

Bethany Lutheran Church

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



And have them make a sanctuary, so that I may dwell among them.—Exodus 25:8



Dear Faithful People of God,

I was on vacation when the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Churchwide Assembly gathered in Milwaukee. The Churchwide assembly occurs every three years and is "the primary decision-making body of the church." (For more information visit: <https://www.elca.org/ChurchwideAssembly>)

Resting and relaxing, driving and hiking, in and out of available wi-fi and cell phone coverage and often without access to a television, I wasn't too focused on the proceedings of the assembly until I returned home. Now, I am trying to catch up and familiarize myself with the decisions made and will soon be attending a gathering hosted by Bishop Michael Burk of the Southeastern Iowa Synod to learn more about the happenings of the 2019 Churchwide Assembly.

One important decision, which as I understand, garnered quite a bit of attention in the media, was on the ELCA declaring itself a "sanctuary church body." Perhaps, like myself and many others, you may be wondering just what that means? In a letter issued shortly after his visit to the Churchwide Assembly, Bishop Burk writes, "When many people hear that term [i.e., sanctuary] these days, it stirs passions less because of the biblical warrant to welcome the stranger and to provide protection for the most vulnerable, and more because of the turmoil that divides individuals and groups when contending with a broken, often inhumane, system and set of laws related to immigration."

In most of the contexts in which we find the word "sanctuary" in the Bible, it carries the meaning that a sanctuary is a sacred place where God will dwell and make God's home among God's people. When we sing, "Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary..." in worship we are really offering to God a prayer to abide in us and make our bodies a sanctuary of God. They are sanctuaries used by God to partner in God's mission to walk alongside the vulnerable, love our neighbor, and strive to work for justice and peace in the world.

The ELCA will be working to provide clarity to congregations about what being a "sanctuary church body" means; but, what it certainly is not intended to be is something that should further cause division among us. Agree or disagree on immigration laws in this country, I believe the life and ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the story of God as found in the Bible, and our faith instills in us the fundamental truth we all can agree on and Bishop Burk notes, "God has chosen to dwell among God's people. Among all people, including the most vulnerable. All of God's people, including us."

I will have a time to learn more and discuss this decision on Monday, September 30th at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

In Christ's peace, Pastor Chad.

Important Dates

- 9-4 Choir Practice begins 6:15 pm
- 9-8 God's work, our Hands Sunday
- 9-11 Women's Circle 9:00 am
- 9-11 Pre K—6th Faith Formation Kickoff 6:30 pm
- 9-15 Bible Presentation Sunday
- 9-22 Community Meal 5:00 pm

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Birthdays

09-01 Dru Johnston, Jared Liebergen
 09-03 Jaden Hierseman
 09-04 Nick Fitzgerald
 09-06 Cole Bailey
 09-09 Emma Fryauf, John Fuhrmeister
 09-14 Jeff Arp, Jaylen Votroubek
 09-15 Anne Fetzer
 09-16 Rebecca Black, Victoria Yeater
 09-17 Ron Madsen, Kendra Webb
 09-19 Wade Holmes
 09-20 Andrew Samuelson
 09-22 Pam Glandon
 09-23 Cindy Knoop, Helen Petersen
 09-24 Kyle Anderson
 09-26 Brendt Fetzer

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



Puzzle!

Each year, the Israelites had three harvests.
 Find and circle these foods that the people gathered.

almonds	gourds	nuts
apples	grapes	olives
barley	herbs	onions
beans	leeks	pomegranates
cucumbers	lentils	rye
figs	melons	wheat

H A C B R Y E B R V E N
 G A U A S N O L E M S U
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Bethany Books



Books For Adults

Present Over Perfect by Shauna Niequist is about leaving behind frantic for a simpler life longing for connection, meaning, depth but settling for busy. In the last few years she has learned a new way to live, marked by grace, love, rest, and play. It is changing everything. *Present Over Perfect* is an invitation to this journey that has changed her life. This is a collection of essays that focus on the most important transformation in her life. Leaving behind busyness and frantic living and rediscovering the person you were meant to be. This book is a hand reaching out, pulling you free from the constant pressure to perform faster, push harder and produce more, all while maintaining an exhausting image of perfection. The author gives an account of what led her to begin this journey and a vision for an entirely new way to live. (donated)

Lies Women Believe (and the truth that sets them free) by Nancy Leigh DeMoss is one view of a women's role in modern society. Published by Moody Press one should be warned of the viewpoint expressed. Topics (lies) covered include: about God, about themselves, about sin, about priorities, about marriage, about children, about emotions, and about circumstances. (donated)

