

# Bethany Beacon

AUGUST 2018

## Adult Vacation Bible School

August 13-16

**JOY:FULLY**  
**LUTHERAN**  
1 THESS 5:16-24

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,  
give thanks in all circumstances; for this is  
the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Adult VBS will take place Monday, August 13 - Thursday, August 16, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Please join us this week to study God's word, spend time with friends from Bethany, and enjoy refreshments. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend.

Pastor Erickson will lead lessons on "Joy:fully Lutheran," a message to the Church about the challenges we face and how to face them. "Joy:fully Lutheran" is not a program, but a divinely wrought attitude, born of the Word of God which brings repentance. This message was brought to us by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you are not able to attend Adult VBS but would still like to read "Joy:fully Lutheran," please email [office.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:office.bethanycr@gmail.com) or call 364-6026 for a copy.



**Bethany**  
Lutheran Church

*Living and Sharing God's Love*

*As Bethany continues to discover new ways to Live and Share God's Love in our community, this article from our Synod website on Stewardship is worth reading. – Pastor Erickson*

When it comes to stewardship, a favorite Bible verse is the account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1–4). It's a moving account. Our Lord praises the seemingly small gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow above the abundance of gifts given by the rich, saying, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them" (Luke 21:3).

And that is usually where we stop. But the text goes on. "For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on" (Luke 21:4).

"She ... put in all she had to live on." She gave everything. She held nothing back. She trusted that the Lord who made her and all creatures, who gave her everything she had, who redeemed her from her own sin, from death, and the power of the devil, who called her by the Gospel and enlightened her with His gifts of Word and Sacrament, would continue to do this. He would provide her with all that she needed for this body and life because that is the character of the God she had.

But this is not why we give small gifts. Her gift, though it appeared small, was actually large. When we are tempted to give small gifts it is precisely because we want them to be small! We don't trust the Lord to provide for us.

We give small gifts because we lack faith in the One who created us, redeemed us, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. We give small gifts because we doubt that God will really give us what we need and desire. We give small gifts because we are not content with what God has already given.

We are not slaves, children of the slave woman, under the Old Covenant (Gal. 4). We are adopted sons of the free woman. And since we are sons, we are also heirs. And heirs receive the inheritance. For everything is already ours in Christ. And

thus, moved by the willing spirit of adoption, we do the will of God in financial matters far beyond all that done by those under the Old Covenant who were forced by legal demands.

So what have you decided to give? How do I decide what to give? Let the Scriptures be your guide.

We are to give proportionally to what we have received from God's giving to us (Luke 12:48; 1 Cor. 16:1-2, 2 Cor. 8:12). But you have not been set free to give nothing. See that you excel in the grace of giving (2 Cor. 8:7).

We are not free to live selfishly outside the Gospel, without regard for God who gives us all good gifts, without generosity for our neighbor who needs us and our gifts, without supporting the community of faith in which we live, without care for our spiritual fathers and those who teach and help raise our children in the faith, without resources for the poor and needy – in short, we are not free to live unto ourselves, hoarding what God has given us only for us.

For love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:10). And the sum of the law is this: Love God and love your neighbor (Matt. 22:34-40). We love because He first loved us. We give because He has given to us.

Luther once said, "Possessions belong in your hands, not in your heart" (LW 14:240). There is a reason your 10 fingers spread apart. With your hands you catch God's gifts for what you need and let the rest fall through your fingers to your neighbors – your family, your friends, your community, your church.

In Christ's Service,

✠ Pastor Erickson



## Thursday, August 2

9:00 am Adult Bible Study - Ad Ed Rm  
6:00 pm Human Care Meeting

## Saturday, August 4

9:00 am Holy Yoga - GA

## Monday, August 6

10:00 am Women's Small Group - Marion  
6:45 pm Trustees Meeting

## Tuesday, August 7

3:00 pm Bethany Prayer Group - Library  
5:00 pm Praise Moves - Gathering Area  
6:00 pm Evangelism - Ad Ed

## Thursday, August 9

9:00 am Adult Bible Study

## Saturday, August 11

9:00 am Holy Yoga - GA

## Sunday, August 12

12:15 pm Board of Education Meeting

## Monday, August 13

7:00 am Elders' Meeting  
9:00 am Adult Vacation Bible School  
10:00 am Women's Small Group - Marion  
6:30 pm Stephen Min. Supervision

