

Bethany Lutheran Church

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



2019

Important Dates

- 8-12 Council meeting 6:30 pm
- 8-18 Blessing of backpacks
Service
- 8-25 Community meal 5:00 pm

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See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.—Isaiah 43:19



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

You will notice the parking lot looks quite different. In July, an Ash Tree that has stood for many years was taken down in preparation to resurface the parking lot. Also removed was a Maple tree that stood just west of the parking lot. Many thanks to all who helped with this huge undertaking (*see page four for more information*).

The Maple tree was split and possibly had been hit by lightning over the years. The Ash tree, while healthy now, very well may have soon been plagued by Emerald Ash Borer Beetles, if it was left to stand. It was sad to see these trees go. As I watched limb after limb fall to the ground and as I assisted in lifting those fallen limbs into the trailer for removal I couldn't help but wonder about all the creatures who have rested upon the branches, found shade in the foliage, and built nests that brought forth new life in these trees that blessed our property for many years. I couldn't help but think of all the people who admired their beauty or recollect the outdoor worship services we had in which we took relief from the morning sun in the shade provided by that Ash tree.

Indeed, it is sad to see these trees go and we give thanks to God for the life they brought to us for so many years. Yet, as I read the above passage from the prophet Isaiah, I am encouraged, strengthened, and hopeful in the assurance that God will do something new. A team is already at work discussing what type of trees will be planted around the church grounds to replace the two that were removed. New life will emerge and the glory of God's abundant creation will blossom forth yet again.

This promise that brought hope to the people of Israel held captive in a foreign land (i.e., Babylon) continues this day to be a sign of hope for the church and the people of God. Even when we may not perceive it, God is continually at work doing a new thing. Creating as God has always done. Causing life to spring forth yet again. Making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Thanks be to God!

In peace,





Birthdays

08-01 Aiden Shields
 08-02 Mia Olson
 08-04 Chris Korsmo, Jennifer Olson
 08-06 Jenna Helms, Bob Leslie
 08-08 Shawn Samuelson
 08-09 Sterling Benz, Karen Brick
 08-11 Jane Frauenholtz
 08-16 Jason Friis
 08-18 Jordan Arp, Courtney Heid
 08-19 Anna Friis
 08-21 Dana Arp, Rayna Sexton
 08-23 Allison Arp, Sam McCrory
 08-25 Paige Roth
 08-27 Miley Shields
 08-28 Jacob Langley
 08-29 Kaylea Zimmerman
 08-31 Aynsley Fonseca

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



Pastor Vacation

Pastor Chad will be out of the office August 4th—17th. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care please contact our Administrative Assistant Paula Casper at the office (643-5998) or on her cell phone (319-331-9456). If Paula is unavailable, contact Council President Del Hughes (319-430-5705). Both have available contacts to assist with emergency pastoral care. Thanks!



Bethany Books

by Frank Frostestad

Books For Adults

Jen Hatmaker is an author of books of women's issues and a motivational speaker. The women's early Thursday bible study class studied some of her work last year. In September, of last year, the class went on an overnight to Chicago to hear her speak. One of her earliest and best known books is *7: An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess*. This is the story of how she and her family took seven months and identified seven areas and excess, and made seven simple choices to fight back against the modern day diseases of greed, materialism, and overindulgence.

In *7*, Jen Hatmaker and her family started an experimental mutiny against excess. *Interrupted: When Jesus Wrecks Your Comfortable Christianity* is the prequel. This is the story before the story of how God stepped into their comfortable lives and called them to something greater. She asks herself: "Is there more to faith than just safe, predictable, and boring?" This is her personal story of how she woke up to God's plan for her. She abandoned her "comfortable Christianity", and really started her journey to making a difference with her faith. (donated)

For The Love: Fighting For Grace In A World Of Impossible Standards allows reader's to engage our culture's controversial issues with a grace first approach. This book is a wise journey through the roller coaster of modern motherhood. She explodes the myth that make woman miserable and charts a path to freedom. It is a critique of what this world has done to woman and a celebration of what life can be with grace. (donated)

