Bethany Lutheran Church

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



Important Dates

- 10-9 Women's Circle 9:00 am
- 10-14 Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 10-21 First Communion
- Instruction 6:30 p.m.
- 10-27 Reformation Sunday Worship with First Communion
- 10-27 Community Meal 5:00pm

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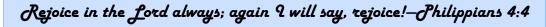
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Rejoice! Praise the Lord! A few weeks ago I delivered a sermon on joy and it is something I have been pondering myself since then. We have so much to be joyful about. We have the opportunity each Sunday to worship our Lord and Savior and be in the presence of friends and neighbors. We are being used by God to do God's work with our hands every day. We are unconditionally loved, forgiven, and saved through what God has done in Jesus Christ! We are Easter people! Our rejoicing is rooted in Jesus Christ! As one of the songs the kids sing on Wednesday night says, Jesus put that joy deep down in our hearts and another song proclaims that joy is not simply for us to experience but also for others.

The Council rejoices for your faithfulness to our shared ministry. We rejoice for the gifts you each bring and share in helping us live out our calling as God's people. Below is a letter discussed by the Council, prepared by Treasurer Nancy Bruns with assistance from the Executive Committee I believe celebrates just a few of the things we can rejoice in as a community of faith. Yes, the final few sentences explain the reality that expenses are higher than offerings but still we rejoice, because God is good and God's faithfulness endures through all eternity! — Pastor Chad

Thank you for your continued support and financial contributions to the ministries at Bethany and beyond. The parking lot project had a total cost of \$26,112 which was funded by \$21,060 in pledges from the congregation and the remainder from the improvement fund. Our Lent service offerings of \$402 were sent to the ELCA for flood relief and the special offering taken in August for UI Lutheran Campus Ministry totaled \$355. We have had several donations to the Good Samaritan fund, Hope Chest fund and Quilters fund. In addition, the Council has designated a percentage of our offering revenues for an Internal Ministries fund, which is used to replenish those funds as needed. We recently used a portion of the Good Samaritan fund to purchase backpacks and supplies as requested by the school for students in need. The Council has designated a portion of the funds raised at last year's Cookie Walk to buy supplies for snack bags for the West Branch Library, a ministry the confirmation class started last year. The remainder of the Cookie Walk fund will be transferred to the Youth Noisy Coin fund to jump start their goal of raising enough money to "buy a farm" through the ELCA Good Gifts program, which is a selection that includes a variety of animals. The General fund has had a net decrease of \$5,953 as of the end of August. The offerings are trending low as projected in the budget which reflects an anticipated deficit of \$12,558. We have also had unexpected expenses this year for snow removal, and sidewalk and bell tower repair. We will tap into the Mission Investment Fund as needed, but additional offerings would be gladly received if you are so inclined to help close the gap before the end of the year. If you would like to take advantage of the Simply Giving program or would like to update the amounts, please talk to Claudia Beyer.

Birthdays

10/01 Laura Twing 10/03 Lynne Haub, Neil Korsmo 10/04 Dylan Haub 10/09 Emalee Casper, Makayla Casper Reed White 10/10 Vicky Kimpe, Jeannette Cummins 10/12 Kat Korsmo 10/13 Katie Anderson 10/14 Alexa Fitzgerald 10/15 Deanna Weismann, Tyler Johnston 10/18 Nick Yeater, Erica Fitzgerald 10/19 Billy Friis 10/20 Delores Paulsen, Karen Swenson, Casper Heid 10/24 Jeni Schiele, Jill Taylor 10/25 Frank Frostestad 10/26 Layla Samuelson, Hannah Schiele 10/27 Heath Graham

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



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" by Pastor Adam Hamilton.

Please see Neil Korsmo with any questions.





Bethany Books

by Frank Frostestad

Book for Adults

Sometimes we want to read a short devotional or psalm for guidance rather than a full length book, Devotionals, psalms, and short stories are the theme for this month.

Jesus Calling: enjoying peace in His presence by Sarah Young are devotions for every day of the year. The practice of listening to God has increased the authors intimacy with Him more than any other spiritual disciple. This book is a sharing of some of the messages she has received.

