



Bethany Lutheran Church

October 2018 Newsletter

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Thursdays
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Worship Times
Sundays 10:00am
Wednesdays 6:30pm

Sunday School
9:00am Sept-May

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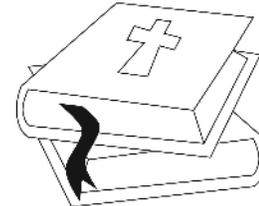
A Letter from the Council

Our council has been informed that we have a \$13,000 deficit in our giving to meet our budget at the end of summer. Please consider looking at your weekly/monthly giving and we would appreciate any additional funds that you could provide.

One option that makes giving easier on a consistent basis, is to set up with your bank an automatic withdrawal from your account at whatever time of the month that works for you.

We thank you in advance for your anticipated generosity. God's Blessing to you and your family.

Bethany Lutheran Church Council



Gideon Sunday

A representative of the Gideons will be in church on Oct. 14th to speak about their work in distributing Bibles throughout the world. Those wishing to make a contribution to the Gideons can pick up a “Gideon Envelope” out on the table in the parish hall. Envelopes can be sent in, placed in the offering plate, or handed to the Gideon representative during coffee hour.



Youth Event

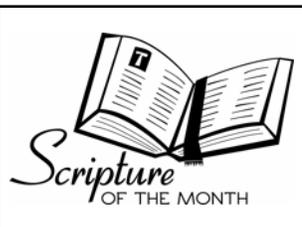
Youth group will go bowling on October 14th. Watch the bulletin or emails for more details.

No Confirmation/Sunday School

There will be no Confirmation classes on Wednesday, October 10th due to parent/teacher conferences at the school. There will be no Sunday School on October 21st for MEA break.



Welcome to our newest member Cathy Gilleland who joined last month.



“Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.”

Psalm 96:12



Just a reminder, confirmation youth need to attend Sunday School sixteen times throughout the year and hand in sixteen sermon notes. That averages out to about twice each month for both of these requirements. Please do your best to see that your son or daughter does not fall behind.

Sound System Update

Our sound board has been sent away for repairs and should be back in a few weeks. In the meantime we are using a backup system that has limited functionality, but should serve most of our needs. The malfunctions we have been experiencing might be related to a summer lightning storm that sent a surge through our system and damaged a number of computer components in our building as well as the school. Thank you to David Miller for working so hard on making repairs and diagnosing the problems. Thank you all for your patience.



An Evening in Paris!

Dress your best and join us for a relaxing evening with an elegant meal prepared by Dano Stephens of the Driftwood Grill on Sunday Oct. 28th at 5:30 pm at Bethany Lutheran. Tickets are \$20 and available from Pastor Gary or Linda Graff. Bring your phone/camera for some fun pictures at the Paris photo booth. This event is a fund raiser for Keith and Linda Axvig and their Sonshine Ministries. Much thanks to Thrivent Financial for helping fund this event through their Thrivent Action Teams.

Sonshine ministries is a group of retired people who bring food, clothing, and educational supplies to poor Mexicans living just across the border from their retirement village. In later years, they have also been involved in the building of small churches and homes (often parsonages) in the communities they minister to. Keith and Linda will be at the event and have brochures available that explain their work. They will also be accepting donations of soap, toothpaste, yarn, crochet supplies, and school supplies.



Smorgasbord

Our great meal is scheduled for Oct. 20th 4:30 – 7:30 pm. Tickets \$15 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Spread the word about this awesome meal! Delivered meals are available, just call us at 253-2589. If you have not signed up to volunteer or bring food for this event, please do so! The sign up sheets are in the parish hall.



Movie of the Month

We will be playing “I Can Only Imagine” on October 7th at 7:00 pm.



Congratulations to Seth Schmitz and Ashley Kroening who were married September 29th.



Midweek Worship

Midweek worship will begin on Wednesday evening starting Oct. 3rd at 6:30 pm and continue throughout the winter and spring. Midweek worship consists of opening and closing hymns with a message and prayers in the middle. Lasts about 30 minutes.

Worship Changes

Council discussed the recent change in our worship service (to have only one scripture lesson read); we found little opposition and strong support for continuing with the change.



