

Bethany Lutheran Church

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



June/July

Important Dates

6-10 Council meeting 6:30 PM
6-23 4th Sunday meal 5-6 PM
7-8 Council meeting 6:30 PM
7-15/7-18 Vacation Bible School
5:30-8:00 PM
7-28 4th Sunday meal 5-6 PM

You Are Loved!

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Search @blcwestbranch

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digital version of this newsletter.
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⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. - Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NRSV)

*From the
Pastor*



Dear faithful servants of Christ,

Who was it that talked to you about faith when you were at home or when you were away? Who was instrumental in telling you the good news of Jesus Christ? Who lived out their life of faith daily that set an example for you to follow? For most of us, I suspect the answer might be a parent, grandparent, or another relative. That would hold true for myself as well. Following college, as I began to work in the insurance industry, it was a supervisor who shared his faith with me. At this point in my life, attending worship wasn't my biggest priority. I had been hurt by the church, didn't agree with some of its doctrines, and didn't see the need to attend corporate worship. Yet, my supervisor would daily spend a few minutes sharing his own journey of faith and then he would pray with me, for me, and for the other staff under his supervision. Ultimately, these faith-filled conversations in which the Spirit was at work, rekindled in me the spark that helped shape me into the servant of Christ I strive to be today.

Moses delivered a prayer to the Israelites prior to entering the land God had promised their ancestors that is still recited daily by people of Jewish faith. It is called the Shema. Moses made known the importance of teaching this prayer to others. "Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away." And then he states, "write them on the doorposts of your house."

There is no doubt that what we do Sunday after Sunday when we gather for worship is critical. God calls us to come and worship (Psalm 95:6-7). The importance of living together as people of God is emphasized repeatedly throughout scripture (Romans 12:16). The work we do together as the body of Christ is essential.

Yet, where do we spend the bulk of our time? Who are we around most often? Those nearest and dearest to us. Just as Moses made it known to the Israelites, so does the living word of God continue to stress the importance of having faithful conversations at home and on the go, which is instrumental in the formation of faith for each generation. It is passed down from parents to their children. It is passed down from grandparents to their grandchildren. It is passed down from aunts and uncles to nieces and nephews. It is passed down from a mentor to their mentee. It is passed down from one faithful Christian to another. *(Continued on next page.)*



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Last year, I learned of a new opportunity through Grandview University in Des Moines called “Faith Forward.” Upon presenting it to the council and seeking their feedback, approval, and commitment to this program, I applied for our congregation to be part of the initial group of participants. As you’ve probably already guessed, we were accepted, and I attended a two-day training at the beginning of May. We are the only congregation in the Southeastern Iowa Synod in this program and join congregations from across many other states.

So, just what is this all about? Briefly, the thrust is, “weaving faith formation into the normal routines of family life through the spiritual practices of prayer, Bible reading, faith conversations, acts of service and shared mealtimes to form a faith in Christ that lasts a lifetime. Through this program, we as a congregation will be better empowered and equipped to provide resources that assist parents, grandparents, and any other people instrumental in the life of a child, youth, or young adult.” (From *Faith Forward* resources.)

So, what is next? I am in the process of forming a small team to kickstart this program. In the meantime, I invite you to learn more by going to a website with various resources you can download and videos you can watch. For example, the placemat located on page 8 that can be used to foster conversations during meals. I also urge you to sign up for weekly emails. You can access that website at the link below or the QR code.

<https://faithforwardnow.org/church/bethanywestbranch/>



May the peace of Christ be with you always!

Paster Chad



FIVE FAITH PROMISES

1 PRAYER:

We promise to pray together every day.

2 BIBLE READING:

We promise to read the Bible together regularly.

3 FAITH CONVERSATIONS:

We promise to talk together often about Jesus and our faith.

4 ACTS OF SERVICE:

We promise to perform acts of service together in our community, our congregation, and our home.

5 SHARED MEALTIMES:

We promise to share five or more meals together each week, and to engage in other rituals and traditions together.

As part of Faith Forward, there are “Five Faith Promises” that are spiritual practices for households to do together. They are called promises because practicing them allows you to experience the joy of living in grace as you follow Christ together. Adapt these practices to your living situation. These promises can be practiced by families, with roommates, in small group ministry, Sunday school, or youth ministry.