Embraced By the Light by Betty J. Eadie is an account of a near death experience. At the age of thirty-one, Betty Eadie died in a hospital after undergoing surgery. The events that followed have been called "the most profound near-death experience ever". Her experience offers a vision of life after death. She saw more, perhaps than any other person has seen before. She has since spent time telling of her experience. It was certainly a life changing experience for her. (donated)

The Four Things That Matter Most by Ira Byock is a book about living. "Please forgive me," "I forgive you," "Thank you," and "I love you" are four simple phrases that contain the most powerful words in our language. These four phrases provide us with a path to emotional wellness. His insights and stories help us to forgive, appreciate, love, and celebrate one another more fully. We too often assume that the people we love really know that we love them. With practical wisdom this book gives us the language and guidance to honor and experience what really matters most in our lives every day. (donated)

Books For Children

The first book tells the biblical story of *David And Goliath*. (donated)

The second book tells *The Story Of Jonah*. (donated)



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Adult Education Op-



Pastor Chad's sermons can 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
Wednesday, September 11th
9:00 a.m. in Great Hall
All Women are Welcome

Adult Discussion
10:20 a.m. in the Small Hall
Beginning Sunday, October 6 at
10:20 am
All are Welcome

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) News

Direct Support Professionals Week

Do you know someone who is a caregiver to a loved one? It is a role that is both demanding and meaningful. During September's National Direct Support Professionals Week, we celebrate all the ways in which professional caregivers help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful lives.

One way LSI empowers Iowans is through our Services for People with Disabilities. From 24-hour support to occasional respite care, the LSI team lifts up Iowans with disabilities as they find the confidence and independence they need to thrive in their communities.

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.

Building Bright Futures

For 13-year-old Eric, the weekends he spends with his respite caregivers, Carolyn and David, have been life-changing.

Through LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, Carolyn and David provide temporary care for Iowa children, allowing their families and caregivers to take a well-deserved break. As respite care providers, they are helping kids like Eric become more active in their community and find hobbies they enjoy.

During every visit, Eric loves going to the movies, flying kites in the local park, discovering the newest video game, and playing with the family dogs. He's enjoyed learning how to play pool – especially when he wins a match against David.

His mom, Erika, says it's amazing to see her child bloom. Carolyn and David have created a space where Eric can relax, receive one-on-one care away from his siblings, and just be a kid.

"Spending time with Carolyn and David is something I know my son loves and looks forward to. As a mom, that's huge for me," Erika says. "Respite is one of the best decisions I've made for Eric. I thank heaven for Carolyn and David and for LSI."



Wednesday Night Faith Formation

Our Wednesday night faith formation will soon be in full swing. This has been a well attended evening of Christian education and we are looking forward to another exciting year! Please see below for more details.

Opening Night Kickoff September 11, 2019

All parents, children and youth (pre-K—8th grade) are invited to a pizza dinner on the first evening. We will gather for food, faith, fellowship, and fun.

See Tonya Samuelson or Amber Marsh with any questions.

4th—6th Grade Faith Formation

Once again, students in 4th-6th grade will gather at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome as we study the Bible and have some fun too.

Pre-K (age 4)—3rd Grade Faith Formation

Faith formation for the above age group will also be Wednesday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation (7th & 8th Grade)

We will also meet starting at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday.

Calling all Singers!

Our Bethany choir could use a few more of you. We meet every Wednesday evening to practice from 6:15-7:00, and we sing a couple times a month, trying to work around people's schedules. After rehearsal some of us eat and socialize at Mexico Lindo here in town. It would be great if you decide to give us a try.

Call (319) 430-0604 with any questions.
Thanks! - Linda Black



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Women's Circle

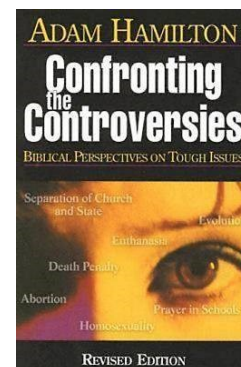
Women young and old are invited to attend a monthly gathering that enjoys fellowship, food, and a study located within *Gather* magazine, which is produced and published by the ELCA. This magazine for women is delivered ten times per year at an annual subscription rate of \$19.95. To get more information or subscribe please visit: www.gathermagazine.org

We convene in the Great Hall at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates through the end of 2019: September 11, October 9, November 13, and December 11. Our time of food, fellowship, and study usually last approximately 90 minutes.



