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 2-13 Women's Circle @ 9:00 a.m.
- 2-19 Lutheran Day on the Hill
- 2-24 Community Meal @ 5:00 p.m.

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Hunger Ministries

- 150 bags of food to pantry
- \$1020.24 donated to food pantry from 2017 Cookie Walk
- Birthday Bags to pantry from VBS
- Over \$500 toward school hunger programs
- \$300 to Operation Backpack weekend hunger program through partnership with WBARC
- 4th Sunday meals feed 25-30
- \$766 donated to water ministries of the ELCA at Annual Assembly
- 3,762 meals made by confirmation class to go toward feeding veterans and others following hurricanes
- \$170 donated for school lunch assistance from Angel Tree

Clothing & Care

- 61 people assisted through Hope Chest with clothing needs
- 6 families assisted through Angel Tree (most gifts are clothing)
- 140 quilts made and sent to Ronald McDonald House, U of I Children's Hospital, VA Hospital, Angel Tree Families, and Tipton Animal Shelter

Greetings! I presented these figures at the Annual Meeting of what we did together in 2018 in the name of Jesus Christ, but wanted to share them with you in case you weren't present. Often, I give thanks for the gifts you all faithfully steward, the time you give, and the work of God we do together living out our mission to respond to the love of Christ by reaching out to others. In addition to what is listed, we also gave \$15,3817 in benevolence to the Southeastern Iowa Synod which supports many ministries, \$513 to Wartburg Seminary and \$513 to Lutheran Campus Ministry to grow future leaders. All this, with so many things you all do in your daily lives, testifies that we are doing God's work with our hands. My apologies for anything I may have missed. Blessings! — Pastor Chad

I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room,
I was shivering and you gave me clothes.
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me.

Matthew 25:35-36 (The Message)

Prison Ministries

- Worship with the men of Free Indeed Congregation at Anamosa State Penitentiary
- \$1,163 donated to Southeastern Iowa Synod to sustain this ministry

Comfort the Sick, Homeless, Afflicted

- \$1,163 donated to Lutheran Chaplaincy Outreach to support the ministry of Pastor Cindy Breed at UIHC
- \$513 donated to the Domestic Violence Intervention Program
- \$513 donated to the Shelter House of Iowa City
- \$513 donated to Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI)
- 50 Personal Care Kits assembled on "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday for Lutheran Disaster Response
- House and feed 40-50 people during snowstorm



Birthdays

02/02 Becky Paulsen
 02/04 Del Hughes
 02/06 Herman Boedecker, Jamie Fetzer
 02/10 Dave Bahnsen, Paul Friis, Kristin McElhinney
 02/12 Katherine White
 02/15 Kyle Colvin, Dave Poppen
 02/20 Joshua Snyder, Jamie Zimmerman
 02/21 Tina Webb, Avery Fonseca
 02/23 Arik Marsh
 02/24 Lynn Lovetinsky
 02/27 Dorothy Holmes

**If you don't see your birthday listed, please contact Paula so we can update our database.*

EWALU Summer Camps

Summer programming at EWALU is focused on exploring God's creation, making new friends, being challenged by new activities, and learning about God's love for all of us.

Brochures for this years Camp schedule for children and youth in grades 1-12 and their parents can be found on the Resources Table in the Great Hall.

Camperships are available to individuals in need of financial assistance.

For more information go to EWALU's website at: <http://ewalu.org/>



Bethany Books by Frank Frostestad

Jobs Lost, Faith Found by Mary C. Lindberg is a spiritual resource for the unemployed. Millions of people become unemployed each year, yet when job loss happens to us, we feel completely alone and often lost, ashamed, and afraid. No one knows how to comfort us when we lose our job. Unlike other griefs, when someone can say, "I'm sorry for your loss" – joblessness leaves family, friends, and acquaintances awkwardly searching for words. This book is for those who feel alone due to job loss. It is also for those who offer respect, companionship, guidance, and resources to the unemployed. This book provides comfort, guidance and hope, assuring us

God is with us even when everything else we've counted on crumbles. Part practical guidebook, part devotional resource, this book offers the wisdom of others who have walked this path before us.

(recommended in *Living Lutheran*) We also have the book *What Color Is Your Parachute?* by Richard N. Bolles which is a classic for job seekers.

Dignity And Care by Janet L. Ramsey contains wisdom for caregivers and those living with dementia. Whether a diagnoses of dementia, for you or for someone you are accompanying, arrives suddenly or gradually, this illness reorganizes a family's entire life. Drawing on her own experience as a pastor, teacher, therapist, and family caregiver, as well as eight family and professional caregivers, the author helps caregivers and those with impaired memories learn as they listen to each other. She also shows them how the Holy Spirit can awaken their imagination and understanding while they discover how to live with dementia.

