

Bethany Lutheran Church

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



FEBRUARY

2020

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11-12 (NIV)

Important Dates

2-10 Council Meeting 6:30 PM
2-12 Women's Circle 9:00 AM
2-25 Lutheran Day on the Hill
2-26 Ash Wednesday @ Bethany
7:00 PM
2-27 Crestview Worship @ 2:00 PM

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Greetings Faithful People of God,

The Apostle Paul's words above imply generosity is central to life as a Christian. Our generosity is rooted in and our natural response to abundant generosity of God's love for us.

I strive to be a generous person; yet, I seem to fail more than I succeed at times. I often find myself stating, "I just don't have enough time." Maybe you do too. Recently, Del Hughes, Nancy Bruns and I attended a meeting at the Synod Center for Ministry focused on the theme of gratitude and generosity. One thing I realized afterward is that by telling myself "I don't have enough time" leads me into a mindset of scarcity and as the presenter said, "It's hard be generous when you are in a mindset of scarcity."

So, I wondered, how can I change this mindset? How can I move to one of abundancy and not one of scarcity? It is important to acknowledge there will always be days when things happen, life happens, and we truly don't have enough time it. It is important to acknowledge we may need to ask for help in those times. Yet, even in those moments, it is important to start first from a mindset of abundance.

Perhaps, that looks like giving thanks to God for the gift of time and rejoicing for each day, every hour, every minute and second I have in my earthly body. Seeing there truly is an abundance and seeking God's help to faithfully manage or steward my time more wisely and efficiently.

As I have tried to do this in the days following that meeting, I begin to slowly see transformation take shape, which I pray leads to a more generous soul and eyes equipped to better see God's abundant generosity, love, grace and mercy.

Blessings!

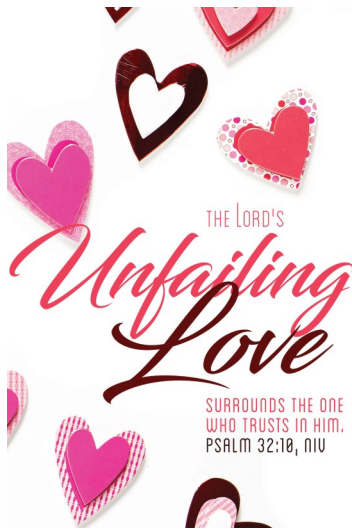




Birthdays

02/02 Becky Paulsen
 02/04 Del Hughes
 02/06 Herman Boedecker, Jamie Fetzer
 02/10 Dave Bahnsen, Paul Friis, Kristin McElhinney
 02/12 Katherine White
 02/15 Kyle Colvin, Dave Poppen
 02/20 Joshua Snyder, Jamie Zimmerman
 02/21 Tina Webb, Avery Fonseca
 02/23 Arik Marsh
 02/24 Lynn Lovetinsky
 02/27 Dorothy Holmes

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



Note of Thanks

The following note of thanks was recently received from an individual we provided shelter to during a snowstorm in November 2018.

We would like to thank you for giving us shelter during the winter storm on November 25, 2018. We wish you Merry Christmas & a happy new year! May your kindness be spread for all people. We will be forever grateful!

Bethany Books



Books For Adults

Beverly Lewis is known for her books on the Old Order Amish. Her two latest books, published during 2019, are *The Tinderbox* and *The Timepiece*. We are introduced to 18 year old Sylvia Miller. She is the only girl among five children. Most Amish are born into the community. Few ever come from the outside. Sylvia's father is an exception having come from the outside twenty years before. Nothing is really known about his past but he adapts well to Amish life and is accepted by the community. He is able to prove himself and is baptized into the church. Sylvia wishes that she knew something more about his past. He kept a brass tinderbox that contains some objects from his former life. One day Sylvia found it unlocked. With her parents twentieth anniversary approaching she thinks that she might get some ideas for a present. Against her better judgement, Sylvia opens the box not realizing that what she is about to discover will splinter apart her happy life and alter everything for her close knit Old Order Amish family. As a long kept secret emerges into the light of day, can the Miller's find a way forward through the turmoil to a place of forgiveness?

