

BETHANY BRANCHES WEEKLY

SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

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FAITH FORWARD FALL FESTIVAL

You're invited! Our third *Faith Forward* event, an evening of food, fun, faith, and fellowship. It will take place Wednesday, October 15 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Come and go as you are available - everyone is welcome! Faith Forward's mission is to help on-the-go families pass faith forward. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the *Faith Forward* table or confirm on the event post on our Facebook page.



FAITH FORWARD SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Each event has an area of need identified and donations sought. We will be collecting much needed items for Friends of the Animals shelter in Tipton. A wish list of items can be purchased from Amazon or Chewy. The QR codes below will take you to the wish lists. Please bring items the night of October 15 (or sooner). You may also make a monetary donation that will be used to purchase durable Kuranda beds for the animals. Donations can be made on our website (click on the "Give Now" button) or by placing them in the offering plate during worship with a note directing it is for Friends of the Animals.



Amazon Wishlist



Chewy Wishlist

thanks
for your
support

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

SEPT. 29 - OCT 5

10/1 Laura Twing
10/3 Neil Korsmo
10/3 Lynne Haub
10/4 Jan Grimm
10/4 Dylan Haub
10/5 Theodore Wiele



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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](#).

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Three youth will affirm their faith Sunday, October 26, which is also Reformation Sunday. Plan to attend and celebrate with Eli Fetzer, Addy Langley, and Hallie Fitzgerald on this special day in their journey of faith.



CHOIR NEWS

Join the choir as they rehearse Wednesdays at 6:00 PM. All are invited to join. See our Choir Director, Jill Barnhart with any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

PreK-Grade 2 October Schedule

Class Time: 8:30-9:15 AM

- October 5
- October 12
- October 19
- October 26 (No class)



WEDNESDAY FAITH FORMATION

Grades 3-8 October Schedule

Class Time: 6:30-7:30 PM

- October 1
- October 8
- October 15 (Faith Forward Fall Festival)
- October 22 (No Class - PT Conferences)
- October 29

MONETARY GIFTS REPORT

August 2025	Actual	Budget	Year to Date	Actual	Budget
Total Gifts	\$12,904	\$14,808	Total Gifts	\$121,670	\$118,468
Total Expenses	\$13,338	\$14,806	Total Expenses	\$127,352	\$118,538
Net Revenue	(\$434)		Net Revenue	(\$5,862)	

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

SEPTEMBER MINISTRY ASSISTANTS

Minister of Proclamation (Lector)

- 10/5 - Beth Kaufman
- 10/12 - Cheryl Boerjan
- 10/19 - Del Hughes
- 10/26 - Pat Cassabaum

Minister of Hospitality (Greeter)

- 10/5 - Al & Claudia Beyer
- 10/12 - John & Linda Black
- 10/19 - Nancy Bruns
- 10/26 - Patsy Ernst

Minister of Technology

- 10/5 - Kent Kaufman
- 10/12 - Daven Poppen
- 10/19 - Darla & Kevin Crosthwaite
- 10/26 - Paula Casper

Minister of Altar Care

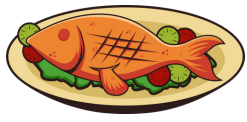
Dave & Kami Poppen

Thanks For Your Help

Minister of Food & Fellowship

- 10/5 - Stacy & Asher
- 10/12 - Please sign up
- 10/19 - Please sign up
- 10/26 - Please sign up

Visit our [online calendar](#).



ANNUAL FISH FRY

Join us for the annual fish fry on Sunday, October 26 at 5:00 PM.

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

Click on the images below to be taken to the website of a few of our ministry partners.



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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.



BETHANY WATER BOTTLES

The stewardship team still has some water bottles left. If you haven't got one, please see Heidi Christensen. There are also a few sitting near the refrigerators in the kitchen. Feel free to take one.



GIVE GOD 10

Take 10 minutes to read Sunday's gospel and reflect on a couple questions alone or together. Access [upcoming copies](#) now.

You are loved

WOMEN'S GROUP

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

QUILTING NEWS

Following the blessing of the quilts during worship September 14, seventeen quilts were delivered to the *Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP)*, serving Johnson and Cedar counties. These quilts will offer warmth and comfort to individuals and families impacted by domestic violence.

In addition, three quilts were given to *Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP)*, an organization that provides free beds for children and youth who do not have one of their own. This past Sunday, SHP installed three new beds in our community. The children that received them were overjoyed to finally have a place to sleep of their own.

One quilt at a time, we are making a difference in people's lives. Thanks to our faithful quilters and to all who support this ministry through your financial gifts. Together, we are extending God's love into the community in very tangible ways.



See our [website](#) for additional photos.

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