Many of you are familiar with the author Joyce Meyer. We have a number of her books. Today's addition is *20 Ways To Make Every Day Better*. One bad day easily turns into many. Soon we are living a life far from what God has in mind for us. Starting now we can make each moment count for the better. *20 Ways To Make Every Day Better* offers biblical illustrations with simple, practical advice. Uplifting stories and the encouragement we need to start enjoying the life God created for us are discussed. (donated)

Book For Children

Kids Favorite Bible Stories contains 10 easily read familiar Bible stories. Daniel in the lion's den is the first and also includes: the parable of the sower, stairway to heaven, the wise and foolish builder, and Zacchaeus.



God's Work. Our hands.

Adult Education Opportunities

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
(Resumes September 11th)
9:00 a.m. in Great Hall unless
stated otherwise
All Women are Welcome

2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the church, is a process of communal spiritual discernment. Finding ourselves in Christ, the fifteenth Churchwide Assembly will be a time for us to be the living body of Christ guided by the Spirit and conformed to God's will. It will be held August 5-10 in Milwaukee.

For more information and to livestream the proceedings visit the link below.

<https://elca.org/cwa>

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Once again this year, we will be joining thousands of congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) for God's work, Our hands Sunday. While we are called to serve each and every day this is a dedicated day of service and reaching out in Christian love to our neighbor. If you have any ideas on projects, people who may need a hand with something, or other service possibilities, please let Al Beyer know.

Additionally, we have a limited number of shirts available to purchase if you don't already have one. Please see Pastor Chad or Paula. If we need to order more, we will.



Thank You!

Several weeks ago Kent spent the entire day in a bucket truck trimming down the ash tree and maple tree in Bethany's parking lot. Great job and well done. Only 90 plus degrees that day, yay! Thanks Kent!

The bucket truck was donated by Dan Haub. We couldn't have done it without the right tools. Thank you, Dan and Lynn!

Al, Del, Chad and John picked up and loaded 6 huge dump trailers of branches. All were delivered to the city's yard waste site. Thanks guys! Oh yes, Linda helped after lunch too!

Saturday morning Curt Casper and Jamie joined us to finish cleanup of 2 more big loads to city collection site. Lots of leaf and shrapnel clean up to make ready for Sunday services. Thank you all!

Samuelson's donated a trailer we needed a ton. Thank you!

John brought some of JBCF's (i.e., John Black Curt Friis farm) toys to help too.

Now all that is left to do is grind stumps out, then bring on the asphalt! Thanks again to all that helped.

The good Lord must have been looking over us all cause this was a big project and all went well! We truly are blessed.

The above was written by John Black on behalf of the Property Team.

New Plants

This past winter was hard on some of the plants and shrubbery around the church grounds. The photo (top right) is of landscaping recently done next to the ramp leading into the Great Hall. Many thanks to John and Linda Black and Candy Madsen for your help bringing new life and beauty to this space.

Thanks also to Amanda Whaley for bringing life back to the church parsonage grounds with new plants and flowers after a long winter. (Bottom right photo)

Thanks to Curt Casper and anyone else who has assisted with work around the grounds!

New Quilt

The quilt below, hanging in the Great Hall, was recently assembled by our quilting group. The squares with drawings on them are the creativity of the children who attended Vacation Bible School. Thanks to the children and quilters for this wonderful quilt!





Confirmation 2019

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Four students completed their second year of Affirmation of Baptism class (aka Confirmation) this past May. Those students are: Alex Poppen, Andrew Samuelson, Hannah Schiele, and Aiden Shields. During worship on June 30th, those able to be present with us affirmed their faith. See the photos below. Thanks to the Bethany choir for singing during worship!



Puzzle!

Draw lines to connect the biblical figures with the locations associated with them.

