

Bethany Lutheran Church

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



Important Dates

9-8 Blood drive @ Bethany
9-9 Confirmation & 4-6th Grade
Faith Formation @ 6:30 PM
9-14 Council meeting 6:30 PM via
Zoom Meeting

*Worship with us outdoor (weather
permitting) or live on Facebook*

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I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.—Philippians 1:3-5 (NRSV)



Greetings Beloved Saints,

At the August council meeting I invited our leaders to share their stories of joy happenings since the previous month. That meeting was scheduled to meet the previous Monday; however, the devastating derecho storm derailed those plans. The Apostle Paul opens his letter to the Philippian church with the words above and the theme of joy permeates his letter, which may be somewhat ironic as Paul is writing from prison. Yet, even amidst the difficult circumstances Paul finds himself in, the joy that wells up inside and flows forth onto the pages is the love the church shares together, which has its basis in the good news of Jesus Christ. It's the love and grace revealed to all through Christ's death and resurrection.

The week the derecho hit was a tumultuous one set within a larger narrative of challenges marked by COVID-19, economic downturn, political divisions and racial tension. Yet, as the council talked stories of joy surfaced. So many of us found joy in helping loved ones, brothers and sisters in Christ, or our neighbors cleaning up debris from that storm. It was a joy to be together even while wearing a mask and trying to maintain physical distancing. It was a joy to get our electricity back; while, remembering many still were without power. It was a joy to do VBS at home with a child or grandchild. It was a joy that we had over 50 kids receive a VBS packet and learn about how precious they are to God. It was a joy that despite the uncontrollable nature of so many things in our lives and world people have joined together to do good and be light.

We do have much to be joyful for; like, the fact we are worshipping again outdoors. Or, we will once again take the sacrament of holy communion. Or, cameras have been installed in the sanctuary so that we can better stream our worship of Jesus Christ to those in their homes. Or, gathering our confirmation students together for another year of learning. While we will start outdoors, I rejoice in the opportunity and favorable weather to safely gather with these wonderful youth.

May we, like Paul as he found himself in difficult circumstances, rejoice in our love for one another, our love for our Lord, and the great love of God in Jesus Christ poured out for each of us through his death and resurrection! May the peace of Christ be with you all!

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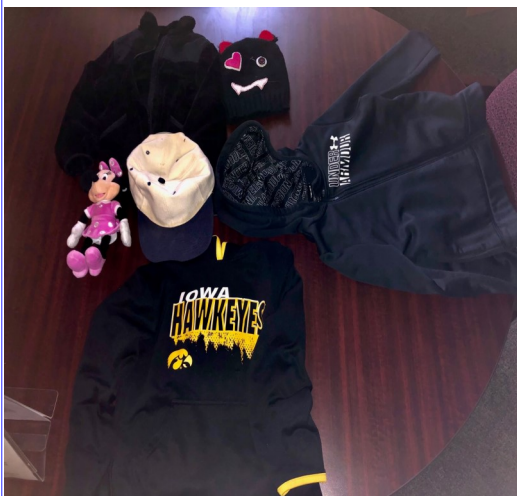


Birthdays

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.*

Lost & Found



The items shown above have been left at the church and are looking for their owners (especially Minnie Mouse). To claim your item call Paula @ 319-331-9456 and she will help get them back to you.

Bethany Books



Books For Adults

This month's author is Francine Rivers. The books under discussion are the trilogy of the Mark Of The Lion series. They take place during the first century of the ancient Roman Empire. The first volume *A Voice In The Wind* starts with the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple under Titus in 70 AD. We meet Hadassah (Esther), a young Jewish girl whose family was caught in Jerusalem during the Passover and the revolt. All of her family was killed. She alone survived to be sent to Rome as a slave. She is sold to Decimus Vindacius Valerian. He is a prosperous merchant. He and his wife Phobe are examples of traditional/conservative society. His son Marcus and daughter Julia are examples of the new generation with new views about what is important in life. They are in conflict with their father about their futures. They are more interested in what the pleasures of life can bring them. Hadassah holds to her faith and what is right while seeing the depravity that is Roman society at that time. She is torn by her love for Marcus and becomes a beacon of light for how one should behave in a society that has clearly gone wrong. Julia is the prime example of one who believes in doing what she wants to do and is not concerned about anyone else and how her actions might hurt them.