## Tuesday, August 14

9:00 am Adult Vacation Bible School  
3:00 pm Bethany Prayer Group - Library  
5:00 pm Praise Moves - Gathering Area  
7:00 pm Council Meeting

## Wednesday, August 15

9:00 am Adult Vacation Bible School  
4:00 pm Cottage Grove Devotion

## Thursday, August 16

9:00 am Adult Vacation Bible School  
11:00 am Senior Worship

## Saturday, August 18

9:00 am Holy Yoga - GA

## Monday, August 20

10:00 am Women's Small Group - Marion

## Tuesday, August 21

3:00 pm Bethany Prayer Group - Library  
5:00 pm Praise Moves - Gathering Area

## Thursday, August 23

9:00 am Adult Bible Study

## Saturday, August 25

9:00 am Holy Yoga - GA

## Sunday, August 26

9:30 am Blood Pressure Screening  
2:00 pm Kernels Game

## Monday, August 27

10:00 am Women's Small Group - Marion  
6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed.

## Tuesday, August 28

3:00 pm Bethany Prayer Group - Library  
5:00 pm Praise Moves - Gathering Area  
7:00 pm Visually Impaired Persons Min.

## Wednesday, August 29

1:00 pm Beacon Assembly  
2:00 pm Lifetouch Directory Photos

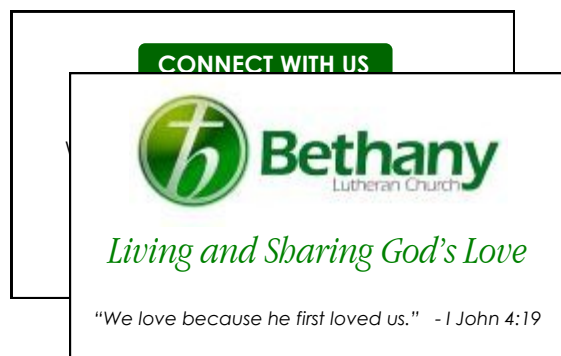
## Thursday, August 30

9:00 am Adult Bible Study  
2:00 pm Lifetouch Directory Photos

## Friday, August 31

2:00 pm Lifetouch Directory Photos

**Key:**  
**GA** - Gathering Area  
**LL** - Lower Level  
**Lib** - Library  
**FLC** - Family Life Center  
**Ad Ed** - Adult Education Room



## Connect Cards

Ever wish you could hand someone a note with information about Bethany? The Evangelism Board created Connect Cards, small cards that you can share with people you meet to invite them to Bethany and connect them to Jesus. You can find them at the Welcome Center—take as many as you would like! God will surely bless our efforts to witness to living and sharing God's love.

**Elders**

**Aug 5** Dave Dohrmann  
**Aug 12** Rick Foreman  
**Aug 19** Jim Heitland  
**Aug 26** Jim Novitch

**Ushers**

**Aug 5** 8:30 Crew #1 11:00 Crew #7  
**Aug 12** 8:30 Crew #2 11:00 Crew #8  
**Aug 19** 8:30 Crew #3 11:00 Crew #6  
**Aug 26** 8:30 Crew #4 11:00 Crew #7

**Greeters**

**Aug 5** 8:30 Lorna Fischer & Carol Grimminger  
 Mark & Julie Elias  
 11:00 Shari Mehlhoff  
 Leonard & Rita Tiedt  
**Aug 12** 8:30 Vern & Betty Happel  
 Rick & Marvelene Foreman  
 11:00 Duane & Karen Pfeffer  
 Jim & Lissa Novitch  
**Aug 19** 8:30 Dave & Kay Karsten  
 Don & Betty Hein  
 11:00 Mike & Annie Prohaska  
 Brad & Erin Crawford  
**Aug 26** 8:30 Ed & Gloria Schumacher  
 Pete & Kris Larson  
 11:00 Dick & Karen Hass  
 Karen Schmidt

**Lectors**

**Aug 5** 8:30 Rick Thorington  
 11:00 Leonard Tiedt  
**Aug 12** 8:30 Rick Foreman  
 11:00 Joel Conrad  
**Aug 19** 8:30 Ethan Myers  
 11:00 Dave Christian  
**Aug 26** 8:30 Arlen Breiholz  
 11:00 Lissa Novitch