- 1 – Marilyn Seeger
- 2 – Cindy Dupont, Margie Flage
- 3 – Aaron Myhre
- 4 – Mikaleena Bernier
- 5 – Josclyn Seeger
- 6 – Channing Sandberg
- 7 – Tyler Hurst
- 8 – Kelsey Landman, Cody Mead, Courtney Piersol, Travis Samshal
- 9 – Jesse Casavan
- 11 – Londyn Kuznia, Freddy Landman, Mike Seeger, Marilyn Wetenkamp
- 13 – Nancy Hofstad, Byron Wilson
- 14 – Matt Largis, Chris Matzke
- 15 – Kiera Largis
- 17 – Ava Anderson, Andrew Nord
- 18 – Lisa Jorissen
- 19 – Brooklyn Gagner, Audrina Kuznia, Ben Largis, Jace Seeger
- 20 – Derek Juhl
- 21 – Dennis Lee
- 22 – Jayson Sletten
- 23 – Renae Philipp
- 24 – Dianne Casavan
- 25 – Peggy Nord
- 27 – Ashtin Fredrickson, Tandra Landman
- 28 – Adley Gagner
- 29 – Lindsey Seng
- 31 – Marley Benoit



- 7 – Brad & Dawn Swenson
- 8 – Steve & Maureen Hams Luke & Sheila Kramer
- 10 – Gerald & Chris Van Emmerik
- 11 – Jeff & Lori Vigstol
- 22 – Todd & Lynelle Doyle David & Peggy Miller
- 23 – Branden & Bobbi Narlock Mike & Cheryl Seeger
- 29 – Gerald & Marion Bjorgan



Women of Bethany News

Our Women of the ELCA NW Minnesota Synod Fall Conference 2 Gathering will be Saturday, October 6th, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls. This year's theme is " I Love to tell the Story". Guest speakers: Briana Ingraham from Red Lake Falls, telling her story on how she came to be in Red Lake Falls. LaVonne Forsberg, local artist, will tell about designing the stain glass windows at Redeemer Lutheran Church. LaVonne also designed our stain glass windows at Bethany! Registration is from 8:30-9:00 am. Cost is \$10.00. If you would like to go, we will be meeting 8:00 am at Bethany or if you need a ride, please call Kathy M 253-4458 and I can arrange to pick you up!

The next meeting of WELCA is scheduled for October 17th. The board will meet at 6:30pm with the general meeting at 7:00pm. All Bethany women are invited!

On the third Wednesday of each month we have our monthly WELCA Meeting. Did you attend? Did you know that YOU are a member? WELCA stands for Women of the ELCA! That's us! We are also known as THE WOMEN OF BETHANY! If you are a confirmed, female member of Bethany Lutheran, then you ARE a member. And, we need you!

Do you know what the Women of Bethany have accomplished over the years? We have provided thousands of quilts to impoverished countries, along with Health kits, School kits, Layettees, rolled bandages, Bible Camp and Youth Group fundraisers and many other things. Our members have served a multitude of funerals of both members and non-members.

We have raised funds for Sunday school supplies and décor, Kitchen remodeling, furnace repair and replacement, mortgage payments, furniture, stoves, for inside the church and donated funds to organizations such as VIP, Food Shelf, Cancer Research, Missionary support, Thankofferings, the Friendship fund, Fair Hills Women's Retreat, Cluster Meeting, NW MN Synodical Support, Northwood and Clearwood Homes, Concordia College Scholarship Funds, Pathways Bible Camp, Covenant Players, Peter Eide and the list goes on and on.

Where do we get this money? Why, it comes from attendance and donations at Circle Meetings, WELCA Meetings, Women's Retreats, Walk thru Bethlehem, Spring Tea's, Father and Daughter Banquets, Lefse sales and again the list goes on and on. So the big question is. Will WELCA continue to exist as a part of Bethany Lutheran Church?

