

Bethany Lutheran Church

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



We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD,
God's power, and the wonders God has done.—Psalm 78:4

Important Dates

- 3-6 Ash Wednesday Service at
WB United Methodist Church
12:00 pm and 7:00 pm
- 3-11 Council meeting **6:30 pm**
- 3-13 Lent Dinner **6:15 pm**
Lent Service **7:00 pm**
- 3-20 Lent Dinner **6:15 pm**
Lent Service **7:00 pm**
- 3-27 Lent Dinner **6:15 pm**
Lent Service **7:00 pm**

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I want to share a little about the Turning Point program the council approved our congregation to become a part of last year. Just as a reminder, this journey is being offered through the Office of the Bishop of the Southeastern Iowa Synod and approximately 8-10 congregations are participating in it. This is something *new* (one of the marks of vital congregations) happening within our Synod we are a part of, which says something about us. We aren't content with the status quo! We believe in a God who is active and alive! We are committed to growing in our relationship with God and with one another and sharing that with the world!

This program has a duration of 18 months. Learning teams from each congregation will engage together in listening, learning, and experimenting within their congregations and communities. Many of you may wonder, what will be the outcome of this journey? This is the statement taken directly from the website of the Southeastern Iowa Synod, "While the Office of the Bishop cannot answer specifically what outcome will arise as a result of the process, it can be stated with certainty that there will be transformation in the learning team and beyond and that congregational vitality will be equipped to bring this transformation to the congregation as a whole."

Your learning team consists of Scott Marsh, Paula Casper, and me. I am grateful Scott and Paula have volunteered to be Bethany's representatives in this journey. I am hopeful transformation will come; however, it will only come if we are *all* on board. If we are willing to let go of our fears, doubts about whether or not this will work, personal agendas, and simply be open to the Spirit's ability to transform. Scott, Paula, and I seek your assistance and invite you to join us on this Spirit led journey.

Our first meeting was held Saturday, January 12th here at Bethany. Unfortunately, as has been the case this winter, unfavorable weather limited the amount of participants able to get to Bethany. We still had approximately 15-20 people in attendance and the beauty of technology enabled us to be present with the others remotely. We learned about and then put into practice having meaningful conversations with one another as well as improving our ability to share our faith story. We will all gather together again in March remotely to discuss how things are coming along.

In the meantime, we are looking at ways we can introduce some of what we are learning here at Bethany. One of those ways will be how we can continue to witness to the story of our faith (see page 5). Or, as the refrain from the beloved hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" states:

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my them in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Should you have any questions, please see Scott, Paula or myself. Blessings!



Birthdays

March 01 - Ellie Holstad
 March 06 - Travis Kaufman
 March 08 - Cheryl Fischer
 March 09 - Alan Beyer, Abbey Fryauf
 March 11 - Johnathan Holstad,
 Mike Fryauf
 March 13 - Dylan Schiele,
 March 16 - Marisa Kaufman
 March 20 - Kevin Olson
 March 21 - Mark Anderson
 March 22 - Brett Schiele
 March 25 - Bradley Arp
 March 28 - Ellen Gunderson
 March 29 - Toni Dodds, Justin Roth
 March 31 - Brian Roth

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



Don't forget Daylight Savings time!
 Set your clocks forward
 March 10th!



Bethany Books

by Frank Frostestad



Books For Adults

The author this month is Karen Kingsbury. Among the many books that she has written over the years have been several series about the Baxter family. I have introduced the *Redemption* series, the *Firstborn* series, and the *Sunrise* series. Earlier I reviewed the *Bailey Flanigan* series which chronologically comes next. This series includes the books: *Leaving*, *Learning*, *Longing*, and *Loving*. (donated)

A new book for us is *A Baxter Family Christmas*. The action takes place about ten years after the prior series end. It's fun to see former toddlers now as teenagers. Even if you have not been a reader of the series, the characters are introduced for you by the author at the beginning of the book. When Christmas comes near, John Baxter makes a bold gesture. He invites a stranger to share Christmas Eve dinner with his family. This is not just any stranger but the woman who received the heart of his daughter Erin. John knows that this invitation will impact each of his adult kids and their families. Will they accept her? How will this woman's presence affect his granddaughter who feels the loss of her mother the greatest? On the other hand, John's guest has been given a second chance at life, but at great cost to the Baxter family. Perhaps meeting them will bring much needed peace in her life. This book is a love story reminding us of God's redemption in all things, even great loss.

