Dear Faithful Saints,

One of my favorite songs from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal (ELW) is “One Bread, One Body” (#496). We sing in the refrain the following:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

This refrain along with the words found in Ephesians above mark one of the great mysteries of what God was doing in and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through an act of sheer grace, God was removing the boundaries and walls we erect that ultimately divide us from God and from one another and was uniting us into the one body of Jesus Christ, our Lord. God continues to do that to this day. The author of Ephesians is insistent upon the fact that living a Christian life is one done in unity.

This begs the question then of what separates us? From God? From each other? In this season of Lent, may we each ponder what those are and how we are complicit in creating those barriers. And then, let us focus on the seven signs of unity the author of Ephesians reminds us of: one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God of all.

I close with this prayer for church unity found within the ELW. Let us pray.

Most high and holy God, pour out upon us your one and unifying Spirit, and awaken in every confession of the whole church a holy hunger and thirst for unity in you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessings!

Adam Hamilton is the senior pastor of one of the largest United Methodist congregations located in the Kansas City area. He is the author of a number of books and several have been studied this year by the adult discussion group that meets Sunday morning. The three books mentioned in this article form a trilogy on the life of Christ from birth to death. *The Journey: Walking The Road To Bethlehem* is a fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Using historical information, archaeological findings, and personal reflections, Hamilton sheds light on this most amazing moment in history. We follow the footsteps of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and others, gaining insight into our own journeys with Christ. All of us are forced to take journeys we did not wish to make. It could being laid off from work, drug addiction, or battling cancer. While we take these unwanted journeys, we can find peace in that God always walks with us on these journeys.

The second book is *The Way: Walking In The Footsteps of Jesus.* He retraces the footsteps of Jesus across Israel and Palestine. He starts at the Jordan River where Jesus was most likely baptized. He travels next to the Judean wilderness where Jesus was tempted. He then visits Capernaum which Jesus made his home during his three years of public ministry. The kingdom is proclaimed on the Sermon on the Mount. The calming of the storm takes place on the Sea of Galilee. His work among sinners, outcasts, and the poor is next portrayed. The last section is the final week in Jerusalem from Palm Sunday to the crucifixion.

The third book is *24 Hours That Changed the World.* The gospel writers devoted most of their work to the last three years of Jesus life. Their primary interest was in one particular day. They believe that the 24 hour period changed the world, and each of the gospels drives toward it. The book covers the time period beginning Thursday evening after sunset and lasting on through Friday. Jesus would eat the Last Supper with his disciples; pray in the Garden of Gethsemane; be betrayed and deserted by friends; be convicted of blasphemy by the religious authorities; be tried and sentenced for insurrection by Pontius Pilate; be tortured by Roman soldiers; and undergo crucifixion, death, and burial. The aim of this book is to give the reader a better understanding of the events that occurred during the last twenty-four hours of Jesus’ life. Ultimately, we need to look at ourselves in the story and consider how we are like Pilate or Peter, Judas, or John.

**Book For Children**
This month’s book for children is *Happy Birthday, Ava!: a book about putting others first.* It’s Ava’s birthday and her friends keep coming up with things they want to do to celebrate her special day. But their suggestions are all things that they would want to do. When Ava gets frustrated, the friends realize they need to think about what Ava likes, too. The story teaches young children about thoughtfulness and friendship.
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

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE
U.S. FLOODING
MARCH 2019

Heavy rainfall has caused rapid snow melt that has resulted in major flooding across at least four states. So far, three people have died and hundreds of homes and businesses have been affected. Mandatory and voluntary evacuation orders remain in place. According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 200 miles of levees have been compromised in four states and historic flood levels have been recorded at 42 locations across six states. Though water is receding, more rain is anticipated in many areas, along with warmer weather that may melt snow and ice and raise water levels further.

Lutheran Disaster Response is responding to this emergency through congregations, synods and our affiliates across Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin and Missouri.

Gifts to “U.S. flooding” will be used in full (100 percent) to assist those affected by flooding until the response is complete. Please give today.

Yes, I want to help!

☐ Lutheran Disaster Response: U.S. flooding
☐ Lutheran Disaster Response: Where Needed Most

Name _____________________________
Address ___________________________

City ___________ State _______ ZIP code ________

Email Address ________________________

Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. Write “U.S. flooding” or “Where needed most” on your check’s memo line.

You may send a donation privately or bring an offering to our Wednesday worship services during Lent and a gift will be sent to ELCA Disaster Response from our congregation.