(recommended in *Living Lutheran*)

In the August, 2017 newsletter I wrote a review of *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance. I referred the reader to the West Branch Public Library. We now have our own copy. This book sheds light on our country's vast cultural divide. This divide has become greater and more relevant since it was written and since I wrote the review. (donated)

Love Does by Bob Goff has us discover a secretly incredible life in an ordinary world. When *Love Does*, life gets interesting. Each day turns into a hilarious, whimsical, meaningful chance to make faith simple and real. Each chapter is a story that forms a book, a life. This is one life you do not want to miss. Light and fun, unique and profound, the lessons drawn from Bob's life and attitude just might inspire you to be secretly incredible too. (donated)

Everybody Always by Bob Goff is the sequel to *Love Does*. This book is becoming love in a world full of setbacks and difficult people. He takes readers on a journey into the secret of living without fear, constraint, or worry. The path toward the liberated existence we long for is found in a truth as simple to say as it is hard to do. That is, to love people, even the difficult ones, without distinction and without limits. (donated)

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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 Women are Welcome

Adult Discussion
10:20 a.m. in the Small Hall
All are Welcome

Women's Retreat
See More Information
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Please note: In the January issue of *Living Lutheran* there is a two page article "Loving across difference in a divided time" which features the book *Love Without Limits* by Jacqueline A. Bussie that was reviewed in the October newsletter.

Book For Children

This month's children's book is *Rufus Loses His Cape: a book about asking for help* by Lucy Bell. Rufus can't find his cape. His friends have all kinds of ideas for where to look, but Rufus won't listen. Young children will discover, along with Rufus, that when he learns to listen and ask for help, his friends can help him solve his problem.

Fellowship Supplies

Each Sunday following worship we gather for a time of fellowship. This includes coffee, juice, and light snacks. We thank you for all who sign up to serve in this capacity. There are Sundays when no one is signed up and we therefore have snacks on hand just for that purpose. Supplies are running low so if you want to donate a box of crackers, package of cookies, canister of nuts, or similar non-perishable food items we would greatly appreciate it. Please see Wayne Frauenholtz or Paula Casper with any questions. Thank you!



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) News

Happy Valentine's Day from LSI!

"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) mission is about love: responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. We give thanks for all the ministry partners, both individuals and congregations, who help share this love for Iowa children, families, and adults! We see this love in newly adopted children and their families, in teens who learn to trade self-harm for self-worth, in Iowans with disabilities who are growing their independence and confidence, in new parents who are raising strong and healthy families, and in so many other moments of joy. You can help carry out our mission of hope and healing by giving a gift and showing love to the Iowa families we serve. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org. Thank you for the love you share and create through LSI. Happy Valentine's Day!

Helping Kids Thrive

When Kari, a little girl they knew through church, was in need of a foster home, Stacie and Blake decided to step up. The couple became licensed as foster and adoptive parents, and Stacie says it's been a rewarding experience ever since. With LSI Foster Care and Adoption in their corner, ready to provide support, guidance, or even just a listening ear, Stacie and Blake lift up children in their community through foster care. After caring for Kari as foster parents, the opportunity came to adopt her. Now 10, Kari is an amazing big sister. The family has fostered and adopted a son, 3-year-old Silas, and they recently welcomed their biological son, 1-year-old Jett, into the family. Stacie and Blake continue to foster children in need of a safe and supportive home, and Stacie says they hope to adopt again in the future. "When you become a foster or adoptive parent, yes, you're helping children. But at the same time, you learn about yourself and you learn more about the world around you," Stacie says. "Foster care is an experience that is indescribable and life-changing."



Raising our Voice for Iowa Children and Families Lutheran Day on the Hill



Join LSI and the three Iowa synods of the ELCA for Lutheran Day on the Hill in Des Moines on February 19! This day is essential for giving voice to those who are not heard, for seeking social justice, and for empowering people to exercise their right and responsibility to be part of the legislative process. Visit <https://lsiowa.org/ldh/> for event details and online registration, which is open through February 12. If you are new to advocacy, come learn more about the legislative process and your role as a citizen. If you've attended before, join us again.

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West Branch Area Religious Council (WBARC)

The West Branch Area Religious Council (WBARC) is a partnership between the faith communities of: Bethany Lutheran, Springdale United Methodist, St. Bernadette's Catholic, West Branch Friends, West Branch Friends Meeting Conservative and West Branch United Methodist.