In volume two, *An Echo In The Darkness*, Marcus, touched by Hadassah's belief and actions begins to wonder if there is more to life. He continues to search for meaning to life. Julia, on the other hand, sinks deeper into indulgence and self-destruction.

The trilogy ends with *As Sure As The Dawn*. It follows Atretes, the high chief of a Germanic tribe who is taken prisoner in volume I. He was trained as a gladiator and managed to win his freedom. In volume three, he sets out for home with his infant son, and Rizpah a Christian widow who has taken care of the child since its birth. Coming home after being away for so many years can be hard to handle and might not be welcome by all people. The series gives the reader a sense of what culture and society was at this time. It gives the reader an example of what the early Christians had to cope with and societies attitude toward them. These books were donated.

To check out a book, please call the office at (319) 643-5998 so arrangements can be made for pickup or delivery of the book or books.

“God’s Work. Our Hands” Sunday

September 13, 2020

Dear members of Bethany,

God’s Work, Our Hands began early this year with the storm that blew through on August 10th. Many of you helped neighbors and friends in cleanup efforts and this truly was in the spirit of this designated Sunday of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Due to COVID restrictions, we can’t do “God’s Work. Our Hands” Sunday as a group, like usual. But there still are needs in our community and we have come up with some ideas to make this a memorable day of service. If you have a yellow shirt, wear it that day.

- ◇ If you have helped a neighbor haul branches, fix fence, or something like that, take a picture and send it to Paula and we will put on Bethany’s Facebook page. If you will be doing a project on September 13th, please do the same.
- ◇ Gardeners: The church grounds have continuing needs like deadheading flowers, pulling weeds, and general cleanup. If other people are helping at the same time, keep a safe distance or wear a mask.
- ◇ A “Not a Christmas” Angel Tree: Select something from the list of needs to help school kids or DVIP (Domestic Violence Intervention Program). Bring items to the church and we will deliver them to WBCSD and DVIP. The list of needed items is at the bottom of this page. If you would rather give money, we will use it to purchase needed items.

We have much to be thankful for and giving back to our community is how God would want us to respond.

DVIP needs list:

- Gift cards for groceries/household items
- Cooking Oil
- Baby formula
- Diapers size 5/6
- Sugar
- Microwave popcorn
- Body Wash
- Women’s underwear sizes 5, 6, and 8

School Needs List:

- Boys underwear sizes 4-6
 - *New and prepackaged
- Girls underwear sizes 4-6
 - *New and prepackaged
- New black sweatpants sizes 4-6
 - *Girls and boys
- New gray sweatpants sizes 4-6
 - *Girls and boys

Please contact Al Beyer with any questions. Thank you!

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, especially during the extra challenges surrounding COVID-19 this year.

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 recent months, our DSPs have been dedicated to the people we are privileged to serve, adding extra safety measures to continue supporting individuals in our 24-hour facilities and providing new activities to keep everyone entertained and busy when leaving the house was not safely an option.

This high-quality care is possible because of you – thank you for lifting up your Iowa neighbors in times of crisis! If you would like to learn more about how you can support crucial programming like LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

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.

We are Still Here: LSI's Services for People with Disabilities

LSI Team Leader Ada works at Harmony House in Muscatine, a 24/7 care facility provided through LSI's Services for People with Disabilities. The home provides consistent care to five Iowans with intensive disabilities and medical conditions. Ada and her team assist residents with most parts of their day, from movement around the home and hygiene routines to medications and meals.

Because of COVID-19, the residents at Harmony House have not been able to safely see their families or participate in the volunteering or work they love, as some are able to do. But Ada and her team are there to offer a familiar face and structure when everything else feels uncertain. On days when clients feel scared or unsure, Ada and her team provide support and comfort.

Throughout the pandemic, Ada and her team have worked long hours to ensure they follow additional safety precautions, protecting both themselves and the clients they serve.

"We are an essential part of their daily life, regardless of whatever storm lies in front of us. My work is needed for my clients to survive," Ada says. "But they are essential to me and the other staff. They are the reason we do what we do."





