

Bethany Lutheran Church

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



october 

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

Important Dates

- 10-09 **Faith Forward Family Night**
6:00-7:30 PM
- 10-14 **Council Meeting**
6:30 PM
- 10-27 **Confirmation Sunday**
9:30 AM Worship
- 10-27 **4th Sunday meal**
5-6:00 PM

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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](http://www.wbbethany.org)) or images

Dear faithful siblings in Christ,

The passage above contain the concluding verses to Mark's gospel (16:6-7). Three women have arrived at the tomb and find it empty. An angel of the Lord directs them to go and tell the news of the resurrection. They are the first to proclaim this message of hope and pass faith forward to the disciples.

You too are God's instruments passing faith forward. Thank you for the many ways in which you share your faith through word and deed. As the initiative, *Faith Forward*, reminds us it is the work of the family to pass along faith. Parents, grandparents and others active in a child's life have the "most powerful and profound impact" on their faith formation (David Lynn, *Faith Forward* coach). So again, thank you for all you do!

Faith Forward is about equipping congregations to assist you in this ministry providing a variety of resources. I invite you to watch an introductory video about the program at the link below or utilizing the QR code.

https://wbbethany.org/?page_id=8076



If you haven't done so already, please sign up and plan to attend our *Faith Forward Family Open House* on Wednesday, October 9 (see flier on page 4). You will receive the packet of resources noted in the video and also learn hands on additional ways you can share faith at home and on the go.

The *Faith Forward* team also wants to invite you to participate in some upcoming online workshops. See the graphic to the right and on page 5 that includes QR codes and links to sign up. This is available to grandparents, parents, and Triple-A-Adults (authentic, available, affirming).

I want to thank the team of Brad & Jill Kinsinger, Nancy Bruns, and Amanda Whaley for their efforts in helping our congregation grow in passing faith forward. We hope you consider attending the Open House and also a workshop online. This is certainly open to parents, grandparents, and Triple-A-Adults beyond our congregation so please invite others.

In peace! - Pastor Chad



Free Workshops!

Join us for free, online interactive workshops to help equip and encourage you in handing down your faith to your children, grandchildren, and youth in your congregation.

Grandparents
Oct. 1, 10-11:15 a.m.
Oct. 24, 7-8:15 p.m.

Parents
Oct. 9, 1-2:15 p.m.
Nov. 7, 7-8:15 p.m.

Triple-A-Adults
Oct. 15, 1-2:15 p.m.
Nov. 21, 7-8:15 p.m.

LYLE GRINER
Workshop Host

DAVID LYNN
Workshop Host

REGISTER EARLY TO WIN PRIZES!