January 15, 2019

To: WBARC Representatives and Congregations

Re: 2018 WBARC Financial Recap

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
As the acting Treasurer of the West Branch Area Religious Council (WBARC) I want to once again thank all of you for your faithful partnership and support of our shared ministry together. Through your faithful stewardship and monetary donations to our joint account we were able to continue our shared mission in assisting those in need in our community.

During 2018 WBARC received \$951.09 in monetary gifts. Thank you all so much! We had mission expenditures of \$1,139.97 as we assisted 13 individuals and/or families with needs such as lodging at Day's Inn, food vouchers to Jack and Jill, fuel assistance, rental assistance, and utilities assistance. Additionally, WBARC continued its strong support of the Weekend Backpack Program at Hoover Elementary, which provides weekend food items for students who may need them. In 2018, a donation of \$300 was made to support this valuable ministry and hopefully we will be able to continue to do so again in 2019.

Our unity in Christ was also expressed in two short outdoor prayer services of healing, peace, and unity, which will hopefully continue this year.

Once again, on behalf of my colleagues, let me express our gratitude and thankfulness for your commitment and faithfulness to our shared ministry. We do our best to faith-fully steward these gifts and see they are making a difference and extending God's care and love to all. We look forward to 2019, our partnership together, and our joint efforts in doing God's work in our community.

In peace,

Chad Whaley
Pastor, Bethany Lutheran Church
WBARC Treasurer



**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES—December 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Kaufman at 6:45.

Members present were Beth Kaufman, Linda Black, Jamie Zimmerman, Alan Beyer, Tonya Samuelson, Nancy Bruns, and Pastor Chad.

Members absent were Cheryl Fisher and Wayne Fraunholtz.

Pastor Chad opened the meeting with a short devotion based on a reading from Isaiah.

Pastor's Report: Greetings in the name of Christ! Much has happened since the last time we met. Of course, you all know about that major happening that affected our congregation. It is an event I call Operation Snowstorm. I don't need to explain it much as my December newsletter is all about how our congregation came together to welcome nearly 50 strangers into this building God has entrusted us with. For those who didn't see it, the WB Times did a nice article on this as well. Dietrich Bonhoeffer is quoted as saying something along the lines as "the church should not exist simply to serve its members..." and it is important we recall these words as it pertains to who we are as God's people and how we are called to participate in God's mission. This was one of those moments that we, as the church, existed for the sake of our neighbor. But it's not just this event, one again this year we are assisting 5-6 families in need this Christmas season through the Angel Tree project. Our members will give out approximately 100 gifts of which the majority are needed items of clothing. Besides the gifts purchased, there has also been nearly \$1000 donated to purchase gifts that are signed up for. I believe the Quilters are also donating a quilt to each family this year. The Cookie Walk was also held this past Saturday and monies raised from that will go toward various ministry efforts that will extend beyond simply the members of Bethany. Good work everyone! I was to meet with a small team to look at Wednesday night faith formation. Unfortunately, Operation Snowstorm derailed that meeting and we will look to gather following the New Year. Wednesday night continues to be a huge success with approximately 15 to 20 children and youth attending on a regular basis. We have fun at the beginning singing songs, reading some short Bible passages, and praying. Feel free to come and join in if you like. Last Wednesday, the Confirmation students had fun frosting and decorating cookies for the cookie walk. (Thanks Candy and Alberta for helping). This week, they will help Jeni Schiele wrap presents for the Angel Tree. Amber and Scott Marsh are

organizing the Christmas Program which will be held this Sunday in worship. I have visited with several of our members over the past month and made 3 trips to the hospital. We did not have a Crestview worship in November due to Thanksgiving but will have one December 27. The budget committee, led by Treasurer Nancy Bruns, gathered to prepare for next year's budget. Each of the members want to extend our gratefulness to everyone for their faithful stewardship over the course of the year. 2019 will bring with it some expenditures we have normally not had to incur in the past: however, need to build them into our budget on a permanent basis for 2019 and the foreseeable future. Preparing a budget often is not easy work and difficult decisions sometimes have to be made. With that said, the committee places our trusting the faithfulness of God to meet our needs for ministry and we ask each of you prayerfully consider evaluating your planned giving for next year. Once again, we had a wonderful Hanging of the Greens service. Many thanks to the 6 high school students who were my assistant ministers for the day. Thanks to the families who assisted with decorating our worship space. Thanks to Linda Black for all her help getting things organized. Thanks to the choir for singing. Neil Korsmo came at 7:00 for a presentation. The adult Bible discussion group have been studying The Journey, a study of the time up to and including Jesus' birth. An idea presented from that class was to give the offerings from the Christmas Eve service for an outreach service. The class would like the council to consider giving 10% or more of Bethany's Christmas Eve service to a local mission. Discussion on this is later on the agenda.

