



Bethany Lutheran Church

Bethany News

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From the Pastor

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Dates to Remember:

HOLY COMMUNION: 1/2, 1/13, 1/16

This Year Do What God Says

If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land;
Isaiah 1:19

In the eleventh century, King Henry III of Bavaria became tired of his responsibilities as king, the pressures of international politics, and the mundane worldliness of court life. He made an application to Prior Richard at a local monastery to be accepted as a contemplative and spend the rest of his life in prayer and meditation. Prior Richard responded, 'Your Majesty, do you understand that the pledge here is one of obedience? That it will be hard, since you have been a king?' Henry said, 'I understand. The rest of my life I will be obedient to you, as Christ leads you.' Prior Richard said, 'Then I will tell you what to do. Go back to your throne and serve faithfully in the place where God has put you.' After Henry died, this statement was written in his honor: 'The king learned to rule by being obedient.' Today, and every day, you have these decisions to make: 1) Live by your own impulses, or live according to the instructions God has given you in His Word. 2) Go according to your own best thinking, or submit yourself to the rule and the leading of the Holy Spirit who lives within you. When you think about it, the answer is clear! Obeying God leads to peace, progress, protection, and promotion. His Word says,

'If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.' Note the words '*willing and obedient*'.

Obedience is an act of your will, not a reflex of your emotions. So this year – do what God says, for He has 'good' things in mind for you.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, help me be willing and obedient and trust Your leading for my life this year. In Jesus' Name, Amen

Who's who at Bethany Lutheran



STAFF

Rev. Rod Krueger - Pastor

Violet Schmitz - Secretary

John Schroeder - Custodian

Betty Hoover - Organist

Roxanne Megna - Organist / Contemporary Band Leader

ELDERS

Bob Koehler, Wayne Owen, Dan Thorson, Joe Kamien, Scott Schupbach

COUNCIL LEADERS

Bob Wendt - Properties

Bob Koehler - Elders

Kris Popp - Family Ministries

Lisa Offerman-Cooley - Finance

Bruce Frederick - President

Cheri Rietveld - Secretary

Please pray and consider becoming part of the leadership of Bethany. We are going to be in need of many positions coming in the New Year. If you feel led to become a part of the Church Council, please contact the church office.

A PRAYER FOR FUTURE LAY LEADERS

Our Church Council will experience significant vacancies in its leadership positions at the end of this year. The President, Vice –President, Secretary, and Board Directors for Family Ministry, Church Properties and Evangelism will be vacant. At a past Council meeting, it was decided the place to start with this challenge is to pray deliberately about our needs and ask God for His help and guidance.

Jesus himself said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."(Luke 10:2)

We Pray: Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank you that the harvest is indeed plentiful. We need more 'workers' Lord, lay leaders that will, by your grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, assist Bethany in moving forward faithfully and energetically into your preferred future.

Christ Jesus, head of the church, raise up from among our members, lay leaders to bring vision and vitality to your body of Christ at Bethany. Grant us the grace to identify those in our midst you are calling, courage to name their gifts, and opportunities to gently nurture and support their discernment.

God of mercy. Receive our prayer. Amen

January Birthdays

Mallory	Raether	January 01	Karen	Eiting	January 16
Bonnie	Schubach	January 01	Shelli	Fox	January 18
John	Van Den Heuvel	January 01	Patrick	Karle	January 19
Ross	Jokipii	January 02	Alexis	Alf	January 20
Kathy	Hooyman	January 05	Cassidy	Van Epps	January 20
Victoria	Verhagen	January 05	Rod	Krueger	January 21
Sara	Raether	January 06	Juanita	Harder	January 22
Gina	Rauen	January 06	Kathie	Landro	January 23
Melvin	Tolliver	January 06	Gail	Wians	January 23
Kay	Gast	January 08	Ashley	Haen	January 24
Brandon	Krueger	January 09	Benjamin	Krueger	January 24
Gerald	Maki	January 09	Raymond	Schmoeker	January 24
Henry	Teeters	January 09	Rebecca	Reffke	January 25
Anthony	Megna	January 10	Lena	Teeters	January 25
James	Schoening	January 10	Susan	Skolos	January 26
Cynthia	Niesen	January 11	Robert	Pahl	January 28
Ken	Fink	January 13	Clifford	Fiestadt	January 29
Danelle	Klaver	January 13	Verna	Hibbard	January 29
Sandra	Walker	January 13	Emily	Schraufnagel	January 29
Richard	Driessen	January 14	Lydia	Woelfel	January 29
Casimir	Van Stiphout	January 14	Lennetta	Baarts	January 30
Jon	Broehm	January 15	Alex	Buchinger	January 30
Erika	Fuhrman	January 15	Cindy	DuFrane	January 31



