

Bethany Lutheran Church

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



Important Dates

12/14 Council meeting via Zoom
6:30 PM
12/24 Christmas Eve Worship via
Facebook at 5:00 PM (can be viewed
any time after on our facebook
page).

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But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. – Isaiah 40:31 (ESV)



Dear Faithful Servants of Christ,

It goes without question the people of God who had been exiled at the hands of the Babylonian Empire must have been weary. The prophet Isaiah makes note of this often and Ezekiel, in a well-known passage, testifies their bones were dry and their hope was gone. (Chapter 37, verse 11)

Yet, both Isaiah and Ezekiel make it known strength is in the Lord. Dried bones will be renewed and given the breath of life once again.

Many times in the Bible do we find mention of the faithful being weary. Jesus says thus, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28 NIV) In the book of Jeremiah, God says, "I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint." (Jeremiah 31:25) 1 Peter reminds us to, "Cast your anxiety on God because God cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7 NIV).

Brothers and sisters, I have heard from many of you and still many others beyond our community faith that we are all weary. We are anxious from time to time. These passages and so many others in the Bible make it pointedly clear that it is OK to feel this way. In a recent Monday Gospel Gathering discussion, Pastor Hougen stated, "It's OK to not be OK." I find this to be a wise observation and a statement that moves to free us as it gives permission to acknowledge all of those emotions and allow ourselves the freedom to dwell in them.

My spiritual advisor reminded me often following the death of my brother to be gentle upon my soul. They are words that I have probably shared with many of you since. In many ways, they are words that say, "It's OK to not be OK." Do not beat yourself up for being tired and weary. Do not give into the message we are so often told, "Just get over it and move on."

As people of faith, we know that in our weariness and anxiety, there is hope. There is help. There is promise. We are not alone! We have the strength of our Lord to see us through! We have the promise of a new day ahead! We have the assurance that the light of Christ shines in the darkness! God cares for you! Christ loves you! The Holy Spirit is with you! Grace and peace to you in this season of Advent!



Birthdays

12-02 Bruce Jeffries
 12-05 Samantha Yeater
 12-06 Wanda Anderson
 12-07 Kellee McCrory
 12-10 Barb Campbell
 12-13 Marshall McElhinney
 12-14 Beth Kaufman, Elizabeth McCrory
 12-15 Kami Poppen
 12-17 Traci Fryauf
 12-18 Marilyn Crow
 12-19 Jim Friis
 12-20 Auron Marsh
 12-21 Lindsey Zimmerman
 12-22 Mark Colvin
 12-23 Amber Marsh
 12-24 Monica Hinkhouse
 12-26 Nancy Bruns
 12-29 Jim Peak
 12-31 Jon Twing

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



Annual Meeting

The council has set the date of our annual meeting for Sunday, January 17, 2021. As a result of COVID-19 and the uncertainties of being able to gather in person, we are looking into alternative opportunities and means to still have that important meeting. Stay tuned for further information.

Bethany Books



Books For Adults

God has an amazing adventure planned for us. All we need to do is walk through the door. We might just do something that lasts for eternity. In *All The Places To Go... How Will You Know?* John Ortberg shows how to:

- recognize divine opportunities in daily life
- overcome the fear of missing out or making the wrong choice
- walk through doors with confidence.

Rarely in the Bible does God say to stay. Instead, he opens a door and invites us to walk through it into the unknown. Whether we stay or go will ultimately determine the kind of life we will live and the kind of person we will become.

What can we take with us to the kingdom of God. John Ortberg tells us in *When The Game Is Over It All Goes Back In The Box* that we can take pretty much only what we brought to the game. Everything else goes back in the box. This includes the cash atop the corporate ladder, the vacation home at the lake, and the status vehicle in between. All the tokens, game pieces, and prizes are left behind when we walk away from the table. The only real "winnings" we claim and keep are our own souls and the love we have for Christ and each other. This is a strategy filled playbook that walks you through what it takes to really win big at the game of life.

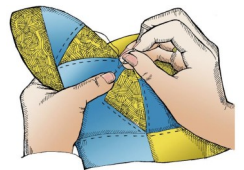
God Is Closer Than You Think by John Ortberg shows how an intimate relationship with God really works. It is about the fundamental desire for the connection you and God share, and how you can experience its fulfillment. He discusses God's deep longing for us. He also states that God is not always easy to detect. We can sharpen our ability to spot him as being constantly present and active in our life. The most frequent promise in the Bible is "I will be with you". God is with you, says Ortberg, within easy reaching distance. He is much closer than you think.