The story does not end here but is continued in a sequel, *The Timepiece*. In *The Timepiece*, Sylvia's position in the family is threatened by Adeline Pelham when she shows up at the Miller's Hickory Hollow farm. She does not mean to be a threat, but her existence is a reminder of the painful secret that has recently upended the Miller household. Sylvia and her mother are still struggling to come to terms with that news. This is a challenging time to welcome an outsider into their midst. Can God allow something good to come out of the mistakes of the past? Or does Adeline's arrival mark one too many surprises for the Millers and their Amish community?

Book For Children

There's No Wrong Way To Pray is by Rebecca Ninke and Kate E.H. Watson. A child reflects on prayer, including different ways to pray, things to pray for, and times to pray. These range from silly wish-like prayers at Christmas to nightly prayers for all children to be fed, sheltered, and loved.

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 AM
 in the Great Hall
**February 12th meet at McDonalds @ 6:00 AM*
All are Welcome

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

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

Adult Discussion
 10:20 AM in the Small Hall
All are Welcome

Women's Retreat
 See More Information on Page 10

Altar Care 2020

Thank you to all who have helped in the past and have signed up to assist in preparing the worship space and altar for 2020.
 Linda Black, Worship Chair

January	Sue & Del Hughes
February	Paula C/Peaches S/Patsy E
March	Cindy Knoop
April	Linda & John Black
May	Jill Taylor/Patsy Ernst
June	Deb & Mark Anderson
July	Nancy Bruns & Theo
August	Poppen Family
September	Marsh Family
October	Samuelson Family
November	Beth & Kent Kaufman
December	Linda & John Black

- Duties**
 Change altar cloths according to church calendar
 Set up Communion weeks 1,3,5
 Fill candles weekly
 Provide and water flowers

Contact Linda Black for more info:
 (319) 643-5622 or (319) 430-0604
 Thank you!



The memorial fund committee is looking for ideas from the congregation on how we might best put these monetary gifts to a good use in fulfilling our mission to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

If you have any idea, please contact
 Linda Black 319-643-5622



Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) News

Happy Valentine's Day from LSI!

"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) mission is about love: responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. We give thanks for all the ministry partners, both individuals and congregations, who help share this love for Iowa children, families, and adults!

We see this love in newly adopted children and their families, in teens who learn to trade self-harm for self-worth, in Iowans with disabilities who are growing their independence and confidence, in new parents who are raising strong and healthy families, and in so many other moments of joy. You can help carry out our mission of hope and healing by giving a gift and showing love to the Iowa families we serve. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065. -----

Thank you for the love you share and create through LSI. Happy Valentine's Day!

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 www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

"I Feel Like a Parent Now."

When Harmony learned she was pregnant for the first time, she was excited, but apprehensive. She didn't know what to expect when raising her first child.

Harmony's mother, Lois, helped her enroll in LSI's Early Childhood Services, which provide parenting education and resources to families of young children across Iowa.

While she was pregnant, Harmony participated in prenatal programming, which helped her maintain a healthy pregnancy and ensure she had everything she needed when her baby was born.

When her daughter, Aya, arrived in October of 2018, Harmony and Lois began participating in LSI's Parent Education Program, where they now attend regular classes and connect with other families in their community.

And at home, they receive weekly visits from their LSI Parent Educator, Amy. Each week, Amy brings resources for Harmony and age-appropriate toys for Aya. They work together to monitor Aya's development, and Amy is teaching the family what to expect as Aya begins hitting her developmental milestones.

"LSI helps you learn how to raise your baby and how to learn about being a parent," Harmony says. "Before, I felt like I was trying to swim, but I was drowning. I feel like a parent now."



Raising our Voice for Iowa Children and Families Lutheran Day on the Hill



Join LSI and the three Iowa synods of the ELCA for Lutheran Day on the Hill in Des Moines on February 25th. This day is essential for giving voice to those who are not heard, for seeking social justice, and for empowering people to exercise their right and responsibility to be part of the legislative process. Visit <https://lsiowa.org/ldh/> for event details and online registration. If you are new to advocacy, come learn more about the legislative process and your role as a citizen. If you've attended before, join us again.

