# Bethany Lutheran Church

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





**Important Dates** 

10/4 Holy Communion during
9:30 AM Worship
10/12 Council meeting 6:30 PM via
Zoom
10/7, 14, 21, 28 Youth Education

0/7, 14, 21, 28 Youth Education (4-8th Grade) Outdoor 6:30-7:15 PM

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Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's love endures forever.

Psalm 107:1 (NIV)



Greetings Beloved People of God,

God is indeed good! It is that goodness and eternal love we have been given and live in that moves us to respond with thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for! Each month as the council gathers, we are reminded of God's faithfulness to the ministry we do to-

gether in the name of Christ. Amidst a global pandemic, your generosity, partnership, commitment and stewardship of the gifts entrusted to you by God have resulted in our most fruitful months of the year fiscally. Praise and thanks be to God and thanks be to each of you! We truly are blessed and the risen Christ is indeed alive and active.

The people of God at Bethany have for 125 years gathered, as the body of Christ, to give thanks and praise to God. Week after week, month after month, year after year the Lord has been good to us. It was on October 29, 1895 that a group of Danish immigrants with a deep Christian faith and love of Christ and the church, under the guidance of Missionary N.P. Olsen, officially organized this congregation. At the time, it was called the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church until the name was changed to Bethany in the 1930s. We give thanks for our sisters and brothers who have gone before us: those faithful Danish immigrants who sowed the first seed and all the beloved saints of Christ who have come after. It is the Spirit that was at work in each of them and the foundation of Jesus Christ that was the heart of their faith that has led us to today.

As we look to the future and the next 125 years, we do so trusting that the same Spirit that equipped, led, and gave them the strength to move forward is at work in us, the present day saints, and in the saints of the future to come. We do so with the same understanding Jesus is the rock on which we stand.

The words in Psalm 107 above are found in nearly identical form seven other times in the Old Testament. Clearly, for God's people of Israel, life with God and life together was marked by continually giving thanks to God for God's countless blessings, covenantal love and faithfulness to all eternity. Gratitude was an essential hallmark of their faith.

Through the ups and downs of the last 125 years and those to come in the next 125, let us in all things come before our Lord with thankful hearts full of gratitude for God's goodness, abundant love and grace showered upon us each and every day! We have much to look forward to in the years to come! Blessings!



#### **Birthdays**

10/01 Laura Twing

10/03 Lynne Haub, Neil Korsmo

10/04 Dylan Haub

10/05 Theodore Wiele

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.

### God's Work, Our Hands September 13<sup>th</sup>

Thanks to all who helped with God's Work, our Hands Sunday. A special thanks to Al Beyer for his help organizing. A few pictures below of Al, John and Linda Black assisting around the church grounds. Thanks to all who donated money or items for DVIP or Hoover Elementary!



### **Bethany Books—October**

#### **Books For Adults**

Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking On Water, And Loving The Bible Again was written by Rachel Held Evans. She traces the development of her faith from the fundamentalism of the Bible Belt to a more progressive faith of her adulthood. She shows the development of her understanding of the Bible from her first Precious Moments Bible to the study Bible of her youth. Each gives a different slant to the Word. If the Bible is not a science book or an instruction manual, then what it it? What do people mean when they say that the Bible is inpired? When she found herself asking these questions she be-

gan to better understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. What she discovered changed her and it could change you as well.

Drawing on recent scholarship and her own literary expertise, she examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations. She retells them through the use of memoir, original poetry, short stories, soliloquies, and even a short screen play. Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating Scripture's mysteries. The Bible, she discovers, is not a static work but is a living, breathing, and captivating book that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world. (donated)

The Power Of Being Thankful by Joyce Meyer is a book of 365 devotions for discovering the strength of gratitude. She believes one of the most important things we can do is be thankful for our lives and all that God gives us and does for us. This is one year's worth of thankful thoughts drawn from some of her most popular books. (donated)

If you would like to check out a book or other resource from the church library please contact Paula for assistance.





## **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 at Beloit and Bremwood. Youth in residential treatment have little control over their lives, so it's important for us to give them the opportunity, when possible, to choose 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.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the Iove 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 <a href="https://www.LSlowa.org">www.LSlowa.org</a> and <a href="https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa">www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa</a>.

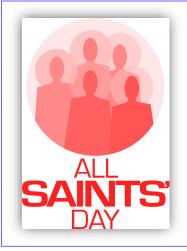
#### A Path to Healing

When 14-year-old Bri first came to LSI's Beloit Residential Treatment Center in Ames, she was struggling with aggression, frequently ran away, and had a hard time focusing in school. And as she was trying to heal from years of trauma, Bri's beloved grandpa suddenly passed away. She felt stuck and nothing was getting better, no matter what she tried. But her Beloit team was there to cheer her on.