Abraham
Amos
Ananias
Cornelius
Daniel
Dorcas
Esther
Jesus
Jonah
Joshua
Lydia
Martha
Moses
Naaman
Ruth
Saul
Zacchaeus



Moab
Canaan
Babylon
Caesarea
Nineveh
Jericho
Ur
Tarsus
Joppa
Aram
Tekoa
Bethany
Egypt
Philippi
Nazareth
Persia
Damascus

Answers: Abraham – Ur, Amos – Tekoa, Ananias – Damascus, Cornelius – Caesarea, Daniel – Babylon, Dorcas – Joppa, Esther – Persia, Jesus – Nazareth, Jonah – Nineveh, Joshua – Canaan, Lydia – Philippi, Martha – Bethany, Moses – Egypt, Naaman – Aram, Ruth – Moab, Saul – Tarsus, Zacchaeus – Jericho

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

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

Pastor Whaley opened with a devotional based on Matt. 26: 31-16 and John 21: 15-19a. He led a discussion on Bethany's outreach and future ministry.

Pastor's Report:

Grace and peace in the name of Christ!

Some highlights from our last meeting:

Attended pre-holy week worship offered by Bishop Burk to rostered leaders within the Southeastern Iowa Synod

Leadership coaching session (from Leadership school last summer)

Attended Maundy Thursday service at Springdale

Planned and led Good Friday worship service at Bethany

Easter Sunday worship

Wednesday Faith Formation resumed

Confirmation Youth made 40 bags of snacks that were delivered to the West Branch Public Library to feed children and youth who attend after school programs and may be in need of a snack

Made communion bread

Worked on final papers for 4 youth that will be confirmed in June

Crestview Worship

Free Indeed Outside Council meeting at Synod Center for ministry

Women's Circle

Men's Group—began a video series titled "Jesus and His Jewish Influences"

Turning Point Meeting with Scott and Paula

In initial stages of envisioning and planning a future project that will continue to foster discussion of our faith stories, our life together, and perhaps a new way of fostering relationships and worshipping our Lord. Stay tuned. We are excited about this!

Synod Assembly in West Des Moines

Along with Laura Twing and Dave Bahnsen

Gathered around the theme "One Bread. One Body"

What does unity in Christ look like? Why does it matter?

WBARC Meeting

Discussion on possible training for religious leaders on suicide

Begin discussions and pondering on our mission as a group

Pastoral Visits (11)

Reading several books centered on topics of the Bible, leadership, and grief

On the horizon:

Wedding of Keith Terry and Marisa Kaufman –May 18

Turning Point Saturday gathering with other learning teams from around the Synod –June 1

VBS –June 10 – 13

Leadership School Gathering in Cedar Rapids June 14 and 15

Free Indeed Worship – June 29

Secretary's Report:

Nancy moved and Cheryl seconded to accept the Secretary's Report. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund-- April offerings were \$12,258 and April Expenses were \$12,700 with a net decrease of \$442.

Year-to-date offerings and expenses are just above budget. There are no extraordinary expenses for the month. We did purchase a vacuum for the sanctuary for \$201.

Other Funds – We collected \$402 during the Wednesday night Lenten services, which was sent to the Synod for Lutheran Disaster Response – flood relief. We had received \$10,359 for the parking lot fund by the end of April and received an additional \$1,500 on Sunday, May 5. So we have a total of \$11,850 collected so far.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds:

The committee met with Bret Stout on May 9th to discuss sidewalk problems by the parsonage and along the church parking lot. He hasn't gotten back to us with estimates.

The roof of the bell tower is leaking and West Branch Roofing has given us an estimate of \$2,700 for repair. The old ash tree in the parking lot and another damaged tree next to the street need to be removed.

Education:

Darla has put up posters advertising Vacation Bible School. Tonya is putting up a volunteer poster for snacks and assistance. Wednesday will be the last Faith Formation session for the season.