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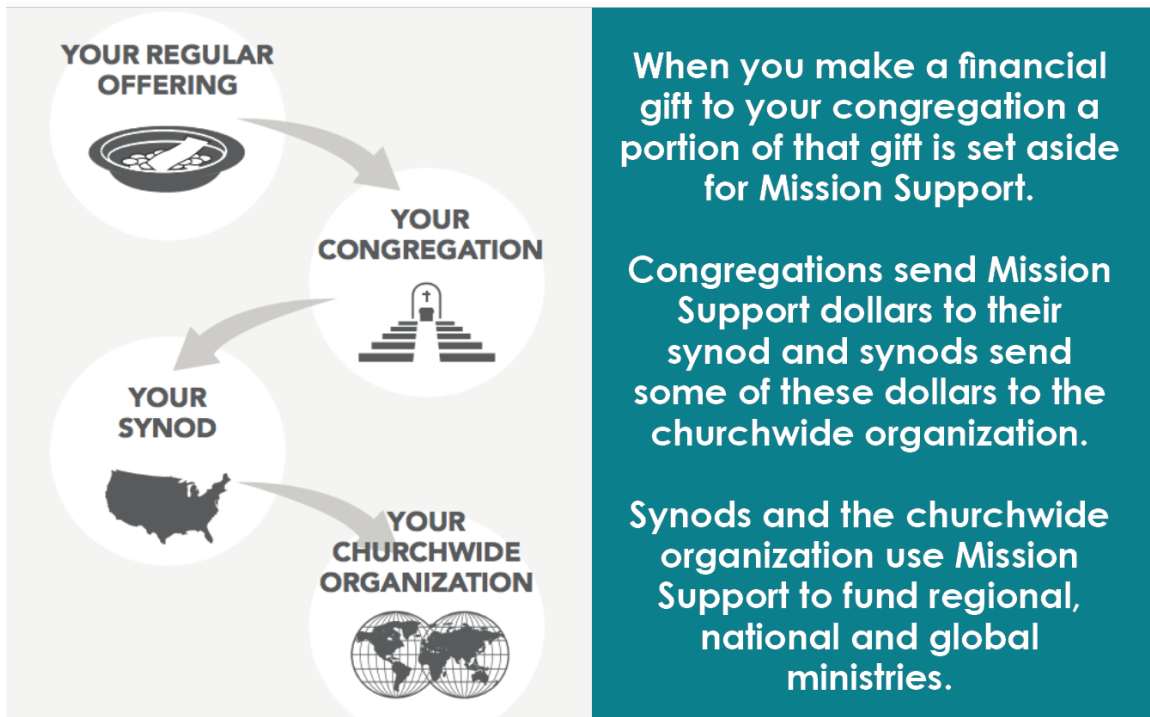
In 2019, through your generosity and faithful stewardship of your financial resources, Bethany gave \$15,226 in Mission Support to the Southeastern Iowa Synod. Below are some of the statistics of how those funds supported ministries in 2019. See if you can place the numbers on the left with the descriptions on the right. *(See next page for the answers.)* Thanks again for your generosity! As Bishop Burk likes to say, “We are in this together.”

250	1. ____ spent in support of congregations and leaders
5	2. ____ congregations were helped with leadership transitions and mobility needs
21	3. ____ new pastors were ordained and are serving in ministry
52	4. ____ people from congregations participated in congregational vitality training
21	5. ____ individuals receive our Monday morning Email Newsletter. Sign up at seiasynod.org/follow-us
740	6. ____ spent in support of faith communities and partner ministries like LSI, seminaries, Lutheran Campus Ministries and anti-hunger projects
138	7. ____ congregations in 34 counties (and 2 states)
\$443,00	8. ____ voting members in attendance at 2019 Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly
343	9. ____ visitors in attendance at Southeastern 2019 Iowa Synod Assembly
\$557,000	10. ____ representatives from the Southeastern Iowa Synod that participated in the ELCA Churchwide Assembly
35	11. ____ people who participated in the Lenten daily devotions
20	12. ____ individuals are in the candidacy process to become pastors or deacons