* Note times are CST

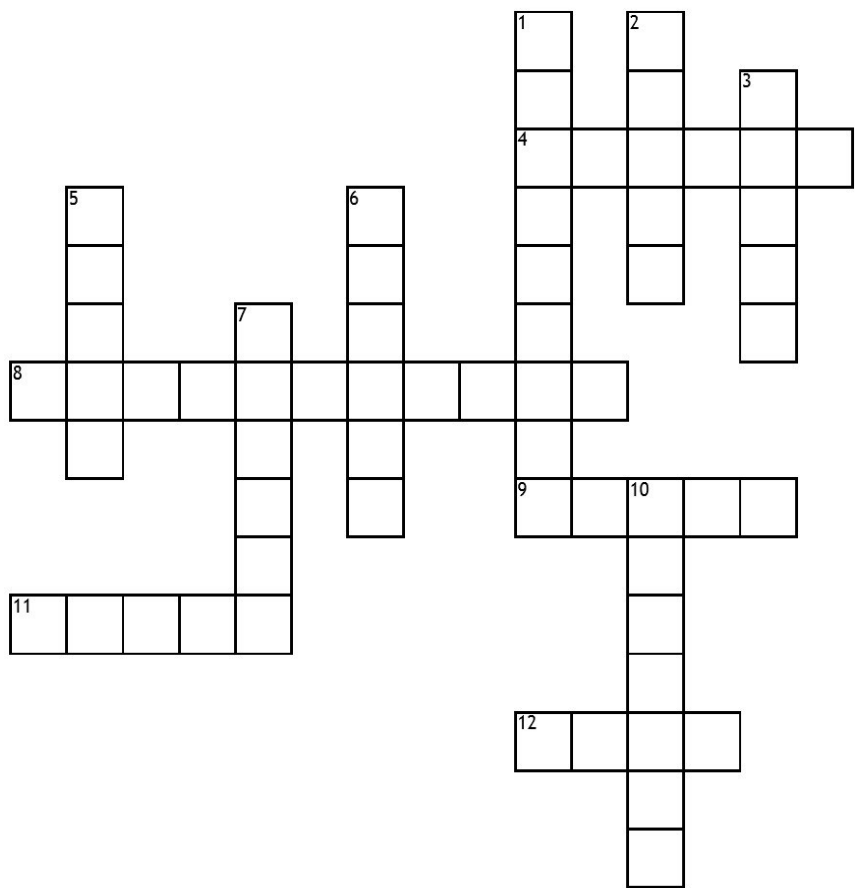
Birthdays

- 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
- 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.

The 12 Disciples of Jesus



Across

- 4. The first 2 disciples Jesus called to follow him were Simon and his brother _____ . (Mark 16:16)
- 8. We don't learn anything about this disciple, other than his name. Perhaps, some called him Bart. (Matthew 10:3)
- 9. Another disciple had this name, so this one is often referred to as _____ the Zealot. (Matthew 10:4)

- 11. There were 2 disciples that had this name. One was the son of Zebedee and the other the son of Alphaeus. (Mark 3:17-18)
- 12. At his transfiguration, Jesus took with him 3 disciples: Peter, James and _____ . (Mark 9:2)

Down

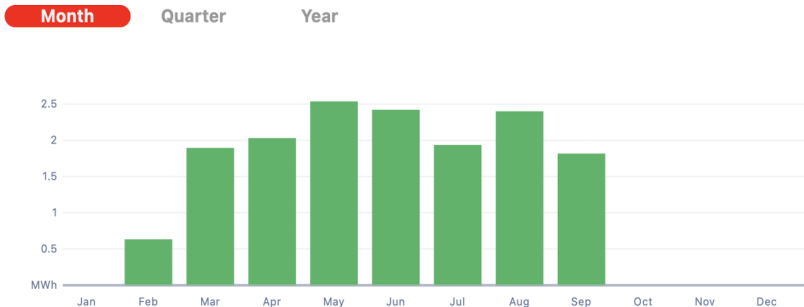
- 1. Another disciple all we know of is his name, which begins with T and ends with S. (Matthew 10:3)
- 2. The disciple that betrayed Jesus. (Luke 22:47)

- 3. The name of this disciple was originally Simon. (Matthew 16:18)
- 5. Luke's gospel omits Thaddaeus. Instead he lists a disciple, the son of James, who shared the same name as the one who betrayed Jesus. (Luke 6:16)
- 6. This disciple was from Bethsaida in Galilee. (John 12:21)
- 7. He is known as the disciple that doubted Jesus rose from the dead. (John 20:24)
- 10. This disciple was a tax collector. (Matthew 9:9)

God loves you!!!

Comparative Production

● 2024



Solar Update

In August of 2023, our Alliant energy bill was \$465.00. In August of 2024 our bill was \$21.11. Thanks to Jon Twing, treasurer, for providing this information.

Environmental Benefits

CO2 Emission Saved
24,266.7 lb

Equivalent Trees Planted
183



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Sunday School

with Bethany Lutheran Church

Preschool - Grade 2

SUNDAY MORNINGS
8:30 - 9:15 AM

September 8	November 17
September 22	November 24
September 29	December 1
October 6	December 8
October 20	December 15
October 27	
November 3	

*Last class until mid-Jan.