Picture and Insert from ELCA.org/disaster
Perhaps you have seen the poster below (bottom left) hanging in the Great Hall. It was made by the younger children in our congregation after purchasing several gifts through the ELCA Good Gifts Program from monies collected a while back through a noisy coin offering. Thanks everyone for your support and be on the lookout as they have their sights set on additional gifts.

The graphic below to the right tells a bit more about “God’s Global Barnyard” program. To learn more about the ELCA Good Gifts visit them at [https://community.elca.org/elcagoodgifts](https://community.elca.org/elcagoodgifts).
National Child Abuse Prevention Month

According to the Iowa Department of Human Services, 8,558 Iowa children were found to be abused in 2017. The most common forms of abuse included denial of critical care, physical injury, exposure to illegal drugs and sexual abuse.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) helps combat child abuse through prevention, safety, and stability services, as well as mental and behavioral health treatment.

Through regular in-home visits to families, LSI’s Early Childhood Services prevent child abuse by giving parents the support, education, and resources they need to build a healthy, stable home for their children. In 2018, our Early Childhood programs provided more than 14,000 in-home visits to families.

LSI’s Family Safety, Risk, and Permanency Services help children and families already involved in a crisis or abuse situation to become safer and more stable, and LSI’s Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers serve many children and youth who have experienced trauma from past abuse or neglect.

You make a direct impact on these children and families through your support of LSI. Thank you!

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 LSiowa.org and Facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Stewardship

Usually when someone mentions the word “stewardship” in church, everyone shifts in the pews making sure their wallets are covered. As the church council member assigned to the stewardship position, it is my intention to broaden the scope of stewardship into other areas. For example, a few weeks ago I spoke to the congregation on the importance of stewardship to our planet in relationship to the season of Lent, which we are presently in. In Lent, many Christians commit to fasting, as well as giving up certain luxuries in order to replicate the account of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ's journey into the desert for 40 days. In the ELCA’s “A Handbook for the Discipline of Lent”, Pastor Thomas L. Weitzel states that during this season we are invited to “struggle against everything that leads away from the love of God and neighbor” by exercising the Discipline of Lent: repentance, fasting, abstinence, prayer and works of love.

My message concerns abstinence. As a child, we were told to “give up something” for Lent. And it had to be something good too. Giving up Brussels sprouts didn’t cut it. Something like chocolate or cookies or ice cream. Or nowadays you could delete “chocolate cookies ice cream” which is always a temptation. No, the idea I came up with was giving up the use of single-use plastics. Plastic is everywhere and it’s become nearly impossible to avoid. But I’m not talking about all plastics. Just single-use plastics. What does this mean? The two examples that come to mind are plastic bags and utensils. Let’s start with bags. It is so much easier to have reusable bags when you go shopping. From my own experience, the hardest thing is to remember to bring them into the store with you. And I don’t mean just grocery stores, but other shops as well. We have a store in Coralville (It begins with wall and ends with mart) that if you buy half a dozen items they will use 37 bags to put them in. An exaggeration? Yes, but not much. The other thing is plastic utensils. The only reason we use them is that we’re too lazy to wash the real ones. I’m an expert on lazy, but we really need to quit doing these sort of things. 90% of plastic doesn’t get recycled and goes in the landfill, or dump if you will. We are surrounded by farmland. One thing farmers are called is stewards of the land.

We can all be stewards of the land just by implementing these two examples. Just try it until Easter. Try going a day and then a week without plastic bags. Like most things, the more you do it the easier it becomes. In doing this small thing you too can be an example of showing your love of God and love of your neighbors.
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**Vacation Bible School**

**Bethany Lutheran Church** would like to invite you and your friends to attend our VBS Day Camp this year!

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Monday - Thursday**

**June 10th - June 13th**

**9am - 3pm**

Day camp is open to all children who are completing grades K - 5th this spring. No fees are charged to attend, donations will be accepted. Lunch will be provided along with a morning snack. See next page for the Registration form they will also be available online at [www.wbbethany.org](http://www.wbbethany.org) or picked up outside the church office.

