



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

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At Monday's council meeting, it was unanimously decided to continue in keeping the church building closed to congregational activities. This decision is based on the fact confirmed cases of COVID-19 within Cedar county are rising and thus we have not met thresholds previously outlined. Should conditions improve prior to October's council meeting, we will reconvene if needed. We will continue to worship outdoors at 9:30 AM as weather allows and stream online via Facebook. Thanks be to God for our lovely outdoor space, some fabulous weather, and ability to be present together in this capacity!

The sacrament of holy communion will be celebrated on October 4<sup>th</sup> as we gather outdoors. If you would like the prepackaged cup of grape juice and wafer to have at home as you worship, please call the church (643-5998) or email Paula ([blcsecretary@lcom.net](mailto:blcsecretary@lcom.net)) or Pastor Chad ([pastor@wbbethany.org](mailto:pastor@wbbethany.org)) and arrangements will be made for pick up or delivery to your home.

Additionally, the council is offering the opportunity for any individual, couple, or family unit to celebrate and share in this sacrament within the confines of our worshipping space if you wish to do so. Please contact Pastor Chad to schedule a time. There will be a short order of worship and no one else will be present. Additionally, Pastor Chad is willing to stop by your house and celebrate the sacrament with you in an outdoor setting.

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

Bethany Council