



Bethany Lutheran Church

April 2024 Newsletter

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Wednesday 6 - 8 p.m

Worship Time

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

7 pm (First Sun of Month)

Sunday School

During Worship

Contact Us:

(218) 253-2589

Upcoming Dates

Sunday, April 7

9 a.m.

Immanuel with Communion

10:30 am

Ebenezer with Communion

5:30 pm

Church Council Meeting

7 p.m.

Bethany Worship with Communion

Sunday, April 14

9 a.m.

Ebenezer Worship

10:30 am

Bethany Worship

11:30 am

First Communion Class

1:00 pm

Huot Hustler 4-H Club Meeting

4:00 pm

RLF Girl Scouts

7 p.m.

Immanuel Worship

Sunday, April 21

9 a.m.

Immanuel with Communion

10:30 am

Bethany with Communion

7 p.m.

Ebenezer with Communion

Sunday, April 28

9 a.m.

Ebenezer Worship

10:30 am

Bethany Worship (Allen)

10:30 am

Immanuel Worship (Pastor)

Embracing the Hope of Easter: A Season of Renewal and Rebirth

As the blossoms of spring adorn the earth with their vibrant hues, we are reminded of the beauty of new beginnings. This Easter season, our hearts are filled with joy as we reflect on the profound significance of Christ's resurrection and the promise of redemption it brings to all who believe.

In the midst of life's trials and tribulations, Easter stands as a beacon of hope, illuminating the path to salvation and eternal life. Through the sacrifice and triumph of Jesus Christ, we are reminded of the boundless love and mercy of our Heavenly Father, who offers forgiveness and grace to all who seek Him.

As we gather in worship during this sacred season, let us embrace the transformative power of Easter and allow its message of renewal to infuse every aspect of our lives. Let us come together as a community of faith, united in our shared belief in the resurrection and the hope it brings for a brighter tomorrow.

During this Easter season, let us:

Reflect on God's Love: Take time to ponder the depth of God's love for us, demonstrated through the ultimate sacrifice of His Son. Let us meditate on the incredible gift of salvation that we have received through Christ's death and resurrection.

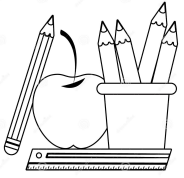
Renew our Commitment to Faith: Use this season as an opportunity to recommit ourselves to living lives of faith, love, and service. Let us strive to emulate the teachings of Jesus Christ, spreading His message of hope and compassion to all those around us.

Celebrate with Joy: Rejoice in the triumph of Easter with hearts full of joy and gratitude. Let us lift our voices in praise and worship, expressing our thankfulness for the blessings we have received and the promise of new life found in Christ.

Extend God's Love to Others: Share the love of Christ with those in need, reaching out with acts of kindness, compassion, and mercy. Let us be beacons of light in a world that is often filled with darkness, shining the love of God into every corner of our communities.

As we journey through this Easter season together, may we be reminded of the hope that is found in Christ alone. May His resurrection inspire us to live lives of purpose, faith, and joy, knowing that He has conquered sin and death and has promised us eternal life.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Easter filled with the peace, love, and hope that can only be found in our risen Savior.



EDUCATION



First Communion classes will be on **April 14th** at 11:30 a.m. under the direction of Pastor Jonathan. The celebration of First Communion is *May 5th, 2024*.

Confirmation classes resume in April!
April 3 & April 17
6-8:30 p.m.

Palm Sunday Recap

With hearts filled with gratitude, we extend our sincerest thanks to you for your generous support of our Palm Sunday fundraising events. Your contribution has made a significant difference in our mission and will go along way in supporting our youth.

As we reflect on the spirit of Palm Sunday, we are reminded of the importance of compassion, sacrifice, and service. Your willingness to lend a helping hand embodies these virtues and serves as a beacon of light in our youth community.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your invaluable support. Your generosity is a blessing, and we are truly grateful to have you partner with us in our mission.