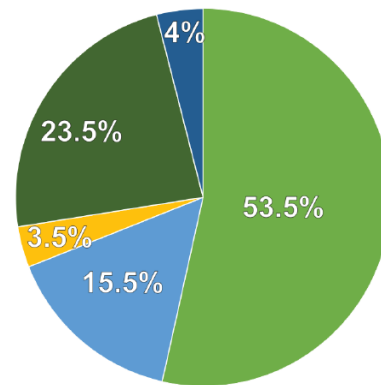
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The statistics on the previous page and images below are provided by the Office of the Bishop of the Southeastern Iowa Synod in the *Mission Spending Plan 2020* brochure which can be viewed on the Synod website at https://seiasynod.org/wp-content/uploads/dlm_uploads/2019/12/



2020 Spending Plan for Mission Support received in the Southeastern Iowa Synod

- Support Shared with Churchwide Ministries
- Synod Investment in Congregation Vitality
- Synod Support of Leadership Development
- Synodical Witness
- Management and General



Answers From Page 5

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| 1. \$443,000 | 4. 21 | 7. 138 | 10. 21 |
| 2. 35 | 5. 740 | 8. 343 | 11. 250 |
| 3. 5 | 6. \$557,000 | 9. 52 | 12. 20 |



West Branch Area Religious Council (WBARC)

Bethany Lutheran, Springdale United Methodist, St. Bernadette's Catholic,
West Branch Friends, West Branch Friends Meeting, West Branch United Methodist



January 8, 2020

To: WBARC Representatives and Congregations

Re: 2019 WBARC Financial Recap

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the acting Treasurer of the West Branch Area Religious Council (WBARC) I want to once again thank all of you for your faithful partnership and support of our shared ministry together. Through your faithful stewardship and monetary donations to our joint account we were able to continue our shared mission in assisting those in need in our community.

During 2019 WBARC received \$986.26 in monetary gifts. Thank you all so much! We had mission expenditures of \$1,105.95 as we assisted 11 individuals and/or families with needs such as lodging at Day's Inn, food vouchers to Jack and Jill, fuel assistance, rental assistance, a tow bill, a bus ticket & utilities assistance. Additionally, WBARC continued its strong support of food assistance programs within the West Branch Community School District with a donation of \$300.

Our unity in Christ was also expressed in one short outdoor prayer services of healing, peace, and unity and through our annual pulpit exchange the Sunday following Easter.

Once again, on behalf of my colleagues, let me express our gratitude and thankfulness for your commitment and faithfulness to our shared ministry. We do our best to faithfully steward these gifts and to see they are making a difference and extending God's care and love to all. We look forward to 2020, our partnership together, and our joint efforts in doing God's work in our community.

In peace,

Chad Whaley
Pastor, Bethany Lutheran Church
WBARC Treasurer

Why Do We Worship?

The top ten reasons why we worship is found in the book, *Worship Matters An Introduction to Worship* (Augsburg Fortress, 2012). This month, we share number eight.

Because worship is where the church comes into being.

The church is not a building; it is a community of believers gathered around the word and the sacraments. No assembled community? No church. In fact, Lutherans even have a super-official, foundational, historical document called the *Augsburg Confession* (written in 1530) that says this: "It is also taught that at all times there must be and remain one holy, Christian church. It is the assembly of all believers among whom the gospel is purely preached and the holy sacraments are administered according to the gospel" (Article VII). We worship together because in doing so we become a visible sign of God's activity in the world. (p.21)

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

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

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

Members Absent was Tonya Samuelson.

Pastor Chad led opening devotions with a reading from Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 followed by a reflection on special moments at Bethany this past year and opportunities for our congregation.

Pastor's Report:

Report to Council – December 9, 2019

Grace and peace from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Advent is upon us and as I put out the banner at the top of the stairs in the Narthex, I observed the words found on it: joy, peace, hope and love. These are words to pray about, center ourselves in, and ponder during this season as we await the celebration of Christ's birth and the eventual second coming of our Lord. Perhaps, we may even consider creating a journal each day noting our observations about life together in Christ here at Bethany and in the larger church. What brings us joy here at Bethany? How does being part of the body of Christ instill in us a sense of peace? How does faith bring us hope today? How do we experience the love of Christ by being part of this community? Blessings on your Advent journey! As I write this article, I answered those questions:

- What brings me joy as your pastor and part of the people of God at Bethany?
 - Today, I find myself resting in the joy of knowing I am not alone in my walk with God. I am surrounded by a community of faith that cares for me and my family. I am supported by our Bishop and his staff and colleagues within the Southeastern Iowa Synod and beyond.
- How does being part of the body of Christ instill in me a sense of peace?
 - Well, certainly that also comes through my answer above but I am reflecting on a situation recently in which I was struggling with something causing me anxiety, uncertainty and even a bit of fear and the peace of Christ came to me through one of our faithful members helping shed light on the situation at hand and be a calming and wise voice.