**Video**

**Aug 5** 8:30 Jeff Gebert  
 11:00 Doug Knutson  
**Aug 12** 8:30 Julie Holt  
 11:00 Michelle Hedtke  
**Aug 19** 8:30 Greg Dunn  
 11:00 Greg Dunn  
**Aug 26** 8:30 Renee Riffey  
 11:00 Michelle Hedtke

**Acolyte**

**Aug 5** 8:30 Natalie Prohaska  
 11:00 Trae Robinson  
**Aug 12** 8:30 Lucas McCarley  
 11:00 Jaden Harris  
**Aug 19** 8:30 Jake Sturtz  
 11:00 David Jasper  
**Aug 26** 8:30  
 11:00 Keenan Diers

**Nursery (11:00 Service)**

**Aug 5** Brooke Oja, Debbie Mills  
**Aug 12** Liz & Ryan Corey  
**Aug 19** Annie Prohaska & Daughter  
**Aug 26** Lissa Novitch, Debbie Mills

**Communion Sunday Prayers**

**Aug 5** 8:30 Pete Larson  
 11:00 Sheryl Knutson  
**Aug 19** 8:30 Ronda Anderson  
 11:00 Jim Novitch

**If you would like to serve in one of these areas, please contact:**

Ushers: Steve Hanchera (857-4716)  
 Greeters: Marvelene Foreman (365-9767)  
 Lectors: Rick Thorington (360-2641)  
 Pray-er: Nurse Ronda (364-6026)  
 Video: Greg Dunn (389-4271)  
 Nursery: Nurse Ronda (364-6026)  
 Coffee: Tina Freese (329-3882)

## Thanksgiving:

Clara (infant of Matt & \*Whitney Hinz)- Baptized 7/22  
 Madix (great nephew of \*Rick Foreman)- Born 7/22  
 Owen (grand son of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Born 7/3  
 Chloe (daughter of \*Jennifer Franks)- Born 6/27  
 Jane (daughter of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Recovering after surgery  
 Helen (sister-in-law of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Stable health  
 Deb (CrossRoads staff)- Recovering after stroke  
 Vera (mother of \*Julie Elias)- Improved health  
 Sonja (aunt of \*Dave Dohrmann)- Improved health  
 Margaret (sister of \*Barb Miller)- Improved health

## Illness, injuries, health issues:

Patti (aunt of \*Ginny Urban)- Comfort and strength  
 Pete & Elaine (relatives of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Moving  
 Alichia (frequent visitor)- Recovering after surgery  
 Steve (brother of \*Linda Patten)- Health issues  
 Becky (daughter of \*Pat Krekeler)- Healing for broken wrist  
 Susan (niece of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Health issues  
 Leota (mother of \*Lori Dohrmann)- Recovering  
 Pastor Renfro (Trinity)- Health issues  
 Gus (friend of \*Myerses & \*Conrads)-Recovering after transplant  
 Mike (friend of \*Joel Knutson)- Recovering after hospitalization  
 Deb (daughter of \*Bonnie Bubke) Health Issues  
 Jeff (brother of Kim Carter)- Health issues  
 Sandy (aunt of \*Brenda Heims)- Health issues  
 Steve (friend of \*Pete Larson)- Recovering after stroke  
 Beverly (aunt of \*Brenda Heims)- Recovering after fall  
 Cecilia (sister of \*Brenda Heims)- Recovering after surgery  
 John (nephew of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Health issues  
 Ruth (friend of \*Velma Ziesemer)- Health issues  
 Bella (granddaughter of \*June Loney)- Health issues  
 David (great grandson of \*J Loney)- Health issues  
 Jennifer (daughter of \*Pat Krekeler)- Health issues  
 Rod (nephew of \*Bonnie Bubke) Parkinson's Disease

**Submit a prayer:** Email: nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com or call the church office at 319-364-6026

## Homebound members of Bethany:

\*Larry Easler- Living Center West  
 \*Rollis Deetz- at home  
 \*Harold Bern- The Villages, Marion  
 \*Pauline Marohn- Living Center West  
 \*Shirley Hansen- at home  
 \*Wayne & Darlene Schilling- at home  
 Candi Engel- ManorCare Rehab  
 \*Patty King- Crestview Acres, Marion  
 \*Ann Meyer- Keystone Cedars