June Birthdays

- 06/01 Sarah Fischer, Phil Hougen
- 06/02 Ethan Fetzer
- 06/06 Gavin Hierseman,
Stacy Beyer
- 06/07 Richard Madsen
- 06/11 Lee Cassabaum
- 06/13 Lauren Whaley
- 06/15 Amanda Whaley
- 06/17 Jessica Harding
- 06/17 Curt Casper
- 06/18 Chad Whaley
William Van Scoyoc
- 06/20 Lon Liebergen
- 06/22 Hazel Perkins
- 06/27 Eleanor White



July Birthdays

- 07/02 Diane Hougen
- 07/05 Kim Colvin
- 07/07 Tara Langley, Mason Sweat
- 07/08 Lynn Snyder
- 07/09 Tim Shields
- 07/10 Jerry Dodds
- 07/12 Dan Holstad
- 07/13 Peggy Jeffries
June Madsen
- 07/15 Claudia Beyer
Dale Swenson
- 07/16 Dan Haub
- 07/19 Roxanne Bahnsen
- 07/20 Matthew Paulsen,
Kristin Black Casady
- 07/23 Kelsi Perkins,
Emma Van Scoyoc
- 07/25 Patsy Ernst
- 07/30 Carol Roghair
- 07/31 Derek Fetzer

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



Bethany Books

by Frank Frostestad

Books For Adults

The first book this month is *Disconnected: How To Protect Your Kids From The Harmful Effects Of Device Dependency* by Thomas Kersting. One of the major changes in our lives today has been the growth and influence of electronic devices. While they have great potential to help us in our daily lives they also have a downside. Many people are not controlling their devices but the devices are controlling them. This is specially a problem with our kids. There is a connection between the overuse of devices such as smartphones, computers, and video games and the growing mental health crisis we see today, especially in children. Too much screen time has a measurable effect on kids' brains, self-esteem, emotional development, and social skills. In *Disconnected*, a comprehensive look is given at how devices have altered the way children grow up, behave, learn, and connect with their families and friends. The author gives advice for parents on setting boundaries and engaging in concentration and mindfulness exercises. (donated)

The second book is *Rough Sleepers: Dr. Jim O'Connell's Urgent Mission To Bring Healing To Homeless People* by Tracy Kidder. In *Rough Sleepers*, the author tells the story of Dr. Jim O'Connell who organized a community of care for the city's homeless population, including those who sleep on the streets - the "rough sleepers". After Jim O'Connell graduated from Harvard Medical School and was nearing the end of his residency at Massachusetts General, the hospital's chief of medicine made a proposal: Would he defer a prestigious fellowship and spend a year helping to create an organization to bring health care to homeless citizens? That year turned into O'Connell's life's calling. The author spent five years following Dr. O'Connell and his colleagues as they worked with thousands of homeless patients. He navigated the city streets at night, offering medical care, socks, soup, empathy, humor, and friendship to some of the city's most endangered citizens. He emphasizes a style of medicine in which the patients come first, joined with their providers in what he calls a "system of friends". Kidder explores how Jim O'Connell and a dedicated group of people have improved countless lives by facing and addressing one of America's most difficult problems, instead of looking away.

Book For Children

The book for children is *Psalm Twenty-Three* illustrated by Tim Ladwig. The text of a familiar psalm comparing God to a loving shepherd accompanies illustrations which show the world of love and fear faced by an urban African-American family. The author uses urban images to renew the psalm's spiritual promise. He shows us the power of that promise for a young brother and sister who live in an embattled neighborhood. Because it is so familiar, it shows that the Lord's care and presence are real no matter who or where we are. The psalm speaks to all of us, in all times and places.

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**God's work.
Our hands.**

Save the date!

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's annual day of service "God's work, our hands" will take place Sunday, September 8th. If you have any ideas for projects, please contact Jessica Fonseca.

**START
the
PARTY
VBS**
Celebrate the Good News

July 15-18

5:30-8:00 PM

Dinner served at 5:30 pm

Incoming Preschool- 6th Grade

REGISTER NOW

bit.ly/bethanyvbs24

Volunteers Needed!

