

# Bethany Lutheran Church

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



## Important Dates

5-8- Women's circle 9:00 am  
5-10 Synod assembly  
5-11 Synod assembly  
5-12 Mothers day  
5-13 Council meeting 6:30 pm  
5-19 Senior Recognition During  
Worship

## Contact Information

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Church (ELCA) West Branch, Iowa" on  
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Dear Faithful People of God,

I continue to ponder the words from Luke 24 (see picture to the right), even a week after we read them in worship Easter morning. I believe that is the power of God's living word to continue to speak to us, shape us, transform us, and bring near the presence of the risen Christ.

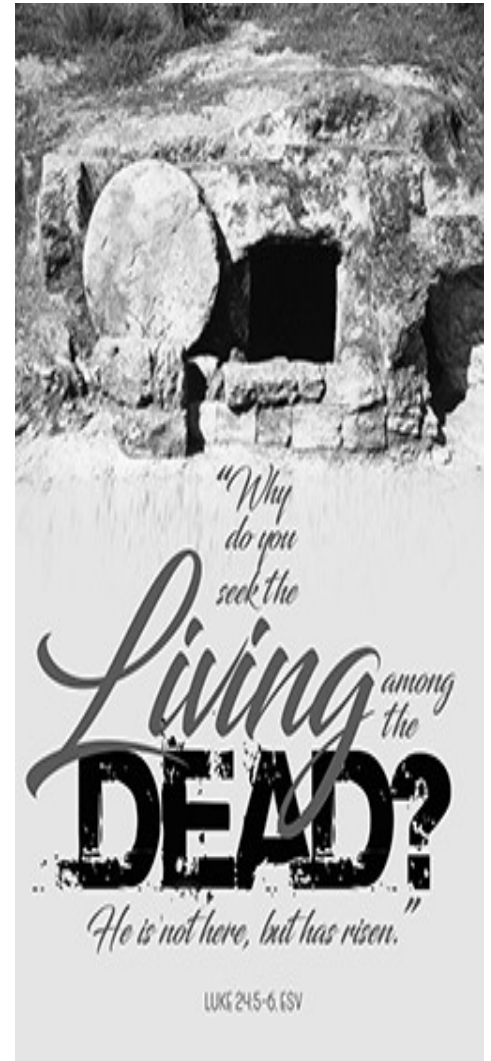
However, this year, more than others it seems these Easter words spoken by the angels to the women at the empty tomb are lingering with me. Being people of the resurrection, these words ought never be far from our mind, yet this year they seem to be with me every second of the day.

And so I wonder, just what is the Spirit trying to open my mind to? What is it about these words that apply to our life together and the future of what God is doing here?

Personally, I believe God is calling me to carefully look at those places in my own life where I seek the living among the dead. That is, those places and things in which I devote time, energy and resources that ultimately don't lead to growth, goodness, or new life.

I believe this may be the same message God is calling us as a community of faith to ask ourselves. Where are we looking for the living among the dead? What is it we may be clinging to for life that no longer is bearing forth the fruits of the Spirit?

"He is not here, but has risen." The women were commanded to go and proclaim this news to the others and so are we. It is our calling as people of the resurrection. What are we willing to risk in order to carry out this calling and increase our ability to reach those beyond the walls of our building and be the body of our risen Lord in the world?





## Birthdays

- 05-01 Olivia Poppen, Cozette Sexton
- 05-01 Rick Paulsen
- 05-06 Deb Anderson, Brittney Heath
- 05-09 Tyler Haub, Curt Friis
- 05-10 Jenna Sexton
- 05-12 Elijah Fetzer
- 05-15 Claire Kaufman, Matt Whaley,  
Bonnie Conner
- 05-16 Kody Crow
- 05-17 Candy Madsen, Cadence Heid,  
Maggie Paulsen
- 05-19 Carla Friis
- 05-21 Jayden Roth, Linda Black,  
Wayne Frauenholtz
- 05-22 Andrew Niles
- 05-26 Bill Holmes
- 05-29 Nicole Zimmerman
- 05-30 Jim Paulsen

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



We would like to create a new photo directory for our faith community. If you have a family photo you would like to use please sent it to me as a .jpg at [blcsecretary@lcom.net](mailto:blcsecretary@lcom.net). If you would like to bring a picture to me I can scan it in the office and give it back to you. If you do not have a picture and would like for me to take one I will be taking pictures Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> during fellowship. Please see me with questions. Thanks! - Paula Casper

## Bethany Books

by Frank Frostestad



### Books For Adults

The books in the article this month were all mentioned and highly recommended in the February issue of the *Living Lutheran* magazine. Developmental psychologist Dawn Rundman takes an understanding of brain science, couples it with the importance of faith formation and adds a personal touch and the result is a useful guide and resource – *Little Steps, Big Faith: How The Science Of Early Childhood Development Can Help You Grow Your Child's Faith*. This is a good book for new parents or anyone seeking to pass on faith traditions.