No class dates:
9/15, 10/13, 11/10



BECAUSE OF WHO GOD IS

Thanks to who God is, we can talk to him in prayer.

Directions: Unscramble the descriptions of God, using the Bible references as clues. Then write the circled letters below to complete Psalm 109:26, NIV

Psalm 145:8	SGAICURO	<input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _
Job 36:5	HGIYMT	<input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _
Psalm 90:2	LTAVREENISG	_ _ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _
2 Peter 3:9	INETTPA	_ _ _ _ _ <input type="checkbox"/> _
1 Thessalonians 5:24	FUFHIATL	<input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _ _ _
Isaiah 40:25	OYHL	_ <input type="checkbox"/> _ _ _

Help me, Lord my ___od;
save ___e ___ccording ___o
your un___ailing l___ve.

Psalm 109:26, NIV

Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) Sunday

Sunday October 27th
9:30 AM Worship

Arik Marsh

*For all you who were baptized into Christ have clothed
yourself with Christ. Galatians 3:27 (NIV)*

FAITH FORWARD FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

WHEN

**WED. OCTOBER 9
6-7:30 PM**

Fellowship Hall

**PARENTS, MENTORS,
GRANDPARENTS,
CHILDREN & YOUTH**

WHO

WHAT

**WALKING TACOS
& FAMILY FAITH
ACTIVITIES**

SOCKTOBER

Bring a new, packaged pair of
socks that will go to Shelter House.

BRING



RSVP ONLINE



**OR AT FAITH FORWARD
TABLE**



Who is the primary influencer for your children's faith?
You are!



FREE WORKSHOPS!

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Triple-A-Adult Mentors



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Grandparent Workshop
<https://tinyurl.com/y3an5ju8>

Parent Workshop
<https://tinyurl.com/yc52ej8e>

Triple-A-Adults Workshop
<https://tinyurl.com/39k2hkn9>

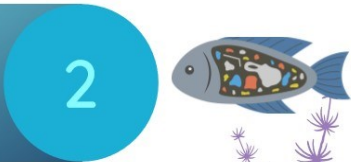
WHY SHOULD WE REDUCE PLASTIC

The Facts



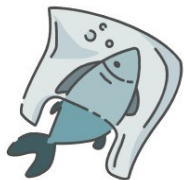
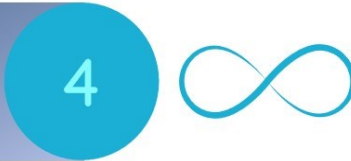
1 Plastics contain toxic additives that lead to harmful diseases

8 million tons of plastic enters our oceans each year



3 Microplastics can enter the human body through the consumption of contaminated seafood, and drinking water, posing potential long-term

Plastic can take up to 1,000 years to breakdown



5 By 2050 it is estimated there may be more pieces of plastic than fish in the oceans

THANKS FOR DOING YOUR PART!



WHAT CAN BETHANY DO TO REDUCE PLASTIC

Plastic Free Tips

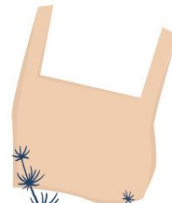


1 Bring reusable bags when shopping.

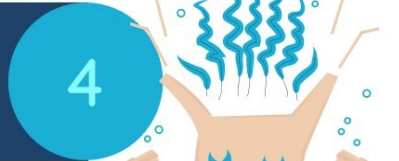
Use a reusable water bottle or canteen instead of plastic water bottles.



Avoid items that are individually wrapped in plastic.



Avoid using straws and opt for biodegradable or reusable straws instead.



Bring your own cup.