Sunday Adult Discussion

The adult discussion hour following worship and fellowship (10:20 a.m.) will resume on October 6th. The first course will be *Confronting the Controversies*, a seven-week study on "tough issues" led by Pastor Adam Hamilton. Please see Neil Korsmo with any questions.



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

President Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present were Pastor Chad, Del Hughes, Wayne Frauenholtz, Nancy Bruns, Linda Black, Alan Beyer, Curt Casper, and Tonya Samuelson.

Members absent: Dave Bahnsen and Cheryl Fischer.

Pastor Chad opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor's Report:

Here are some happenings since our last council meeting:

- Presided at the wedding of Marisa Kaufman and Keith Terry
- Meeting with Tim Malott, Cedar County Emergency Management (See Al Beyer's report for more information)
- 13 pastoral visits
- Men's Bible Study (We are watching and discussing a video series on Jesus and his Jewish influences)
- Session with my leadership coach (from Leadership school attended last June)
- Concluded Wednesday night faith formation o Final night of activities, Root Beer floats, and singing
- VBS meetings
- Turning Point o Meeting with Scott and Paula o Attended second Saturday training session (June 1) held at Synod Center for Ministry in Iowa City
- Mission Event o Meeting for golf tournament to fund all childhood hunger related programs in our schools (K-12)
- Attended West Branch graduation and several open houses of our graduating seniors

Here are some upcoming items:

- VBS – June 10-13 (See Tonya's report)
- Leadership School Retreat – June 14-15, Iowa City
- "Emanuel" movie on June 19 (10 people attending ☐)
- Vacation – August 4-16

Here are three happenings of joy in the last month in our life together (of course, there are more):

- Worship, particularly May 19th o Many high school seniors and families in attendance o Choir did a beautiful job singing o A large group gathered to praise our God
- Wednesday Faith Formation o Conclusion to a fabulous year with amazing and awesome children of God o The final evening was fun and full of energy
- Turning Point o Excited about future project

In all these events (and other I could have listed), I observed Christ's presence in a variety of different ways: in the people, in the singing, in the planning, in seeing faces we haven't seen in a while, through the word and sacraments of worship, and the love we share with one another.

Secretary's Report: Two reports were presented: the May Council Minutes and the Special Meeting for the parking lot on May 19th. Wayne moved to accept the special meeting minutes from May 19th. Curt seconded. Motion passed. Linda moved to accept the regular May minutes with corrections. Nancy seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Offerings for the month were \$11,333, which is under budget with year to date offerings also below budget. General fund expenses totaled \$11,968 for the month, which is also below budget, but slightly more than the offering, so a net decrease of \$635 to the general fund for the month of May. We received \$4,000 in parking lot donations and an additional \$2,000 in Memorial funds designated for the parking lot. The month end amount in the parking lot fund is \$16,350.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds: Curt thanked Linda for her work on the north side of the church.

Education: Vacation Bible School began today led by three counselors from EWALU. 23 students are registered. For a community service project, the students will make birthday bags which will be given to the Food pantry for distribution. Tonya thanked Amber Marsh and Paula Casper for their leadership. She invited any new ideas and options for next year's VBS.

Evangelism and Outreach: Bethany will again be attending the Free Indeed service at Anamosa on June 29th. Beth Ahrens for Trinity in Tipton will join us. The prison ministry there has requested 15 With One Voice hymnals from us. We will take them along at our visit.

Bethany assisted with HACAP on May 21st.

This next month we will begin planning for God's Work Our Hands Sunday held on Sept. 8th.

Fellowship: Wayne has scheduled a meeting with Scott Marsh and Tara Langley about making a new church welcoming brochure. He thanked the Hughes for serving the 4th Sunday Meal last night.

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Stewardship: Dave was unable to be present but wanted us to know that he is scheduled to introduce the Athanasian Creed at Trinity Sunday service this week. He is also working with Paula and the Weissman's on archiving old congregational pictures.

Worship and Music: Jill approached Linda about using Bethany on Wednesday evenings for a community choir practice. Pastor Chad mentioned that he often uses the sanctuary for his confirmation class. Linda will continue to investigate this further.

