

# Bethany Lutheran Church

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



## June/July 2019

### Important Dates

#### June

6-2 Taking Directory pictures  
during fellowship  
6-9 Community meal with VBS  
Counselors 5:00 pm  
6-10—6-13 Vacation Bible School  
9:00 am—3:00 pm  
6-10 Council meeting 6:30 pm  
6-30 Confirmation Sunday

#### July

7-8 Council meeting 6:30 pm  
7-28 Community Meal 5:00 pm

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Day by day, as they spent much time together ... they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. - Acts 2:46-47 (NRSV)



Dear Faithful People of God,

Grace and peace to you from our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

The above passage speaks to how the early church began gathering in homes to celebrate a meal together. The earliest Christians in and around Jerusalem continued to worship in the Temple; however, in time, as differences arose, it became necessary to worship in their homes in order to celebrate the meal Jesus instituted. Additionally, the Apostle Paul speaks to Gentile Christians gathering for worship in their homes.

This practice of the early church brings me to a vision presently being discerned and cast by your *Turning Point* team of myself, Scott Marsh, and Paula Casper. What we envision are small house gatherings or "cottage" meetings in which we have a time of fellowship, worship, faith formation and a continuation of our Lenten theme of sharing our stories of faith. We are excited about this new opportunity and hope you will be too. A timeframe of when these will begin has yet to be determined but in order to facilitate this we will need your assistance. We will be looking for volunteers to come alongside our team and open up their homes to host a gathering.

We will be attending another Saturday training session on June 1st to come alongside other learning teams from around the Synod to share stories, reflect, and grow in how the Spirit is ever present transforming our communities. Following that, we will begin the planning and implementation of the project above.

In Christ's peace,



## June Birthdays

06/01 Sarah Fischer, Phil Hougen  
 06/02 Ethan Fetzer  
 06/06 Gavin Hierseman  
 06/07 Richard Madsen  
 06/11 Lee Cassabaum  
 06/13 Annika Olson, Lauren Whaley  
 06/15 Amanda Whaley  
 06/17 Curt Casper  
 06/18 Jennifer Leslie, Chad Whaley  
 06/20 Lon Liebergen  
 06/30 Sue Hughes

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



## July Birthdays

07/02 Diane Hougen  
 07/05 Kim Colvin  
 07/07 Tara Langley  
 07/08 Lynn Snyder  
 07/09 Tim Shields  
 07/10 Jerry Dodds  
 07/12 Millie Anderson, Dan Holstad  
 07/13 Peggy Jeffries, June Madsen  
 07/14 Herb Friis  
 07/15 Claudia Beyer, Dale Swenson  
 07/16 Dan Haub  
 07/17 Anna Bruns  
 07/19 Roxanne Bahnsen  
 07/20 Matthew Paulsen, Kristin Black  
 07/23 Kelsi Fryauf  
 07/30 Carol Roghair  
 07/31 Derek Fetzer

*Note: If you don't find your name on this list, please contact Paula to make sure we have it in our database. Thanks!*



## Bethany Books

by Frank Frostestad

### Books For Adults

The author this month is Brian D. McLaren. *A New Kind Of Christian* is the first book of a trilogy that recounts an intimate conversation between fictional characters Pastor Dan Poole and his daughter's science teacher, Neil Oliver. They reflect together about faith, doubt, reason, mission, leadership, and spiritual practice in the emerging post modern world. *A New Kind Of Christian* offers a tale of hope and spiritual revival for those who thought they had to give up on faith, God, and church.

*The Story We Find Ourselves In* is a sequel to *A New Kind Of Christian*. He found that none of the current strains of Christianity fully described his own faith. His picture of Christianity is one where traditional divisions and doctrinal differences give way to a focus on God and the story of God's love for this world. His fictional tale seeks to provide a picture of what it could mean to recapture a joyful spiritual life.

*The Last Word And The Word After That* is the final installment of the New Kind Of Christian Trilogy. Pastor Dan Poole and his friends face and survive their questions, doubts, and dark nights of the soul. They begin to imagine a new vision of God – and a new way of life that is more biblical and faithful, more inspiring and challenging. The books of this trilogy have provoked and will continue to provoke conversation and debate.

### DVD

*God Bless The Broken Road* tells the story of a young mother who loses her husband in Afghanistan and struggles to raise their young daughter in his absence. The film focuses on the importance of faith, friends, and family. This film is directed by Harold Cronk who did *God's Not Dead* and *God's Not Dead 2*.