The LSI team at Beloit provides 24-7 mental health treatment for lowa children who have often experienced years of trauma, abuse, or neglect. Staff members are there to encourage children on their path to hope and healing, and they were there to lift up Bri when she decided to make a positive change in her life. Bri began actively participating in individual and group therapy sessions provided at Beloit, and she made it a point to encourage her peers on campus every day. Her Beloit team helped her to feel more comfortable opening up about her grief, and staff members were there to remind her of all the progress she had made to help her stay focused on the positives.

After months of hard work, Bri found a loving foster family and was able to leave Beloit's programming. And while she felt uncertain and anxious about leaving, she knew she was ready to move forward.

Bri continues to keep in touch with the team at Beloit, providing details on her new life, school, and her new room at home. Bri's anxiety about the unknown has diminished, she feels confident communicating her emotions, and she has hope for the future.



All Saints Sunday will be November 1<sup>st</sup>. During worship the last several years we have celebrated with and given thanks for our Senior Saints (80+), rejoiced for our newest saints baptized in the past year, and remembered those saints who died in the faith since last All Saints Day. While this year will look different, we plan to lift up all the saints in prayer during worship that Sunday. Names of those saints will be listed in next month's newsletter.

One other item we have done is invite people to write the name of a deceased loved one on a sticky note and attach it to the baptismal font as a remembrance of the new and everlasting life we have in Jesus Christ. While we are not quite sure what that will look like, you are invited to provide those names to us by October 18<sup>th</sup> and we will incorporate them somehow. Perhaps, just like what has been done in the past. Please email names to Linda Black (lblack@lcom.net). Thank you!

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#### **Lutheran Campus Ministry**

Dear friends at Bethany Lutheran Church in West Branch,

It seems a lifetime ago since I had the lovely opportunity to preach and worship with you in person! Indeed, it was many lifetimes ago. Pandemic times have led me to make the difficult decision to not preach at Bethany this Sunday, as Pastor Whaley and I had previously arranged. Johnson County remains a hotspot for the coronavirus outbreak, and I did not want to risk infecting any of you by being with you physically.

However, I am glad to give you an update on Lutheran Campus Ministry, which still continues to be a vibrant worshiping community on the campus of the University of Iowa. Before most events and places shut down in March, our community had the wonderful experience of worshiping together for the last time in our former house (109 East Market St), which has been bought by the university. The last Thursday before Spring break, 35 of us crammed into a tiny upper room and sang Holden Evening Prayer together. How our hearts today yearn to cram together with anyone and sing anything....After that, classes went online and student organizations were prohibited from holding in-person events. Most of my students went home. In the in-between months,

we met virtually, which most of you by now know has pluses and minuses.

The University allowed in-person gatherings for campus ministries two weeks ago, so LCM gathered together (socially-distanced, wearing masks) for worship. We use a service of the word (no communion) with no singing, so this was difficult to adapt to. Also there was no communal meal beforehand; students were invited to help themselves to snacks provided by supporting congregations or bring their own packed meal. Congregations have been providing individually wrapped snacks such asfrozen dinners, individual mac and cheese, soup, frozen breakfast sandwiches and such. The students are so grateful.

We will continue in this way, unless the University informs us campus ministries can no longer worship in-person. The students are resilient, but struggling from the same heaviness and weariness that the rest of us do...a longing to see a whole face, a yearning for hugging, for singing, for meals together. Students are learning to be adaptive and patient, even as their vocational paths change every day.

We give you thanks, friends at Bethany, for your unfailing support of LCM. Please keep this ministry in your prayers and, if you are able, support us financially. We are finding that congregational giving is down, as congregational offerings are decreasing. Nonetheless, we rejoice in your presence in this world, and we look forward to the day when these greetings can be brought to you in the flesh. In the meantime, may the Spirit of God surround you, that you might know the unfailing love and grace of a God who abides in these pandemic times and always.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Sarah Goettsch and the students of Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Iowa

Note: Pastor Goettsch was scheduled to worship and preach at Bethany September 13<sup>th</sup>. As that was not possible, she sent us the above greeting and update. To learn more about LCM and/or provide financial support visit https://www.lcmatui.org/.

# BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES— August 2020

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

**Members present:** Pastor Whaley, Nancy Bruns, Del Hughes, Amber Marsh, Dave Bahnsen, Curt Casper, Kristin McElhinney, and Alan Beyer.

Members absent: Anne Fetzer and Linda Black.

Pastor Chad opened the meeting with a devotion from Philippians, where Paul was imprisoned. He still felt joy because of what the church in Philippi was doing. Pastor then asked council members what had given them joy since our last meeting.