- How does faith bring me hope today?
 - Faith is the gift that instills in me the hope God will continue to provide for our needs at Bethany.
- How do I experience the love of Christ as part of this community?
 - Yesterday, I visited one of our senior saints who always inquires about how I am doing and how my family is doing. It's a short, simple question but it's filled with sincerity and rooted in the love of Christ.

I am not going to give a long list of what has been done since our last meeting but rather highlight just a few items: completed reviews of staff with assistance from Linda Black (worship) and Curt Casper (custodial), Emergency Management Team Meeting (made visits with Al Beyer to local restaurants and convenience stores to form partnerships in providing meals should we have to put in place our shelter), WBARC (West Branch Area Religious Council) meeting (continue to discuss and discern our future ministry and mission together), worked with local police and others on several cases of requests for assistance within the West Branch community, had a Turning Point meeting with Scott and Paula to discuss the future (reevaluating current strategy to be more in line with focus of the Saturday learning forums – next one is January 18, 2020), as part of the FreeIndeed Outside Council (Prison Ministry) worked to find candidates (nominating committee) to replace those whose terms are ending and will take part in the process of searching for and hiring a new pastor, & 12 pastoral visits.

A short discussion on WBARC and Bethany's role followed the report.

Secretary's Report:

Cheryl moved to accept the secretary's report as amended. Dave seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurers's Report:

The November General Fund Income and Expense report reflects revenues of \$13,044 and expenses of \$11,472 for a net gain of \$1,572 for the month of November. There is an approximately \$3,200 balance in the account. A baptismal bowl was purchased with funds from the Elsa Boedecker Memorial Fund. Curt moved and Linda second to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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

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Building and Grounds:

- The carpets in the stairway and in the Great Hall were cleaned.
- A light next to the Great Hall needs to be replaced.
- Curt salted the parking lot this evening after a snow squall.

Education: no report

Evangelism and Outreach:

The Designated Shelter Committee met on November 18th and will meet again next week to finalize plans. Supplies are in place, signs made, duties outlined and assigned, and food vendors have been contacted.

Fellowship:

- November 4th Sunday Meal was a great success and plans are being made for the Dec. 29th meal.
- Cookie Walk made \$857 with a \$712 profit and quilters made \$210 at Christmas Past.

Stewardship: no report

Youth: no report

Worship and Music:

- Altar Care schedule is done for next year.
- Lector schedule is done for next year.
- The pianos will be tuned by Arlen Ottmar on December 19th.
- Poinsettias are being ordered.
- We have a new bowl for the baptismal font.

Old Business:

- A Memorial Committee has been formed and will be meeting in February.
- Little Free Food Pantry project will be done in the spring.
- The audit committee has been formed.
- The nominating committee is in place.
- Paula Casper and Dave Bahnsen have expressed interest in attending the 2020 Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly. Final candidates will be selected at Bethany's Annual Meeting.

New Business:

- Budget Committee has met to propose next year's budget. Considerable discussion was held concerning the projected budget deficit. Nancy said that expenses have risen about 2% and revenues are fairly flat. Local Missions outreach will need \$6080 in this year's budget.

Cheryl moved to add an additional line item for the Local Mission offerings separate from next year's General Budget and to accept the rest of the General Budget as proposed. Linda seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- The council continues to encourage Simply Giving method for offerings. Wayne moved and Linda seconded to give Jill Barnhart a \$500 bonus for her music ministry.
- Cheryl moved to move \$10,000 from the Mission Investment Fund into the General Fund. Wayne seconded. Motion passed.
- Nancy composed a letter to the congregation regarding the budget. Discussion was held regarding the wording and timing for distribution. It was decided to put it in the weekly newsletter and copies will also be placed in the mailboxes.
- Christmas Eve offerings: Al moved and Nancy seconded to give 10% of the Christmas Eve offering to the school hunger program. Motion passed.
- Wayne moved to distribute the 4% Local Mission offerings (2 ½ % to mission outreach and 1 ½ % to internal ministries), the same as we did last year. Cheryl seconded. Motion passed.
- Bethany will celebrate its 125th Anniversary next year. Dave moved and Curt seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting closed at 8:50 with the Lord's Prayer.