## Safety:

James (grandson of \*Carol Grimminger)- Deployed  
 Tailor (grandson of \*Kim Neuhaus)- Marines  
 Alex- Serving in the Middle East

## Cancer:

Daryl (nephew of \*Bonnie Bubke)- cancer  
 Elaine (friend of \*Dave Johnson)- cancer treatment  
 Judy (godmother of \*Jim Novitch)- cancer treatment  
 Dennis Scheidt (former member)- cancer treatment  
 Joe (brother of \*Barb Lauthen)- cancer  
 Ryan (relative of \*Bonnie Bubke)- cancer  
 Pat (aunt of \*Ginny Urban)- cancer  
 Kelley (sister of \*Brad Crawford)- cancer treatment  
 Chad (son of \*Vicki Huschka)- leukemia  
 David (relative of \*Hasses)- cancer  
 Steve Godecke (former member)- cancer  
 Bonnie (friend of \*Mary Nanke)- cancer  
 Todd (friend of Katia Knutson)- cancer treatment  
 Rita (friend of \*Shirley Kellogg)- cancer

## Grief, family and friends of:

Denise (niece of \*Shirley Deetz)- Died 7/13  
 Glen (brother-in-law of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Died 7/4  
 Beverly (aunt of \*Brenda Heims)- Died 7/4  
 Norris (step father of \*Ryan Urban)- Died 6/20  
 Walt (father of \*Ryan Corey)- Died 6/6

## Local/National/World:

Victims of Hurricanes, Fires & Disasters  
 Local, State and National Leaders  
 Terrorist attacks around the world



# SUNDAY SCHOOL

Registration and Open House  
Sunday, August 26



It's time to register the kids for Sunday School and for all to see what's happening this year! Students and parents together are encouraged to come join the fun activities on August 26, and the congregation is also invited to come see what the Sunday School students will be up to this year. Registration and open house will take place in the lower level, 9:45 - 10:45.



On August 26, we will also have a Backpack Blessing during both services (8:30 and 11:00). Students who are entering preschool through college are invited to bring their backpack to church this day for a blessing. Teachers will also be commissioned on this day.

In conjunction with this event, during the month of August, the Bethany congregation is encouraged to bring in school supplies to be donated to local students in need.

## Sunday School Help

Interested in living and sharing God's love by serving the children of our congregation this year? Sunday School is in need of a few more volunteers to help make the program a success. Positions that need to be filled include a puppet show leader (9:50-10:00 a.m.) and a music station leader (10:30-10:45 a.m., approximately one per month).

If you enjoy working with children and would like to serve in this way, please contact Becky Thur or Kristi Montague at [sundayschool.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:sundayschool.bethanycr@gmail.com), or call the church office at 364-6026.



## Faith Milestones



### Toddler Bible Arrival Milestone (Age 2-3)

Classes for parents will be on September 9, 16, and 23 at 9:50 in the Adult Education Room, with a blessing event during services on September 30. Karen Swanson is the facilitator.

### 3rd Grade Bible Arrival Milestone

Classes for parents will be on September 9, 16, and 23 at 9:50 in the lower level, with a blessing event taking place during services on September 30. Karen Swalley is the facilitator.





**Sunday  
School  
2017-28  
Snapshots**

**Thank you, Sunday School teachers and volunteers, for living and sharing God's love with our children and youth!**

## **CONFIRMATION LOCK-IN**

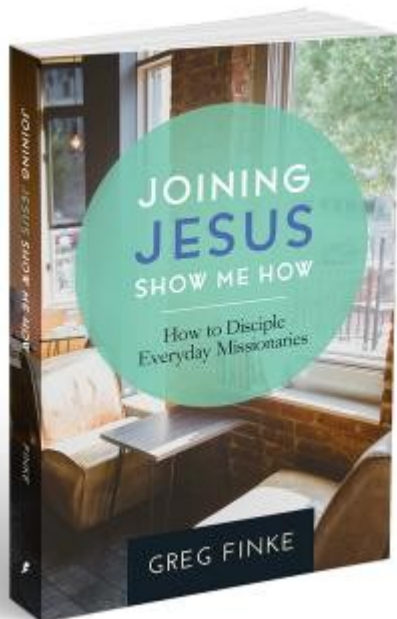
Incoming 7th, 8th, and 9th graders will have a lock-in at Bethany on Friday, July 27! Students will enjoy playing "Awesome Ball," Nerf, and other fun activities. The lock-in will start at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, and students may be picked up by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. Please bring a pillow and sleeping bag, toothbrush, Nerf supplies if you would like, and any other gear you may need to get through the night! For more information, contact Pastor Erickson at [pastor.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.bethanycr@gmail.com).

