

Bethany Lutheran Church

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



Important Dates

8/2 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering
Information Meeting 6:30 PM
8/8 Council Social 5:00 PM
8/9 Council meeting 6:30 PM

Jesus  's You!

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Search @blcwestbranch

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digital version of this newsletter.
Click on words highlighted in blue
(e.g. wbbethany.org) or images such as
"God's work. Our hands." on page 2.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." – Ezekiel 37:1-3 (NRSV)



Grace and peace to you! Our family is fresh off another summer vacation. How grateful we were to getaway this year now that we could do so more safely than the summer before.

This summer, we journeyed west through Nebraska, Colorado and into Utah. Along the way, we visited several parks including Rocky Mountain National Park and Arches National Park. Many miles were hiked as we took in the beauty, majesty, and expansiveness of God's grand creation.

This much needed time of rest and relaxation was a gift to rejuvenate my "dry bones" so to speak. It didn't take long to realize hiking in the desert of Arches is vastly different than hiking in parks where forests, creeks, and alpine lakes abound. Life seems abundant in those places and it's not unusual for afternoon showers to roll in and cool weary hikers and parched areas of land.

In some ways, it's amazing any signs of life are even able to exist in the arid climate of Arches National Park. Yet, life does find a way. Small lizards scurry across the red rock you often hike upon and cacti and sage brush sprout up in the vast, sandy terrain around those colorful rock formations and arches. Even an area where one certainly would not expect signs of life to show itself, in and on those rocks, life does still emerge through cracks and crevices.

The image to the left shows Matt hiking up a fairly steep rockface. Circled in yellow are a couple small, green plants thriving. There's also a few small trees/shrubs just above his head.

It's reminder that, just as God reminded Ezekiel and the Israelites living in exile, there is always hope. God is always at work, even in those places and spaces we may think life is not possible. God is never done with God's good creation.

The Water and Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, is ever present pouring into those dry places of our souls the abundance of his love, forgiveness, and eternal life. May the peace of Christ be with you all!





Birthdays

08-01 Aiden Shields
 08-02 Mia Olson
 08-04 Chris Korsmo, Jennifer Olson
 08-06 Bob Leslie
 08-08 Shawn Samuelson
 08-09 Sterling Benz, Karen Brick
 08-11 Jane Frauenholtz
 08-16 Jason Friis
 08-18 Jordan Arp, Courtney Heid
 08-19 Anna Friis
 08-21 Dana Arp, Rayna Sexton
 08-23 Allison Arp, Sam McCrory
 08-27 Miley Shields
 08-28 Jacob Langley
 08-29 Kaylea Zimmerman
 08-31 Aynsley Fonseca

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

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Attention Youth (8-12th Grade) Parents

We will have an informational meeting Monday, August 2 at 6:30 PM to explore the possibility of attending the 2022 ELCA Youth gathering in Minneapolis, which will be held July 24-28. Parents and interested students are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Pastor Chad, Amber Marsh or visit:

<https://elca.org/gathering>

Bethany Books



Books For Adults

The Lucky Few by Heather Avis is a story about adoption, about family, about special needs, a story about faith. If you have been felt overwhelmed by the task before you, you will find a companion in this book. It details the adventure of the Avis family as they face some of life's greatest challenges and turn them into opportunities. It gives each of us hope in our own journey. When Heather and Josh Avis decided to grow their family, adoption and Down syndrome were never in their plans.

Yet after adopting three children, two of whom have Down syndrome, they quickly discovered that God's best plan for their life would be found in the most unlikely places, and how lucky they were to have journeyed there. The three children they have the honor of parenting today are not the ones they would have found along the path that they had set out for themselves. They are their wildflowers, pushing their way through the dirt, stretching toward the sun. The wildflowers have required them to be a certain type of wild themselves. They have become the type of persons they could not have become on their own. Every decision, celebration, and mistake have been pieced together in a map of grace that has led them to the life that they are living today. (donated)

Books For Children

God Made Me is a small board book for young children. It is done in rhyme that is easy to follow about events in a child's life. (donated)
A Child's Book Of Golden Rules was written and illustrated by Samuel J. Butcher. This book is designed to teach children good manners and how to conduct themselves in almost every situation. It has a dictionary so that children can learn new words. Words that are more difficult are underlined. (donated)

Bethany Children and Youth

In recognition of our 125th Anniversary, Bethany will be entering a float in the Hoover's Hometown Days Parade Saturday, August 7th. Bethany children and youth are invited to ride on the float. The float will be leaving the church parking lot at 8:30 that morning so climb on there or join at the starting line near Lion's Field at 9:30.

This should be a fun experience!!!