Sign-up here: bit.ly/blcvolunteer24

**4th Sunday
Community Meal**

June 23
July 28

Join us for the
community meal.

5:00-6:00PM in the Great Hall!

Everyone is welcome.





Southeastern Iowa Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

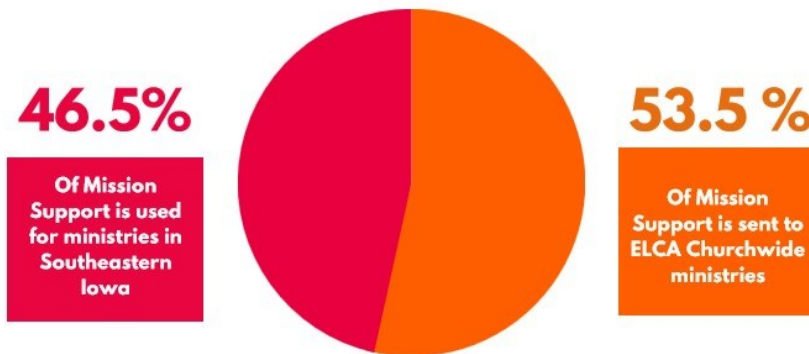
2023 MISSION SPENDING ANNUAL REPORT

OUR MISSION SUPPORT

When you give money to your local congregation through pledges or your weekly offerings, a portion of that money is shared with the Southeastern Iowa Synod. This is called Mission Support.

That money is then used to help other congregations, leaders in the church, local and regional partners, ELCA churchwide ministries and global ministries, and more.

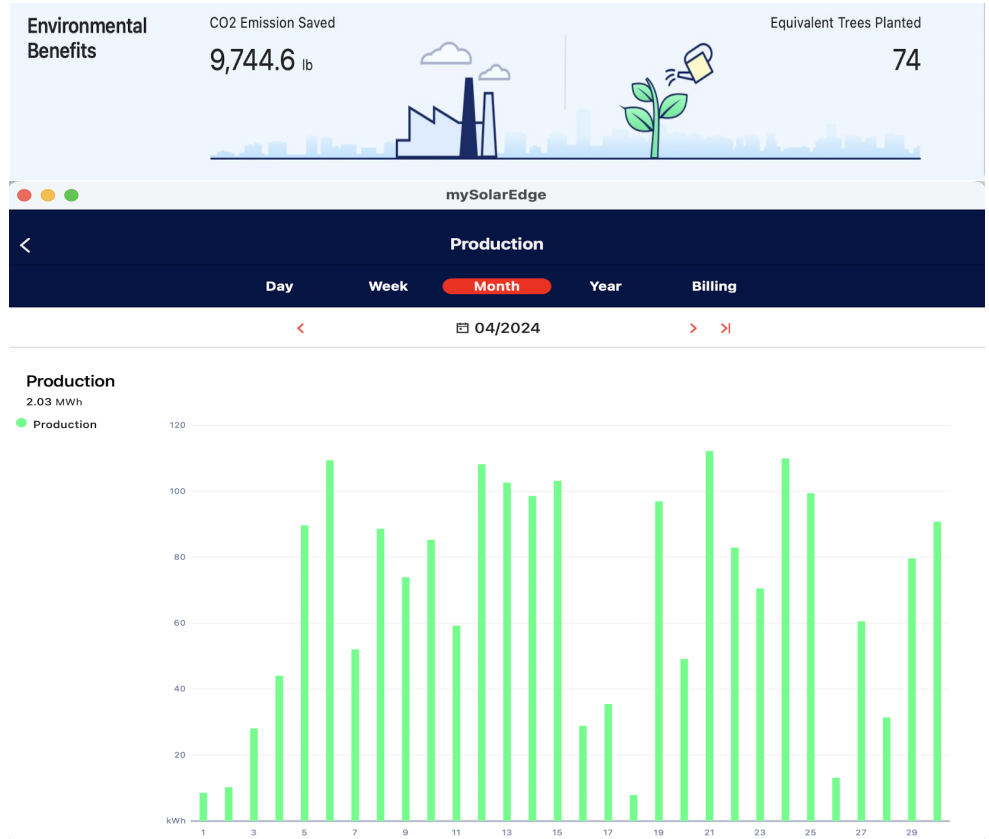
In the Southeastern Iowa Synod, 53.5% of all mission support received goes directly to the ELCA Churchwide Organization and 46.5% stays for ministry in Southeastern Iowa.