Secretary's Report: There was some clarification of Bethany's support of the Community Tailgate event. Jamie moved and Linda seconded to approve the report. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Revenues and expenses are in line with the budget. There will be additional expenses in December for benevolence giving for local missions. Linda moved and Jamie seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Building and Grounds: Jamie said the parking lot is deteriorating with some areas breaking up. He met earlier with S & S Construction and they offered a bid of \$8000 to repair a damaged area. Today he met with LL Pelling and they gave an estimate of \$17-18,000 to asphalt the entire parking lot and paint the parking lines.

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**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES—December 2018**

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After discussion it was decided to bring this up at the annual meeting and to make a decision after this about whether to proceed with the project and fundraising.

Education: Tonya said that attendance on Wednesday evenings has been consistent. Last week the kids decorated cookies for the Cookie Walk and this week they will practice for the Christmas Program. Plans for Vacation Bible School in June have been confirmed.

Evangelism: No report.

Fellowship: The November 4th Sunday Meal was postponed because of weather. Instead, we hosted over 40 people who had come off the interstate due to accidents and treacherous conditions. We fed them and gave them air mattresses, blankets, pillows, and other supplies. The last family left at 8:00 p.m. on Monday. In many ways this was a very positive experience. Cookie Walk was again a success with wonderful offerings of cookies and other treats. The event netted \$553.36.

Stewardship: Jon said that Time and Talent sheets have been distributed and many have been filled out and returned.

Youth: No report.

Worship and Music: Linda said the Hanging of the Greens service was very well received. The piano tuner will be coming soon.

Old Business:

- **Turning Point:** Pastor said we will begin this program with himself, Scott Marsh, and Paula Casper. This is an 18 month process which begins in January.
- **#inthis Together:** Wayne and Al went to Cedar Rapids on November 8th for this meeting with Bishop Burk. Several representatives for other churches in the area attended.
- **IT needs:** Pastor Chad has had some email problems and consulted Go Daddy for help. He also found that the church's website is not protected. Al moved and Jon seconded to purchase email protection for \$100 and to increase the email capacity for about \$6 per month. Motion passed. Pastor mentioned that he would like more help with IT questions and Jamie mentioned using Randy Pullman.

- **Budget:** Nancy presented a proposed budget for 2019. Discussion was held with concerns that it projects a deficit. Jamie moved and Jon seconded to accept the proposed budget. Motion passed.
- Jon moved and Linda seconded to give Jill Barnhart a \$500 bonus. Motion passed.
- Discussion on the Christmas Eve service offerings was held. Al moved and Tonya seconded to give 10% of the Christmas Eve service offerings to the Backpack Project. Motion passed.
- The church designates 4% benevolence giving at the end of the year (2 ½ % to selected ministries and 1 ½ % to internal ministries). Jon moved and Linda seconded to give the monies to the same places as last year.
- Linda moved and Jon seconded to give the money from the Cookie Walk Fund (\$1020.39) to the Food Pantry. Motion passed.
- Pastor Chad said that the stranded travelers gave him \$193. This was put in the Good Samaritan Fund.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is January 14, 2019 and Annual Meeting on January 20th.



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.

Genesis 1:27

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

- As creations of God, then...
- Being male...
- Being female...



1 John 1:8-9

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- My sin...
- My experience of confession...
- My experience of forgiveness...

Revelation 21:3-4

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

- God among us...
- My images of heaven...
- Death, mourning, crying and pain...



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*.