JOIN THE PARADE!



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Dear friends of Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Iowa,

This past year created an entirely new set of hurdles for LCM students, challenging their lifestyle, their academic success, and their emotional needs in numerous ways. These uncertainties required Lutheran Campus Ministry to be innovative, flexible, and adaptable to carry on our ministry and to support our student's needs.

Despite the challenges, it was amazing how our students came together to support each other and the community. In May, the students, Pastor Sarah, and LCM Council came together to celebrate seven graduating seniors. The evening was filled with stories of gratitude and thanksgiving for the community created by LCM and pride for their many accomplishments including outreach and evangelism in the Iowa City community and beyond.



During the evening we heard stories of experiences they had with diversity and inclusion seminars, virtual game nights, Zoom Bible studies, many service projects, and unique ways they reached into special populations to help during the pandemic. It was a pure joy to see the love they shared for each other, for LCM, and Pastor Sarah.

None of this would have been possible without your prayers, and your continued financial support. As we reflect upon both the hardships and blessings of this past year and prepare for the school year ahead, we are asking for your continued prayers and financial support for this vital ministry.

You may give online by visiting www.lcmatui.org and clicking on the "Support Us" link at the top of the page or by mailing a check using the envelope enclosed.

Thanks once more for standing by us in this extraordinary time, and for your faithful support always.

Peace and blessings to you!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sarah Goettsch

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To learn more visit the Lutheran Campus Ministry website: <https://www.lcmatui.org/>

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) News

School is right around the corner! This time of year can be exciting and stressful for many of us, but adjusting back into a classroom routine can be especially difficult for kids and teens with emotional or behavioral disorders.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) provides mental and behavioral health services for children and families across the state. Our therapists provide virtual and in-person therapy sessions with children, while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS) team collaborates with families in their home or in a community setting to help them develop skills like anger management and healthy decision making. LSI also provides 24-hour mental health care at the Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers in Waverly and Ames to empower Iowa children and teens.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more Iowa children in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, 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 LSIowa.org and Facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Helping Families Adjust to a New Normal

Uriyah felt overwhelmed by anxiety.

During the pandemic, it was hard for him to even leave his room, talk to his family, and attend school. When classes moved online, he felt comfortable completing his homework and attending classes virtually. But when it was time to return to school for in-person classes, he would not attend. His mom, Holly, wanted him to be able to finish the school year virtually, but she needed help navigating the transition with his school.

That's when she learned about LSI's STEP IN community program. Through the service, LSI social workers are there to build on a family's strengths and ensure children and parents have what they need to thrive and create a brighter future. Children and teens in the program work with their LSI team to develop coping skills, conflict resolution, and healthy communication. The LSI team helped Uriyah feel more comfortable engaging with his family, and Holly had the support she needed to work with the school, advocate for her child, and ensure Uriyah could finish the school year online.

Now, Uriyah has felt a weight lifted off his shoulders, and he successfully graduated out of LSI programming. The last year has created unprecedented stress and anxiety for many children and teens, but Uriyah now feels more comfortable and confident moving forward.



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Bethany was recently awarded a grant from the Southeastern Iowa Synod to be applied toward digital ministry equipment for \$833.00. This grant money was used to upgrade our outdoor video equipment enhancing our mission and purpose to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God for this gift!



Notes of Gratitude

Dear Bethany Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the basket of goodies! Your support, love and encouragement means more than you know. I wouldn't be where I am today without family and friends like you!

Love,

Katie Anderson

Bethany,
Thank you so much for the thoughtful gift basket! I loved absolutely everything inside of it! Thanks again for your generosity!

Sincerely,
Olivia Poppen



God loves you!!!

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BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The meeting was called to order by President Hughes at 6:34 pm.

Members present: Patricia Ernst, Anne Fetzer, Del Hughes, Amber Marsh, Kristin McElhinney, Dave Poppen, Jill Taylor.

Members absent: Dave Bahnsen, Curt Casper, Pastor Chad Whaley.

Del opened the meeting with a prayer. First in-person meeting in the Great Hall in 14 months.

Pastor's Report

Highlights from Pastor's report:

Finishing participation in The Moses Project this week and unable to attend council meeting.

Continuing with worship sign-up. Again, a thanks to Jill Taylor for her work with worship attendance. New worship sign-up is now available online.

Participation in Free Indeed and WBARC committee meetings.

Upcoming events include graduation recognition and synod assembly.

Many thanks to those maintaining church property.

Developing a Sabbatical policy. Pastor is the first to reach a tenured milestone at Bethany. Council will look into creating a policy in future meetings.

Secretary's Report

April's minutes approved as written.