Choose glass or metal items instead of purchasing plastic





“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday





October Sunday Bible Readings

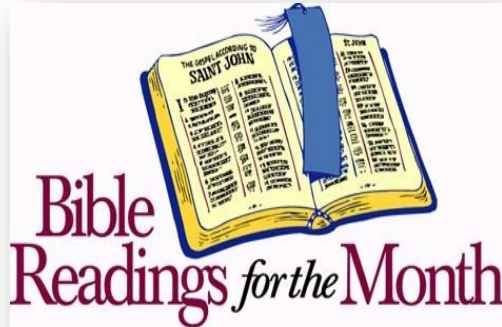
The passages below are the assigned readings for October. You can click on each reading and bhe passage on "[Bible Gateway](#)."
May this be one more way we can hear and study the word of God.

October 6

[Genesis 2:18-24](#)
[Psalm 8](#)
[Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12](#)
[Mark 10:2-16](#)

October 13

[Amos 5:6-7, 10-15](#)
[Psalm 90:12-17](#)
[Hebrews 4:12-16](#)
[Mark 10:17-31](#)



October 20

[Isaiah 53:4-12](#)
[Psalm 91:9-16](#)
[Hebrews 5:1-10](#)
[Mark 10:35-45](#)

October 27

[Jeremiah 31:7-9](#)
[Psalm 126](#)
[Hebrews 7:23-28](#)
[Mark 10:46-52](#)

Council Minutes on Website

www.wbbethany.org

To better communicate the approved council minutes quicker, they will now be published to our website following the council meeting. Please see the photo that shows "Council Minutes" on the menu bar on our website. Additionally, the council minutes will no longer be published in our newsletter. This will reduce the amount of paper used and postage expenditures. A link and QR code to the minutes will be in the newsletter. If you still desire a printed copy of the minutes, Paula will be happy to provide you with one.

Bethany Lutheran Church – West Branch, Iowa

Celebrating the love of Christ by reaching out to others



COUNCIL MINUTES ON OUR WEBSITE

https://wbbethany.org/?page_id=8044



SCAN ME



October 2024

View Calendar on our [website](#).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:00am Men's Study Group 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Faith Formation (Grades 3-8)	3 6:00am Women's Study 1:00pm Quilters	4	5
6 9:30am Worship (Also streamed live on Facebook) 10:30am Fellowship Hour	7	8	9 7:00am Men's Study Group 6:00pm Faith Forward Family Open House 6:15pm Choir Practice	10 6:00am Women's Study 1:00pm Quilters	11	12
13 9:30am Worship (Also streamed live on Facebook) 10:30am Fellowship Hour	14 6:30pm Council Meeting	15	16 7:00am Men's Study Group 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Faith Formation (Grades 3-8)	17 6:00am Women's Study 1:00pm Quilters	18	19
20 9:30am Worship (Also streamed live on Facebook) 10:30am Fellowship Hour	21 7:00pm WB Study Club	22	23 7:00am Men's Study Group 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Faith Formation (Grades 3-8)	24 6:00am Women's Study 1:00pm Quilters 2:00pm Crestview Worship	25	26
27 9:30am Confirmation Sunday Worship (Also streamed live on Facebook) 10:30am Fellowship Hour 5:00pm Community meal annual fish fry	28	29	30 7:00am Men's Study Group 6:15pm Choir Practice 6:30pm Faith Formation (Grades 3-8)	31 6:00am Women's Study 1:00pm Quilters		

Jesus  You!

*Thank You
to our staff*

*Employee Appreciation Sunday
October 13*

*I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart
Psalm 9:1 (NIV)*



4th Sunday Community Meal
October 27, 2024
Bethany Lutheran Church
5:00-6:00 PM

*Join us for
our annual
fish fry*



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Bethany Branches

October 2024

Ministry Assistants

Ministers of Proclamation (Lectors)

10-6 Heidi Christensen
10-13 Del Hughes
10-20 Pat Cassabaum
10-27 Paula Casper

Ministers of Technology

10-6 Dale Swenson
10-13 Dave Poppen
10-20 Paula Casper
10-27 Jill Taylor

Ministers of Hospitality

10-6 Jon & Laura Twing
10-13 Alan & Claudia Beyer
10-20 Nancy Bruns
10-27 Stacy Beyer

Ministers of Altar Care:

Kent & Beth Kaufman



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