#### Pastor's Report:

Report to Council – August 2020

God continues to be good to the people of Bethany! Weather has been fabulous for our first few outdoor worship services. The number of children who grew in faith and experienced the love of God for them through Vacation Bible School was a joy and proof God is at work amidst COVID-19, physical distancing, and in the online world. Our ministry needs continue to be met through your generous and faithful stewardship of your monetary resources. Praise and thanks be to God!

Over the span of this past month I was able to take a couple Sundays off (thanks to Pastor Hougen for filling in) and a few days away. A small group completed its study of the ELCA Social Statement *Freed in Christ*: Race, Ethnicity and Culture and it will next be reading and discussing the book *Dialogues on Race*, which we are inviting others to join. This will be done via Zoom or outdoors in person if conditions allow and participants are comfortable doing so. I began making outdoor pastoral care visits. I had a Free Indeed Outside Council meeting. I began my participation in The Moses Project. Originally scheduled to be held at Grandview University in Des Moines August 3-5 was moved to an online format and worked well. There are 20 ELCA pastors from across the Midwest participating. We have been placed into small groups with a mentor and will meet monthly. The large group will also meet monthly discussing assigned topics and readings for the month. I am excited to be a part of this continuing education event. I continue to record short children's messages. I also recorded a video for VBS. I attended a WBARC meeting to finalize our response to the sin of racism. Met with Al to discuss 125-year anniversary and brainstorm ideas for God's Work, our Hands Sunday. The Monday Gospel Gathering group continued with 3 or 4 of us gathering each week (all are welcome). Working with White Dove Communication to install cameras in sanctuary and work began last week.

Synod Assembly Update: This was held virtually August 5 and August 7. While not ideal and without technological challenges at times, the work of the Southeastern Iowa Synod was accomplished. The church gathered in worship. There was much time for prayer and a video celebrating and giving thanks for the 50-year anniversary of the ordination of women as ministers of word and sacrament. We elected our next bishop, the Reverend Amy Current who currently serves as Vice President of Students at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. Additional business included approving the 2021 budget, minimum compensation guidelines and the election of leaders for various committees throughout the synod. I was elected to the nomination committee.

#### Treasurer's Report:

The General Fund Revenue and Expense report reflects total income of \$12,975 for the month of July, which includes a \$250 donation from the Lions Club. Total expenses were \$11,806 allowing for an increase to the General Fund of \$1,169. The \$214 cost for the banner was expensed to the Evangelism account.

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

**Secretary's Report:** Nancy moved to accept the Secretary's Report. Curt seconded. Motion passed.

**Building and Grounds:** Curt talked about how well the cleanup went following the August 10<sup>th</sup> derecho storm. Pastor also mentioned that Curt had spent much of two days power washing the outside of the church.

**Education:** Fifty kids picked up their VBS-at-home kits so this went over very well. Several commented on how much the kids enjoyed their VBS. Next step will be to plan fall education.

**Evangelism and Outreach:** 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Do to COVID, the celebration scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> has been postponed until next year. However, we still plan to acknowledge the day with a prayer, blessing, and a short video.

God's Work, our Hands: COVID will prevent the normal gathering that we are used to, but we still plan some service activities: 1. People that have helped others with the storm cleanup are encouraged to send pictures in to be put on Facebook.

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2. There are gardening needs around the church. 3. There will be an Angel Tree listing for needs at DVIP (Domestic Violence) and Hoover Elementary. 4. We are planning a Bicycle Rodeo for the kids in conjunction with the WBPD.

Fellowship: No report.

**Stewardship:** Dave commented on the recent Synod Conference which was conducted online.

Worship and Music: Linda submitted a report which thanked Curt for landscaping around the church. She took the sound system back to the school and sent a thank you to Jess Burger. She purchased the same system from West Music and it works great. She talked with Pastor Chad about offering communion once a month using prepackaged wafers and juice. She feels that Cookie Walk money could be used for upgrading the sound system. Pastor said that the cameras are installed upstairs with a new laptop. The cost was about \$3000. Al contacted the Cedar County Board of Health director who said that singing softly at an outdoor service should be safe.

Old Business: none

#### **New Business:**

The council decided to use Zoom for our next council meeting.

Building usage: The council decided to continue to keep the church closed until COVID numbers decline, as recommended by the CDC. It was also decided to allow people to use the sanctuary if they feel a personal need, but to call first for an appointment.

Wireless microphone: The 600MHz frequency on our present microphone is no longer legal, so must be replaced. Pastor showed two options for replacement. Amber moved to purchase the 3000 series microphone for \$654. Al seconded. Motion passed.

A discussion followed regarding where funding for communications upgrades should come from.

Amber moved to adjourn. Nancy seconded.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.