Grace For The Moment by Max Lucado are inspirational thoughts for each day of the year. God will make sure we have what we need. He stands between us and our need, waiting to help us. These daily encounters give us more of him-grace for the moment.

The Power Of Being Thankful is by Joyce Meyer. It is 365 devotions for discovering the strength of gratitude. They will help develop and maintain a heart of thanksgiving.

In *Reflections On The Psalms*, C.S. Lewis examines the psalms to reveal the timeless meaning behind these verses.

Psalms For Women is a selection of the psalms that shows God's gift of inner beauty, peace, and happiness.

My Savior At My Side by Richard G. Korthals consists of reflective faith stories. These stories, drawn from the author's personal experiences, reflect God's presence and power. From the everyday to the extraordinary, in each story you will find assurance of our Savior's love, hope for the future, and strength to stay the course.

Chicken Soup For The Soul is written and compiles by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen It consists od 101 stories to "open the heart and rekindle the spirit". Enjoy these stories about the truly important aspects of life.

Chicken Soup For The Christian Soul is written and compiles by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Patty Aubery, and Nancy Mitchell. It also consists of 101 stories to "open the heart and rekindle the spirit".

All these books have been donated.



Adult Education Opportunities



Pastor Chad's sermons can now be found on Bethany's website (www.wbbethany.org) by placing your cursor over the "Resource" tab found on the home page and then selecting "Sermons" when it pops up.

Bethany Men's Breakfast Bible Study Group Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m. in the Great Hall All are Welcome

Thursday Women's Bible Study 6:00 a.m. in the Small Hall All are Welcome

Women's Circle Second Wednesday of Month 9:00 a.m. in Great Hall unless stated otherwise All Women are Welcome

Adult Discussion 10:20 a.m. in the Small Hall All are Welcome

Senior Saint Sunday

All Saints Day is on Sunday, November 3rd. Once again, we will recognize our Senior Saints, those whom are 80 and older. We hope you can join us.

Also, we invite those that have been baptized since last All Saints Day to join us as well. They are our newest saints at Bethany.

This should be a great worship service and we want all to attend!

First Communion Instruction

Is your child ready to start receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion? First communion instruction has been set for Monday, October 21st at 6:30 p.m. 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.

If your child plans to attend please let Pastor Chad know as soon as possible so supplies can be ordered.

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Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) News

Warming Hearts with God's Love and a Good Pair of Mittens

Far too often, children arrive at LSI's Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers with very little in their possession.

We give thanks for lowa congregations who faithfully respond to these needs, year after year! As winter approaches, LSI relies on your loving support to meet the demands for winter apparel for children and youth at Beloit and Bremwood. Children in residential treatment have little control over their lives, so it's important for us to give children the opportunity, when possible, to shop for their new coat or mittens. Because of this, we ask that you please not donate articles of clothing. With your generous financial donation, many children will have the simple joy of choosing their new coat, knowing that they are loved and cherished.

"Thank You, God"

Every week, when 8-year-old Chase met with LSI's Pastor Dennis Bauer, he would ask to pray for "the same old thing: to find a good, loving forever family."

Chase is in third grade. But in his young life, he has already experienced trauma most of us cannot fathom. When Chase was 6, he was removed from his home and his mother's parental rights were terminated. He felt confused, terrified, and shocked. Chase struggled to cope with his anger and emotions. He acted out and became physically aggressive. Chase needed help, and LSI's Beloit Residential Treatment Center in Ames offered that help.

After arriving at Beloit, Chase quickly became involved in LSI's voluntary Spiritual Life program, where he participates in faith-based activities like art and music. Through regular meetings with Pastor Dennis, Chase says he is focusing on his faith and "trusting in God and saying prayers."

Outside of Spiritual Life, Chase is also learning healthy skills through group therapy to help him cope on the difficult days.

Now, Chase is thriving. His confidence is building every day, and he has big plans for his future. He wants to be a surgeon when he grows up, and he dreams of learning to bake and do woodworking. And the immediate future is looking pretty bright, too: Chase is in the process of being adopted.