January Anniversaries



Bob and Barb Wendt	January 01
Kay Verboomen	January 06
Dennis and Jacquelyn Pederson	January 08
Rev. Michael and Jill Botsford	January 16
Anthony and Roxey Megna	January 16
John and Carol Hewett	January 21
Matt and Jenna Kleinke	January 24
Tom and Rita Nagan	January 28

MONTHLY “FINANCIAL UPDATE” **NOVEMBER 2021**

REVENUE: BUDGET \$18,696 ACTUAL \$18,200 DIFFERENCE -\$ 496

EXPENSES: BUDGET \$18,696 ACTUAL \$16,524 DIFFERENCE -\$ 2,171

MONTHLY REVENUE TO EXPENSES: +\$1,676

YTD REVENUE BUDGET: \$205,656 ACTUAL \$213,505 DIFFERENCE +\$7,849

EXPENSES: BUDGET \$205,656 ACTUAL \$177,645 DIFFERENCE -\$28,011

YEAR TO DATE (YTD) REVENUE TO EXPENSES: +\$35,860

BETHANY’S “GOOD SMARITAN FUND”: Based on a recent request by one of our members to our Elders for assistance in an emergency financial need, the Church Council in October approved a budgeted line item in the 2022 Budget called the “Good Samaritan Fund”. For the 2022 year, \$1,200 has been set aside to assist any member with an unexpected financial emergency. We could list a lot of examples but it is an expense that causes a normal budget to have an immediate and severe hardship. Contributions to this Fund have already been received to enlarge the amount available and others can contribute as well. Any request for assistance will be kept confidential and should be brought directly to Pastor Rod or one of our Elders. Thank you.

Elders for January

Thurs. 6:30pm: Wayne Owen

Sun. 7:45am: Joe Kamien

10:00am: Scott Schupbach



Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

The suggested donation items for January are olives, canned mushrooms and deodorant

The collection box is located at the bottom of the balcony stairs. Thank you for your generosity.



On October 16th, there was a well attended 2022 Planning Workshop. The below plan is what came from that workshop. Thank you all who attended and helped with this plan.

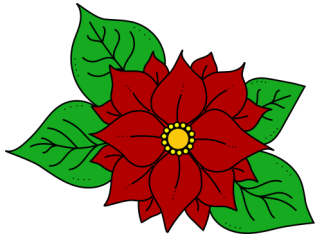
“2022 Plan” for Bethany Lutheran Church Using Five Key Strategic Areas of Focus

- 1). Listen and Respond: “Increase our efforts to reach and to connect with our congregation via enhanced communications.”**
 - a). Develop and implement a social media strategy and plan in 2022.**
 - b). Define the “Care Ministry” program and implement it in 2022.**
 - c). Have a presence at local events in the community with identity materials such as farmer’s market, brat fries, and other possible venues.**
 - d). Regular planned contact with members using email/texting with set format.**

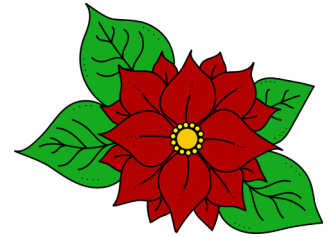
- 2). Connect and Engage: “Provide opportunities for building meaningful relationships between members and those in the greater community.”**
 - a). Conduct two planned prayer events in 2022.**
 - b). Conduct regular cookouts for members and community in 2022.**
 - c). Host a Christmas gift wrapping event prior to Christmas 2022.**
 - d). Plan and implement a “Greeter Program” for worship services.**

- 3). Grow and Become: “Provide consistent faith building programs for all ages of the congregation”**
 - a). Sponsor bible studies and/or topical speakers focused on issues important to parents of children in our congregation and community.**
 - b). Develop a “Communication Plan” for all Family Ministry activities.**
 - c). Develop and implement an “Online Bible Study” process.**

- 4). Serve and Disciple: “Sponsor various service and mission projects within our greater communities.”**
 - a). Plan and implement a mission project for Victory Lutheran Church.**
 - b). Sponsor a “Youth Mission Trip: in 2022.**
 - c). Plan and implement a “Week of Service” volunteering at local not for profits organizations serving our communities.**
 - d). Establish a “Helping Hands Group” in our congregation to assist members in need.**



Christmas 2021 Memorials



To the Glory of God

From

Barb Dishno, Bruce & Linda Frederick, Dennis & Jackie Pederson, Marilyn Riemer, Mickey & Sherry Thompson

From:..... In Memory of:

- Gordy & Mary Ann Anderson..... Norval & Jennie Anderson; Al & Ann Van Lith; Doris Anderson
- Wilma Allwardt..... Kenneth & Richard Allwardt
- Pat & Shirley Bayorgeon..... Len & Elaine Jones
- Joan Borg & Family Dennis, Art & Bernice, Eugene Borg; Elzear & Ellanora Petersen
- Judy Borg & Family..... Mike Borg & other family members in Heaven
- Marvin Braun..... Amy Braun
- Shirley DeWitt & Nancie Sprangers . Mr & Mrs Ernest Klitzke; Mr & Mrs Martin DeWitt, David, Dan DeWitt; Donal Klitzke; Ester Ciske
- Norbert Fuhrman & Erika Altmann..... Irene Fuhrman & Karl Altmann
- Jeff & Julie Gerrits Ted, Leo & Lillian Gerrits
- Verna Hibbard, John & Mike George Hibbard
- Gail Jahnke Families of Jahnke & Hofmann
- Jenna & Matt Kleinke & Siblings Isaac Britzke
- Ron Margelofsky Family Sue Margelofsky
- Jerry & Candy Maki Oliver, Lillian & Bruce Maki
- Richard Pomeroy Samuel & Irene, Clifford & Nancy, Irvin, Sonny Pomeroy; Elaine & Len Else; Shirley & Dick Longsine
- John & Stacey Prodoehl..... Bonnie Prodoehl, Bertha Cook, Ed Urban
- Jean St Arnold; Les & Nancy Ruen..... St Arnold & Ruen Families
- Joel & Mary Sweetalla & Family James, Mary, Richard, Donald Stein; Delvin & Bernice Sweetalla
- Sharon & Joe Van Domelen, Amy & Terry Stingle, Jane & Mark Stenz..... John & Delores Wald, John W Wald
- Phyllis Toonen & Family..... Robert G Toonen
- Barb & Bob Wendt..... Bud Wendt, Tim Wendt; Jerome Uitenbroek
- Sandy Wickesberg Gerald Wickesberg; Art & Bernice, Eugene, Arthur, Mike, Dennis Borg; Maribeth & Gary Roehrborn
- Robert & Sharon Wierschke Our parents, our grandchildren & baby sister
- Joyce Wilz..... Leo Wilz

Bethany Quilters

The Bethany Quilting group meet the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month in the Martha room in the church basement, from 1pm to 3:30pm. Since May of 2005 we have made and given away over 667 quilts. Our quilts go to the Salvation Army, Harbor House and Pillars. We have given quilts to Rawhide Boys Ranch and Victory Lutheran church in Gwinn, Michigan. More sewers are needed to sew squares together to make quilt tops, this can be done on your time schedule at home. Come check us out and consider joining the group. We are always in need of quilt batting, material and sheets (full size and larger. Bring these to the Martha room at the foot of the basement stairs. Please consider helping meet the needs of many in our community. There will also be a basket by where we have the collection plates for monetary donations towards quilting. Call Joyce (920-766-1273) with any questions.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Did you know that Bethany has a Prayer Shawl Ministry? Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to join us? We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon outside the church's office. Our ministry was started on April 10, 2010. The purpose is to give these shawls to Bethany's church members only or those Bethany member's family and close friends dealing with life's unfortunate events. Baby shawls were crocheted or knitted with the purpose of giving to members that are having their child baptized at Bethany only. Please consider joining us!

We are also collecting hats, scarves and mittens for the Fort McCoy Refugees. Please consider donating. There will be a box in the church fellowship hall to place them.

Prayer shawl will again meet on Tuesday, January 4 at Noon. There is yarn available if needed.

Daniel

Leader: Mel Tolliver

Time: Wednesdays at 6:15 PM beginning January 5th.

Room: Fellowship Hall

Materials: All materials provided.

Description: From childhood we have read and heard stories from Daniel such as Daniel in the lion's den and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace. What about the rest of Daniel? Martin Luther wrote the following concerning Daniel: "From this book we see what a splendid, great man Daniel was in the sight of both God and the world. First in the sight of God, he above all other prophets had this special prophecy to give. That is, he not only prophecies of Christ, like the others, but also reckons determines, and fixes with certainty the times and years. Moreover, he arranges the kingdoms with their doings so precisely and well, in the right succession down to the fixed time of Christ, that one cannot miss the coming of Christ unless one does it willfully...." In this course, we will explore how each chapter points to Christ and the hope Daniel offers to believers in a non-Christian society.

January 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Holy Communion 7:45AM Worship 9AM SS&Bible Class 10AM Worship 11:15AM Drive up Communion	3 1PM Bethany Quilters 6:30PM Men of Bethany	4 10AM Bible Study with Pastor 12PM Prayer Shawl	5 5:15PM Midweek Bible Study with Leann 6:15PM Midweek Youth Class 6:15PM Daniel Bible Study with Mel	6 6:30PM Worship	7	8
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community to grow
closer to Jesus.

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