Old Business:

- * **Parking Lot:** The contract for resurfacing the parking lot by LL Pelling has been signed. The work is expected to be done in August.
- * **Tree Removal:** Kent Kaufman has offered to fell the two trees during the second week in July. The stumps will need to be ground down, and Lumpa's will be contacted for this.
- * **Sidewalks:** Del has received three bids for sidewalk repair, each a little different in approach. Stransky's bid just under \$8000 for the entire sidewalk replacement. S & S Concrete bid \$7540 for repair of the drainage problem by the driveway and broken sidewalk sections. Concrete Polyfix bid just under \$5000 to lift and slope the sidewalk towards the street. Curt moved to authorize the Building and Grounds Committee to accept the best sidewalk improvement option. Wayne seconded. Motion passed.
- * **Bell tower:** A contract with West Branch Roofing for \$2700 has been signed for repair of the leaking bell tower.
- * **Cookie Walk Funds:** A discussion was held about using the \$563 in the Cookie Walk Fund. Linda said that Candy and her committee suggested that the earned monies be spent for needs in the community since that is who supports the cookie walk. Tonya mentioned that the Sunday School kids wanted to purchase a Family Farm Project from the ELCA Good Gifts program. Linda moved that the funds be divided between the public library needs and the ELCA Good Gifts program. Curt seconded. Motion passed.
- * There was some discussion on committee goals for the year.

New Business:

- * **Church grounds beautification:** Linda has been working on plantings on the north side. John Black took out the dead Japanese maple there with his tractor. Curt offered to check the eaves and downspout to prevent erosion. He also offered to trim back the lilac bush by the entrance.
- * **Designated Shelter:** Five Bethany members met with Cedar County Emergency Management Director Tim Mallott and his assistant on May 15th about being a designated shelter for West Branch. A good discussion about logistics, rules, insurance, and organization followed. It was decided that the best role for Bethany would be to serve as an overnight shelter. Al has already picked up vacuum packed linen sets, blankets, and pillows. Cots will arrive later. Curt moved that Bethany be declared as a Designated Shelter. Wayne seconded. Motion passed.
- * Linda moved that we approve Alex Poppen, Hannah Schiele, Aiden Shields, and Andrew Samuelson for confirmation at Bethany on June 30th. Nancy seconded. Motion passed.
- * Pastor Chad requested the council's approval for a 3 or 4 day period in the fall for time at a retreat center. Council approved.
- * Because of the many building and grounds projects, Al moved to authorize Nancy to transfer up to \$7500 from the Mission Investment Fund if needed. Linda seconded. Motion passed.

Next meeting will be held on July 8th at Mexico Lindo Restaurant. Spouses are invited.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

There will be no minuetts for
July 2019 as the Council
members met in July for dinner
and enjoyed some food and
fellowship.

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.

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

- God's grace, not of my doing, not the result of my works...
- Made, created for good, a way of life...
- Grace for Christians only or grace for everyone



Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

- The things I appreciate most about my parents...
- The hardest part of my relationship with my parents...
- Three things every parent...

2 Corinthians 4:6-7

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

- In my heart...
- An experience of moving from dark to light...
- Power that belongs to God...

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*.

Sunday, Sept 1	Proverbs 25:6-7 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14	Monday, Sept 16	Psalms 73 Amos 7:1-6 1 Timothy 1:18-20
Monday, Sept 2	Psalms 119:65-72 2 Chronicles 12:1-12 Hebrews 13:7-21	Tuesday, Sept 17	Psalms 73 Jonah 3:1-10 2 Peter 3:8-13
Tuesday, Sept 3	Psalms 119:65-72 Isaiah 2:12-17 Titus 1:1-9	Wednesday, Sept 18	Psalms 73 Job 40:6-14; 42:1-6 Luke 22:31-33, 54-62
Wednesday, Sept 4	Psalms 119:65-72 Isaiah 57:14-21 Luke 14:15-24	Thursday, Sept 19	Psalms 113 Exodus 23:1-9 Romans 3:1-8
Thursday, Sept 5	Psalms 1 Genesis 39:1-23 Philippians 2:25-30	Friday, Sept 20	Psalms 113 Ezekiel 22:17-31 Romans 8:31-39
Friday, Sept 6	Psalms 1 Deuteronomy 7:12-26 Colossians 4:7-17	Saturday, Sept 21	Psalms 113 Isaiah 5:8-23 Mark 12:41-44
Saturday, Sept 7	Psalms 1 Deuteronomy 29:2-20 Matthew 10:34-42	Sunday, Sept 22	Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13
Sunday, Sept 8	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	Monday, Sept 23	Psalms 12 Proverbs 14:21-31 Acts 4:1-12
Monday, Sept 9	Psalms 101 2 Kings 17:24-41 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Tuesday, Sept 24	Psalms 12 Proverbs 17:1-5 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
Tuesday, Sept 10	Psalms 101 2 Kings 18:9-18 1 Timothy 4:6-16	Wednesday, Sept 25	Psalms 12 Proverbs 21:10-16 Luke 20:45-21:4
Wednesday, Sept 11	Psalms 101 2 Kings 18:19-25, 19:1-7 Luke 18:18-30	Thursday, Sept 26	Psalms 146 Proverbs 22:2-16 2 Corinthians 8:8-15
Thursday, Sept 12	Psalms 51:1-10 Genesis 6:1-6 1 Timothy 1:1-11	Friday, Sept 27	Psalms 146 Proverbs 28:3-10 Ephesians 2:1-10
Friday, Sept 13	Psalms 51:1-10 Genesis 7:6-10; 8:1-5 2 Peter 2:1-10a	Saturday, Sept 28	Psalms 146 Proverbs 28:11-28 Luke 9:43b-48
Saturday, Sept 14	Psalms 51:1-10 Genesis 8:20-9:7 John 10:11-21	Sunday, Sept 29	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31
Sunday, Sept 15	Exodus 32:7-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	Monday, Sept 30	Psalms 62 Amos 6:8-14 Revelation 3:14-22