During a recent visit with Pastor Dennis, Chase prayed a different prayer: "Thank you, God, for giving me a family."

October is the time of transition from spring/summer to fall/winter at the HOPE CHEST. We are now accepting new or gently used **FALL/WINTER** clothing and shoes for all ages.

THANK YOU to all who continue to support the Hope Chest and its mission to serve those in need.



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Confirmation News



Wednesday Evening Children and Youth Faith Formation is underway at Bethany. Another great group of kids is gathering every week to grow in Christ's love and celebrate that with others.

On October 18th the Confirmation students once again packaged snack bags for the West Branch Public Library. 120 bags were assembled that will go to children and youth who visit the library following school. Some of these kids may rely on this extra bit of food to get them through to the next day.

The supplies to make these bags were purchased through proceeds from the Annual Cookie Walk. We would like to thank all who helped with that so that we can continue this ministry effort in our community.



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Wednesday Night Faith Formation Schedule September—December 2019

September 11—Opening Kickoff September 18 September 25 October 2 October 9—No Class (West Branch Homecoming Parade) October 16 October 23—No Class (Parent/Teacher Conferences) October 30 November 6 November 13 November 20 November 27—No Class (Thanksgiving Break) December 4 December 11 December 18 December 25—No Class (Merry Christmas!) January 1—No Class (Happy New Year!) January 8 January 15

*The Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 15th during 9:00 a.m. worship.

• Dates with nothing behind them indicate regularly scheduled classes

- All classes begin at 6:30 p.m.
 - PreK—6th grade classes end at 7:30 p.m.
 - Confirmation class ends at 7:45 p.m.

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES—August 2019

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

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

Del opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Council Report - August 12, 2019

I will miss being with you all this evening; however, will very much be enjoying my time away. Some happenings since we last met are below.

Pastoral Visits - 18

- Worshipped with Free Indeed at Anamosa State Penitentiary
- Attended Free Indeed Outside Council meeting at Synod Center for Ministry (Iowa City) \circ Assisted on summer newsletter and thank you notes to donors
- Assisted with Vacation Bible School
- Attended Leadership School—Follow-up from weeklong school last June. This was 2-day retreat in which we had to give a final presentation
- Attended a meeting on Emergency Shelter opportunity
- 2 Pre-marital counseling sessions for an October wedding at Bethany
- Turning Point meeting with Scott and Paula o Continue planning cottage meetings
- Confirmation Sunday in June and began planning for 2019-2020 school year

Crestview Worship (2x)

Assisted with administrative issues, bulletin preparation, newsletter, weekly e-news, website and Facebook pages, etc.

Attended 4th Sunday meal

Assisted with tree removal cleanup

Reading/Sermon/Worship Preparation

Upcoming:

God's work. Our hands. Sunday – September 8 Wednesday Faith Formation Kickoff – September 11 Fall Theological Conference in Des Moines – 9/22-9/24

Secretary's Report:

Linda moved and Nancy seconded a motion to approve the June council minutes with corrections. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

June – Offerings totaled \$12,567 and expenses were \$13,489 with a net reduction of \$922 for the general fund. July – Revenue totaled \$12,148, which included \$250 for building use. Expenses totaled \$1,277 with a net reduction of \$129 for the general fund.

Year-to-date – Offering revenue is \$86,977, which is about the same as last year at this time and slightly below budget. Total expenses are \$93,907, which is slightly below budget. The year-to-date net reduction to our general fund is \$6,581. We budgeted a \$12,558 reduction for the year.

The Parking Lot fund had a balance of \$19,800 at the end of July with \$350 more received on 8/4 bringing the total balance to \$20,150.

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds:

Curt said the parking lot project is completed and well done. He thanked the many people who helped with tree removal.

Thank you to John Black for cleaning the gutters. The Great Hall will be used by the school district August $27 - 29^{\text{th}}$.

Education:

The Education Committee will be meeting on August 19th to prepare for this fall's Faith Formation studies. More teachers and volunteers are needed.