Please call the church office at 319-643-5998 with any further questions.
VBS DAY CAMP REGISTRATION FORM 2019

Camper’s Name __________________________________ Sex _______ Age _______ Grade Completed in 2019 ____________

Name of Parent or Guardian __________________________________ Daytime Phone ________________________________

Address _______________________________________________________ Cell Phone ________________________________

City, State, Zip _________________________________________________ Email ________________________________________

Secondary Contact ___________________________________________ Relationship ____________________ Phone _______________________

Name of Doctor/Health Care Provider ___________________________ Phone ________________________________

Health Information

Immunization

a) DPT Permanent Shots (Series of 3): YES   NO

b) Polio Immunization: YES   NO

c) Date of late Tetanus booster: ______________________________

Skin Diseases: YES NO If yes, please explain: ________________________________________________________________

Allergies (Food, Drugs, Hay fever): YES NO If yes, please explain: ______________________________________________

Medication - List names and dosages:

List any illness, chronic condition, or physical consideration the child has that may affect participation or safety:

Other suggestions that may help us to make your camper’s week more enjoyable (regarding fears, anxieties, etc.):

I authorize the following people to pick up my child from Day Camp. If there are any changes in these arrangements, I will give advanced written notice. (Note: If there are any special instructions or any persons who are not authorized to pick up your child, please make a specific note on this page.)

Name __________________________________ Phone __________________________________ Relationship ______________

Name __________________________________ Phone __________________________________ Relationship ______________

RELEASE: I give permission for my child to participate in all programs for the week and agree that camp volunteers from Bethany Lutheran Church, as well as EWALU staff will not be held responsible for accidents or personal injury arising therefrom. I authorize the adult leaders from the churches and the EWALU staff to secure any medical or emergency treatment deemed necessary for my child. As my child’s parent or guardian I am the primary carrier of accident/health insurance for my child. I also grant permission for my child’s photo to be used in any promotional material by EWALU and Bethany checked below.

☐ I request my child’s photo NOT be used in EWALU publications

☐ I request my child’s photo NOT be used in Bethany publications

Signature of Parent or Guardian ______________________________________ Date _____________________________

PLEASE RETURN TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH BY MAY 23rd
Drop off at Bethany’s Office or by mail: P.O. Box 236 West Branch, IA 52358
Or email completed form to blcsecretary@lcom.net

www.wbbethany.org · Bethany Lutheran Church (ELCA) 235 South 2nd Street West Branch, Iowa 52358
The meeting was called to order by President Hughes at 6:30 p.m.

**Members present:** Del Hughes, Cheryl Fischer, Wayne Frauenholtz, Nancy Bruns, Linda Black, Curt Casper, Dave Bahnsen, Alan Beyer, and Pastor Whaley.

**Members absent:** Tonya Samuelson.

The meeting was opened with a brief service of confession and forgiveness.

**Pastor Report**
Grace and peace from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

**Turning Point Update:** Scott, Paula and I attended our first Saturday session in January. I will expand on this in the March newsletter so keep my comments brief here. Essentially, that day of learning centered upon our ability to share our stories of faith with one another and those who may not go to church. We each have a story of faith to tell. As was stated that day, at times we may be hesitant to tell those stories because they may not be a Damascus Road experience. They aren’t some grand revelation or awe-inspiring moment but just part of our everyday, ordinary lives and so instead of sharing we keep our faith private. The learning team is looking at ways we can learn to share our stories so stayed tuned for more information. Presently, there are about 8-10 congregations from around the Southeastern Iowa Synod coming together and we will meet again in March.

In addition to regular day-to-day items, some other items of note over the course of the last month are as follows. I had 14 pastoral visits. I presided over the funeral of Janet Friis. I visited with a nice couple in our community about the possibility of being married at Bethany. I worked with Pastor Markle and Pastor Kamara of West Branch UMC and Springdale UMC on the schedule for our joint services during Lent. They are:

- **Ash Wednesday, March 6** – West Branch UMC @ 7:00 p.m.
- **Maudy Thursday, April 18** – Springdale UMC @ 7:00 p.m.
- **Good Friday, April 19** – Bethany @ 7:00 p.m.

I also made a visit to the Shelter House in Iowa City (Homeless Shelter), with other members of WBARC, to take a tour and get a better understanding of this ministry. That day was extremely cold and approximately 25-30 people were gathered in the community room just as you enter the facility getting out of the cold and trying to secure a room for the night. This is a wonderful facility and the work they do is awesome. Not only do they provide housing, but they surround the individual and families with a blanket of support helping them improve life skills, find a job, and ultimately find permanent housing.

Also, of interest, even pastors aren’t exempt to being asked to serve the church as part of a committee or council. In the past I have served on the Discipline Committee of the Office of the Bishop. Recently, I was asked to be a part of the Free Indeed Prison Ministry Board. This is our congregation at the Anamosa State Penitentiary. I agreed to serve on that board as part of my call and commitment to the larger church and because I have witnessed first-hand God’s activity in the lives of those men. I want to point out Paula’s computer experienced significant problems last week and we both spent a great deal of time trying to solve the problem. The 2019 budget had projected the need to replace her computer and we have already gone ahead and secured a new one at very good price. Randy Pohlman is assisting us with getting things set up. Scott Marsh has also been a resource I can turn to for some assistance.