### Book For Children

*When Families Grieve* by Sesame Street is designed to help your family sort through complex emotions, remember the life of a loved one, and find strength in one another. Talk to your child about his/her feelings. Listen to both your child's words and behaviors. Take clues from your child allowing him/her to express their emotions and ask questions when they feel ready. Connect as a family. You are not alone. Together you can move forward. The memory of your loved one can live on in the hearts of your family. This kit contains a Sesame Street DVD, a guide for parents and caregivers, and a children's story (Something Small: a story about remembering).

## 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  
Will resume in September

**Adult Discussion Hour**  
Following Sunday Worship  
Will resume this fall



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## Confirmation News

Recently, Pastor Chad and the six amazing confirmation students made snack bags for the West Branch Public Library. The bags consisted of a juice box, bag of crackers, granola bar and a hand-written note with a short saying such as "Have a great day!" or "You are the best!" or "Smile!". Many students visit the library for after-school programs and unfortunately the library doesn't always have needed funds to provide snacks and for some these snacks are very much needed.

Great job gang! One more way we do God's work with our hands!



## Confirmation Sunday

Due to scheduling conflicts, Confirmation Sunday will be held June 30th. Come worship and celebrate with our youth preparing to affirm their baptisms listed below.

Alex Poppen  
Andrew Samuelson  
Hannah Schiele  
Aiden Shields

## 2019 Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly

The 32nd Assembly of the Southeastern Iowa Synod was held May 10 and 11, 2019, at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines. Nearly 400 voting members and visitors gathered around the theme “One Bread. One Body.”

Rachel Alley, from Youth Ministry, Domestic Mission Unit, served as the churchwide representative providing updates and stories of the work we do together as the ELCA. Wendy Davidson, president of specialty channels at Kellogg North America was a special guest speaker. Additionally, there were many video greetings from ecumenical and ministry partners of the Southeastern Iowa Synod.

Forums allowed assembly participants to learn about partner ministries; our shared ministries in Southeastern Iowa and around the world. Some of their topics included; bible study, youth ministry, environmental stewardship, refugees and immigration, and ecumenical relations. The Assembly also took time to discuss the upcoming bishop’s election in 2020.

Additionally, congregational representatives brought “One Bread. One Body” reusable shopping bags filled with items representing their outreach that were blessed during worship on Friday night. The Friday night worship offering totaled more than \$4,200 and is designated for ministry partners of the Southeastern Iowa Synod. On Saturday, the Assembly was charged to give to ELCA World Hunger as a gift of thanksgiving and commitment as an “anti-hunger synod” more than \$5,500 was given.

Bishop Michael Burk served as chair of the assembly, including the Friday evening service of Holy Communion. In his report, Bishop Burk provided highlights of our shared ministry since the synod was last gathered in assembly, providing his assessment of ways we are united in Christ as the “One Bread. One Body.”

343 voting members and 52 visitors were in attendance for business matters and resolutions. 58% of voting members were lay voting members. 59% of voting members were female and 41% male.

Resolutions adopted included: 1) Peace Not Walls: a resolution encouraging ministers of the synod learn more about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and to memorialize and urge the 2019 Churchwide Assembly to advocate for humanitarian issues related to the conflict. 2) Peace Not Walls: a resolution encouraging ministers of the synod to learn more about cuts in funding levels in the Near East and to memorialize and urge the 2019 Churchwide Assembly to advocate for fiscal issues related to the conflict 3) Public witness: a resolution to stand against recent attacks on faith communities as agents of reconciliation and grace. 4) A courtesy resolution of thanksgiving for the assembly and various ministries of the Southeastern Iowa Synod. Visit the 2019 Synod Assembly webpage for the full text of resolutions.

Other business included the approval of the 2020 synod budget and minimum compensation guidelines. Congregations and rostered leaders celebrating anniversaries were celebrated. Death of ministers were memorialized.

Visit the 2019 Synod Assembly webpage for more details about the assembly and to access videos, photos, and texts. Videos and photos of the event will be posted as they become available in the upcoming weeks.

The 2020 Assembly of the Southeastern Iowa Synod, will take place May 1-3, 2020 in Coralville, Iowa, at which time the election of a new Bishop will be held.