In a world of pain, mistrust and hatred, how can we break the barriers that separate us? In *We Need Each Other: Responding To God's Call To Live Together* we read talks given by theologian Jean Vanier 10 years ago after a year of violence and bloodshed in Kenya. They still ring true today. His message of meeting Jesus in those we are prone to neglect or reject leads us on a path to Christ and a realization of how much we all need each other.

*On The Brink Of Everything: Grace, Gravity And Getting Old* by Parker J. Palmer sounds like a book solely for people like myself who carry an AARP card and are thinking of the end of life. Like many of us the author uses writing as a way to understand his own questions, fears, and hopes. The book is grouped into seven sections, with the aging process and the wisdom and challenges that come with it. It covers topics such as the dance of the generations, writing a life and where we go when we die. "Age brings diminishment, but more than a few come with benefits. I've lost the capacity for multitasking, but I've rediscovered the joy of doing one thing at a time. I'm more aware of the loveliness of simple things: a talk with a friend, a walk in the woods, sunsets and sunrises, a night of good sleep." This book might seem on the surface to be mostly about death but it is actually more about life. It is not one to be finished in a rush and then on to the next one. I found it better to read slowly in sections to savor rather than gulp down in a single sitting.

### Book For Children

*The World Jesus Knew: A Kid's Guide To Life In The First Century* by Marc Olson encourages readers to expand their knowledge of what we know of the ancient world where Jesus taught and lived. What plants grew in the area? What was Roman rule really like? What did people wear and eat? How did they spend their time? Children will enjoy the responses to these and many other questions. Filled with illustrations, charts, diagrams, and other information this book gives us a look at a world that is unfamiliar, yet important, to our understanding of Jesus.

## 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.

**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**



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## Senior Graduation Recognition and Blessing

May 19<sup>th</sup> during Worship  
Congratulations to our Graduates!

Abby Fryauf  
Jayden Roth  
Madelyn Anderson  
Brett Schiele  
Jaden Hierseman  
Derek Fetzer



**Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**

We will be celebrating with the youth below as they affirm their Baptism.

Hannah Schiele  
Alex Poppen  
Andrew Samuelson  
Aiden Shields



## Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) News

### Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate the strong, loving women in your life. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we see thousands of Iowa moms through their journey to build the brightest future for their children.

We see moms turning to LSI's Mental Health or Behavioral Health Intervention Services to ensure their child is receiving the coping skills and behavioral supports they need to thrive. In our Early Childhood Services, we see first-time moms who are eager to join our parenting education classes and support groups. In 2018, LSI's Early Childhood programs provided support to 1,158 parents of young children. We are so inspired to hear their stories and see their hard work pay off as they raise our next generation. As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember how many Iowa moms are being empowered because of your support. If you are looking for a way to honor your mother this year, please consider giving a gift in her name at [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org).

Thank you for standing alongside Iowa families.

*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](http://LSIowa.org) and [Facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

### It's Worth Every Second

Nova and Brian always knew they wanted to become foster parents.

With their two oldest daughters growing up and entering high school, they decided to take the leap and open up their home to more children in need. Over the course of four years, they have successfully fostered 16 children and adopted four into their forever family.

Through LSI Foster Care and Adoption, the couple has wrapped their arms around sibling groups in need of a home where they can stay together, and the family is also a Cherokee Nation foster home, keeping children connected to their culture and heritage.

Nova encourages more Iowa families to consider foster care, as every child deserves and needs a safe space, regardless of how long that child may stay in your home.

"Foster care in Iowa is such a needed thing, and it's important to extend grace to parents of children in foster care and give them a chance to grow and heal," she says. "There aren't a whole lot of accolades for foster parenting, but it's worth it. It's worth the heartache, and it's worth the love and the smiles you see from these kids."



## Vacation Bible School 2019

*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 10<sup>th</sup> - June 13<sup>th</sup>  
9am - 3pm

Day camp is open to all children who are completing grades K - 5<sup>th</sup> 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 are also available online at [www.wbbethany.org](http://www.wbbethany.org) or can be picked up at the church office.

Please call the church office at 319-643-5998 with questions.

*Registration Forms  
due by May 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

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Thank You to  
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# 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 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
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](mailto:blcsecretary@lcom.net)

**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES—March 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Hughes at 6:35 p.m.

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

**Members absent:** Cheryl Fischer.

Pastor Chad opened the meeting with a devotion based on 1 Peter 2:9.