Tomorrow, I will be in Des Moines at Lutheran Day on the Hill advocating for the ministry efforts of Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI). Laura Twing and Pat Ernst will be attending with me. Al Beyer, Mike Fryauf, a parishioner from Trinity Lutheran, Tipton and I are continuing to work on a joint event for men. We hope to have information out soon.

A small group consisting of George McCrory, Neil and Chris Korsmo, and myself gathered to discuss our efforts last November following housing 40 to 50 people during a winter snowstorm. We debriefed and pondered the question of where God was at during that situation and how might we be prepared should this happen again?

Wednesday Night Faith Formation has not met in several weeks as a result of the weather. This has been frustrating, but this has been completely beyond our control. Last week, I prepared a short devotion that was emailed out to the families so they could do at home together. I want to thank Del Hughes for putting the windows in the doors. They look great!

Confirmation Sunday will be held June 30. This is later than normal; however, there were many scheduling conflicts to work around and we are hopeful this date will work for all. I will be gone March 17 – March 22 on a golf trip with the High School Boys Golf Team over Spring Break. Pastor Jacquie Berlien will preside and preach in my absence on March 17th.

**Secretary’s Report:** Minutes from the regular January council meeting, minutes from the Annual Meeting, and minutes from the Special Meeting following the Annual Meeting were reviewed. Dave moved and Cheryl seconded to accept the Secretary’s Report. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** January Revenues: $12,087.51  
January Expenditures: $12,175.31

Nancy mentioned that the Hope Chest funds were low. Cheryl moved and Wayne seconded the $500 from the Internal Ministries Fund be transferred to the Hope Chest Fund. Motion passed.

AI moved and Curt seconded to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Building and Grounds:** Curt said that Jerry Dodds is retiring from his position as janitor and that three candidates have expressed interest in applying for the job. Interviews will be

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scheduled soon. He also mentioned that Barnhart’s have done a good job of keeping the parking lot cleaned from snow.

**Education:** No report

**Evangelism:** Al said that we are in the process of finding a time to worship again at the Anamosa State Prison. Jill is planning to take the training there that is necessary for regular visitors. Food Pantry contributions have been great, as has the needs for them.

**Fellowship:** 4th Sunday meal will be held on February 24th. Wayne is beginning to organize the Lenten suppers which begin on March 13th.

**Stewardship:** No Report.

**Worship and Music:** Ash Wednesday service will be held at the United Methodist Church and Bethany will host Good Friday service.

**Youth:** Some discussion was held regarding all of the weather-related cancellations for the youth confirmation class. Pastor Chad is working to do the best he can, dealing with this unforeseen circumstance.

**Old Business:**

* The parking lot repair was discussed. Jamie is working on a letter which will be sent out to members regarding pledging for this expense. Dave opened a discussion on whether we should receive additional bids for the project.

* Turning Point, the 18 month leadership training program that our church has committed to, is underway and half of the $1000 expense has been paid from the Thrivent Fund. The second payment will be due in 2020.

**New Business:**

* New windows have been installed in the classroom doors by Del. They look very nice.

Next meeting is March 11th.

The meeting closed with a communion service and the Lord’s Prayer.

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The 2019 Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly Theme is — ONE Bread. ONE Body — and in an effort to live into that theme every congregation has been provided with a blue, reusable shopping bag, which is a visible sign of our partnership together.

We have been asked to fill this bag with items that represent an existing or brand-new ministry of our congregation and display this bag for all to see so that we may daily be reminded of God’s work we are doing in the name of Jesus.

Along with the other congregations of our Synod we will bring these bags to the Synod Assembly in May where they will be blessed during worship.

This is your opportunity to let us know what you think we should put in the bag that represents the mission and ministry efforts of Bethany. Of course, it’s a small bag and we can only put so much in but we want your input.

The bag is located in the hallway to the Great Hall and you may write down your thoughts on the sheet of paper next to the bag or email Pastor Chad. Thanks!
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 50:20**

“Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, inorder to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.”