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Confirmation

Affirmation of Baptism (aka Confirmation) classes will begin on Wednesday, September 9th. We will gather outdoors from 6:30—7:15 PM. All youth in 7th and 8th grade are invited to attend. Please bring a chair and face mask. In case of rain, we will move to the Beranek Park shelter. We will take advantage of the weather as long as we can meeting outside.



Youth Faith Formation

Faith formation for 4th-6th grade will also begin Wednesday, September 9th from 6:30-7:15 PM. This, too, will be outdoors and students are asked to bring a chair and face mask. Please also remember to bring your Bible each week.

Faith formation for our children PreK-3rd grade will be done similar to VBS. A kit is being prepared and more information will be forthcoming.

At home Vacation Bible School

At home Vacation Bible School was a great success this year. We had 53 children learning and participating through videos, games, crafts and enjoying treats at home. The kit included items to do a potato sack race, make a s'more, a scavenger hunt, paint a rock and many more fun things to do. Thank you to the education team for organizing this.



BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Meeting (via Zoom) July 13, 2020

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

Members present were Dave Bahnsen, Linda Black, Nancy Bruns, Anne Fetzer, Del Hughes, Amber Marsh, Kristin McElhinney, Alan Beyer, Curt Casper, and Pastor Whaley.

Pastor Chad led devotions based on Luke 2: 16 – 20 where Mary was given unexpected news and she pondered them in her heart. In light of this pandemic time, this may be a time for us to ponder and to glorify God for blessings that he has given us.

Pastor's Report:

Council Report – July 12, 2020

Grace and peace from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! God continues to reveal God's goodness amidst these unique times. While our doors to the building remain closed and positive cases of COVID-19 rise, the church has an opportunity to proclaim hope and the assurance we are not alone. We have been doing that and will continue to do that.

There is much to be joyful for in the last month. I am joyful that technology continues to work and hopeful we can make some improvements moving into the future to assist us in our worship of God and proclamation of God's living word. I am joyful for the opportunity to begin making some in-person outdoor visits. I am joyful for the opportunity to possibly gather for worship in-person outdoors.

Over the last month I have kept busy with the normal day-to-day activities of preparing worship, sermons, worship bulletins, setting up for worship, recording worship, downloading, uploading, editing, and posting worship to Facebook, Vimeo, etc. Additionally, I do my best to keep the website, Facebook and Twitter pages updated with the most recent news. Discussion groups on the ELCA Social Statement on race, ethnicity and culture have met twice and another is planned. This small group will then look at additional ways we can continue the conversation such as a book study. I started a Monday Noon Gospel Gathering to look at and discuss the upcoming Sunday reading. While I had hoped for more participation, I am grateful for those who have attended via Zoom and we welcome others to join us. I researched the possibility of transmitting sound via AM frequency to vehicles for an outdoor worship. After a survey of 20 or so individuals/families by Linda Black and me it was determined most people preferred a service in which they were gathered outside of their vehicles in chairs. Thus, our efforts will be directed toward this possibility moving forward. I brainstormed a couple new ways to plan worship incorporating others leading

prayers of intercession and Jill singing. To do this, we must prerecord which takes additional time, but I think it has been worth it and well received. I travelled to Grinnell to take part in an outdoor conversation with Bishop Burk and other rostered leaders. I attended 2 WBARC meetings via Zoom. I attended a Free Indeed outside council meeting via Zoom. I met outdoors with a couple preparing to be married August 29 for one of three premarital sessions. I am reading a book *Open Secrets* (Richard Lischer) in preparation for my involvement in The Moses Project (<https://www.grandview.edu/the-moses-project>) which begins August 3. Presently, I am scheduled to gather at Grandview with other pastors August 3-5. This is a 10-month program. I am also reading the book *Dialogues on Race* which has various short essays from leading Christian thinkers. Del and I held 2 listening posts. I also continue to record a short weekly children's message. I am working with Tim Kakavas of White Dove Communications about upgrading the sanctuary with technology to improve our online worship capabilities moving into the future. This will allow us to provide better quality in our proclamation of the good news and will not entail utilizing my cell phone on a regular basis, which is not sustainable. In my opinion, this is a necessity and I envision a future in which we are not only gathering in-person but also streaming that online in some capacity whether it be live or a recorded option. We have witnessed how God's glory and word can be made known through this medium and lives can be reached, transformed, and opened to the good news of Jesus Christ.