**Pastor's Report:**

Wow! It seems we just met. I will keep this report brief as it has been just a few short weeks since our last meeting. During that time, I have had 16 pastoral visits. Some other happenings include watching a webinar with Al Beyer pertaining to legal matters within the congregation. A variety of topics were discussed from insurance, employment, children and youth safety, etc. I am pleased to say Bethany is doing quite well in complying with most of the items that were presented. Also, Scott Marsh, Paula and I met to discuss Turning Point and continue to move this forward. The March newsletter summarized what we are doing during Lent and plans are underway for a future project. We will also be gathering with the entire group soon via a webinar and will additionally have a short meeting with just Pastor Uthe, Assistant to the Bishop. Thanks again Scott and Paula. Tonya, Amber, and I have reworked our Wednesday Faith Formation schedule to recover some lost instructional time as the result of winter weather. We will be meeting on Wednesday evenings during Lent from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. prior our dinner and worship. Plans were finalized for the upcoming Men's Bowling Night (April 6). This is a joint event with Trinity Lutheran in Tipton. Bethany's planning team consisted of Al Beyer, Mike Fryauf, and me. Following last November's snowstorm, work is being done to plan for future events such as this. A small team has been formed to discuss and research our options. I will be going to worship with the men of Free Indeed at the Anamosa State Penitentiary again on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Our Wednesday evening in Lent will kick off this week. The Wednesday Faith Formation families will be providing the meal. I will be gone March 20 and Scott Marsh will lead worship. Pastor Jacqui Berlien will be with us during worship on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Ash Wednesday worship services went well at West Branch United Methodist church. We had approximately 15 people at the noon service and probably 60 – 65 at the 7:00 p.m. service.

**Secretary's Report:** Linda moved and Nancy seconded to accept the secretary's report with two corrections. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Income: \$10,813.85

Expenditures: \$15,103.49

Extra expenses during February included a new office computer to replace Paula's which had broken, ICON for church record keeping, and snow removal. Al moved and Curt seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Building and Grounds:** Curt thanked Del for obtaining furnace filters. He changed some light bulbs and fixed a toilet. The old vacuum cleaner doesn't do well with the pews and surrounding areas. He is looking at an inexpensive more versatile vacuum for this area. The water heater died and was replaced by Lynch's Plumbing.

**Education:** Tonya said that the 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders chose to use monies collected from "noisy coin offerings" during Lent to purchase "critters" from the ELCA Good Gifts Program. They have a goal of \$700 with which they can buy a "Family Farm" from Good Gifts, which includes an educational training component.

**Evangelism and Missions:** Alan said that 3 to 4 people will be going to Anamosa for the prison ministry on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Many names were listed on the Talent Forms to assist with Hope Chest and with the Food Pantry, so a schedule is being formed for greater involvement of members in these important missions of our church.

**Fellowship:** Wayne is organizing the Lenten suppers which begin this week and also the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Suppers. **Stewardship:** Dave gave a talk during the Sunday service on stewardship, which includes wisely using God's resources.

**Worship and Music:** Linda sent a letter to the Synod Newsletter and was able to find a church that could use our old paraments.

**Youth:** No report.

**Old Business:**

- A. Parking lot: Jamie is drafting a letter to be distributed which will describe the project and ask for pledges.
- B. Snow removal: Curt Friis has offered to do snow removal for the parking lot when he is available.

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## BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES—December 2018

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Barnhart's will still be asked to do the sidewalks.

C. Computer: Paula's old computer died and has been replaced. It is working very well, but Randy Pohlman may still be needed for a few related things.

D. Old hymnals: There are still a few old hymnals in the church. There was a short discussion about making them available to any church that could use them.

New Business:

A. In light of our theme of conservation / stewardship / recycling, general copies of the agenda, minutes, and treasurer's reports will be made available only on an as-needed basis for council meetings.

B. The front door needs to be painted.

C. Wayne talked to the city office regarding including contact information about our church activities in welcoming information to new community members.

D. Del asked council members to bring a list of goals for this year to our next council meeting.

Next meeting April 8<sup>th</sup>.

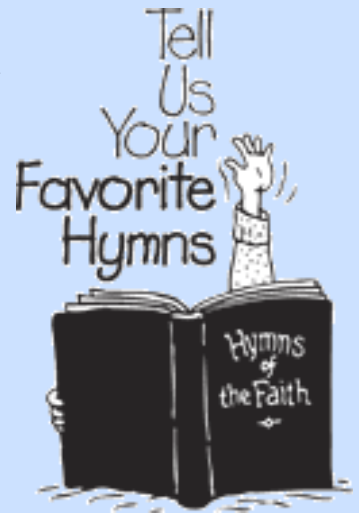
Meeting adjourned at 7:39 with the Lord's Prayer.



## Worship News

As is becoming an annual tradition, the worship committee is once again seeking input for your favorite hymns. You will find a copy of the *Evangelical Lutheran Witness* (ELW) hymnal, slips of paper to write your favorite hymns on, and a box to place those in outside the kitchen. We ask you select only two hymns so we can try and get all hymns in throughout the summer months and early next fall.