Evangelism and Outreach:

Bethany is assisting with HACAP on June 21st. We will be attending the Free Indeed service on June 29th at the Penitentiary.

Fellowship:

4th Sunday Meal will not be held on Memorial Day

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May Council Minutes (Continued from page 6)

weekend. Del and Sue Hughes will be serving on the Sunday evening prior to Vacation Bible School.

Stewardship: No Report

Worship and Music: Last practice for choir will be this week. A signup list has been set out for Select Your Favorite Hymn. Linda is hoping to find a home for old With One Voice hymnals. Al will contact Pastor Collell to see if the prison could use them. There are a bunch of old wax candles available to donate.

6. Youth:

Cheryl is going to contact Bethany youth to assist with Vacation Bible School.

Old Business

Cookie Walk: \$563.36 is available in the fund. A discussion was tabled to the next meeting for council members to come up with ideas for distribution for these funds.

Committee Goals: Del would like all council members to bring a list of goals for their committee to our next meeting.

Church Directory: Paula has sent out an email to all members inviting them to submit a family or individual photo to be used in a directory. She will take photos during fellowship on June 2nd.

New Business

Parking Lot: A long discussion was held regarding the proposal from L.L. Pelling to resurface the parking lot. Cheryl moved and Wayne seconded to approve the Pelling proposal for cleaning and leveling, asphalt resurfacing, a sloping patch in front of the entrance, parking stall painting, and the east parking lot exit drive repair in the amount of \$21,362.40. Motion passed. A congregational vote on this proposal will be held on May 19th. So far pledges have been made totaling \$19,069 and \$13,950 has been collected.

Sidewalk repair: Bids will be taken for repairs.

Trees will be removed prior to the parking lot repair.

Weeds. Linda would like to assist with cleaning and replanting some of the area on the north side of the Great Hall.

Wayne is soliciting some ideas on developing a welcoming package or kit for visitors.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Special Meeting May 19, 2019

Pastor Whaley opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. with a prayer.

President Hughes began the discussion by listing four areas of concern to Building and Grounds.

Parking Lot
Sidewalks
Bell Tower
Trees

The roof of the bell tower is leaking and West Branch Roofing has inspected it and submitted an estimate to repair it for \$2,700.

The sidewalk beginning at the parsonage driveway has been undermined from water runoff. Other areas have been damaged. The sidewalk next to the parking lot needs to be repaired prior to asphalt repair. Three bids are being taken for this job.

The old ash tree in the parking lot needs to be removed as well as the damaged tree next to the street.

Parking Lot Repair: Pledged: \$21,060.00
Paid up: \$13,950.00

The original bid from L.L. Pelling of \$19,507.40 was for resurfacing of the existing asphalt area with 1 ½ In. of asphalt. The building committee met and felt that the broken concrete area in front of the entrance could also be covered with asphalt. The exit driveway off the new parking lot was unfinished because the city was going to redo the street and put in sidewalks. This subsequently is off the books indefinitely. The committee felt that this drop-off area should be finished also. With the additional area, the new bid would be \$21,362.40.

John Black then suggested that we should add another ½ inch of asphalt to make it 2 inches to ensure a longer life. Jamie commented that this was recommended in several google searches he did. Adding this would cost an additional \$4,750.

Deb Anderson moved that Bethany enter a contract with L.L. Pelling to repair the parking lot. Claudia Beyer seconded the motion. Further discussion was held on the additional depth of asphalt and the additional cost. Deb then moved to amend the main motion by stipulating that 2 inches of asphalt be applied to the repaired parking lot. Jamie seconded the motion. Motion on the amendment passed.

Deb Lund moved the full motion. Dave Poppen seconded the motion. With no further discussion, a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Wayne Frauenholtz moved to adjourn the meeting.



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 20:8-11

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

- This commandment seems...
- Sabbath time, my holy time is...
- In order to rest, I have to stop...



Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- Having the mind of Christ...
- Learning to understand Jesus helps me...
- Jesus: emptied, human, humbled, slave, obedient...