Dear Bethany Lutheran Church (Quilters) :

On behalf of our Veterans at the Iowa City Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Care Systems we extend our sincere appreciation for your gift. Your donation will be used to bring cheer and comfort to Veterans during their visit.

We strive to provide the best care and treatment for our Veterans and your gifts help us to add a personal, caring touch to our services. Thank you for showing this interest in our patients and we look forward to your continued support in the future.

Sincerely,
David Pinter
Chief, Voluntary Service





Bethany Members:

We have been given families this year from WBCSD for the Angel Tree project. We will be using an online signup again this year but as of now we do not have the information from the school. We will send out an e-mail as soon as we can with a link to the signup.

You can write checks to **WBCSD** to be put toward lunch and milk accounts in need. Please mail these to Bethany (at the address below) and we will take them to the school.

You may also write checks to Bethany to be used for shopping for items that remain in the signup at the end. Please put Angel Tree in the memo and mail them to:

Bethany Lutheran P.O. Box 236 West Branch, IA 52358

Thanks for all you do in this ministry.

Sincerely,

Jeni Schiele
319-631-2661

Christmas Eve Worship

Christmas Eve worship, as of now, will be online via Facebook. Plans are underway to include some musical components through a variety of resources. We will prerecord this worship service and set it to premier on Facebook at 5:00 PM Christmas Eve.



Betty Slach

In memory of Kenny Slach

Julianne Jenson and Kaleb Sexton

In memory of Harvey and Sara Jensen

Tami Urmie

In memory of Allen Livingston
Dave and Gloria Urmie

John and Linda Black

In memory of our grandparents

Paul and Deanna Weismann

In memory of our parents
Esther Weismann,
Donald and Fern Thompson

Chad and Amanda Whaley

In memory of Brian Whaley,
Jon Nelson
and our grandparents

Curt and Paula Casper

In memory of our loved ones who have passed

The Kaufman family

In memory of Vernon Kaufman,
Duayne Benson
and Don Solms

Thank you for the beautiful plants you have donated.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) News

Merry Christmas from LSI!

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." — John 1:5

As Christmas approaches, we give thanks to you! This year has been challenging for all of us, and we are grateful for the Iowans who have stepped up just for the sake of giving and helping LSI in 2020. Thank you for bringing the light of Christ to your neighbors who rely on these important services!

At LSI, we know many people experiencing deep darkness. We know parents who feel hopeless, with little resources to raise their young children. We know adults with disabilities who feel voiceless, with no support system or connection to their community. We know teens who are aging out of foster care, who fear they will never have a forever family to love them.

The holidays can be an especially difficult time for our neighbors who are so often overlooked in our society. In the spirit of giving, the spirit of love, and the spirit of working together, let us stand with them and lift them up this Christmas season. If you would like to learn more about how you can support Iowa children and families, contact Deb Whitford, LSI's director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563.676.2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org. LSI is also available to provide a customized virtual shared ministry opportunity for your congregation. If you would like to share the message of LSI with your community, please contact our Waverly office at 319.352.2630 to get started.

Wishing you a blessed and merry Christmas from LSI!

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.

Continuum of Care

As she prepared to celebrate her 18th birthday, Sam was also preparing to age out of foster care. She had lived with her foster mom, Marty, for years and Marty wanted to ensure Sam had a smooth transition into adulthood. That's when they signed up for LSI's Host Homes program.

Provided through LSI's Services for People with Disabilities, Host Homes provides personalized care for Iowans with disabilities who find greater success living in a private family home instead of a busier community living environment with roommates. Individuals are carefully matched with a Host Homes mentor and live with them in their home, where they can build strong relationships and become better engaged with their communities.

Marty became a Host Homes mentor so Sam could continue living in her home and receive the same care and support she was used to. Sam is thriving and Marty gets to continue walking alongside her as she builds a bright future full of independence. They work on Sam's goals every day, including cooking and planning meals. Marty especially loves fishing and going on picnics with Sam and as a Host Homes mentor, she can continue serving as a foster parent to other Iowa teens.



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The Christmas season is not a time for glitter and tinsel, joyous gatherings of family and friends, or “tidings of comfort and joy” for all. There are those who are alone... those who grieve... those who have lost hope... those who need to give voice to the discomfort of their souls... those who need a guided time of quiet and reflection on the life-giving word of God. The Christmas season of 2020 will surely be such a time for many in our congregations and communities.