Six students will be in the confirmation class.

Evangelism and Outreach:

Pastor Chad and Al attended the Free Indeed service at Anamosa on June 29th.

The Designated Shelter committee had their meeting postponed due the death of George McCrory's mother. Plans are being finalized for God's Work Our Hands Sunday September 8th. Numerous projects are being consid-

ered.

Fellowship:

Wayne said they have been trying to put together a church brochure for distribution in town. Scott Marsh has offered to print it.

4th Sunday Supper was well attended last month with Ron and Candy Madsen and John and Linda Black serving.

Paula, Vicki, and Patsy have offered to do the August meal.

Bethany will host a synod meeting here in October and will be serving a meal.

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BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES—August 2019

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Stewardship: No report

Youth:

Cheryl has a list of youth at Bethany and will be contacting them regarding their interest in forming a group. Tonya suggested that the Education and Youth Committees could be combined, which would reduce the number of members on council. No action was taken on this for now.

Worship and Music:

Choir practice will begin on September 4th. Jill Barnhart is trying to restart the community choir. Bishop Phil Haugen and Pastor Sarah Goetch from Campus Ministries will lead services while Pastor Chad and family are on vacation.

Old Business:

The parking lot work has been completed and no bill has yet been submitted.

The sidewalk replacement project has not been completed, but there is no rush since the parking lot work is done. Collins Concrete will be doing the work.

Curt said the repair to the bell tower is to be done later this week. The previous patch seems to be holding.

New Business:

Replacement trees will be planted from a memorial from the Korsmos. It might be done as part of God's Work Our Hands.

Linda suggested posting a list of things to be done, such as weeding, cleaning, or other things. This list can be checked off and updated as needed.

Council minutes are now held for council approval at the next meeting before submitting to the newsletter so they are outdated. Del suggested submitting them earlier. As soon as they are done, a copy could be emailed to the council members and then submitted if there were no corrections or objections.

The council meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.



Cookie Walk 2019

2019 Annual Cookie Walk Saturday, December 7th! 9:00 a.m.

Once again, Bethany will be hosting our Annual Cookie Walk during the West Branch Christmas Past celebration.

Please bring your cookies to the church either Friday evening or Saturday morning by 8:30 a.m. Setup will be Friday afternoon.

Help is needed for the event, including setup and cleanup. Everyone please bring a tray of cookies to sell as we welcome the community to Bethany. We are also looking for someone to take over planning this long standing event. If you have any questions please contact Paula 319-331-9456 or blcsecretary@lcom.net.





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.

Galatians 3:27-28

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

- Dividing people as in–out, good–bad, winners–losers, right–wrong, saved–lost, is…
- All of us being one in Christ...
- I experience divisiveness when...

Exodus 20:15

Scripture Talk

You shall not steal.

- Stealing includes...
- Being stolen from...
- I think people steal because...

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

- The old that has passed away in me...
- Everything is new, I get a fresh start...
- Reconciling, bringing opposing sides together, healing devisions...

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*.