Gathered by grace and sent by the Spirit, we are the people of God doing God's work in the world. Praise and thanks be to God!

Secretary's Report:

Linda moved to accept the regular June 8th meeting and Special June 28th meeting minutes as corrected. Amber seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

The General Fund Revenue and Expense report reflects \$12,468 in offerings for the month of June and \$11,411 in expenses, which allowed for an increase in the general fund of \$1,057. Special Funds disbursements include \$136 for graduation gifts from the Youth Fund and \$531 for trees from the Memorial Fund. Families that contributed to the Memorial Fund were L. Pedersen, K. Roth, J. Friis, M. Anderson, and Don and Fern Thompson.

Curt moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Al seconded. Motion passed.

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Committee Reports

Building and Grounds:

There were several broken branches from the storm that need to be cleaned up before the outdoor service on Sunday. More mulch is still needed.

Education and Youth:

Amber and Kristin are organizing a VBS-at-Home kit which will be distributed soon. The 3 day kit includes stories, songs, crafts, and treats to be used by the kids.

Evangelism and Outreach:

The 125th Anniversary celebration (discussed later) was to include a float from Bethany in the Hoover's Hometown Days Parade. The parade was cancelled due to the pandemic, so we plan to do it next year. In two months, God's Work Our Hands Sunday is scheduled. Certainly, we can't do it as normal, if at all. We are waiting for some guidance from the synod on this.

Fellowship:

Anne set up Zoom Fellowship following the June worship services. The number of people involved was not large, but those participating enjoyed it. She is planning to do this again, depending on the response of the outdoor service.

Worship and Music:

Cliff and Monica Hinkhouse are donating their piano to Bethany. A big thank you to them! Linda will work with Jill to decide where it would best be used.

Old Business:

A \$100 check was sent to Bishop Burk's retirement fund.

Update of Guidelines for in-person worship: It is now allowed to speak softly for prayers and other spoken parts as long as a mask is worn. Singing is still not allowed, but congregants may hum the music.

Outdoor Service Guidelines: Bring your own chair. Face-masks or shield are required. Six-foot distancing. A list of attendees will be recorded. Dave moved and Anne seconded to have an outdoor service on July 19th. Motion passed.

125th Anniversary celebration: Due to the pandemic, Al moved and Linda seconded to postpone the event until next year. Motion passed. We are planning to acknowledge the event in October, possibly with a video which includes remembrances from members of the congregation and also something from previous ministers. Al will work with the 125th Anniversary Committee to organize this. Kristin offered to assist with editing the video.

New Business:

COVID-19 Update: Al mentioned that Cedar County now has had 96 confirmed cases and adjoining counties total 4884 cases. This is about double from the previous month.

In light of the pandemic, Anne questioned whether the council will need to reallocate budgetary items to reflect changes in needs and resources. The budget committee will visit this question later this fall.

God's Work Our Hands: Anne had a suggestion of identifying special needs in the community and aiding them much like we do the Angel Tree. Council approved this and will research it also.

The Hope Chest is rarely used now. It was mentioned that if someone has a need, they can contact the church and items could be put together for pickup.

Confirmation: Auron Marsh and Chloe Klabo have finished their confirmation training and are waiting to be confirmed. Due to church closure, Pastor Chad is proposing that the ceremony could take place with family only, be recorded, and dubbed into the worship service. Anne moved and Kristin seconded the motion to open the church for this special service. Motion passed.

Wedding: Pastor Chad has been doing pre-marriage sessions with a couple who would like to be married at Bethany on August 29th. Discussion ensued over whether to open the church for this service. General feeling of the council was that, since we haven't opened the church for regular services, we should probably not open it up for the wedding. Pastor Chad said that he is willing to work with the couple to do an outdoor service if they choose.

Technology: Pastor Chad has been using his cell phone for online services up to this time, but this is not sustainable long-term. He has been working with Tim Kakavas on a more permanent solution, since we are planning to continue to broadcast our service online. There was some discussion about the cameras, computer, and the cost.