2023 MISSION SUPPORT AND SPENDING

Received Congregation Mission Support	\$2,193,548
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ELCA Churchwide Ministries (53.5%)	\$1,173,548
Synod Investment in Congregational Vitality	\$237,560
Synod Support of Leadership Development	\$189,573
Synodical Witness (partners, ministries, outreach)	\$529,959
Synod Administration and General	\$62,906

See the full annual report, learn more about the Southeastern Iowa Synod, our partners in ministry in Iowa and across the world on seiasynod.org



The images to the right show the ongoing production of our solar panels. You can see the environmental benefits at the top and the daily output for April below that.

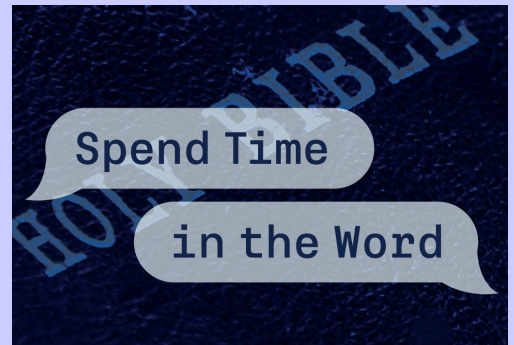
Faith at Home

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 25:34-40

"Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"

- My heart is most concerned for...
- Caring for people...
- Ignoring the needs of others...

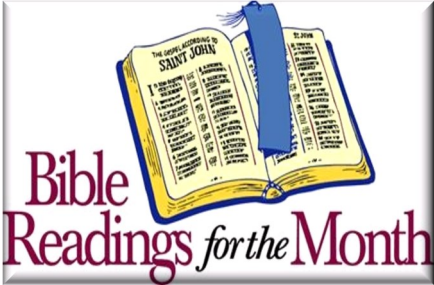




June/July Sunday Bible Readings

The passages below are the assigned readings for June/July You can click on each reading and be taken to the passage on "[Bible Gateway](#)."
May this be one more way we can hear and study the word of God.

June 2
[Deuteronomy 5:12-15](#)
[Psalm 81:1-10](#)
[2 Corinthians 4:5-12](#)
[Mark 2:23—3:6](#)



June 16
[Ezekiel 17:22-24](#)
[Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15](#)
[2 Corinthians 5:6-10 \[11-13\]](#)
14-17
[Mark 4:26-34](#)

June 9
[Genesis 3:8-15](#)
[Psalm 130](#)
[2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1](#)
[Mark 3:20-35](#)

June 23
[Job 38:1-11](#)
[Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32](#)
[2 Corinthians 6:1-13](#)
[Mark 4:35-41](#)

June 30
[Lamentations 3:22-33](#)
[Psalm 30](#)
[2 Corinthians 8:7-15](#)
[Mark 5:21-43](#)

July 7
[Ezekiel 2:1-5](#)
[Psalm 123](#)
[2 Corinthians 12:2-10](#)
[Mark 6:1-13](#)



July 14
[Amos 7:7-15](#)
[Psalm 85:8-13](#)
[Ephesians 1:3-14](#)
[Mark 6:14-29](#)

July 21
[Jeremiah 23:1-6](#)
[Psalm 23](#)
[Ephesians 2:11-22](#)
[Mark 6:30-34, 53-56](#)

July 28
[2 Kings 4:42-44](#)
[Psalm 145:10-18](#)
[Ephesians 3:14-21](#)
[John 6:1-21](#)



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

Make Mealtime Family Time Place Mat

Preschooler: Who were you nice to today?

Use this place mat as a tool to jump-start your family's fun-n-faith time!

Answer: One in a million

**Fun.
Faith.
Family.™**

Dad Joke: What do you call a bear with no teeth? **

Play Nose Challenge

See if you can balance a penny on your nose while leaning your head back. The goal is to get the penny off your nose **without** moving your head. You can wiggle your nose but you can't move your head. Penny Nose Challenge can be a fun family event.