“The Longest Night” is a pre-recorded worship service produced by the Southwestern Texas Synod for those with such spiritual need. It is being made available for use by individuals, congregations, or groups of persons who desire to focus a worship time on the hope and promise of God that came to us in the manger... and lives among us still... amidst the reality of life in this time of Covid, chaos, challenge, and change in the church and society. The service, which will be professionally edited, will run approximately one hour in length and be available on the SWT synod website (swtsynod.org) for use on the solstice (the “longest night,” December 21).

This will be linked to our Facebook page December 21st and also placed on the church website (www.wbbethany.org). Thanks to the SWT synod. Just one more way we are church together!

ADVENT 2020

Welcome to the season of Advent, which consists of the four weeks leading up to Christmas. The name Advent comes from a Latin word that means "coming." During this season we focus on the coming of the Christ child, Jesus' continual coming to us in word and sacrament, and his promised return, when all things will be made new. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, our worship consists of including an Advent wreath into our worship space and many may have a wreath in their homes.

If you obtained a wreath lovingly made by Del, Curt and Paula, we invite you to light a candle each Sunday as we worship via Facebook at 9:30 AM. If you have your own wreath or just a few candles around the home you are invited to light those. Additionally, Pastor Chad prepared a short liturgy and devotional if you want to gather individually or as a family and spend a bit of time outside of worship in an Advent wreath lighting ritual this season. This devotional can be found on our website at the following link: <https://wbbethany.org/?p=4356>

Whatever you do, we pray the light of Christ shines upon you and you experience the hope, peace, joy and love God has for you and for the world.

If you did receive one of the Advent wreaths from the church, we invite you to decorate it and send us a photo. We may even put it on our Facebook page (no names attached). One example is found below. You may send it to Pastor Chad (pastor@wbbethany.org) or Paula (blcsecretary@lcom.net).



Grand View *JULEFEST 2020:*

OUR HOPE AND EXPECTATION
(ONLINE PREMIERE)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Julefest concert will be an interactive virtual experience. We know this year has been a bleak one filled with anxiety and confusion. In Julefest 2020, Grand View University's Advent and Christmas gift to the community, we will acknowledge the grief and anxieties we are all feeling, but we will also hear God's promise to come to us, to be near us in times of trouble, and to claim us as his own in love. We invite you to join us as the Grand View Choir and Wind Ensemble remind us of God's love through music.

To register, go to: www.grandview.edu/julefest2020



Christmas at Luther 2020: For Everyone Born

Join the Luther community on Friday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m. for the online premiere of *Christmas at Luther 2020: For Everyone Born*

All are welcome, near and far. We may not be gathering in person at the Center for Faith and Life, but we can still be together from a distance to witness the magic of this Luther College tradition. The link to view the performance will be emailed to you in the days prior to the premiere.

Register today at: <https://www.luther.edu/christmas-at-luther/>

74th Annual Christmas with Wartburg



A Wartburg College holiday tradition, Christmas with Wartburg, will continue despite an international pandemic. This year's program, "Hope Awakens; Love's New Dawn," will premiere online Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m.

The concert will be streamed, free of charge, at www.wartburg.edu/christmas. The performance also will be archived for those who are unable to watch the premiere. In addition, the 2019 Christmas with Wartburg production, "Behold the Mystery," will premiere virtually at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, on the same website.



ALL EARTH IS
Hopeful

"The virus has taken so much from people around the world, and in our own community. This holiday season, many of us won't have the opportunity to be together with family, friends, and those we love most. I hope this music can provide people with healing, and some of that lost hope and joy."

St. Olaf Christmas Festival Artistic Director Anton Armstrong '78

Quote and images from: <https://wp.stolaf.edu/news/reimagining-the-st-olaf-christmas-festival-for-the-global-pandemic>

Sunday, December 6 @ 3:30 PM

To view go to:
<https://christmas.stolaf.edu/>

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BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES—October 2020

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

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

Pastor Chad opened with thoughts on the importance of listening as a spiritual form of hospitality. Council members were invited to share concerns they have. He then closed with a prayer.

Pastor's Report:

Joys and Thanksgivings:

Vacation (Golf getaway with Matt)

Continued good weather (for the most part) to hold outdoor worship and Wednesday Faith Formation Our staff, church council, and those teaching faith formation

Abundant love we have in Jesus Christ!