ONE BREAD ONE BODY



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## Our Life Together

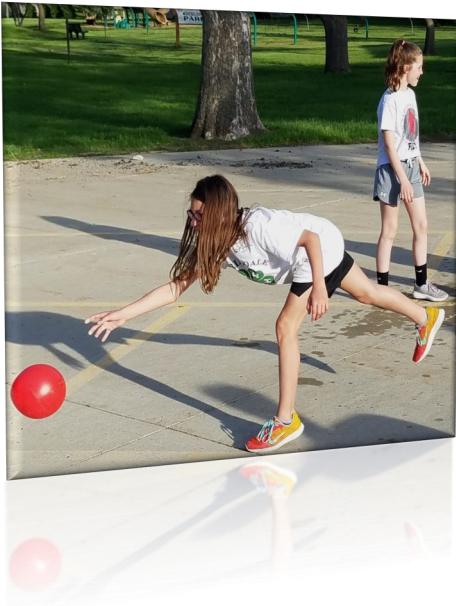
The photos on this page and the next reveal just a small sampling of our life together in Christ over the past month. Two of the pictures on this page are taken from worship on May 19th as we celebrated with and prayed for God's blessings upon our high school graduates. The picture at the bottom right is from worship on May 12th as a few of our youth sang the song, "Sanctuary" in worship and helped teach the congregation this song the children and youth so love to sing.

The photos on the next page are from the final evening of Wednesday Faith Formation on May 15th. Much fun was had by all as we played games, had Root Beer floats, and sang some of our favorite songs from the past year. It was a great year in which 15-20 children and youth were in attendance every Wednesday night as we gathered for worship and then continued to grow in our faith and love of Jesus Christ! Thanks to all who attended, all who helped teach, and all parents for getting your children there!





## Wednesday Faith Formation May 15th



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**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES—April 8, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Hughes at 6:30 p.m.

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

Pastor Chad opened with a short devotion from Traveling With the Eyes of God.

### **Pastor Council Report**

Since our last meeting, I have had 8 pastoral visits. I concluded my 3 pre-marital sessions with Marisa Kaufman and Keith Terry, who will be married on May 18th. I also met with Miranda Wieneke and Braden Dlhly about their upcoming wedding on October 18. That will be held at Bethany.

Wednesday evenings in Lent will conclude next week. As always, these Wednesday's are a source of life for me. I believe it is simply because it is a change. And while, the planning and preparation takes a bit more time and can add some stress, I find the change to be fruitful for my soul. There is a different energy. New songs. New faces. A different liturgy and of course a different location of worship. While change can be challenging and stressful, many times change is good and just what God knows we need. To break out of a rut and be opened-up. Thanks to everyone who has attended a service or a meal. Thanks to all who have helped prepare a meal. Thanks to Deanna for filling in this past Wednesday in Jill's absence. Thanks to all who have shared their stories. The attendance numbers have overall been great!

On March 12th, a group of six from Bethany attended a prayer vigil at Iowa City Church of the Nazarene. This vigil was held in response to their building being desecrated with words of hatred spray painted on the exterior walls. Thanks to those who attended and all who have held the faithful people of this congregation in prayer. This was a wonderful service attended by many different Christians denominations and also other world religions such as Judaism and Islam. While we all certainly wish the events that precipitated such a gathering would never have happened, our response and unity gave witness that love will always prevail over hatred, bigotry, racism, and prejudice.

Al Beyer, Jill Taylor and I worshipped with the men of Free Indeed at the Anamosa State Penitentiary on

Saturday, March 30. Once again, it was a powerful experience and a joy to see the Spirit moving in this place. As part of my work on the Free Indeed outside council, I coordinate the sending of thank you notes to the many congregations and private donors who help sustain this shared ministry within our Synod.

The confirmation class have been gathering during Lent and studying about the power of prayer. We have learned what prayer is, why we pray, how we pray, when to pray, and if God really answers prayers. The Wednesday morning men's group is also studying this same class and discussions have been good within both groups.

Our first joint event with the men of Trinity in Tipton will happen this Saturday, April 6 as we gather for pizza, worship and a devotion and then go bowling. Through this event we are meeting 2 of the items Bishop Burk lifted-up at a council meeting last year pertaining to a study that found 4 characteristics of vital congregations. First, they are connected to the larger church and second, they are willing to try something new. I heard positive feedback from the women's retreat about a month ago and hopefully this too will be a positive experience.