TONGUE TWISTER

Try saying "The Blue Bluebird Blinks" three times fast!



What does this mean?*

Million

Would you rather live with a bright red nose or bright red ears?

Dad Joke: What breed of dog can do magic?***

? What is one of your earliest memories?

Pick Up

What You'll Need: 20 small objects (spoons, salt shakers, paper plates) objects on the table. **(1)** Clear a playing area at your table. **(2)** Scatter the 20 objects on the table. **(3)** Explain that each player will take a turn picking up one-to-three objects. The number varies depending on their strategy. **(4)** Play until there is only one object left. The player who has to pick up the last piece loses that round.



Parent Tip: Always think safety when doing this or any other family activity.

? What would your shared mealtime be like if all devices were turned off?

Answer: Gummy bear

BIBLE TIME

"God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them!"
—Jesus in John 3:17 (CEV)

1. I know God is not an angry God wanting to clobber me with a big stick because...
2. Jesus came into our world to...
3. When I feel condemned I can...
4. Jesus is my...

"But God showed how much he loved us by having Christ die for us, even though we were sinful." Romans 5:8 (CEV)

Unless otherwise noted, all Scripture quotation is taken from the Contemporary English Version © 1995, American Bible Society.

Make 'Em Smile!

Can you make your family smile or laugh by just making a face? Here is your chance to see if you can. Take turns making faces at each other. You win a round by being the one family member who doesn't smile or laugh. Make faces by doing weird things with your tongue, your nose, or your eyes. Try adding sound effects (snorts; animal noises) as you do it and see who you can make crack a smile.

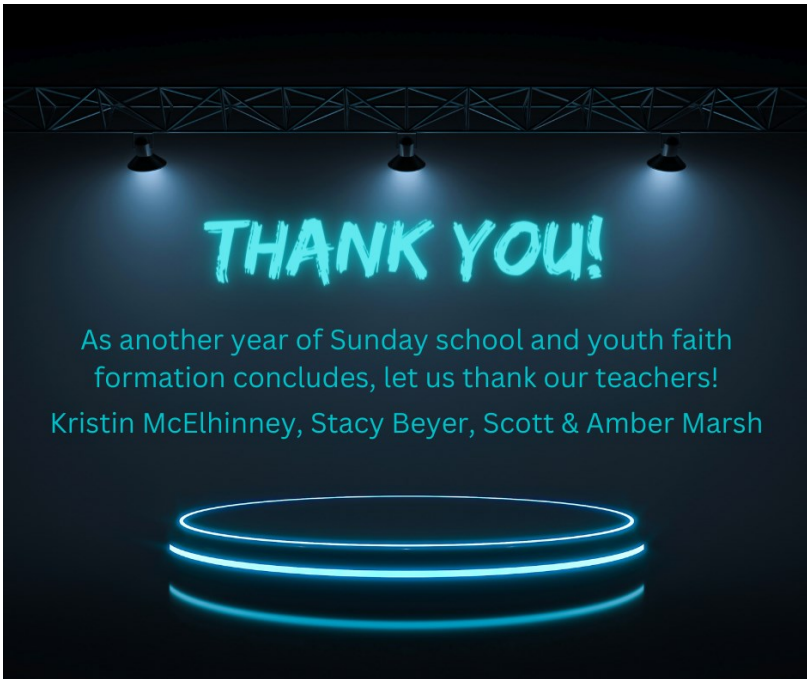


faith forward
families passing faith on

***Answer: A labracadabrador.



Congratulations again Auron and Chloe! Thanks to Kristen Van Scoyoc who made the gift baskets for our two seniors. Thanks to everyone who attended worship to celebrate with them. It was a great morning to worship our Lord and Savior and give thanks for the gifts of these two young adults. Also, a huge thank you to the choir for singing during worship!