Reminder: YOU ARE LOVED!

Happenings in last month:

6 visits

Planned and led Confirmation Thanks to Amanda for leading in my absence last week 3 outdoor and 1 via Zoom

Developed an online portal for parents and students in which weekly videos, background information on the week's subject, key Bible verses and reflection questions are housed

Moses Project Attended monthly session with entire group via Zoom

Discussion with author of book *Canoeing the Mountains* by Tod Bolsinger

Book on Christian leadership in uncharted territory (seems relevant to the time we are in)

Next meeting this Thursday centered on the book *Preaching in the Purple Zone* by Leah D. Schade Also, tomorrow will have a meeting with small cohort team and mentor

Study of book *Dialogues on Race* Will begin next Monday with 11 people signed up

Developed an online portal for participants which houses videos for each chapter, discussion questions, a key Bible verse, prayer and links to additional websites and resources

Two pre-marital sessions with couple that was to be married this past April

Couple married privately but I will conduct a blessings service of affirmation October 23rd in Tiffin

Free Indeed Prison outside council meeting

Continued to lead Monday Gospel Gatherings

Thanks to Jon Twing for leading in my absence

Attended my first rodeo in Lisbon with 3 youth participating

Attended visitation of Jeannette Cummins who died October 5

Fall Theological Conference (via Zoom) sponsored by Southeastern Iowa Synod with the Theme "Transforming White Privilege"

Normal activities of preparing sermons, worship, newsletter, bulletins and maintaining posts to Facebook, website, Twitter, etc.

Meeting with insurance company (3-year loss control)

Activities to complete from that by April 1, 2021 include continued implementation and training on child and youth safety procedures, enhanced safety protocol for ladder usage, obtain general liability and workers' compensation certificates from all contractors hired (e.g., Barnhart's for snow removal and Casper Lawn Care), annual training to all "house of worship staff and volunteers" focusing on policies and practices pertaining to Sexual Misconduct/Youth Protection program.

Secretary's Report:

Del noted two typographical errors. Linda moved and Nancy seconded to accept the Secretary's Report with corrections. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

September General Fund offerings were \$10,390 and expenses were \$11,600. The general fund was down about \$1,200 for the month, but we are still ahead for the year. Amber moved and Anne seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds:

Curt thanked Linda, John, Al, and Mary for cleaning up around the church. There was some water damage on the inside wall, but Del determined that it was from washing the siding and no serious damage occurred.

Education and Youth:

Amber said that Wednesday Faith Formation at the church has worked OK but has some concerns about the weather. Kristin said the At Home Faith Formation kits for the younger students were picked up with 22 students and 13 families participating. Next

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month's kits have been packed and are ready to be picked up. She is hoping for a large enrollment for December and asked the council for permission to use unused VBS money if needed. The council agreed and thanked her for her efforts.

Evangelism and Outreach:

Preparations are being made for a special 125th Anniversary service on October 25th.

Fellowship:

Anne has been mulling ideas for fellowship like delivering prepackaged meals to the community, a canned food drive, or having a storyteller broadcast from the sanctuary as a "caroling and hot cocoa" type event. Del mentioned possibly having an outdoor caroling activity with fire pits in December as a fellowship activity.

Stewardship: No report.

Worship and Music:

All Saints Day is November 1st and we will be honoring all members over 80 years old. Since we won't be having indoor services at that time, flowers will be delivered to the honorees.

Anne mentioned an idea to have choir members introduce a short history of a hymn prior to singing to give it more meaning.

Old Business:

Annual meeting: Al moved to have the annual meeting on January 17, 2021. Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed.

125th Anniversary: Because of the COVID pandemic, the official celebration has been postponed until October of next year. By setting the date early (October 24, 2021), we hope to get on Bishop Current's schedule to attend with us.

A lengthy discussion of when we can safely offer indoor services was held. Outgoing Bishop Burk was clear in his letter that we should follow public health guidelines of allowing it only when incidence rates of COVID are declining. Safety is paramount but this is a struggle for those that would like to meet in person. Several ideas were expressed and all realized that this will be an ongoing discussion.

New Business:

Blood Drive: The American Legion was unable to use the Methodist church on November 3rd and requested the use of Bethany. Anne moved to approve using our church for the blood drive on November 3rd. Curt seconded. Motion passed.

Church services: Dave moved to continue with our policy of keeping the church closed for another month unless COVID cases decline. Al seconded. Motion passed.