Well, I could list other happenings during the last month, like 2 baptisms (exciting), but I can't list everything. Holy Week will soon be upon us and Bethany will be hosting Good Friday worship. The annual West Branch Area Religious Council (WBARC) pulpit exchange will be held on April 28th. West Branch United Methodist Church is slated to come to Bethany, and I am scheduled to attend the West Branch Friends Meeting Conservative.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** March Revenues \$16,119.30  
March Expenditures \$16,156.04  
Extra expenses in March included snow removal and a new water heater. The Sunday School class used \$310 of the noisy coin offering for the Good Gifts program. Al moved and Curt seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

### **Committee Reports**

**Education:** Tonya is working on Vacation Bible School plans for June 10 – 13<sup>th</sup>. Amber and Darla have agreed to be leaders.

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## BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES—April 2019

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**Evangelism and Outreach:** Pastor Chad, Jill Taylor, and Al went to Anamosa on March 30<sup>th</sup> for the Free Indeed service at the Penitentiary. Eleven men from Bethany and Trinity Lutheran Church in Tipton met on April 6<sup>th</sup> for a meal, devotions, and bowling.

**Fellowship:** Wayne said that the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Meal was again well received. He would like to have more people offer to serve for Sunday morning fellowship.

**Stewardship:** Dave will continue to do regular short temple talks, with an emphasis that stewardship is much more than monetary gifts.

**Music and Worship:** Linda said that the Easter lilies and spray for the cross have been ordered.

**Youth:** No report.

### Old Business

- \* A. Parking Lot: A letter with pledge cards has been sent to Bethany members. Del discussed securing a second bid for the project. He said that the committee had decided against this because the second company had done unsatisfactory work on a similar project.
- \* B. There was no further old business.

### New Business:

- \* A. Church directory: Del expressed interest in having a new church directory, but not the formal one as has been done in the past. He said that Paula has a software program on the secretary's computer which can compile photos for a directory. The council agreed to let Del pursue more information on this project.
- \* B. Custodian: Deb Lund has offered her resignation. Wayne moved and Curt seconded to accept her resignation. Motion passed. It was decided to have the selection committee select from the previous candidates for the position. This selection would then be offered to the council for approval.
- \* C. Linda inquired about having a spring cleanup around the church. Curt offered to do this himself.
- \* D. Dave expressed interest in preserving the old photos which are located in the glass cabinet by the choir robes, as the quality of these is gradually deteriorating with time. Besides scanning them, he would like to identify people on the old photos. Council approved to have him pursue this.

- \* E. Dave said a church tradition is to have the Athanasian Creed read during the service on Trinity Sunday, which is a couple months from now. With council approval, he will organize this.
- \* F. There was no further new business.

### Next Meeting May 13<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting 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.

### Exodus 20:1-6

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

- Today people seem to idolize...
- In this commandment God asks for a relationship that...
- Things that come between me and God are...



### 1 Timothy 6:12

Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

- Claiming, struggling and fighting for faith...
- When I confess and admit my faith to others, I feel...
- Sharing my faith stories...

### Exodus 20:7

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

- The worst ways to dishonor God...
- The best ways to honor God are...
- Using expressions like, "Oh my god," is...

