

BETHANY BRANCHES WEEKLY

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Newsletter

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Bethany Lutheran Church
(ELCA) West Branch

God's work.
Our hands.

PHOTO SLIDESHOW

Click [here](#) to view a short slideshow of photos from God's work, our Hands Sunday on September 13th on our [YouTube](#) channel or [website](#).

BIRTHDAYS

SEP 28 - OCT 11

9/28 Janice Fitzgerald
10/1 Laura Twing
10/3 Neil Korsmo
10/3 Lynne Haub

10/4 Jan Grimm
10/4 Dylan Haub
10/5 Theodore Wiele
10/10 Vicky Kimpe

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council minutes can be viewed on our [website](#). In the black menu bar on the home page, click "[Council Minutes](#)".

Visit our online [calendar](#).

MINISTRY PARTNERS

Stay up to date with some of our partners in ministry below.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY



Check out the ministry at the University of Iowa on their [website](#).

LUTHERAN SERVICES IN IOWA (LSI)

Visit the [website](#) of LSI to learn more and stay up to date on this ministry partner.



SYNOD UPDATES



Southeastern Iowa
— SYNOD —
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Stay informed about events and happenings within the Southeastern Iowa Synod by subscribing to their [weekly newsletter](#).



Evangelical
Lutheran
Church in America

ELCA UPDATES

Stay up to date with happenings in the ELCA by visiting their website at www.elca.org

MONETARY GIFTS REPORT

Submitted by Nancy Bruns, Treasurer

Aug 2026

Gifts
Total Expenses
Net Revenue

Actual	Budget
\$13,197	\$16,099
\$14,655	\$16,011
\$(1,457)	

Year to Date

Total Gifts
Total Expenses
Net Revenue

Actual	Budget
\$128,464	\$128,792
\$134,685	\$128,199
\$(6,220)	

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

[Give Online Now](#)

OCTOBER MINISTRY ASSISTANTS

Minister of Proclamation (Lector)

10/04 Cheryl Boerjan
10/11 Pat Cassabaum
10/18 Paula Casper
10/25 Phil Hougen

Minister of Hospitality (Greeter)

10/04 Beth & Kent Kaufman
10/11 Howard & Terry Moss
10/18 Dave & Kami Poppen
10/25 Stacy Beyer

Minister of Technology

10/04 Paula Casper
10/11 Jill Taylor
10/18 Dale Swenson
10/25 Dave Poppen

Minister of Altar Care

Dave & Kami Poppen

We are always looking for additional ministry assistants. Contact Heidi to be added to the list.


*Thanks For
Your Help*

Minister of Food & Fellowship

10/04 Jill Taylor
10/11 Heidi Christensen
10/18 Opportunity to assist!
10/25 Opportunity to assist!

*If you can help,
sign up in the Great Hall.*

FAITH FORMATION:
GRADES 3-8

You are Loved!  **October 7 & 28** *Bring a friend!*

 **GATHER.**  **GROW.**  **GO.**
In Christ.

 **Meal Served:**
6:00 - 6:20 PM

 Large group activities.
Small group breakout
and lesson.
(Grades 3-5 and 6-8)

 **Ending time:**
7:30 PM

Faith Forward Text Ministry

Twice each month, beginning October 13, you will receive a short text with a simple practice you can share together as a family, with grandchildren, or individually.

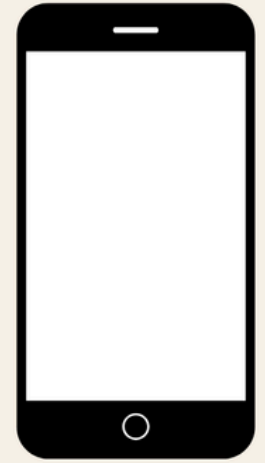
Short. Simple. Just small moments that help faith grow in Christ.

Sign up today! Use the QR Code.

Or use this link: <https://tinyurl.com/rs8r7kv>



You are loved!



ff Faith Forward
families passing faith on

Sunday School



Pre K-Second Grade **8:30 - 9:15 AM** **October 18, November 1, 15 & 29**



Bethany Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Community FISH FRY



 **October 25 at 5:00 PM**

All are welcome!

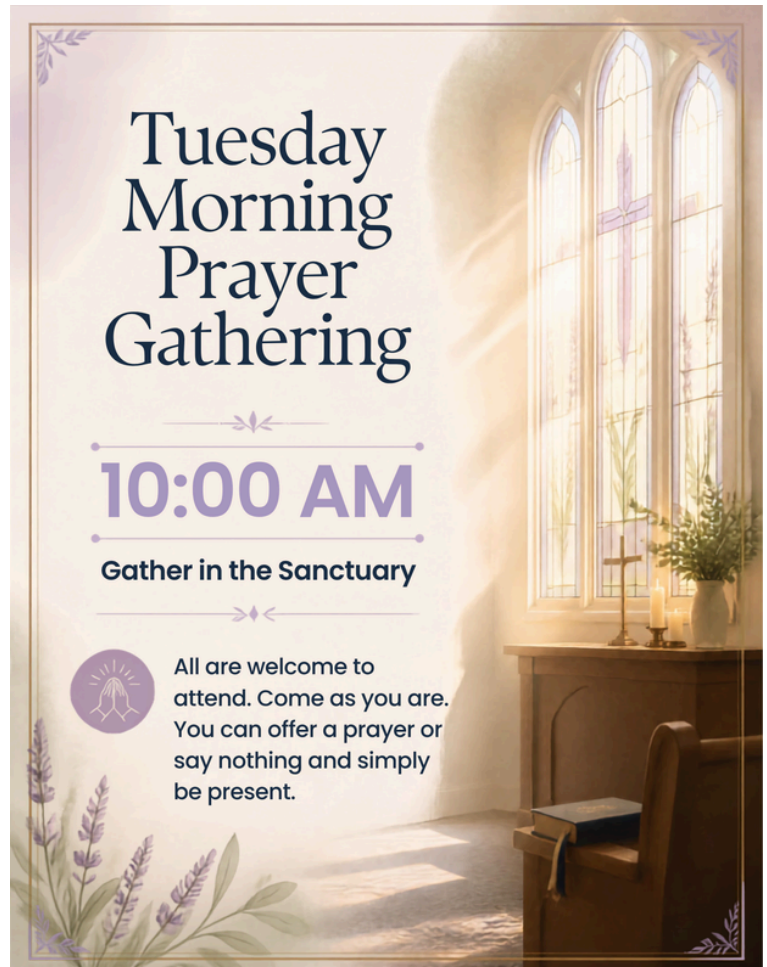
Tuesday Morning Prayer Gathering

10:00 AM

Gather in the Sanctuary



All are welcome to attend. Come as you are. You can offer a prayer or say nothing and simply be present.



Beyond Sunday

Continue your walk with Christ throughout the week. These simple practices can help.

On the Way

A weekly God pause with Scripture, a conversation prompt, and prayer.



Open On the Way



Give God 10

Spend ten minutes preparing your heart for Sunday worship. Read. Pray. Reflect.



Open Give God 10

Explore more ways to grow in Christ this week under **Beyond Sunday** on our website.

Choir Practice

Wednesday Evenings
6:00 PM

All are welcome!

Come and Quilt



Thursdays from
12:00 - 2:00 PM

Women's Bible Study Group



Every Thursday
at 6:00 AM

Bible studies, book studies,
and time together.

All are welcome!

Men's BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY



Every Wednesday
at 7:00 AM

All are welcome!

Discussion of the upcoming Sunday gospel.

You don't need to be a biblical scholar.
Come as you are and enjoy the food, fellowship,
and time in God's word.