Friday, February 1	Psalm 111 Deuteronomy 12:28-32 Revelation 2:12-17	Saturday, February 16	Psalm 1 Jeremiah 17:1-4 Luke 11:24-28
Saturday, February 2	Psalm 111 Deuteronomy 13:1-5 Matthew 8:28-9:1	Sunday, February 17	Jeremiah 17:5-10 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26
Sunday, February 3	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28	Monday, February 18	Psalm 120 2 Kings 24:18-25:21 1 Corinthians 15:20-34
Monday, February 4	Psalm 35:1-10 Numbers 22:1-21 Acts 21:17-26	Tuesday, February 19	Psalm 120 Ezra 1:1-11 2 Corinthians 1:12-19
Tuesday, February 5	Psalm 35:1-10 Numbers 22:22-28 1 Corinthians 7:32-40	Wednesday, February 20	Psalm 120 Jeremiah 22:11-17 Luke 11:37-52
Wednesday, February 6	Psalm 35:1-10 Jeremiah 29:1-14 Mark 5:1-20	Thursday, February 21	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 Genesis 43:16-34 Romans 8:1-11
Thursday, February 7	Psalm 138 Numbers 20:22-29 Acts 9:19b-25	Friday, February 22	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 Genesis 44:1-17 1 John 2:12-17
Friday, February 8	Psalm 138 Numbers 27:12-23 Acts 9:26-31	Saturday, February 23	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 Genesis 44:18-34 Luke 12:57-59
Saturday, February 9	Psalm 138 Judges 3:7-11 Luke 4:42-44	Sunday, February 24	Genesis 45:3-11, 15 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38
Sunday, February 10	Isaiah 61:1-8 [9-13] 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11	Monday, February 25	Psalm 38 Genesis 33:1-17 1 Corinthians 11:2-16
Monday, February 11	Psalm 115 Judges 5:1-11 1 Corinthians 14:26-40	Tuesday, February 26	Psalm 38 1 Samuel 24:1-22 1 Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-33
Tuesday, February 12	Psalm 115 1 Samuel 9:15-10:1b 1 Timothy 3:1-9	Wednesday, February 27	Psalm 38 Leviticus 5:1-13 Luke 17:1-4
Wednesday, February 13	Psalm 115 Isaiah 8:1-15 Luke 5:27-32	Thursday, February 28	Psalm 99 Deuteronomy 9:1-5 Acts 3:11-16
Thursday, February 14	Psalm 1 Jeremiah 13:12-19 Acts 13:26-34		
Friday, February 15	Psalm 1 Jeremiah 13:20-27 1 Peter 1:17-2:1		

Women's Retreat



There is still time to register!

Bethany Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran, Tipton are having our first-ever joint women's retreat on Saturday, February 9, from 10am-7pm. Our theme is "Seaside Escape." We'll start our morning at Trinity with introductions, a game, and the start of our deep dive into the story of two Old Testament women, Sarai and Hagar. After lunch, we'll move over to Oasis Coffee Shop for yummy drinks, activities, discussion, worship, and more! The retreat will include a service project and a take-home memento. Lunch, dinner, and your favorite drink at Oasis are included in the \$30 registration fee (scholarships are available). This event is open to women high school and up from either congregation. Please plan to join us!

Sign up here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/ytYfbgLO2rMW9wEi1>

or pick a form up at church and give to Paula.

Altar Care

Thank you to all who have helped in the past and have signed up to assist in preparing the worship space and altar for 2019. We still have two open months, April and October. If interested, please contact me and I will train you. Below is the 2019 schedule and what serving in this ministry entails.

Linda Black, Worship Chair

2019 Altar Care

January	Candy Madsen
February	Paula Casper/Peaches Sweat
March	Cindy Knoop
April	
May	Sue and Del Hughes
June	Marsh family
July	Nancy Bruns
August	Deb Anderson
September	Beth Kaufman
October	
November	Paula Casper/Peaches Sweat
December	Linda Black

Duties

Change altar cloths according to church calendar

Set up Communion weeks 1,3,5

Fill candles weekly

Provide and water flowers

Contact Linda Black for more info:

(319) 643-5622 or (319) 430-0604

Thank you!

Job Opportunity

Our current custodian, Jerry Dodds, has resigned his position. We are thankful for Jerry and his service to our community of faith while in this position. Application forms and a job description can be obtained on our website (www.wbbethany.org) or by contacting our Administrative Assistant, Paula Casper. Applications will be taken through February 6th and should be returned to Paula. Questions may be directed to Council President Del Hughes at 319-430-5705.



February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Adult Discussion	4	5 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	6 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:15 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Pre K-6th grade Faith Formation	7 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	8	9 10:00 am—7:00 pm Seaside Escape Women's Retreat
10 9:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Adult Discussion	11 6:30 PM Council Meeting	12 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	13 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 9:00 AM Women's Circle Bible Study 6:15 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM Pre K-6th grade Faith Formation	14 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	15	16
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Monetary Gifts Report

Submitted by Nancy Bruns

Saints in Worship	
12-2	80
12-9	59
12-16	87
12-23	61
12-24	100
12-24	25
12-30	46
Total:	458

	December 2018		YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Total Receipts	18,491	13,000	154,979	156,000
Total Expenses	17,831	13,389	155,646	160,894

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.