## 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*.

Saturday, June 1	Psalm 97 Exodus 33:18-23 John 1:14-18	Sunday, June 16	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15
Sunday, June 2	Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26	Monday, June 17	Psalm 124 Proverbs 7:1-4 Ephesians 4:7-16
Monday, June 3	Psalm 29 Exodus 40:16-38 Acts 16:35-40	Tuesday, June 18	Psalm 124 Proverbs 8:4-21 Ephesians 5:15-20
Tuesday, June 4	Psalm 29 2 Chronicles 5:2-14 Acts 26:19-29	Wednesday, June 19	Psalm 124 Daniel 1:1-21 Luke 1:46b-55
Wednesday, June 5	Psalm 29 Ezekiel 3:12-21 Luke 9:18-27	Thursday, June 20	Psalm 22:19-28 Isaiah 56:9-12 Romans 2:17-29
Thursday, June 6	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Isaiah 32:11-17 Galatians 5:16-25	Friday, June 21	Psalm 22:19-28 Isaiah 57:1-13 Galatians 3:15-22
Friday, June 7	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Isaiah 44:1-4 Galatians 6:7-10	Saturday, June 22	Psalm 22:19-28 Isaiah 59:1-8 Matthew 9:27-34
Saturday, June 8	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 2 Kings 2:1-15a Luke 1:5-17	Sunday, June 23	Isaiah 65:1-9 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39
Sunday, June 9	Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9 Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17 [25-27]	Monday, June 24	Psalm 64 Job 18:1-21 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Monday, June 10	Psalm 48 Joel 2:18-29 1 Corinthians 2:1-11	Tuesday, June 25	Psalm 64 Job 19:1-22 Ephesians 2:11-22
Tuesday, June 11	Psalm 48 Ezekiel 11:14-25 1 Corinthians 2:12-16	Wednesday, June 26	Psalm 64 Ezekiel 32:1-10 Luke 9:37-43a
Wednesday, June 12	Psalm 48 Numbers 24:1-14 Luke 1:26-38	Thursday, June 27	Psalm 16 Leviticus 9:22-10:11 2 Corinthians 13:5-10
Thursday, June 13	Psalm 8 Proverbs 3:13-18 Ephesians 1:17-19	Friday, June 28	Psalm 16 2 Kings 1:1-16 Galatians 4:8-20
Friday, June 14	Psalm 8 Proverbs 3:19-26 Ephesians 4:1-6	Saturday, June 29	Psalm 16 Deuteronomy 32:15-27, 39-43 Luke 9:21-27
Saturday, June 15	Psalm 8 Proverbs 4:1-9 Luke 2:41-52	Sunday, June 30	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Psalm 16 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62

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Mon, July 1	Psalm 140 Genesis 24:34-41, 50-67 1 John 2:7-11	Wed, July 17	Psalm 25:11-20 Ecclesiastes 9:13-18 Matthew 25:31-46
Tues, July 2	Psalm 140 Jeremiah 3:15-18 Ephesians 5:6-20	Thurs, July 18	Psalm 15 Genesis 12:10-20 Hebrews 5:1-6
Wed July 3	Psalm 140 Jeremiah 23:16-22 Matthew 10:16-25	Fri, July 19	Psalm 15 Genesis 13:1-18 Ephesians 3:14-21
Thus, July 4	Psalm 66:1-9 2 Kings 21:1-15 Romans 7:14-25	Sat, July 20	Psalm 15 Genesis 14:1-16 Luke 8:4-10
Fri, July 5	Psalm 66:1-9 Jeremiah 51:47-58 2 Corinthians 8:1-7	Sun, July 21	Genesis 18:1-10a Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42
Sat, July 6	Psalm 66:1-9 Zechariah 14:10-21 Luke 9:1-6	Mon, July 22	Psalm 119:97-104 Exodus 18:1-12 Colossians 1:27-2:7
Sun, July 7	Isaiah 66:10-14 Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Tues, July 23	Psalm 119:97-104 Proverbs 9:1-18 1 John 2:1-6
Mon, July 8	Psalm 119:73-80 Jeremiah 6:10-19 Acts 19:21-27	Wed, July 24	Psalm 119:97-104 Deuteronomy 12:1-12 John 6:41-51
Tues, July 9	Psalm 119:73-80 Jeremiah 8:4-13 Acts 19:28-41	Thurs, July 25	Psalm 138 Esther 2:19-3:6 Acts 1:15-20
Wed, July 10	Psalm 119:73-80 Joshua 23:1-16 Luke 10:13-16	Fri, July 26	Psalm 138 Esther 3:7-15 Acts 2:22-36
Thurs, July 11	Psalm 25:1-10 Genesis 41:14-36 James 2:14-26	Sat, July 27	Psalm 138 Esther 4:1-17 Luke 8:22-25
Fri, July 12	Psalm 25:1-10 Genesis 41:37-49 Acts 7:9-16	Sun, July 28	Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19] Luke 11:1-13
Sat, July 13	Psalm 25:1-10 Leviticus 19:1-4, 32-37 John 3:16-21	Mon, July 29	Psalm 55:16-23 Esther 5:1-14 Colossians 2:16-3:1
Sun, July 14	Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	Tues , July 30	Psalm 55:16-23 Esther 6:1-7:6 Romans 9:30-10:4
Mon, July 15	Psalm 25:11-20 Job 24:1-8 James 2:1-7	Wed, July 31	Psalm 55:16-23 Esther 7:7-8:17 Matthew 5:43-48
Tues, July 16	Psalm 25:11-20 Proverbs 19:1-17 1 John 3:11-17		

## Vacation Bible School

There is still time to register for Vacation Bible School, which will be held June 10-13. Application forms can be picked up at the church office or by visiting our website ([www.wbbethany.org](http://www.wbbethany.org)).