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*.

Thurs, August 1	Psalm 49:1-12 Proverbs 23:1-11 Romans 11:33-36	Sat, August 17	Hebrews 10:32-39 Psalm 82 1 Samuel 6:1-16
Fri, August 2	Psalm 49:1-12 Proverbs 24:1-12 Ephesians 4:17-24	Sun, August 18	Matthew 24:15-27 Jeremiah 23:23-29 Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Sat, August 3	Psalm 49:1-12 Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 Mark 10:17-22	Mon, August 19	Luke 12:49-56 Psalm 32 Jeremiah 23:30-40
Sun, August 4	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	Tues, August 20	1 John 4:1-6 Psalm 32 Jeremiah 25:15-29
Mon, August 5	Psalm 127 Ecclesiastes 2:1-17 Colossians 3:18-4:1	Wed, August 21	Acts 7:44-53 Psalm 32 Jeremiah 25:30-38
Tues, August 6	Psalm 127 Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:8 Colossians 4:2-6	Thurs, August 22	Luke 19:45-48 Psalm 103:1-8 Numbers 15:32-41
Wed, August 7	Psalm 127 Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, 13-14 Luke 12:22-31	Fri, August 23	Hebrews 12:3-17 Psalm 103:1-8 2 Chronicles 8:12-15
Thurs, August 8	Psalm 33:12-22 Job 21:1-16 Romans 9:1-9	Sat, August 24	Acts 17:1-9 Psalm 103:1-8 Nehemiah 13:15-22
Fri, August 9	Psalm 33:12-22 Ecclesiastes 6:1-6 Acts 7:1-8	Sun, August 25	Luke 6:1-5 Isaiah 58:9b-14 Hebrews 12:18-29
Sat, August 10	Psalm 33:12-22 Genesis 11:27-32 Matthew 6:19-24	Mon, August 26	Luke 13:10-17 Psalm 109:21-31 Ezekiel 20:1-17
Sun, August 11	Genesis 15:1-6 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Tues, August 27	Hebrews 3:7-4:11 Psalm 109:21-31 Ezekiel 20:18-32
Mon, August 12	Psalm 89:1-18 2 Chronicles 33:1-17 Hebrews 11:1-7	Wed, August 28	Revelation 3:7-13 Psalm 109:21-31 Ezekiel 20:33-44
Tues, August 13	Psalm 89:1-18 2 Chronicles 34:22-33 Hebrews 11:17-28	Thurs, August 29	Luke 6:6-11 Psalm 112 Proverbs 15:13-17
Wed, August 14	Psalm 89:1-18 Jeremiah 33:14-26 Luke 12:41-48	Fri, August 30	1 Peter 3:8-12 Psalm 112 Proverbs 18:6-12
Thurs, August 15	Psalm 82 Joshua 7:1, 10-26 Hebrews 10:26-31	Sat, August 31	1 Peter 4:7-11 Psalm 112 Proverbs 21:1-4, 24-26
Fri, August 16	Psalm 82 1 Samuel 5:1-12		Matthew 20:20-28



Vacation Bible School 2019

Once again, we had another fabulous week of Vacation Bible School in early June. We ended up having 25 children attend. We had 3 excellent counselors from Camp Ewalu help lead Bible studies, opening and closing worship, skits and songs, and have fun with the children through games and other projects.

God provided yet again many volunteers to make this week successful. If my count is correct, there were 25 volunteers throughout the week and many first-timers. Thank you all! Many thanks to all who donated food for the week!

Many of the Bible studies centered around the greatness of God's love and how we share that with our neighbor and also honor, respect, and love our neighbor just as God loves them.

For the second year in a row, as a service component, children were asked to bring supplies to assemble birthday bags that would be delivered to the Food Pantry. These bags consist of cake pans, cake mix, frosting, candles, and wrapping paper. The Food Pantry was thrilled to receive these bags.