As another year of Sunday school and youth faith formation concludes, let us thank our teachers!
 Kristin McElhinney, Stacy Beyer, Scott & Amber Marsh

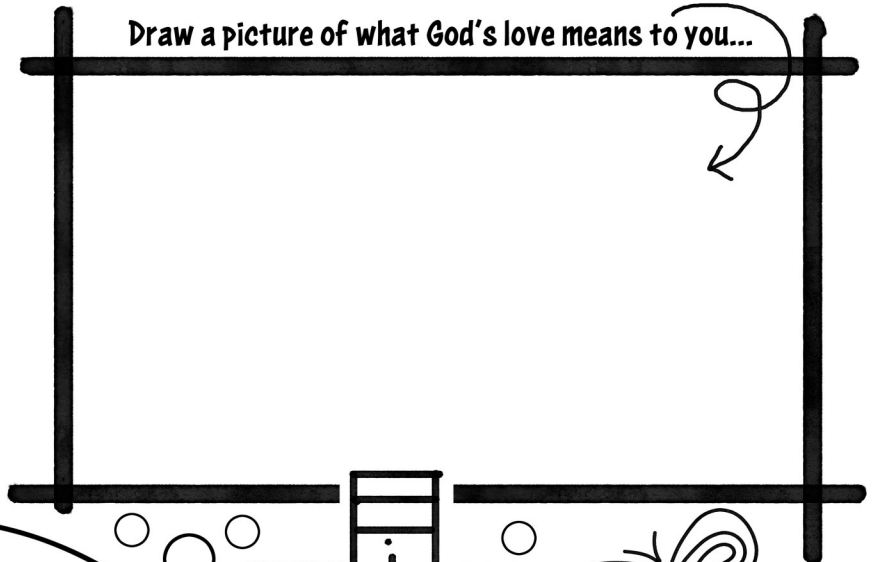
Quilting Update

A small group of faithful women gather most Thursday afternoons carefully creating beautiful quilts. Recently, quilts have been donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (see photo) that provides beds free of charge to children and youth. Quilts have also been donated to the Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP). These quilts are making an impact in the lives of those who receive them. As a DVIP coordinator states, "One mom cried as she got hers as these were the first new blankets she had ever got." God's work. Our hands. Great job ladies!

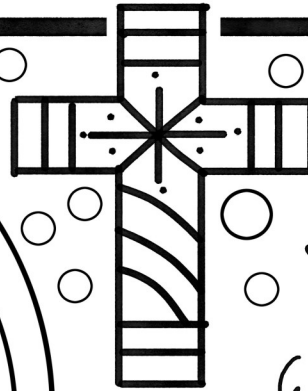


ALL ABOUT GOD'S LOVE

Draw a picture of what God's love means to you...



What's your favorite Bible verse about God's love...



JESUS LOVES ME

God's love is...

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The youth of Wednesday faith formation were invited to complete the sentence, "God's love is..." Their answers are scrambled below. Unscramble them to find the answers.

God's love is...

1. IAMZNGA _____
2. PECTFRE _____
3. LOCO _____
4. DNIK _____
5. TEH SETB _____
6. EATRG _____
7. ESWOMAE _____
8. SUEOURLMA _____

Answers: 1. amazing 2. perfect 3. cool 4. kind 5. the best 6. great 7. awesome 8. marvelous

Recently, you may have received an email or text claiming to be Pastor Chad. Generally, the message is indicating he needs assistance with something and attempts to solicit a response. These are phishing and spoofing scams and should never be responded to. Also, never click on any links embedded in the email or text. When in doubt, always contact Pastor Chad directly to verify if this is legitimate. The easiest way to spot these scams is looking at the sending address of the email or number of the text message. Below is a document provided by the Office of the Bishop of the Southeastern Iowa Synod that details the anatomy of these scams.

EMAIL AND TEXT SPOOFING AND SCAMS

More and more congregations and ministries are being targeted by scammers and phishing attacks. These emails or text messages often pretend they are a pastor or bishop. The scammers ask for private conversation, or the need to for a favor, or to purchase gift cards.

These attacks are a phishing or spoofing scam. This means that the email account or phone number has probably NOT been hacked. Attackers are using an alternate email address or phone number and contacts found using A.I. software.

This kind of attack is often called CEO Phishing or Business Email Compromise. In 2019, the FBI reported that this is a \$26 billion scam.

HOW TO AVOID OR STOP SCAMS

1. Check the email address or phone number that sent the message. Modern email programs often only display the name as a default and not the email address. The attackers use this to their advantage and create addresses with the real name but use a bogus email address. Often using gmail or yahoo accounts. Text scammers will use area codes that are in the area you are in, claiming it is a new phone number.