By the Grace of God

#### The Reverend Amy LuAnn Current

is called as the fourth bishop of the

#### Southeastern Iowa Synod

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

She will be installed at a Service of the Word on

Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

#### The Reverend Elizabeth A. Eaton

**Presiding Bishop** 

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will preach and preside.

Following safe practices in a time of pandemic, your prayers and digital presence are requested for this distributed worship service that will be broadcast live from St. John Lutheran Church, St. Donatus, Iowa.

All are welcome to join worship via livestream.

For materials and more information visit

seiasynod.org/installation



#### **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 14:2-3

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also."

- •When I think of heaven, I imagine...
- I hope that in heaven...
- Being with Jesus...



#### Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

- A concern I have for a friend experiencing troubles...
- A personal experience of needing help in trouble...
- For me, God's refuge and strength...

#### Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

- An experience of God giving me a fresh, clean heart, and restoring my joy...
- I need a more willing spirit in order to...
- A time that I felt cast away, not sensing God's presence, was...

# **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*.

Thursday, Oct 1	Psalm 80:7-15 Jeremiah 2:14-22	Saturday, Oct 17	1 Peter 5:1-5 Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
Friday, Oct 2	Colossians 2:16-23 Psalm 80:7-15 Jeremiah 2:23-37	Sunday, Oct18	Isaiah 14:3-11 Matthew 14:1-12 Isaiah 45:1-7
Saturday, Oct 3	Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a Psalm 80:7-15 Jeremiah 6:1-10	Monday, Oct 19	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22 Psalm 98
Sunday, Oct 4	John 7:40-52 Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 3:4b-14	Tuesday, Oct20	Daniel 3:1-18 Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20 Psalm 98
Monday, Oct 5	Matthew 21:33-46 Psalm 144 Ezekiel 19:10-14	Wed, Oct 21	Daniel 3:19-30 Revelation 18:21-24 Psalm 98
Tuesday, Oct 6	1 Peter 2:4-10 Psalm 144 Isaiah 27:1-6	Thursday, Oct 22	Daniel 6:1-28 Matthew 17:22-27 Psalm 1
Wed, Oct 7	2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Psalm 144 Song of Solomon 8:5-14	Friday, Oct 23	Numbers 5:5-10 Titus 1:5-16 Psalm 1
Thursday, Oct 8	John 11:45-57 Psalm 23 Isaiah 22:1-8a	Saturday, Oct 24	Deuteronomy 9:25-10:5 Titus 2:7-8, 11-15 Psalm 1
Friday, Oct 9	1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14 Psalm 23 Isaiah 22:8b-14	Sunday, Oct 25	Proverbs 24:23-34 John 5:39-47 Jeremiah 31:31-34
Saturday, Oct 10	James 4:4-10 Psalm 23 Isaiah 24:17-23	Monday, Oct 26	Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36 Psalm 119:41-48
Sunday, Oct 11	Mark 2:18-22 Isaiah 25:1-9 Philippians 4:1-9	Tuesday, Oct 27	Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25 James 2:8-13 Psalm 119:41-48
Monday, Oct 12	Matthew 22:1-14 Psalm 34 Exodus 19:7-20	Wed, Oct 28	Deuteronomy 10:10-22 James 2:14-26 Psalm 119:41-48
Tuesday, Oct 13	Jude 17-25 Psalm 34 Amos 9:5-15	Thursday, Oct 29	Proverbs 16:1-20 Matthew 19:16-22 Psalm 43
Wed, Oct 14	Philippians 3:13-4:1 Psalm 34	-	1 Samuel 2:27-36 Romans 2:17-29 Psalm 43
Thursday, Oct 15	• •	Friday, Oct 30	Ezekiel 13:1-16 2 Peter 2:1-3
Friday, Oct 16	Judges 17:1-6 3 John 9-12 Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] Deuteronomy 17:14-20	Sat, Oct 31	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36

#### October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:30 AM Worship with Communion (Outdoors and online via Facebook)	5 12:00 PM Monday Gospel Gathering (via Zoom Meet- ing)	6	7 6:30 PM 4th-6th Grade Faith Formation (Outdoors) 6:30 PM Confirmation (Outdoors)	8	9	10
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#### 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

	August 2020		YTD		
Total	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
Receipts	13,740	12,984	103,550	103,872	
Total	Actual	Budget	Actual 98,605	Budget	
Expenses	12,396	13,491		108,051	

**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.

# BETHANY Branches October 2020



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10-11 Wayne Frauenholtz

**10-18** Dave Bahnsen

10-25 Bruce Jeffries

October Altar Care: Samuelson Family

Thanks to all who have assisted setting up for outdoor worship and then moving things back indoors. Your help is so appreciated!



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