In a few of my conversations with the counselors, I continually heard how impressed they were with Bethany. They raved about how welcome we made them feel, how engaged the volunteers were, and how we provided meals for the children, counselors, and volunteers. Apparently, that isn't always the case.

We had some children attend who have been here before; however, there were several new faces and we had a wonderful opportunity to form new relationships and welcome these children and their parents to Bethany.

While we catch our breath from a busy week, it's never too early to start looking toward VBS 2020. I encourage everyone to begin thinking about volunteering next year. If we keep the schedule the same and utilize Camp Ewalu, the dates more than likely will be June 8-11.

Below and on the next page are just a few of the photos from the week.—Pastor Chad

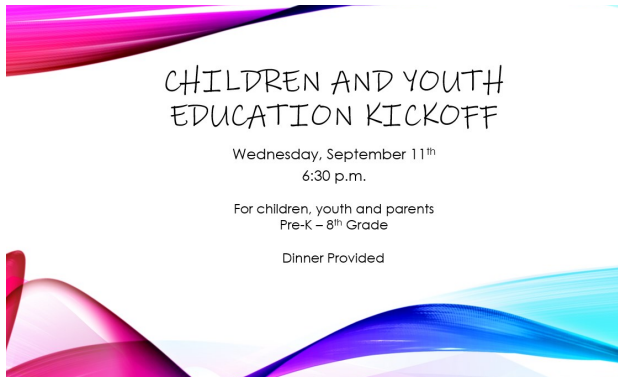






Wednesday Faith Formation

Parents of children and youth (Pre-K — 8th grade), please mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 11th. We will once again kickoff our Wednesday evening faith formation with a dinner, fellowship, and a bit of fun faith formation. We hope to see you there!



Teachers Needed

We are in real need of teachers for our kiddos in pre-K—6th grade this year. We use curriculums in both classes that are well laid out and require just a quick overview ahead of time. Even if you can help out one or two times a semester, that would be of tremendous help. If interested, see Tonya Samuelson or Amber Marsh. Thank you!

Lutheran Campus Ministry

Plan to join us in worship August 11th. Pastor Chad will be gone and leading worship and preaching that day will be Pastor Sarah Goettsch of Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Iowa. In support of this ministry a special offering will be taken.



The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.
Psalm 23: 1

Blessing of Backpacks

All students are invited to join us in worship on Sunday, August 18th as we will pray over and bless their backpacks prior to the beginning of another school year. We hope you plan to attend and each student will receive something to assure them they are never alone.



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August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	2	3
4 9:00 AM Worship	5	6 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	7 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	8 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	9	10
11 9:00 AM Worship	12 6:30 PM Council Meeting	13 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	14 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	15 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	16	17
18 9:00 AM Worship (Blessing of Backpacks)	19	20 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	21 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	22 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	23	24
25 9:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM West Branch Community Meal @ Bethany	26	27 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	28 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	29 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	30	31

Monetary Gifts Report Submitted by Nancy Bruns

Saints in Worship
 5-5 42
 5-12 44
 5-19 75
 5-26 55

 Total 216

	May 2019		YTD	
Total Receipts	Actual 11,333	Budget 12,625	Actual 62,612	Budget 63,125
Total Expenses	Actual 11,968	Budget 13,675	Actual 68,104	Budget 64,155

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.

August 2019
Bethany Branches



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- 8-4 Mike Fryauf
- 8-11 John Black
- 8-18 Kami Poppen
- 8-25 Tonya Samuelson

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

- 8-4 Dave & Kami Poppen
- 8-11 Pam Glandon
- 8-18 Paul & Deanna Weismann
- 8-25 Del & Sue Hughes

Ministers of Christ's Light (Acolytes)

- 8-4 Dylan Schiele
Miley Shields
- 8-11 Chloe Klabo
Shelby Klabo
- 8-18 Layla Samuelson
Cole Crosthwaite
- 8-25 Auron Marsh
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