We also are in need of volunteers to help during the week. There are a variety of opportunities available and a poster (see to right) located outside the kitchen showing what those needs and times are.

Thanks to all who have already signed up to help volunteer or donate food.



**VBS Note:** The Camp EWALU counselors will once again be staying at the church during VBS week. Therefore, in order to respect their privacy, we ask all to refrain from using the Great Hall in the evening or early morning hours. Thanks for your patience and understanding!

VBS VOLUNTEER SIGN UP			
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>GREETER</b> 8:45a.m. - 9:15a.m.	<b>GREETER</b> 8:45a.m. - 9:15a.m.	<b>GREETER</b> 8:45a.m. - 9:15a.m.	<b>GREETER</b> 8:45a.m. - 9:15a.m.
<b>GROUP HELPER</b> 9a.m. - 12:30p.m.	<b>GROUP HELPER</b> 9a.m. - 12:30p.m.	<b>GROUP HELPER</b> 9a.m. - 12:30p.m.	<b>GROUP HELPER</b> 9a.m. - 12:30p.m.
<b>SNACK/LUNCH HELPER</b> 10a.m. - 1p.m.	<b>SNACK/LUNCH HELPER</b> 10a.m. - 1p.m.	<b>SNACK/LUNCH HELPER</b> 10a.m. - 1p.m.	<b>SNACK/LUNCH HELPER</b> 10a.m. - 1p.m.
<b>GROUP HELPER</b> 12:30p.m. - 3p.m.	<b>GROUP HELPER</b> 12:30p.m. - 3p.m.	<b>GROUP HELPER</b> 12:30p.m. - 3p.m.	<b>GROUP HELPER</b> 12:30p.m. - 3p.m.

## Monetary Gifts Report

Submitted by Nancy Bruns

### Saints in Worship

4-7 86  
4-14 68  
4-21 124  
4-28 43

Total 321

	April 2019		YTD	
Total Receipts	Actual 12,258	Budget 12,625	Actual 51,279	Budget 50,500
Total Expenses	Actual 12,700	Budget 13,684	Actual 56,135	Budget 54,750

**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.

## June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Worship	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	<b>5</b> 6:00 AM Men's Break-fast and Bible Study	<b>6</b> 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Community Meal (Open to Public)	<b>10</b> 6:30 PM Council Meeting 9-3 Vacation Bible School	<b>11</b> 9-3 Vacation Bible School	<b>12</b> 9-3 Vacation Bible School	<b>13</b> 9-3 Vacation Bible School	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:00 AM Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	<b>19</b> 6:00 AM Men's Break-fast and Bible Study	<b>20</b> 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00 AM Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	<b>26</b> 6:00 AM Men's Break-fast and Bible Study	<b>27</b> 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:00 AM Worship (Confirmation Sunday)	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	<b>3</b> 6:00 AM Men's Break-fast and Bible Study	<b>4</b> 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>

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<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>31</b> 6:00 AM Men's Break-fast and Bible Study	<b>1</b> 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

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6-2 Lisa Zimmerman  
6-9 Wayne Frauenholtz  
6-16 Del Hughes  
6-23 Pat Ernst  
6-30 Shawn Samuelson

#### Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

6-2 Jamie & Lisa Zimmerman  
6-9 Wayne Frauenholtz  
6-16 Ron & Candy Madsen  
6-23 Bonnie Conner  
6-30 Jon & Laura Twing

#### Ministers of Christ's Light (Acolytes)

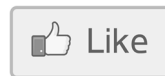
6-2 Andrew & Layla Samuelson  
6-9 Aiden & Miley Shields  
6-16 Cole Crosthwaite  
Jacob Langley  
6-23 Auron & Aizlyn Marsh  
6-30 Dylan Schiele



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7-21 Phil Hougen  
7-28 Deanna Weismann

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7-7 Jamie & Anne Fetzer  
7-14 Cindy Knoop  
7-21 Kent & Beth Kaufman  
7-28 Shawn & Tonya Samuelson

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7-7 Chloe & Shelby Klabo  
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