The next book is *Love Story*. It is a prequel of sorts to the Baxter family series. Again, you can read this book whether you have followed the series or if the Baxter's are new to you. You do not need to read 20 + books to catch up. The author gives a summary at the beginning of the main characters. John and Elizabeth Baxter's romance started when they were college students, and lasted nearly thirty years. This lasted until Elizabeth died of cancer. John is asked to relive the long ago love story when his grandson Cole has a heritage project for school. John is not sure he can handle the sadness of going back. He, however, agrees and allows himself to journey back to the first moments and the heartbreak that brought John and Elizabeth together. This story touches the hearts of the entire family and helps Cole better understand his own beginning.

In This Moment by Karen Kingsbury is another of the Baxter Family series. Luke Baxter, who is a lawyer, takes on the question of religious liberty when he defends public school principal Wendell Quinn. He is being sued for starting an after school Bible study. Thanks to the program, Hamilton High has seen a decrease in the drug abuse, violence, and teen pregnancies has had been a problem. The lawsuit, however, threatens to bring everything to a halt.

Note - I will also put on the table several books that will hopefully be of use to you during the season of Lent.

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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

Bethany Books

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Book For Children

This month's book for children is *Ava And The Skimpy Picnic: a book about sharing* by Elias Carr. Preschoolers can watch what happens when Ava and her friends decide to only bring a little bit of what they have for a picnic. After saying a prayer together, they learn that sharing more will save the picnic and turn it into a feast.

Vacation Bible School

Save the Dates!

When: June 10- 13

Where: Bethany Lutheran Church

Who: Children Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Look for More Information to Come!
Questions: See Tonya Samuelson



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) News

March is National Professional Social Work Month

March is National Professional Social Work Month, a time to recognize social workers and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we're grateful for the many social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving our community!

Maybe you've never had a social worker involved in your life. Yet, whether you realize it or not, you've had the benefit of their behind-the-scenes work in your community. Social workers help people help themselves in overcoming life's most difficult circumstances or managing challenges of everyday living: poverty, abuse, mental illness, depression, addiction, disability, and many other situations.

Iowa wouldn't be the same without the patience, guidance, and empowerment that social workers provide. Happy National Professional Social Work Month!

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Finding a Support System

Aubreigh knew something needed to change. She was struggling with substance use and alcohol. She couldn't find a way to take care of her mental health. She was unable to provide a safe home for her son, who needed to move in with his dad. When she finally took a step in the right direction and found a home, all her belongings were stolen.

Through LSI's Family Safety, Risk, and Permanency Services, Aubreigh connected with her worker, Kelsy. Together, the duo is working on budgeting Aubreigh's money, finding a good job, and building a safe home environment for her son. "I was in a bad situation, and I'm really thankful for LSI," she says. "Without them, who knows where I'd be."

Aubreigh now meets with Kelsy once a week and feels like she is finally on the right path after plenty of hard work. She is working with her son and his father to build a healthy co-parenting relationship, and she knows Kelsy will always be in her corner, ready to cheer her on. "Kelsy has been an awesome resource. She helps if we have issues co-parenting, and we do a lot better now as a family," Aubreigh says. "If I have any problems, Kelsy is there."



Lutheran Day on the Hill

The annual Lutheran Day on the Hill was held February 19th at the Iowa State Capitol. 230 Lutherans from across the state joined together to advocate for our ministry partner Lutheran Services in Iowa and the thousands of Iowans they assist each year. To the right is a photo of Bethany members Laura Twing, Patsy Ernst, and Pastor Chad along with members from congregations in Johnson County after visiting with Senator Zach Wahls (front center in suit).



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Let's Share our Faith

The Turning Point team would like to share with you information presented during our first learning session. The words below come from a handout distributed to the participants.

Good stories have a habit of sticking with you, of getting into your marrow, of changing the way you think and look at life. The heritage of our Christian tradition is that of story. For centuries the stories which make up our Bible were passed down orally, folks sitting over dinner or at bedtime or in worship telling and re-telling the stories which came to form them, shape them, and craft their lens for viewing the world.

Many Christians are intimidated by the phrase, "faith story" because it connotes some sort of Damascus Road experience. We have all heard dramatic stories of conversion, of drugs, sex, and violence to a transformed life of grace. Yet for many of us, this kind of faith story is not our own lived reality. Whether you were baptized as an infant and held a living faith all your life, whether you have come to the waters of baptism later, whether you were faithful and strayed, whether you are questioning even now—we all have a faith story.