Dave motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Amber. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

Anne motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Kristin seconded. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds

Repairs to classroom light fixture.

Appearance of mold in a classroom that Del/Curt will look at later.

Education & Youth

Seven seniors graduating high school will be recognized on Sunday, May 16. The committee providing gift baskets to each graduate.

Evangelism & Outreach

Assisting with HACAP food distribution event on May 18.

Hoover's Hometown Days float in August.

God's Work, Our Hands is planned for September 12. Continued preparation for 125+1 anniversary celebration on October 24.

Fellowship

Discussion of providing coffee service for future outdoor services.

Stewardship

Next church newsletter will include activities made possible by offerings.

It was recommended that the committee encourage the congregation to use Simply Giving electronic giving.

Worship & Music

Jill discussed pros and cons of online worship sign-up. Congregation sent bouquet to the family of Jill Barnhart in memory of her father.

Old Business

Building Usage Review - COVID Updates

Outdoor Worship

Option 1: No change to policy.

Option 2: Masks encouraged, but not required.

Continue to maintain physical distancing.

Those unvaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear a mask.

Remember your neighbor. If not wearing a mask is making them uncomfortable, then either wear a mask or move allowing them more space.

Singing

Will be allowed, even if unmasked (continue to sing quietly).

Communion

Continue with prepackaged cups for time being.

1st and 3rd Sunday of month

Time

Stay at 9:30 but will continue discussion on returning to 9:00 a.m. in a few months.

Length

Continue abbreviated service to reduce risk and accommodate online services.

Choir

Potential for a small group to rehearse and sing outdoors.

Motion for outdoor worship: Kristin motioned to approve outdoor services where masks encouraged, but not

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required along with bulleted points listed above. Patsy seconded. Motion approved.

Indoor Worship

Option 1 – leave policy as is.

Option 2

Increase capacity (30)

Should be able to keep physical distancing to near 6’.

Sit in family units.

Congregation songs allowed if done softly.

1-3 individuals masked and distanced if special music.

Usher at parking lot door to welcome, count, and remind attendees to sit in family units, stay spaced out, masks required and sing softly. If more than 30, direct them to the Great Hall.

Worship sign-up no longer required.

Continue with communion, duration, time, etc. as outlined in outdoor worship section.

Motion for indoor worship: Dave motioned to approve option 2, Amber seconded. Motion approved.

Other

Fellowship

Outdoor – Yes, following worship as people have been doing informally now.

Indoor – Yes, but masks are required indoors.

Kitchen remains closed.

Building Availability

Masks are required indoors.

Main door to Sanctuary open - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM M-F

Office

Open when Pastor or Paula is present.

Small Groups

Indoors

Maintain our limit of 15 people.

Masks are required for small group indoors meetings unless physically distanced.

Motion for fellowship and building availability: Jill moved to approve policies as listed above, Dave seconded. Motion approved.

These policies will be in place May-July and be revisited as needed.

Timeline to return to worship without precautionary guidelines

Targeting Sunday, September 5.

New Business

Technology Updates

Wireless Microphone – estimated \$600

Outdoor Camera – estimated \$1,000

Wireless Router to provide stronger signal outdoors. Router purchase to be discussed in June meeting.

Digital ministry grants available to improve ministry and outreach if the congregation matches funds.

Motion: Jill moved to allow up to \$1,600 for microphone and camera upgrades in case grant money is not rewarded, Dave seconded. Motion approved.

Reinstatement of CCLI License for choir music

License discontinued during COVID

Provides copyright protection for choral songs and some other newer songs in hymnal.

Cost: License: \$142; Streaming License: \$72; Song Selection totaling \$162-\$204.

Motion: Kristin motioned \$418 to be used to pay for licensing, seconded by Amber. Motion approved.

Confirmation Sunday

Council approval of five youth for confirmation: Miley Shields, Layla Samuelson, Cole Crosthwaite, Tate Frantz, and Dylan Schiele so long as each submits faith statement to Pastor Chad.

Recognition planned for Reformation Sunday on October 31. Congregation will also recognize Auron Marsh and Chloe Klabo.

Motion: Dave motioned we approve confirmation candidates; Kristin seconded. Motion approved.

West Branch Study Club asked permission to use church facility after returning to normal.

Motion: Kristin moved to approve building use; Dave seconded. Motion approved.

Anne moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Amber seconded. Motion approved.

Council closed the meeting with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Regular Meeting – June 14, 2021



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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.

Matthew 6:9b

"Hallowed be your name."

- The names I was raised to use for God...
- The names I now call God...
- I would like God to call me...



Matthew 6:10a

"Your kingdom come."

