BETHANY BRANCHES WEEKLY

AUGUST 26, 2025 www.wbbethany.org

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

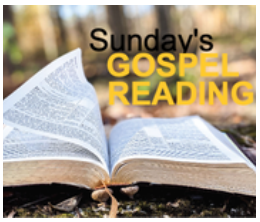
Sunday, September 7th is our annual day of service. Several activities are planned and we need plenty of volunteers to complete the various projects. Visit our website for more information. A signup sheet is located on the bulletin board near the kitchen. Thank you!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

As part of "God's work. Our hands." Sunday we are collecting school supplies for Hoover Elementary. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please visit our website.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK AUGUST 26 - AUGUST 31

8/27 Miley Shields
8/28 Jacob Langley
8/29 Judy Kaeser
8/29 Kaylea Zimmerman
8/30 Mark Snyder
8/31 Aubree Cassabaum
8/31 Aynsley Fonseca
8/31 John Grimm



GIVE GOD 10

Take 10 minutes to read Sunday's gospel and reflect on a couple questions alone or together. Access the August 31st copy now.

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COUNCIL MINUTES

Remember, council minutes can be viewed on our website. In the black menu bar on the home page, click "Council Minutes".

Visit our online calendar.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND BRUNCH

We will worship outdoors on September 14th. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, worship will be in the sanctuary. Following worship, brunch will be provided. It's sure to be a great morning to worship God and have some fantastic food and fellowship. This would be a perfect Sunday to invite a friend or neighbor.

CHOIR NEWS

The choir will resume on Wednesday, September 17th at 6:00 PM. All are invited to join. See Jill Barnhart with any questions.

WEDNESDAY FAITH FORMATION

On September 10th from 6:30-7:30 PM, youth and parents in grades 3-8 are invited to attend opening night of another year of growing in the love of Christ. We hope to see you there! See Pastor Chad or Amber Marsh with questions.

MONETARY GIFTS REPORT

July 2025	Actual	Budget
Total Gifts	$17,357	$14,808
Total Expenses	$16,314	$14,811
Net Revenue	$1,591	

Year to Date	Actual	Budget
Total Gifts	$108,766	$103,660
Total Expenses	$114,658	$103,732
Net Revenue	($4,634)	

Thank you for your faithful and generous gifts that sustain our ministries.

SEPTEMBER MINISTRY ASSISTANTS

Minister of Proclamation (Lector)
9/7 - Dave Bahnsen
9/14 - Deb Anderson
9/21 - Bruce Jeffries
9/28 - Beth Kaufman

Minister of Hospitality (Greeter)
9/7 - Al & Claudia Beyer
9/14 - Nancy Bruns
9/21 - Stacy Beyer
9/28 - Nancy Bruns

Minister of Technology
9/7 - Kevin & Darla Crosthwaite
9/14 - Paula Casper
9/21 - Jill Taylor
9/28 - Dale Swenson

Minister of of Altar Care
Del & Sue Hughes

Thanks For Your Help

Minister of Food & Fellowship
9/7 - Please sign up
9/14 - Outdoor Worship Brunch
9/21 - Please sign up
9/28 - Please sign up

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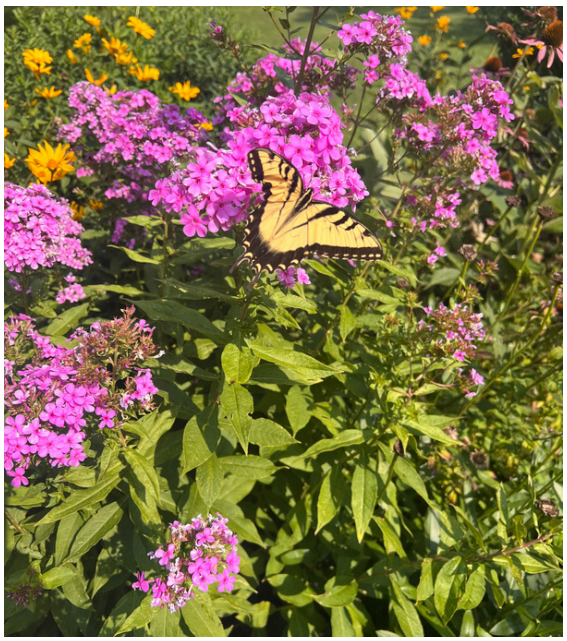

This photo was taken in the butterfly garden on the church grounds. Thanks to all who make this space beautiful and a home for God's creatures!

BETHANY WATER BOTTLES

Following the dedication of the new water fountain last Sunday, the stewardship committee distributed reusable water bottles to help reduce our usage of plastics. The new fountain includes a bottle fill station. If you were not present and would like a bottle, please see Dale Swenson or Heidi Christensen.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

NEW PRESIDING BISHOP

At the recent Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Churchwide Assembly Pastor Yehiel Curry, bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, was elected as the next presiding bishop of the ELCA. To learn more about Bishop Curry, read an article from *Living Lutheran*.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All men are welcome to attend a study of the upcoming gospel reading Wednesday mornings from 7:00-8:00 AM. Breakfast is provided.

Adult Education

WOMEN'S GROUP

All women are welcome to attend a study group Thursday mornings from 6:00-7:00 AM.

HOLY BAPTISM

On July 27th we welcomed our newest member, Guido Fonseca, as he was baptized during worship. His wife, Jessica, and daughters were his sponsors.

QUILTING GROUP

Come and quilt with a group of faithful women. They gather most Wednesdays from 12:00-2:00 PM. Quilts are donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace and the Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP).

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