If you have any questions, please see Linda Black or Pastor Chad. Thank you!



## May Community Meal

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in May is Memorial Day weekend and also graduation day with many opportunities for eating; thus, we have decided to postpone our 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday meal two weeks.

**The meal is rescheduled to June 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.**

This is also the beginning of Vacation Bible School. VBS Teachers and volunteers will be providing the meal. The next Community meal after this will be July 28<sup>th</sup>. We hope you are enjoying this fellowship time. Feel free to invite your friends or someone in need.

## Baccalaureate

All graduating high school seniors have been invited to a Baccalaureate service to be held at and hosted by West Branch United Methodist Church, Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.





## 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.

### Titus 3:5-6

He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

- Trying to be good enough, or righteous enough for God...
- Receiving mercy, pardoned and forgiven...
- God Spirit poured out and as a part of me...



### Exodus 15:1-3

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name."

- God being imaged as a warrior...
- Singing songs to God...
- I lean on God's strength, might and healing salvation...

### 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

- For me, the Bible...
- Because of the Bible, I...
- For everything life brings, I need to be equipped by...

## 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*.

Wednesday, May 1	Psalm 122 Esther 9:1-5, 18-23 Luke 12:4-12	Friday, May 17	Revelation 10:1-11 Psalm 148 Daniel 7:13-14 Revelation 11:15
Thursday, May 2	Psalm 30 Isaiah 5:11-17 Revelation 3:14-22	Saturday, May 18	Psalm 148 Daniel 7:27 Revelation 11:16-19
Friday, May 3	Psalm 30 Isaiah 6:1-4 Revelation 4:1-11	Sunday, May 19	Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35
Saturday, May 4	Psalm 30 Genesis 18:1-8 Luke 14:12-14	Monday, May 20	Psalm 133 1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42 Acts 11:19-26
Sunday, May 5	Acts 9:1-6 [7-20] Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	Tuesday, May 21	Psalm 133 1 Samuel 1:4-27 Acts 11:27-30
Monday, May 6	Psalm 121 Ezekiel 1:1-25 Acts 9:19b-31	Wednesday, May 22	Psalm 133 Leviticus 19:9-18 Luke 10:25-28
Tuesday, May 7	Psalm 121 Ezekiel 1:26-2:1 Acts 26:1-18	Thursday, May 23	Psalm 67 Proverbs 2:1-5 Acts 15:36-41
Wednesday, May 8	Psalm 121 Isaiah 6:1-8 Luke 5:1-11	Friday, May 24	Psalm 67 Proverbs 2:6-8 Acts 16:1-8
Thursday, May 9	Psalm 23 Ezekiel 11:1-5 Revelation 5:1-10	Saturday, May 25	Psalm 67 Proverbs 2:9-15 Luke 19:1-10
Friday, May 10	Psalm 23 Ezekiel 20:39-44 Revelation 6:1-7:4	Sunday, May 26	Acts 16:9-15 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
Saturday, May 11	Psalm 23 Ezekiel 28:25-26 Luke 12:29-32	Monday, May 27	Psalm 93 1 Chronicles 12:16-22 Revelation 2:5-14
Sunday, May 12	Acts 9:36-43 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30	Tuesday, May 28	Psalm 93 2 Chronicles 15:1-15 Revelation 21:15-22
Monday, May 13	Psalm 100 Ezekiel 17:15-28 Revelation 15:1-4	Wednesday, May 29	Psalm 93 2 Chronicles 34:20-33 Luke 2:25-38
Tuesday, May 14	Psalm 100 Ezekiel 45:1-9 Acts 9:32-35	Thursday, May 30	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53
Wednesday, May 15	Psalm 100 Jeremiah 50:17-20 John 10:31-42	Friday, May 31	Psalm 97 Exodus 33:12-17 Revelation 22:6-9
Thursday, May 16	Psalm 148 Ezekiel 2:8-3:11		



# May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 9:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM West Branch Community Meal @ Bethany	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	<b>1</b> 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	<b>2</b> 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:00 AM Worship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	<b>8</b> 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	<b>9</b> 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00 AM Worship	<b>13</b> 6:30 PM Council Meeting	<b>14</b> 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	<b>15</b> 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	<b>16</b> 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:00 AM Worship with High School Senior Recognition and Blessing	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	<b>22</b> 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:15 PM Choir Practice	<b>23</b> 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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## Monetary Gifts Report

Submitted by Nancy Bruns

Saints in Worship	
3-03	53
3-10	55
3-17	48
3-24	58
3-31	73
Total 287	

	March 2019		YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Total Receipts	16,119	12,625	39,021	37,875
Total Expenses	16,156	13,685	43,435	41,066

*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.