Amber moved to use funds to enhance our church's technology. Anne seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Wayne wondered whether or not Bethany could be used for a Blood Drive in November. With our church closed, the council was skeptical about this, but would continue to discuss the logistics with Wayne.

Next meeting is August 10th. A short council meeting will be held after July 19th to discuss the success of the outdoor service.

Dave moved to adjourn. Amber seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor Chad led closing with the Lord's Prayer.

2020 Southeastern Iowa Synod Online Assembly Summary

The 33rd Assembly of the Southeastern Iowa Synod was held on August 5th and 7th online. Nearly 400 voting members and visitors gathered virtually around the theme “With a New Song.” Video conferencing was used for voting members and visitors were able to view a livestream of the event.

The assembly convened on Wednesday, August 5th. Business included the approval of the 2021 synod budget and the report of the nominating committee. This session also included the first (nominating ballot) for the election of a bishop. The assembly was then recessed until Friday, August 7th.



The assembly reconvened on the morning of August 7th. Sara Hegg-Dunne was elected as the new synod vice-president. Several synod council positions were elected, and elections were held for synod nominating, discipline, and consultation committees. A full report of those elections can be found on the assembly webpage.

The assembly also cast a second ballot for the election of bishop which included the names of 21 ministers of word and sacrament. After the second ballot, the top eight vote-getters addressed the assembly. These nominees were; Erika Uthe, Ken Sundet Jones, Amy Current, Dan Kuckuck, Timothy Olson, Katie Lowe-Lancaster, Jennifer Thomas, and Jayne Thompson.

A third ballot was cast and with no election, the top three candidates –Erika Uthe, Amy Current, and Timothy Olson—moved on to the fourth ballot. These three candidates had the opportunity to answer questions provided by the Bishop’s Election Committee. No election on the fourth ballot meant the top two vote-getters, Erika Uthe and Amy Current moved on the fifth ballot.

The Rev. Amy Current was elected on the fifth ballot, with 178 votes. The Rev. Erika Uthe received 173 votes. The bishop-elect Amy Current is currently serving as Vice President of Admissions and Student Services at Wartburg Seminary. She graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, and received an M. Div from Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, and was ordained on July 13, 1997.

The Synod Assembly offering was designated for the ELCA’s International Women Leaders program, which provides support and empowerment to international women leaders in the life and development of church and society. Additionally, a courtesy resolution of thanksgiving for the assembly and various ministries of the Southeastern Iowa Synod is available online.

To find more detailed information and videos of the assembly go to <https://seiasynod.org/assembly/>



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 God's work. Our hands.

A special thank you to our congregation’s voting delegates, which were Paula Casper and Dave Bahnsen. Thanks also to Anne Fetzner for assisting on a technology team to make this event happen in a virtual world.



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.

John 19:16-17

Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

- Crucifixion...
- I keep a cross...
- When holding a cross I feel...



Psalm 42:1-2

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

- Things I long for...
- Thirsting for God...
- Meeting God face to face would be...

Outdoor Worship Continues

We will continue offering outdoor worship services every Sunday in September along with online worship via Facebook. Both will begin at 9:30 AM. In the event of inclement weather please remain home. Pastor Chad, Jill and the assigned lector of the day will stream worship live from the sanctuary. Our Outdoor Gathering Guidelines are located to the right as a reminder.



Outdoor Gathering Guidelines

Please stay home if experiencing any symptoms associated with COVID-19 including: cough, fever, shortness of breath, chills, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. [cdc.gov]

Additionally, please remain home if you have been in contact with anyone with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis within the last 14 days.

- Sanitize hands
- Face mask required age 2 and older
 - *Only exception* for those who may have trouble breathing with mask, then shield acceptable form of PPE
- Stay at least 6 feet apart from others outside immediate family
- Please quietly and softly sing hymns and speak congregational responses
- Bring own chair and refreshment
- Gloves not recommended
- It is encouraged those most vulnerable, including those with preexisting medical conditions and older than 65 continue to "limit their activities outside the home." (Governor's May 20 Proclamation)

Thank you!

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*.