See page 10 for further minutes.



**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES**

Following the December 9, 2019 council meeting, two amendments were proposed. Due to the time sensitive nature of these two proposals President Hughes along with Pastor Chad deemed it necessary to communicate to the council and vote on these amendments via electronic format as allowed by our Constitution under C.12.12.01. Our Constitution also states that the results of this vote will be ratified and entered into the minutes at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

The email sent on December 16, 2019 was:

I am forwarding this information on behalf of Council President Del Hughes. We are requesting your electronic vote on 2 items, which is allowed by our Constitution. Please respond “yes” or “no” to each item “1.” and “2.” below by this Wednesday, December 18 to Del at: hughesdelsue05@gmail.com

The items in consideration are:

1. At the December 9, 2019 meeting, Council approved designating 10% of Christmas Eve offerings to School Hunger Programs. Upon follow-up with the school, we have learned funds for the programs are sufficient to meet current needs. Therefore, in conversations with the local Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP) Cedar County coordinator with whom we have developed a partnership it has been suggested Christmas Eve offerings of 10% be directed toward assisting with Domestic Violence victims directly in the West Branch community of which there are currently 9 clients. These funds could possibly be used to purchase Jack and Jill gift cards or other needed items. 2. At the December 9, 2019 meeting, Council approved the 2020 budget. Since that time, an amendment has been suggested and is recommended by the Executive Committee to eliminate the Internal Ministry percentage (1.5%), which is included in the “Local Mission” line item (4%). This would reduce the 2020 budget expenditures by \$2280 helping to bring expenses more in line with projected revenues. Currently, the Internal Ministry fund has a balance of \$3528.32, which is sufficient to support ministries such as Quilting and Hope Chest.

Please contact Del or Pastor Chad with any questions. Thanks everyone!

Pastor Chad

Results: 8 responses were received all voting “yes” on item 1 and 2 above. Motions passed unanimously.



February 26 Ash Wednesday Service
at Bethany 700 p.m.

Wednesday March 4 **Lenten Dinner** 6:15 p.m.
Prayer around the Cross Service 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday March 11 **Lenten Dinner** 6:15 p.m.
Prayer around the Cross Service 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday March 18 **Lenten Dinner** 6:15 p.m.
Prayer around the Cross Service 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday March 25 **Lenten Dinner** 6:15 p.m.
Prayer around the Cross Service 7:00 p.m.

Women’s Gathering

Women, you're invited! Once again Bethany Lutheran in West Branch and Trinity Lutheran in Tipton are joining together for a women's event. This year's theme is Gifts for You -- all about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and how we each receive our own gifts that we can use in our lives. The event is at Bethany Lutheran on March 7, 9 AM – 2 PM. Register yourself; feel free to bring a friend, neighbor, or sister; and plan to join us! Registration forms are in the hallway outside the kitchen or online at:

<https://forms.gle/PCopweNtirpaJQCk7>

\$15 covers lunch and all materials. See Lisa Zimmerman with any questions.



WOMEN'S RETREAT



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.

Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- Peer pressure...
- This world is saying...
- In order to discern what is the will of God...



1 Samuel 16:7

But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”

- Outward appearance pressures for males...
- Outward appearance pressures for females...
- To look inward, to look on the heart, I...

Romans 8:37-39

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- An experience of God’s love...
- God’s love includes...
- God loves even when...