2. Look for red flags in the tone and grammar of the email or text. Attackers will want to create a sense of urgency to prey on your desire to help. They will often claim the bishop or pastor needs something and is in a meeting. Or that they need to urgently have a private conversation. These emails will often contain misspellings, strange punctuation, or grammar that is just "off" a bit. Read messages with requests carefully.

3. Ask someone. Have someone else read the message for you to see if they notice anything weird. Call or email the church or synod office to check what the email address or phone number of person actually is.

4. Do not purchase gift cards or give out information. These scams often ask for the purchase of gift cards or want you to provide further information (for more scams.) Never share information or make purchases from a text or email request without verifying information.

5. Report it. Report it to the person or leadership. The chances are good that if you received a scam email or text then someone else did too. Also report it to the FCC. If you are the victim of a scam, report it to local law enforcement.

HOW IT WORKS



The attackers decide on a target (a congregation, ministry or synod) and does a search for names and email addresses of leadership.



The attackers create email addresses with a convincing name or domain to look similar to that of the leadership.



They then use software to find email addresses or phone numbers associated with their target.



They send emails or texts to the found addresses posing as a pastor or bishop to solicit money or information.



Council Minutes—April 8, 2024

Bethany Lutheran Church- Council Minutes

Call to Order at 6:30pm by President Kent Kaufman

Members Present: Jon Twing, Pastor Chad, Cindy Knoop, Kent Kaufman, Kristen Van Scoyoc, Howard Moss, Courtney Heid, Jessica Fonseca, Pat Cassabaum, Dale Swenson,

Members absent:

Pastor’s Report

Joys and Thanksgivings

Worship

Palm Sunday/Easter were AMAZING!
Wonderful attendance
Baptism
So many helpers, thanks to all of them!
Choir was fantastic
Spirit-filled
Maundy Thursday, Good Friday very meaningful
Faith Formation
Many children in Sunday School
Thanks Kristin and Stacy for leading
Thanks parents and grandparents for bringing the kiddos
Wednesday Youth Faith Formation returns
Thanks to Scott and Amber Marsh for their leadership
Council leaders
Thanks for all you do, which is a lot that often goes unnoticed.

Ministry Happenings

8 pastoral visits
Funeral of Norm Fitzgerald
Crestview Worship (9-10 in attendance)
WBARC Meeting
Pulpit exchange April 7, 2024
Meeting with George McCrory re: Red Cross
Submit a survey and now awaiting a site visit
Faith Formation resumed after Lenten break
Many thanks for the donations to the Paw Pantry
Will deliver them to the pantry with the kids April 10
Men’s Breakfast and Bible study
Group is growing and a table had to be added
Holy Week
Much preparation, planning, prayer, reading and study
Grateful for the Holy Spirit’s presence and inspiration

Many thanks to Cindy for all her efforts and Paula and Patsy who were on Altar Care Newsletter

Upcoming

Faith Forward begins at Grandview, April 29-30

What is *Faith Forward*?

Faith Forward will teach congregations, parents, and grandparents to tell the Biblical and family stories of God’s mercy, grace, love, boundaries, protection, promises, and faithfulness. As parenting trends and church attendance change in a post-pandemic world, this program has been designed to help pastors, parents, and grandparents pass on their Christian faith to the next generation. A paradigm shift to a home-centered faith formation requires trusted partners, a strong foundation of relationships and accountability, and an openness to God’s Spirit as it moves in new directions. Faith Forward wants to see parents and grandparents share the faith and values with the church’s treasure and future, our children and youth (from Grandview University’s website).

Remote possibility of attending a continuing education event (Festival of Homiletics) May 13-16

Challenge is that it is in Pittsburg

Positive is that it is in person

Synod Assembly, May 17-18

Dave Bahnsen and Laura Twing voting delegates who also will attend

Secretary’s Report - Courtney

March Council Meeting Minutes Edits

Cindy moved to approve as amended; Howard seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer’s Report - Jon

March Treasurer’s Report

Howard moved to approve as amended; Kristen seconded. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds – Howard

“Vibration study” done by the city for water line project.
Parsonage water heater stopped working, replaced with

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new electric water heater.