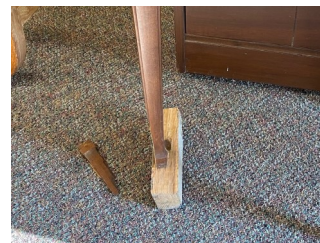
- Words that describe God's kingdom...
- Today, God's kingdom on earth...
- Living my life as part of God's kingdom...

Fellowship News

Now that we are back to gathering and meeting for fellowship after services our cookie cupboard and coffee supply needs replenished. If you would like to donate please bring your donation in and leave it on the kitchen counter. If you would like to help serve coffee and cookies on a Sunday please let Paula know and we can sign you up. Otherwise we appreciate any help given.

Piano Available

Sometime ago Cliff Hinkhouse donated a piano to replace the one that previously was in the Small Hall. We are grateful for this gift and it is a much nicer piano. The old piano was moved to the Great Hall. It has a broken leg that is repairable (see photos). We have no need for this piano as the electric piano also is located in the Great Hall. If anyone has interest in this old piano, please notify Paula. Thanks!



ADVOCACY SUMMER SCHOOL

Offered by

advocacy
in collaboration with
ELCA Peace Not Walls

Wednesdays from 2-2:45 EDT

- AUGUST 11 WHAT IS FAITH-BASED ADVOCACY?
- AUGUST 18 HOW DO I APPROACH POLICY MAKERS?
- AUGUST 25 HOW DO I USE MEDIA FOR IMPACT?
- SEPTEMBER 1 LET'S TALK: ABOUT THE HOLY LAND
- SEPTEMBER 8 LET'S TALK: ABOUT IMMIGRATION

Pick 1 or dip into all 5 skill-building and issue-informing virtual sessions. Each presented in 30 minutes followed by an optional 15 minute Q&A.

Wondering about how advocacy fits into our Christian and Lutheran presence in policy discussions? Session 1 of ELCA Advocacy Summer School will paint a picture of what advocacy is and how advocacy is shaped with a faith foundation, especially as members and affiliates of the ELCA.

The 30-minute virtual session begins on Wed. Aug. 11 at 2 p.m. EDT – and you're invited to be part of the question & answer session for 15 minutes following the presentation. Register at:

<https://bit.ly/1C-ELCAAdvocacySummerSchool>

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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|---------------------|---|----------------------|---|
| Sunday, August 1 | Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35 | Monday, August 16 | Psalms 36 Genesis 43:1-15 Acts 6:1-7 |
| Monday, August 2 | Psalms 107:1-3, 33-43 Numbers 11:15-23, 31-32 Ephesians 4:17-24 | Tuesday, August 17 | Psalms 36 Genesis 45:1-15 Acts 7:9-16 |
| Tuesday, August 3 | Psalms 107:1-3, 33-43 Deuteronomy 8:1-20 1 Corinthians 12:27-31 | Wednesday, August 18 | Psalms 36 Genesis 47:13-26 Mark 8:14-21 |
| Wed, August 4 | Psalms 107:1-3, 33-43 Isaiah 55:1-9 Mark 8:1-10 | Thursday, August 19 | Psalms 34:15-22 Joshua 22:1-9 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 |
| Thursday, August 5 | Psalms 34:1-8 1 Samuel 28:20-25 Romans 15:1-6 | Friday, August 20 | Psalms 34:15-22 Joshua 22:10-20 Romans 13:11-14 |
| Friday, August 6 | Psalms 34:1-8 2 Samuel 17:15-29 Galatians 6:1-10 | Saturday, August 21 | Psalms 34:15-22 Joshua 22:21-34 Luke 11:5-13 |
| Saturday, August 7 | Psalms 34:1-8 1 Kings 2:1-9 Matthew 7:7-11 | Sunday, August 22 | Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69 |
| Sunday, August 8 | Kings 19:4-8 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51 | Monday, August 23 | Psalms 119:97-104 Nehemiah 9:1-15 Ephesians 5:21-6:9 |
| Monday, August 9 | Psalms 81 1 Kings 17:1-16 Ephesians 5:1-14 | Tuesday, August 24 | Psalms 119:97-104 Nehemiah 9:16-31 Ephesians 6:21-24 |
| Tuesday, August 10 | Psalms 81 Ruth 2:1-23 2 Peter 3:14-18 | Wednesday, August 25 | Psalms 119:97-104 Isaiah 33:10-16 John 15:16-25 |
| Wed, August 11 | Psalms 81 Jeremiah 31:1-6 John 6:35-40 | Thursday, August 26 | Psalms 15 Exodus 32:1-14 James 1:1-8 |
| Thursday, August 12 | Psalms 34:9-14 Job 11:1-20 Acts 6:8-15 | Friday, August 27 | Psalms 15 Exodus 32:15-35 James 1:9-16 |
| Friday, August 13 | Psalms 34:9-14 Job 12:1-25 Romans 16:17-20 | Saturday, August 28 | Psalms 15 Exodus 34:8-28 John 18:28-32 |
| Saturday, August 14 | Psalms 34:9-14 Job 13:1-19 John 4:7-26 | Sunday, August 29 | Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 |
| Sunday, August 15 | Proverbs 9:1-6 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58 | Monday, August 30 | Ps. 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48 Deuteronomy 4:9-14 1 Timothy 4:6-16 |
| | | Tuesday, August 31 | Ps. 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48 Deuteronomy 4:15-20 1 Peter 2:19-25 |