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, February 1	Psalm 15 Micah 3:1-4 John 13:31-35	Sunday, February 16	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37
Sunday, February 2	Micah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12	Monday, February 17	Psalm 119:9-16 Exodus 20:1-21 James 1:2-8
Monday, February 3	Psalm 37:1-17 Ruth 1:1-18 Philemon 1-25	Tuesday, February 18	Psalm 119:9-16 Deuteronomy 23:21-24:4, 10-15 James 2:1-13
Tuesday, February 4	Psalm 37:1-17 Ruth 2:1-16 James 5:1-6	Wednesday, February 19	Psalm 119:9-16 Proverbs 2:1-15 Matthew 19:1-12
Wednesday, February 5	Psalm 37:1-17 Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22 Luke 6:17-26	Thursday, February 20	Psalm 2 Exodus 6:2-9 Hebrews 8:1-7
Thursday, February 6	Psalm 112:1-9 [10] Deuteronomy 4:1-14 1 John 5:1-5	Friday, February 21	Psalm 2 Exodus 19:9b-25 Hebrews 11:23-28
Friday, February 7	Psalm 112:1-9 [10] Isaiah 29:1-12 James 3:13-18	Saturday, February 22	Psalm 2 1 Kings 21:20-29 Mark 9:9-13
Saturday, February 8	Psalm 112:1-9 [10] Isaiah 29:13-16 Mark 7:1-8	Sunday, February 23	Exodus 24:12-18 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9
Sunday, February 9	Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12] 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 Matthew 5:13-20	Monday, February 24	Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55 Exodus 33:7-23 Acts 7:30-34
Monday, February 10	Psalm 119:105-112 2 Kings 22:3-20 Romans 11:2-10	Tuesday, February 25	Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55 1 Kings 19:9-18 Romans 11:1-6
Tuesday, February 11	Psalm 119:105-112 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25 2 Corinthians 4:1-12	Wednesday, February 26	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Wednesday, February 12	Psalm 119:105-112 Proverbs 6:6-23 John 8:12-30	Thursday, February 27	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Psalm 51 Jonah 3:1-10
Thursday, February 13	Psalm 119:1-8 Genesis 26:1-5 James 1:12-16	Friday, February 28	Romans 1:1-7 Psalm 51 Jonah 4:1-11
Friday, February 14	Psalm 119:1-8 Leviticus 26:34-46 1 John 2:7-17	Saturday, February 29	Romans 1:8-17 Psalm 51 Isaiah 58:1-12 Matthew 18:1-7
Saturday, February 15	Psalm 119:1-8 Deuteronomy 30:1-9a Matthew 15:1-9		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Adult Bible Study	3	4 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	5 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:15 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM Faith Formation Pre-K - 8th	6 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	7	8
9 9:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Adult Bible Study	10 6:30 PM Council Meeting	11 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	12 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study at McDonalds 9:00 AM Women's Circle Bible Study 6:15 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM Faith Formation Pre-K - 8th	13 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	14	15
16 9:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Adult Bible Study	17	18 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	19 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:15 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM Faith Formation Pre-K - 8th	20 6:00 AM Women's Bible study	21	22
23 9:00 AM Worship 10:20 AM Adult Bible Study 5:00 PM West Branch Community Meal @ Bethany	24	25 1:00 PM Hope Chest Open 1:00 PM Quilters	26 Ash Wednesday 6:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 6:15 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday worship at Bethany	27 6:00 AM Women's Bible study 2:00 PM Crestview Worship	28	29

Monetary Gifts Report

Submitted by Nancy Bruns

Saints in Worship

12/1	43
12/8	60
12/15	73
12/22	61
12/29	43
Total	280

	December 2019		YTD	
Total Receipts	Actual \$16,727	Budget \$12,625	Actual \$153,331	Budget \$151,500
Total Expenses	Actual \$17,332	Budget \$13,647	Actual \$168,471	Budget \$164,058

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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- 2/2 Beth Kaufman
- 2/9 Jeni & Hannah Schiele
- 2/16 Alan Beyer
- 2/23 Cheryl Fischer

Ministers of Hospitality (Greeters)

- 2/2 John & Linda Black
- 2/9 Al & Claudia Beyer
- 2/16 Paula Casper & Patsy Ernst
- 2/23 Kent & Beth Kaufman

Ministers of Christ's Light (Acolytes)

- 2/2 Arik Marsh
Jacob Langley
- 2/9 Layla Samuelson
Alexa Fitzgerald
- 2/16 Dylan Schiele
Miley Shields
- 2/23 Chloe Klabo
Shelby Klabo

Ministers of Altar Care for February:

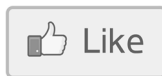
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