Plans for landscaping walk through with Terry & Howard Moss & Linda Black.

Education & Youth – Kristen & Courtney

Senior Recognition Service May 19th

Planning a “Youth Service” in May

Fellowship – Pat

The 4th Sunday Meal April 28th from 5pm-6pm will be hosted by Paul & Nancy Bruns.

Stewardship – Dale

Dave Poppen prepared a presentation for new electronic method of giving – will present April 14th at service.

Time and talent forms can now be done electronically.

Will have insert in April 21st bulletin and make an announcement.

Evangelism & Missions – Jessica

God’s Work, Our Hands September 8th

Potential youth mission project this summer

Worship and Music – Cindy

Looking for dates to do hymn sing Sunday.

Starting to brainstorm for outdoor services.

Key to things working is having volunteers to help set up.

Possibly coordinate with fellowship opportunity/event.

Old Business

Capital Improvement Fund Update

Financial Status-Jon

Rebate in pending – won’t know for sure until early 2025.

Potential Projects-Howard

The accessible ramp on the north side of the church needs repairs and new carpeting.

Cindy motioned to approve use of up to \$1200 of Capital Improvement Fund for repairs and carpeting on accessible ramp. Kristen seconded. Motion approved.

Parsonage flooring in the kitchen and bathroom needs to be replaced.

The carpeting in the Great Hall needs to be replaced.

Furnace replacement for both the Church and the Parsonage (probably the Parsonage first) needs to be planned for.

Discussion surrounding how to move forward with sustaining Capital Improvement Fund.

Take to committee to brainstorm.

Working on a needed improvement list with estimated costs and priority status.

New Business

Faith Forward update

Howard moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm, Kristen seconded. Motion approved.

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Next Regular Meeting May 13th, 2024





June 2024

View Calendar on our [website](#).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30am Worship (Also streamed live on Facebook) 10:30am Fellowship Hour	3	4	5 7:00am Men's Study Group 6:15pm Choir Practice	6 6:00am Women's Study 1:00pm Quilters	7	8
9 9:30am Worship (Also streamed live on Facebook) 10:30am Fellowship Hour	10 6:30pm Council Meeting	11	12 7:00am Men's Study Group	13 6:00am Women's Study 1:00pm Quilters	14	15
16 9:30am Worship (Also streamed live on Facebook) 10:30am Fellowship Hour	17	18	19 7:00am Men's Study Group	20 6:00am Women's Study 1:00pm Quilters	21	22
23 9:30am Worship (Also streamed live on Facebook) 10:30am Fellowship Hour	24	25	26 7:00am Men's Study Group	27 6:00am Women's Study 1:00pm Quilters 2:00pm Crestview Worship	28	29
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July 2024

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On April 16, retired pastors and deacons, spouses and widows of the Southeastern Iowa Synod (ELCA) shared worship, fellowship and lunch at Bethany. Also present was Bishop Amy Current and Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Erika Uthe. Pastor Chad and Paula Casper assisted with fellowship and food. Jill Barnhart accompanied on piano during worship.”



Monetary Gifts Report
 Submitted by Jon Twing

	April 2024		YTD	
Total Gifts	Actual 11,292	Budget 14,339	Actual 58,406	Budget 57,356
Total Expenses	Actual 11,373	Budget 14,701	Actual 59,494	Budget 58,801
Net Revenue	(192)		(1,088)	

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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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Bethany Branches

June & July 2024

Ministry Assistants

Ministers of Proclamation (Lectors)

6-02 Del Hughes
6-09 Pat Cassabaum
6-16 Paula Casper
6-23 Phil Hougen
6-30 Mike Fryauf
7-07 Courtney Heid
7-14 Kami Poppen
7-21 Patsy Ernst
7-28 Jill Barnhart

Ministers of Technology

6-02 Paula Casper
6-09 Dave Poppen
6-16 Paula Casper
6-23 Jill Taylor
6-30 Cole C & Tate F
7-07 Dale Swenson
7-14 Dave Poppen
7-21 Paula Casper
7-28 Jill Taylor

Ministers of Altar Care:

June: Marsh Family

July: Nancy Bruns



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