Palm Sunday Fundraiser
Basket Raffle - \$730
Cabinet Raffle - \$405
Potato Bar Meal - \$392

THANK YOU!!!!!!!



Youth Group National Gathering News

Every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

The 2024 Gathering will take place July 16-20 in New Orleans, LA. The theme is “Created to Be,” centered on Psalm 139:14. This July, **ten youth and four adults from Bethany** will travel to New Orleans for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering.

In the coming weeks, you’ll see additional requests for specific supplies to aid in our service project donation as well as a final push to meet our monetary goal. Each trip totals \$1609.33 for hotel, airfare and registration. If interested in sponsoring a youth or chaperone, please reach out to Kale or Missy in the office.

Here is a break down of funds:

Registration	\$5,625	(Currently paid in Full)
Hotel	\$7850	(Currently paid in Full)
Airline	\$9615	
<u>Group Meals</u>	<u>\$1050</u>	
Total	\$24,140	



NEED \$1600 to meet above goals!

* More information on our journey to New Orleans can be found on the Youth Gathering page of Bethany’s website or in the Fellowship Hall.

Direct Deposit Offering

Per congressional request- Automatic contributions are available to set up with Bethany Lutheran. A form is available in the office for contributions to be automatically withdrawn with your permission. Reach out to the office for more information.

Give directly to Bethany online or via your mobile device at:

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=7270404>

*No account necessary



Bethany Prayer Chain

Have a relative or concern that you want prayers for? Just call or email us!

PRAYER BLANKETS are blessed with prayers for healing and comfort, which are believed to hold those who receive them in prayer. Contact the office if you would like one.

Happy anniversary

- 7- Darold & Linda Johnston
- 11- Mark & Peggy Gerwais
- 24- Pete & Bonnie Tydlacka

Benevolence Donation
March - Red Lake Falls
Ambulance Service

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
GENEROUSLY

Weekly Bible Studies

• The **Men's Bible Study** meets every Thursdays at 9 a.m. All men of various faiths are welcome to attend.

• **Women's Bible study** meets every Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. All women are invited to attend.

Happy Birthday

- 2- Shelby Swenson
- 5- Fred Landman III
- 6- Presley Ellefson
- 7- Arlo Rupperecht
- 10- Jeff Vigstol
- 12- Susy Herberg
- 13- Walter Anderson,
- 13- Rebecca Myhre
- 14- Amy Broden
- 14- Marvin Klipping
- 15- Greta Philipp
- 16- Janeen Brule
- 16- Blane Schmitz
- 18- Briggs Narlock
- 18- Morgan Koshenina
- 19- Abigail Seeger
- 22- Hailey Broden
- 23- George Duden
- 24- Oscar Duden
- 26- Riley Broden,
- 26- Shayla Lallier
- 27- Ashley Lewis
- 29- Shawn Casavan
- 30- Josh Miller



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: We need two delegates to represent :
: Bethany at the Synod Assembly! :
: If interested, please contact the office :
: to get registered as soon as possible! :
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Conference Spring Gathering's 2024

Conference 2 - April 20th - Redeemer Lutheran, Thief River Falls

NWMN SWO Annual Convention

September 20-21, 2024

Lutheran Church of Christ the King, Moorhead

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

On this day You were crucified,
On this day when You bled and died,
On this day of your riven side,
On this day which unleashed the tide
Of blood by which I'm justified
Because You pled my case and cried,
"Forgive them Father!"

On this grim day, so dark its hour,
On this "Good" day death smote with power
And took Your life amid the shower
Of spit and spite. You raised a tower—
Your Cross, Your life a seed to flower
All days since then—on this day.

So on this day I raise my voice
In praise with all who now rejoice
Because You made the Cross Your choice
And died to cancel the invoice
Of sin-debt—spent Your life for mine—
On this day.

— Jack W. Hayford

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