Devotional

Every Monday Augsburg Fortress, the publishing house of the ELCA, sends a devotional message and selection of artwork based on the text from the day before. Continue to reflect and ponder the words from Sunday as you begin your week. To sign-up go to:

<https://go.augsburgfortress.org/augsburg-fortress-weekly-devotional>



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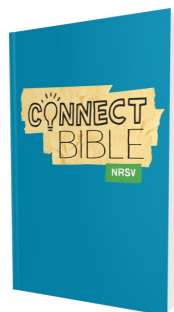
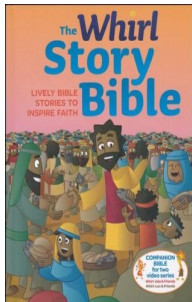
Acolyte Training

All children in 4th grade, or higher if you have not been trained previously, are invited to attend a short class following our Wednesday Faith Formation Kickoff on September 11th (see page 4). Please plan to attend and let Pastor Chad know if you have any questions.



Presentation of Bibles

Each year during worship we present Bibles to our preschool (age 4) children and youth in 4th grade to be used in our Wednesday evening Christian education classes and also at home. If you have a child this age, please plan to attend worship September 15th.



First Communion Education

Is your child ready to start receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion? A tentative date for first communion instruction has been set for Monday, October 21st at 6:30 pm. All children going through the instruction will then receive their first communion during worship on Reformation Sunday, October 27th.

It is our belief a child does not need to be a certain age to take communion; however, some education is required so the child will have a basic understanding of this sacrament. The decision of whether or not a child is ready is made between the parents/guardians and pastor.

Please let Pastor Chad know as soon as possible so educational curriculum can be ordered.





September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Worship	2	3 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	4 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:15 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM Community Tailgate with WBUMC	5 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	6	7
8 9:00 AM Breakfast and Worship in the Great Hall (God's work. Our hands. Sunday)	9 6:30 PM Council Meeting	10 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	11 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 Children and Youth Faith Formation Kickoff	12 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	13	14
15 9:00 AM Worship	16	17 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	18 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:15 PM Choir Practice	19 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	20	21
22 9:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM West Branch Community Meal @ Bethany	23	24 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	25 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:15 PM Choir Practice	26 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	27	28
29 9:00 AM Worship	30 6:30 PM Churchwide Assembly Discussion	1 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	2 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:15 PM Choir Practice	3 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	4	5

Monetary Gifts Report

Submitted by Nancy Bruns

Saints in Worship

7-7 61
7-14 49
7-55 55
7-28 60

Total 225

	July 2019		YTD	
Total Receipts	Actual \$12,148	Budget \$12,625	Actual \$87,327	Budget \$88,375
Total Expenses	Actual \$12,277	Budget \$13,673	Actual \$93,908	Budget \$95,773

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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- 9-8 Toni Dodds
- 9-15 Wayne Frauenholtz
- 9-22 Beth Kaufman
- 9-29 Jeni Schiele

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

- 9-1 Al & Claudia Beyer
- 9-8 Monica & Cliff Hinkhouse
- 9-15 John & Linda Black
- 9-22 Jerry & Toni Dodds
- 9-29 Paula Casper/ Peaches Sweat

Ministers of Christ's Light (Acolytes)

- 9-1 Miley Shields & Jacob Langley
- 9-8 Dylan Schiele & Layla Samuelson
- 9-15 Chloe & Shelby Klabo
- 9-22 Jacob Langley & Cole Crosthwaite
- 9-29 Auron & Aizlyn Marsh



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Whoever is faithful
in a very little
is faithful also in much ...

Luke 16:10, NRSV