You Are Loved!



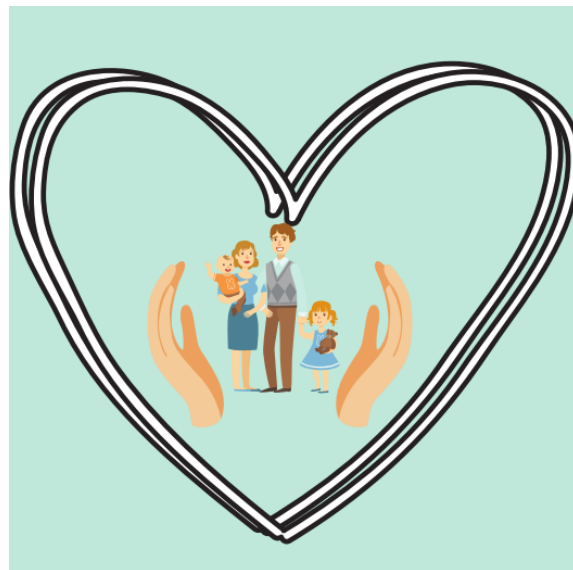
Stewardship News

THANK YOU!!!
**Together we have made a
BIG difference for Iowa!**

BLC 2020 offerings contributed to the **\$339,000** raised to fund the Southeastern Iowa Synod missions in Iowa, including...

- Lutheran Services in Iowa
- LSI Disaster Response Fund
- Support for Southeastern Iowa Synod seminary students.

The members of BLC continue to provide hope and peace for many!



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)



August 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 9:30 AM Worship (Inside and Online via Facebook) | 2 12:00 PM Monday Gospel Gathering (via Zoom Meeting) 6:30 PM 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting | 3 | 4 | 5 6:00 AM Women's Study | 6 | 7 |
| 8 9:30 AM Worship (Outside and Online via Facebook) 5:00 PM Council Social | 9 12:00 PM Monday Gospel Gathering (via Zoom Meeting) 6:30 PM Council Meeting | 10 | 11 | 12 6:00 AM Women's Study | 13 | 14 |
| 15 9:30 AM Worship (Inside and Online via Facebook) | 16 12:00 PM Monday Gospel Gathering (via Zoom Meeting) | 17 | 18 | 19 6:00 AM Women's Study | 20 | 21 |
| 22 9:30 AM Worship (Outside and Online via Facebook) | 23 12:00 PM Monday Gospel Gathering (via Zoom Meeting) | 24 | 25 | 26 6:00 AM Women's Study | 27 | 28 |
| 29 9:30 AM Worship (Inside and Online via Facebook) | 30 12:00 PM Monday Gospel Gathering (via Zoom Meeting) | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| View Calendar on our website . | | | | | | |



Monetary Gifts Report

Submitted by Jill Taylor

| | May 2021 | | YTD | |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Total Receipts | Actual 13,868 | Budget 13,496 | Actual 63,669 | Budget 67,482 |
| Total Expenses | Actual 12,966 | Budget 13,856 | Actual 65,353 | Budget 69,333 |

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 August 2021

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Ministers of Proclamation (Lectors)

- 8-1 Deb Anderson
- 8-8 Bruce Jefferies
- 8-15 Beth Kaufman
- 8-22 Jeni & Hannah S.
- 8-29 Alex P.

Ministers of Technology

- 8-1 Cole C. & Tate F.
- 8-8 Alex P.
- 8-15 Andrew S.
- 8-22 Paula C.
- 8-29 Alex P.

Ministers of Christ's Light (Acolytes)

- 8-1 Jacob L. & Addy L.
 - 8-8, 8-15, 8-22, 8-29
- Opportunities available. Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B48AFAD2CAAFD0-minister1>

Ministers of Altar Care for the month of August: Poppen Family



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PSALM 101:1, ESV