I think, in part, the Lutheran church has not emphasized this kind of narrative of telling of faith because we are afraid of being grouped with "those Christians" and so err on the side of simply not saying anything. Yet ... practice makes telling our faith stories easier and more natural. God provides ways for us to witness to God's abundant love and grace all the time—and with muscles that are attuned to these invitations and with stories ready to share, we can begin to impact more people and build relationships in different ways.

During the season of Lent we will be creating ways in which we can tell our story and share it with one another; because, we each have a story of Jesus and his love. One of those ways is by responding to one or more of the *Faith Story Thought Starters* below. It can be just a few sentences or a paragraph or two. You can attach your name or submit it anonymously. Feel free to email it to Paula (blcsecretary@lcom.net) or Pastor Chad (pastor@wbbethany.org) or drop it in the box by Paula's desk. We may print these in future newsletters or read them during worship. Telling our story in a manner such as this equips us to tell our story in the world to those who may never have heard the story of Jesus Christ!

- Tell about a time you felt God very close to you ... right there present with you.
- Tell about a time when you heard God speaking to you through another person or situation.
- Tell about a time when you were really worried about someone or something. How did you feel God's presence?
- Tell about a time of forgiveness and reconciliation. How was God involved?

**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES January 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Kaufman at 6:30.

Members present: Cheryl Fisher, Beth Kaufman, Jamie Zimmerman, Wayne Frauenholtz, Alan Beyer, Nancy Bruns, Tonya Samuelson, and Pastor Whaley.

Members Absent: Linda Black.

Pastor Chad opened with prayer.

Pastor's Report:

First off, I want to express my gratitude and thanksgivings to Beth, Jamie, and Jon for serving these last 3 years. They have each done a wonderful job amid busy lives and their own vocational callings beyond these doors. The people of Bethany thank you for your faithfulness, dedication, and commitment to the mission of Jesus Christ here at Bethany.

Much joy and the presence of God has been visible in so many ways since our last meeting in December. One doesn't have to look too far to see the joy, love and presence of Christ in all the children and youth who helped lead worship for us during the Children's Program.

They certainly brought to us the proclamation of the good news through their reading and singing. Thanks to Amber and Scott Marsh. The presence of Christ surely was made known on Christmas Eve as we gathered to celebrate His birth. He was in all gathered. He was in the singing. He was in the candlelight that cut through the darkness. He was in the bread and wine we shared together. The love of Christ was made manifest also in the many gifts we once again gave to several families in need within our community. Thanks again to Jeni Schiele for all she does with this ministry. There was much excitement and joy as folks were welcomed into our space for the annual Cookie Walk. This is a ministry in which many hands make possible and proceeds go toward our response to God's grace in reaching out to our neighbors. In December, the Council voted to give proceeds from the 2017 Cookie Walk to be directed to the West Branch Food Pantry. To say they were shocked and thrilled to learn of this news was an understatement. Those gifts will go a long way in bringing God's presence and healing to many in our community. Thanks to all who assist with the Cookie Walk. Also, on Christmas Eve we set aside 10% of our offerings to go to hunger programs at our schools. I also want to say thank you for your faithfulness and commitment to our shared partnership as some last-minute gifts came in to help close the gap between giving's and expenses. Thank you very much!

Finally I want to close with an update on a new journey

we are undergoing. This past Saturday, January 12th, Paula Casper, Scott Marsh, and I gathered with several other leaders from around our Synod here at Bethany for a program called Turning Point. While the weather was snowy and many could not attend in person we were fortunate for the gift of technology to gather together remotely. More will be forthcoming on this project and how each of us can be involved but I want to thank Scott and Paula for responding to the call to come alongside me in this capacity. We are excited about where the Spirit will lead us and how this might be a turning point for our congregation in our relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one another, and our community. As part of this process the Council voted to participate in, a covenant was entered into which states the Congregation will partner alongside the learning team (Scott, Paula, Pastor Chad) by committing to the following:

- Pray regularly, study scripture and listen to God's voice and dream for the congregation
- Participate in and support the Learning team
- Seek to promote healthy, Christ-centered relationships and decision making, refraining from gossip and negativity
- Negotiate with the pastor to allow them to add time and energy for the tasks of Turning Point (if the pastor is doing more of x, they will do less of y)
- Be open to changing existing ministries and practices in order to live out God's dream more fully – with leadership provided by the pastor, council, and Learning Team
- Grow in discipleship and personal financial stewardship practices (growth giving or tithing or beyond)
- Support the outreach of the wider church with mission support, with a strategic goal of increasing mission support to a minimum of 10% of the congregation income

Pay the Turning Point Fee of \$1,000

Please stay tuned and see Paula, Scott or me with any questions!

