

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

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At last night's council meeting, it was decided to continue in keeping the church building closed to congregational activities and will be done so for the unforeseen future. This decision is based on guidance from the Office of the Bishop and the fact confirmed cases of COVID-19 within Cedar county, our state, and nationally are increasing at alarming rates. If conditions improve, the council will reevaluate. We will stream online via Facebook and if we get another unseasonably mild Sunday like this past week gather outdoors for worship.

The sacrament of holy communion will continue to be celebrated on the first Sunday of the month. If you would like a prepackaged cup of grape juice and wafer to have at home as you worship, please call the church (643-5998) or email Paula (<u>blcsecretary@lcom.net</u>) or Pastor Chad (<u>pastor@wbbethany.org</u>) and arrangements will be made for pick up or delivery to your home.

There is still 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.

We continue to thank you for your patience and understanding. May the peace of Christ be with you all!

Bethany Council