- God’s plan…
- A good thing that came out of a bad thing…
- A present bad thing that I have yet to discover good in…

**Exodus 3:13-14**

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’ ”

- God becomes personal to me…
- The names and ways I refer to God are…
- My “burning bush,” or “wake up call” with life and faith…

**Hebrews 11:1**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

- For me, faith is hoping…
- For me, faith is believing…
- For me, faith is living…
### 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.*

| Monday, April 1 | Psalm 53  
Leviticus 23:26-41  
Revelation 19:1-8 |
| Tuesday, April 2 | Psalm 53  
Leviticus 25:1-19  
Revelation 19:9-10 |
| Wednesday, April 3 | Psalm 53  
2 Kings 4:1-7  
Luke 9:10-17 |
| Thursday, April 4 | Psalm 126  
Isaiah 43:1-7  
Philippians 2:19-24 |
| Friday, April 5 | Psalm 126  
Isaiah 43:8-15  
Philippians 2:25-3:1 |
| Saturday, April 6 | Psalm 126  
Exodus 12:21-27  
John 11:45-57 |
| Sunday, April 7 | Isaiah 43:16-21  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8 |
| Monday, April 8 | Psalm 20  
Exodus 40:1-15  
Hebrews 10:19-25 |
| Tuesday, April 9 | Psalm 20  
Judges 9:7-15  
1 John 2:18-28 |
| Wed, April 10 | Psalm 20  
Habakkuk 3:2-15  
Luke 18:31-34 |
| Thursday, April 11 | Psalm 31:9-16  
Isaiah 53:10-12  
Hebrews 2:1-9 |
| Friday, April 12 | Psalm 31:9-16  
Isaiah 54:9-10  
Hebrews 2:10-18 |
| Saturday, April 13 | Psalm 31:9-16  
Leviticus 23:1-8  
| Sunday, April 14 | Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Philippians 2:5-11  
| Monday, April 15 | Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 36:5-11  
Hebrews 9:11-15  
John 12:1-11 |
| Tuesday, April 16 | Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 71:1-14  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
John 12:20-36 |
| Wed, April 17 | Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 70  
Hebrews 12:1-3  
John 13:21-32 |
| Thursday, April 18 | Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35 |
| Friday, April 19 | Acts 5:27-32  
Psalm 118:14-29  
Revelation 1:4-8  
Luke 24:1-12 |
| Saturday, April 20 | Genesis 1:1-2:4a - Creation  
Romans 6:3-11  
John 20:1-18 |
| Sunday, April 21 | Acts 10:34-43  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
Luke 24:1-12 |
| Monday, April 22 | Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Joshua 10:16-27  
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 |
| Tuesday, April 23 | Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a  
Revelation 12:1-12 |
| Wed, April 24 | Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
2 Samuel 6:1-15  
Luke 24:1-12 |
| Thursday, April 25 | 1 Samuel 17:1-23  
Acts 5:12-16 |
| Friday, April 26 | Psalm 150  
1 Samuel 17:19-32  
Acts 5:17-26 |
| Saturday, April 27 | Psalm 150  
1 Samuel 17:32-51  
Luke 24:36-40 |
| Sunday, April 28 | Acts 5:27-32  
Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31 |
| Monday, April 29 | Psalm 122  
Esther 7:1-10  
Revelation 1:9-20 |
| Tuesday, April 30 | Psalm 122  
Esther 8:1-17 |
EASTER GARDEN TRADITION

Each Easter, we are greeted with the beauty and sweet fragrance of Lilies, adorning our sanctuary. If you would like to contribute to this display, please fill out the information below and return this slip to Paula, or Linda Black or mail to:
Bethany Lutheran
P.O. Box 236
West Branch, IA 5358
by Sunday April 7th. Dedications will be listed in the bulletin on Easter morning.

NAME: ____________________________________________________________________________________

I would like Bethany to purchase an Easter lily for me. I have enclosed $10.00
Please print your dedication as you wish it to appear in the bulletin. Please indicate if this is
“In honor of” or “In memory of” and list those names below:
_________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________

April 14 Palm/Passion Sunday
Worship at 9:00 a.m.
(Children and Youth are invited to arrive a few minutes early to line up in the Great Hall and process into worship with our palm branches)

April 18 Maundy Thursday
Worship at 7:00 p.m. at Springdale United Methodist Church

April 19 Good Friday
Worship at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Bethany

April 21 Easter Sunday
Worship at 9:00 a.m.
April 2019

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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.

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Ministry Assistants

Ministers of Proclamation (Lectors)
4/7 Paula Casper
4/14 Tonya Samuelson
4/21 Kami Poppen
4/28 Jon Twing

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)
4/7 Dave & Kami Poppen
4/14 Pam Glandon
4/21 Bonnie Conner
4/28 Del & Sue Hughes

Ministers of Christ’s Light (Acolytes)
4/7 Chloe & Shelby Klabo
4/14 Andrew & Layla Samuelson
4/21 Aiden & Miley Shields
4/28 Cole Crosthwaite
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