Linda moved to adjourn. Dave seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor Chad closed with the Lord's Prayer.

ELCA Good Gifts

Christmas gifts are here!

As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world – together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference.

ELCA Good Gifts is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to you and the people you love.

<https://goodgifts.elca.org/>



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, Dec 1	Psalm 79 Micah 4:6-13 Revelation 18:1-10	Thursday, Dec 17	Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 2 Samuel 6:1-11 Hebrews 1:1-4
Wednesday, Dec 2	Psalm 79 Micah 5:1-5a Luke 21:34-38	Friday, Dec 18	Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 2 Samuel 6:12-19 Hebrews 1:5-14
Thursday, Dec 3	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Hosea 6:1-6 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10	Saturday, Dec 19	Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 Judges 13:2-24 John 7:40-52
Friday, Dec 4	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Jeremiah 1:4-10 Acts 11:19-26	Sunday, Dec 20	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38
Saturday, Dec 5	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Ezekiel 36:24-28 Mark 11:27-33	Monday, Dec 21	Luke 1:46b-55 1 Samuel 1:1-18 Hebrews 9:1-14
Sunday, Dec 6	Isaiah 40:1-11 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8	Tuesday, Dec 22	Psalm 96 Zephaniah 3:8-13 Romans 10:5-13
Monday, Dec 7	Psalm 27 Isaiah 26:7-15 Acts 2:37-42	Wednesday, Dec 23	Psalm 96 Zephaniah 3:14-20 Romans 13:11-14
Tuesday, Dec 8	Psalm 27 Isaiah 4:2-6 Acts 11:1-18	Thursday, Dec 24	Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14
Wednesday, Dec 9	Psalm 27 Malachi 2:10-3:1 Luke 1:5-17	Friday, Dec 25	Luke 2:1-14[15-20] Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97
Thursday, Dec 10	Psalm 126 Habakkuk 2:1-5 Philippians 3:7-11	Saturday, Dec 26	Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:[1-7]8-20 Psalm 148
Friday, Dec 11	Psalm 126 Habakkuk 3:2-6 Philippians 3:12-16	Sunday, Dec 27	Jeremiah 26:1-9, 12-15 Acts 6:8-15; 7:51-60 Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Saturday, Dec 12	Psalm 126 Habakkuk 3:13-19 Matthew 21:28-32	Monday, Dec 28	Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:22-40 Psalm 148
Sunday, Dec 13	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28	Tuesday, Dec 29	Jeremiah 31:15-17 Matthew 2:13-18 Psalm 148
Monday, Dec 14	Psalm 125 1 Kings 18:1-18 Ephesians 6:10-17	Wednesday, Dec 30	Isaiah 49:5-15 Matthew 12:46-50 Psalm 148
Tuesday, Dec 15	Psalm 125 2 Kings 2:9-22 Acts 3:17-4:4	Thursday, Dec 31	Proverbs 9:1-12 2 Peter 3:8-13 Psalm 148
Wednesday, Dec 16	Psalm 125 Malachi 3:16-4:6 Mark 9:9-13		1 Kings 3:5-14 John 8:12-19

December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30 AM Worship (Online via Facebook)	30 12:00 PM Monday Gospel Gathering (via Zoom Meeting)	1	2 6:30 PM Faith Formation/Confirmation online	3	4	5
6 9:30 AM Worship (Online via Facebook)	7 12:00 PM Monday Gospel Gathering (via Zoom Meeting)	8	9 6:30 PM Faith Formation/Confirmation online	10	11	12
13 9:30 AM Worship (Online via Facebook)	14 12:00 PM Monday Gospel Gathering (via Zoom Meeting) 6:30 PM Council Meeting	15	16 6:30 PM Faith Formation/Confirmation online	17	18	19
20 9:30 AM Worship (Online via Facebook)	21 12:00 PM Monday Gospel Gathering (via Zoom Meeting)	22	23	24 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship on Facebook	25	26
27 9:30 AM Worship (Online via Facebook)	28 12:00 PM Monday Gospel Gathering (via Zoom Meeting)	29	30	31	1	2

Monetary Gifts Report

Submitted by Nancy Bruns

Saints in Worship

Worship has been outdoors 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!

	October 2020		YTD	
Total Receipts	Actual 11,940	Budget 12,982	Actual 125,880	Budget 129,836
Total Expenses	Actual 11,807	Budget 13,480	Actual 122,013	Budget 135,012

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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