Tuesday, October 1	Psalm 62 Hosea 10:9-15	Thursday, October 17	Psalm 121 Isaiah 54:11-17
Wednesday, October 2	James 5:1-6 Psalm 62 Hosea 12:2-14	Friday, October 18	Acts 17:22-34 Psalm 121 Genesis 31:43-32:2
Thursday, October 3	Matthew 19:16-22 Psalm 37:1-9 2 Kings 18:1-8,28-36	Saturday, October 19	2 Timothy 2:14-26 Psalm 121 Genesis 32:3-21
Friday, October 4	Revelation 2:8-11 Psalm 37:1-9 2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37	Sunday, October 20	Mark 10:46-52 Genesis 32:22-31 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Saturday, October 5	Revelation 2:12-29 Psalm 37:1-9 Isaiah 7:1-9	Monday, October 21	Luke 18:1-8 Psalm 57 1 Samuel 25:2-22
Sunday, October 6	Matthew 20:29-34 Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 2 Timothy 1:1-14	Tuesday, October 22	1 Corinthians 6:1-11 Psalm 57 1 Samuel 25:23-35
Monday, October 7	Luke 17:5-10 Psalm 3 Habakkuk 1:5-17	Wednesday, October 23	James 5:7-12 Psalm 57 1 Samuel 25:36-42
Tuesday, October 8	James 1:2-11 Psalm 3 Habakkuk 2:5-11	Thursday, October 24	Luke 22:39-46 Psalm 84:1-7 Jeremiah 9:1-16
Wednesday, October 9	1 John 5:1-5, 13-21 Psalm 3 Habakkuk 2:12-20	Friday, October 25	2 Timothy 3:1-9 Psalm 84:1-7 Jeremiah 9:17-26
Thursday, October 10	Mark 11:12-14, 20-24 Psalm 111 Leviticus 14:33-53 2 Time the 1-12-18	Saturday, October 26	2 Timothy 3:10-15 Psalm 84:1-7 Jeremiah 14:1-6
Friday, October 11	2 Timothy 1:13-18 Psalm 111 Numbers 4:34-5:4 2 Timothy 2:1-7	Sunday, October 27	Luke 1:46-55 Jeremiah 31:31-34 Romans 3:19-28
Saturday, October 12	2 Timothy 2:1-7 Psalm 111 Numbers 12:1-15	Monday, October 28	John 8:31-36 Psalm 84:8-12 1 Samuel 2:1-10
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Tuesday, October 15	Acts 26:24-29 Psalm 61 2 Kings 5:19b-27	Thursday, October 31	Matthew 21:28-32 Psalm 32:1-7 Proverbs 15:8-11, 24-33
Wednesday, October 16	Ephesians 6:10-20 Psalm 61 2 Kings 15:1-7 Matthew 10:5-15		2 Corinthians 1:1-11









God's work. Our hands.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.

The pictures on the next 2 pages are from "God's work. Our hands" Sunday, which was on September 8th.



























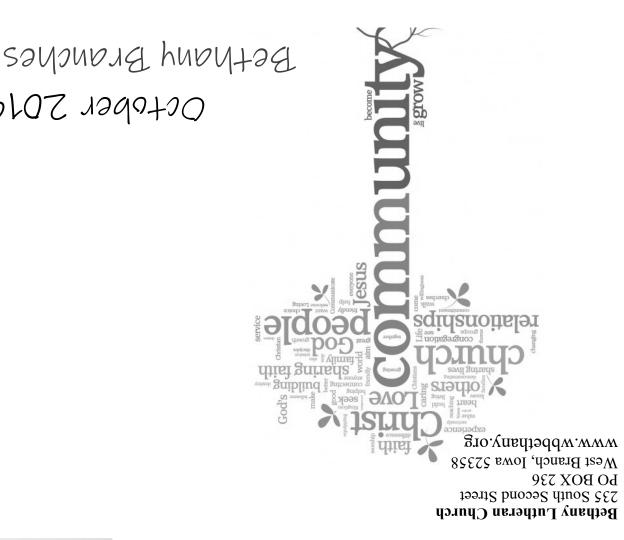
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Monetary Gifts Report Submitted by Nancy Bruns					
	2019 August		YTD August		
Total Receipts	Actual \$12,875	Budget \$12,625	Actual \$100,202	Budget \$101,000	
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the ministry and mission of God here at Bethany Lutheran Church! In so many ways, not just monetarily, God is abundantly providing for our needs.



Ministry Assistants

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Ministers of Proclamation (Lectors)

- Alan Beyer 10-6
- 10-13 Cheryl Fischer
- 10-20 Del Hughes
- 10-27 Shawn Samuelson

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

- 10-6 Jamie & Lisa Zimmerman
- 10-13 Wayne Frauenholtz
- 10-20 Ron & Candy Madsen
- 10-27 Bonnie Conner

Ministers of Christ's Light (Acolytes)

- 10-6 Dylan Schiele Miley Shields
- 10-13 Chloe Klabo
- Shelby Klabo 10-20 Layla Samuelson
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