Also, I attended a day-long seminar for clergy in Cedar Rapids on January 11th on suicide.

Secretary's Report: Attendance was missing from the report. Jamie moved and Jon seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Revenue for December was \$18,491.41. For the year \$154,978.67.

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COUNCIL MINUTES—January 2019**

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Expenditures were 17,830.81. For the year \$155,646.00. Jon moved and Cheryl seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

Building and Grounds: Jamie said that Bruce Barnhart has agreed to do snow removal for the church parking lot and parsonage driveway.

Education: Tonya inquired about why windows for the classroom doors haven't been put in. For insurance reasons, this would allow doors to be closed, reducing noise levels in the Great Hall. Jamie will again contact Del.

Evangelism: Wayne will be attending an open house on January 16th for the new Shelter House in Iowa City.

Fellowship: 4th Sunday Meal will resume on January 27th. Bethany hosted the synod Turning Point event on January 12th. Pastor Chad is organizing a group of men that will gather with men from Trinity Lutheran in Tipton for fellowship. Pastor Beth from Trinity will lead women from both churches in fellowship at an upcoming retreat. This is in response to Bishop Burk's admonition to be involved in the "whole church", looking beyond our own congregation.

Stewardship: Jon commented that the Time and Talent Sheets response rate was lower than desired. He offered some ideas for better participation next year.

Youth: Cheryl said that several high school youth participated in the church service in December.

Worship and Music: Linda was absent but left word that the pianos were tuned in December.

Old Business:

* **Turning Point Funding:** The total fee for this program is \$1000, which can be paid over two years. Jon moved to pay \$500 from the Thrivent Fund for this year's payment. Wayne seconded. Motion passed.

* **Annual Meeting:** Jamie led a discussion on repair of the parking lot. Three options were offered: 1) a concrete replacement of the most damaged areas, 2) a repair and seal of the parking lot, and 3) asphalt resurfacing of the parking lot. His committee is recommending the third option by L L Pelling. This will be presented at the annual meeting seeking permission to begin fundraising for this project.

New Business:

* Fair rental market value for the parsonage has been \$11,800 for the last few years. Wayne moved to keep this value. Alan seconded. Motion passed.

* **Wedding fees for the church:** Pastor led a discussion on our current fees and a comparison to other Lutheran churches nearby. Our fees are considerably lower. Cheryl moved to change fees for non-member wedding services to \$300 for the Pastor (includes three pre-marriage counselling sessions), \$250 for use of the church, and an additional \$250 for a reception. Jamie seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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 1:1

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth.

- Caring for creation...
- Proud creators hope others...
- Religion and science...



James 2:19-20

You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren?

- Because of my faith, my choices...
- Because of my faith, my actions...
- Because of my faith, my relationships...

Genesis 3:19

“By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

- I am able to have food because of the work of...
- Working to live is...
- Living and dying...



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, March 1	Psalm 99 Deuteronomy 9:6-14 Acts 10:1-8	Sunday, March 17	Matthew 23:37-39 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35
Saturday, March 2	Psalm 99 Deuteronomy 9:15-24 Luke 10:21-24	Monday, March 18	Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42 Exodus 33:1-6 Romans 4:1-12
Sunday, March 3	Exodus 34:29-35 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]	Tuesday, March 19	Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42 Numbers 14:10b-24 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Monday, March 4	Psalm 35:11-28 Exodus 35:1-29 Acts 10:9-23a	Wed, March 20	Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42 2 Chronicles 20:1-22 Luke 13:22-31
Tuesday, March 5	Psalm 35:11-28 Ezekiel 1:1-2:1 Acts 10:23b-33	Thursday, March 21	Psalm 63:1-8 Daniel 3:19-30 Revelation 2:8-11
Wed, March 6	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17 or Psalm 103:8-14 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Friday, March 22	Psalm 63:1-8 Daniel 12:1-4 Revelation 3:1-6
Thursday, March 7	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Exodus 5:10-23 Acts 7:30-34	Saturday, March 23	Psalm 63:1-8 Isaiah 5:1-7 Luke 6:43-45
Friday, March 8	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Exodus 6:1-13 Acts 7:35-42	Sunday, March 24	Isaiah 55:1-9 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9
Saturday, March 9	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 John 12:27-36	Monday, March 25	Psalm 39 Jeremiah 11:1-17 Romans 2:1-11
Sunday, March 10	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	Tuesday, March 26,	Psalm 39 Ezekiel 17:1-10 Romans 2:12-16
Monday, March 11	Psalm 17 1 Chronicles 21:1-17 1 John 2:1-6	Wed, March 27	Psalm 39 Numbers 13:17-27 Luke 13:18-21c
Tuesday, March 12	Psalm 17 Zechariah 3:1-10 2 Peter 2:4-21	Thursday, March 28	Psalm 32 Joshua 4:1-13 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5
Wed, March 13	Psalm 17 Job 1:1-22 Luke 21:34-22:6	Friday, March 29	Psalm 32 Joshua 4:14-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-15
Thursday, March 14	Psalm 27 Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18 Philippians 3:2-12	Saturday, March 30	Psalm 32 Exodus 32:7-14 Luke 15:1-10
Friday, March 15	Psalm 27 Genesis 14:17-24 Philippians 3:17-20	Sunday, March 31	Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Saturday, March 16	Psalm 27 Psalm 118:26-29		