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| Tuesday, Sept 1 | Psalm 17 2 Samuel 11:27b-12:15 Revelation 3:7-13 | Wednesday, Sept 16 | Psalm 133 Genesis 50:22-26 Mark 11:20-25 |
| Wednesday, Sept 2 | Psalm 17 Jeremiah 17:5-18 Matthew 12:22-32 | Thursday, Sept 17 | Psalm 145:1-8 Nahum 1:1, 14:2:2 2 Corinthians 13:1-4 |
| Thursday, Sept 3 | Psalm 119:33-40 Ezekiel 24:1-14 2 Corinthians 12:11-21 | Friday, Sept 18 | Psalm 145:1-8 Nahum 2:3-13 2 Corinthians 13:5-10 |
| Friday, Sept 4 | Psalm 119:33-40 Ezekiel 24:15-27 Romans 10:15b-21 | Saturday, Sept 19 | Psalm 145:1-8 Zephaniah 2:13-15 Matthew 19:23-30 |
| Saturday, Sept 5 | Psalm 119:33-40 Ezekiel 33:1-6 Matthew 23:29-36 | Sunday, Sept 20 | Jonah 3:10-4:11 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16 |
| Sunday, Sept 6, | Ezekiel 33:7-11 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20 | Monday, Sept 21 | Psalm 106:1-12 Genesis 27:1-29 Romans 16:1-16 |
| Monday, Sept 7 | Psalm 119:65-72 Lev. 4:27-31; 5:14-16 1 Peter 2:11-17 | Tuesday, Sept 22 | Psalm 106:1-12 Genesis 28:10-17 Romans 16:17-20 |
| Tuesday, Sept 8 | Psalm 119:65-72 Deuteronomy 17:2-13 Romans 13:1-7 | Wednesday, Sept 23 | Psalm 106:1-12 Isaiah 41:1-13 Matthew 18:1-5 |
| Wednesday, Sept 9 | Psalm 119:65-72 Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28 Matthew 21:18-22 | Thursday, Sept 24 | Psalm 25:1-9 Ezekiel 12:17-28 James 4:11-16 |
| Thursday, Sept 10 | Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 Genesis 37:12-36 1 John 3:11-16 | Friday, Sept 25 | Psalm 25:1-9 Ezekiel 18:5-18 Acts 13:32-41 |
| Friday, Sept 11 | Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 Genesis 41:53-42:17 Acts 7:9-16 | Saturday, Sept 26 | Psalm 25:1-9 Ezekiel 18:19-24 Mark 11:27-33 |
| Saturday, Sept 12 | Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 Genesis 45:1-20 Matthew 6:7-15 | Sunday, Sept 27 | Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32 |
| Sunday, Sept 13 | Genesis 50:15-21 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35 | Monday, Sept 28 | Psalm 28 Judges 14:1-20 Philippians 1:3-14 |
| Monday, Sept 14 | Psalm 133 Genesis 48:8-22 Hebrews 11:23-29 | Tuesday, Sept 29 | Psalm 28 Judges 16:1-22 Philippians 1:15-21 |
| Tuesday, Sept 15 | Psalm 133 Genesis 49:29-50:14 Romans 14:13-15:2 | Wednesday, Sept 30 | Psalm 28 Judges 16:23-31 Matthew 9:2-8 |

September 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 13 God's Work Our Hands Sunday 9:30 AM Worship (Outdoors and online via Facebook) | 14 12:00 PM Monday Gospel Gathering (via Zoom Meeting) 6:30 PM Council Meeting via Zoom | 15 | 16 6:30 PM Confirmation Outdoors 6:30 PM 4th-6th Grade Class Outdoors | 17 | 18 | 19 |
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| 27 9:30 AM Worship (Outdoors and online via Facebook) | 28 12:00 PM Monday Gospel Gathering (via Zoom Meeting) | 29 | 30 6:30 PM Confirmation Outdoors 6:30 PM 4th-6th Grade Class Outdoors | 1 | 2 | 3 |

Saints in Worship

Worship has been outdoor and online. We have been averaging 20 -30 people outdoors and many have joined us live on Facebook or viewed at a later time.

Thanks for worshipping with us!

Monetary Gifts Report

Submitted by Nancy Bruns

| | July 2020 | | YTD | |
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| Total Receipts | Actual 12,975 | Budget 12,984 | Actual 89,810 | Budget 90,888 |
| Total Expenses | Actual 11,806 | Budget 13,492 | Actual 86,210 | Budget 94,560 |

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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