We cannot exist without YOU! Whether you attend, or become an officer or just be a willing volunteer, we can't continue without YOU! So, again the question is.....We SHALL continue, but again, We need you!....Let us hear from you! You can contact any of the current officers including Allison Lacina, Peggy Nord, Christine Van Emmerik, Kathy Murphy, Sandy Bertilrud, Sheila Reich or DeAnn Leines.



The minutes for the Bethany Lutheran Church Council are posted on our website when available. Find them at <https://www.bethanylutheranrlf.com/church-council.html>



Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets on Thursdays for breakfast at 7:30am followed by Bible study from 8 till 8:30 am. All men are welcome!

Women's Breakfast and Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets for breakfast on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 am. The Bible study begins at 8 and goes till 9:00 am. All women are invited.



You are Hard to Contact!

Please let us know what your preferred mode of contact is and how to get hold of you. Cell phone, land line, text, email, smoke signals, etc. Help keep our contact records up to date. You can email us at bethanylutheranrlf@gmail.com, or leave as message on the answering machine.



Operation Christmas Child Coming Soon

Collection for Shoe Box gifts will begin soon. Watch for information in the coming weeks in our bulletins and on our website. The deadline for donations is November 14th.





Updates to the Directory

We've made some minor updates to the Bethany Lutheran Church Member Directory. Please update your books with the following information. Alternatively, send us an email or let Destiny know if you'd like updated pages printed and put in your church mailbox.

1. Gagner, Jesse & Lindsey – Update address to 702 Stevens Ave NE, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
2. Gilleland, Cathy – Add new member (new sheets available in parish hall)
3. Hovland, Tom & Lacie – Add child: Gemma, birthday Jan. 10
4. Kuznia, Jarvis & Destiny – Add child: Elliot, birthday Jan. 9
5. Lee, Shawn & Havie – Remove (moved)
6. Sundberg, Spencer & Arielle – Correct Quinn's birthday to November 29; add Spencer's phone 218-820-9432

Dial A Ride

Dial A Ride Transportation will begin October 4th. Rides are available Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00am to 5:00pm within the city limits for senior citizens or disabled (but ambulatory). Cost is \$2 round trip. Call 253-2022 the day before the ride is needed. A volunteer driver will pick you up and take you home again.

Grace Lutheran Church's Annual Lutefisk Supper

Saturday, October 13th from 4 to 7:30 pm at the Grygla Community Center. Serving lutefisk, swedish meatballs with gravy, real mashed potatoes, carrots, cranberries, homemade desserts. Prices are \$16 for ages 13 to adult with lutefisk or \$10 with meatballs; \$6 for ages 5 to 12; and free for preschool age. To go boxes are available.



Bethany Prayer Chain

If you wish to request prayers for yourself or a loved one, contact Pastor Gary, Marion Bjorgan, or Linda Hoffman. We'll send your request on to a team of 26 individuals who have committed themselves to praying for your need.

- Pastor Gary – 253-2589 or 253-4195
(bethanylutheranrlf@gmail.com)
Marion Bjorgan – 253-2710
(gbjorgan@gvtel.com)
Linda Hoffman – 253-2256
(lhoffman@gvtel.com)

Benevolence 2018

- January - \$500 to Fosston Christian Radio, \$500 to “Sat 7” a Middle East radio station
- February - \$1000 to Care and Share Shelter
- March - \$1000 to Bethany Youth Group, National ELCA Gathering Trip
- April - \$1000 to Lutheran Disaster Relief, aid for Syria
- May - \$1000 to Northwest Minnesota Synod
- June - \$500 to Seminary Scholarship; \$500 to National ELCA Youth Gathering Special Offering
- Further benevolence commitments are on hold until we catch up on our budget.

Electronic Newsletter

Want this newsletter sent to you via email? Zap us an email stating so at bethanylutheranrlf@gmail.com. Also, please include the above address in your email address book or your spam filter (especially the Garden Valley one) will automatically “bump” our mailings into your garbage folder. Thanks!

Bible Quiz

What word can be placed in all four blanks to complete this Bible passage?

“But just as he who called you is _____, so be _____ in all you do; for it is written: ‘Be _____, because I am _____.’”

A. righteous
B. holy
C. loving
D. merciful



Answer: B (See 1 Peter 1:15-16, NIV.)