Worship Opportunities During Lent



We invite you to join us for worship this Lent as we gather together for Prayer Around the Cross. This will be a short contemplative and meditative prayer service to assist us in centering ourselves during the season of Lent. We will sing songs, offer prayers together and be invited to pray around the cross for whatever it is that lays heavily upon our hearts. If you have never attended, please see images on the next page for a better picture of this worship opportunity.

Wednesday, March 13

6:15 p.m. Lent Supper

7:00 pm Prayer Around the Cross Worship Service

Wednesday, March 20

6:15 p.m. Lent Supper

7:00 pm Prayer Around the Cross Worship Service

Wednesday, March 27

6:15 p.m. Lent Supper

7:00 pm Prayer Around the Cross Worship Service

Wednesday, April 10

6:15 p.m. Lent Supper

7:00 pm Prayer Around the Cross Worship Service

Wednesday, April 10

6:15 p.m. Lent Supper

7:00 pm Prayer Around the Cross Worship Service

Wednesday Faith Formation

Due to the inclement winter weather we have experienced this year and the need to cancel classes we will be gathering on Wednesday evenings during Lent from 5:45-6:15 p.m. for a time of faith formation for children and youth in pre-K — 8th grade. You are then invited to stick around for dinner and worship (see above). We hope you can join us!

Once again this year we will be partnering with our brothers and sisters in Christ of Springdale United Methodist Church and West Branch United Methodist Church in worshipping together for the services of Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Over the years these have been some wonderful worship opportunities and if you haven't attended at one of the other congregations please consider doing so this year. Your presence is so appreciated as we truly come together as the body of Christ.



Ash Wednesday Service— Wednesday, March 6

12:00 pm at WB United Methodist Church

7:00 pm at WB United Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday Service - Thursday, April 18

7:00 pm at Springdale United Methodist Church

Good Friday Service - Friday, April 19

12:00 pm at Bethany Lutheran Church

7:00 pm Bethany Lutheran Church

*Each congregation will have its own Easter services.

Thank You!

Thank you to Jerry Dodds for serving as our custodian for quite some time now. Jerry has faithfully served his Lord and the people of Bethany Lutheran and we are grateful for his service.

We are pleased to welcome Deb Lund as our new custodian. Deb previously held this position and did an excellent job! We would like to thank Jerry, Deb, and the other candidates who applied for the position.



March 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 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship @ West Branch United Methodist Church	7 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	8	9
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 5:45 PM Faith Formation 6:15 PM Choir Practice 6:15 PM Lent Supper 7:00 PM Lent Prayer Around the Cross Worship	14 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	15	16
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24 9:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Adult Discussion 5:00 PM West Branch Community Meal @ Bethany	25	26 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	27 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 5:45 PM Faith Formation 6:15 PM Choir Practice 6:15 PM Lent Supper 7:00 PM Lent Prayer Around the Cross Worship	28 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	29	30

Monetary Gifts Report Submitted by Nancy Bruns

Saints in Worship	
1-6	67
1-13	43
1-20	56
1-27	72
Total 238	

	January 2019		YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Total Receipts	12,087	12,625	12,087	12,625
Total Expenses	12,175	13,691	12,175	13,691

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.