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## Joining Jesus: Show Me How

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This fall, Bethany will have a church-wide study of “Joining Jesus: Show Me How” by Greg Finke. The way Jesus discipled people is simple and results in unschooled, ordinary followers participating in the mission of the Father and discipling others to do the same. This book will help you regain the clarity and simplicity of how Jesus discipled people in the gospels so that you can disciple your children, friends, neighbors or fellow church members to get up, follow Jesus, and join him on his mission, too.



Books will be available beginning Sunday, August 12 and each Sunday until our first session on Sunday, September 9. There is no charge for one book per family. If you take a book, you are encouraged to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45-10:45 in the Family Life Center for large and small group discussion.

The Sunday morning schedule will be as follows:

September 9: Lesson 1  
September 16: Lesson 2  
September 23: Lesson 3  
September 30: Lesson 4  
October 7: Lesson 5  
October 14: Lesson 6  
October 21: Lesson 7

We hope you plan to be part of this church-wide study! Contact Nurse Ronda at [nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com) for details.

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## Family Promise

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Our congregation is learning about the opportunity to be a host congregation for Family Promise of Linn County, an organization that provides shelter, meals, and support services to families that are homeless. Family Promise partners with local faith communities to make these services possible. Partnering with Family Promise would provide the chance for all Bethany members to be involved and to live and share God’s love with people in our community.

Family Promise director John Derryberry was at Bethany on July 15 to share an overview and answer our questions about the organization. Please look for more information to come about ways to be involved with this ministry. If you have questions, you may contact Nurse Ronda Anderson at 364-6026, or [nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com).





## Lifetouch Photo Directory: August 29 - September 1

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Be included in our next pictorial directory! Lifetouch will be here at Bethany **Wednesday, August 29 through Saturday, September 1**. Photo sessions will be held in the Family Life Center 2:00-9:00 p.m. Wednesday to Friday, and 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Be sure to schedule your photography session! You can sign up online at [www.bethanycr.org](http://www.bethanycr.org) or at Bethany on Sunday mornings. There is no cost to have your picture taken, and you will have the option to purchase prints.



## Meet Me at the Stadium: Sunday, August 26

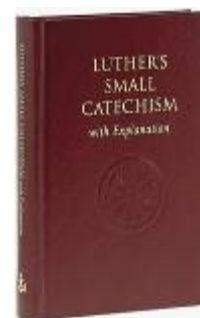
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Members of the Bethany handbell ensemble will perform the national anthem at the Kernels game on August 26. Join Bethany friends for fellowship and to enjoy handbell music and Kernels baseball! The game is at 2:05, and gates open at 1:00 p.m. Club tickets are \$8.00; please call the ticket office at 319-896-7560 to purchase. Be sure to mention "handbell" for the discounted price and request section 111.

## Christian Faith Class

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Want to know more about the basics of Christian faith and Lutheran theology? Pastor Erickson will lead a class **starting September 6**. The class will be held on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and will go through the end of October. Everyone is welcome to attend this class. At the end of the course, those who are not yet members at Bethany will be invited to join our congregation as members.



## Mid-Year Giving Statements

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A mid-year budget update letter and giving statements for January 1-June 30 are available to pick up in the hallway just outside the sanctuary. Envelopes not picked up by August 6 will be mailed.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

<b>8/1</b>	Eric Freese Marge Grovert Alex Schweer Kora Urban	<b>8/10</b>	Vern Happel Brenda Heims Pam Kaufman	<b>8/19</b>	Josh Bricker Elaine Willett
<b>8/2</b>	Dustin Bricker John Hutcheson	<b>8/11</b>	Ellen Holt	<b>8/20</b>	Nevaeh Duve Paul LeFevere
<b>8/3</b>	Brad Easler	<b>8/12</b>	Del Block Shirley Hansen Josie Hester	<b>8/23</b>	Donna Birkicht Talan Robinson
<b>8/4</b>	Gary Kaufman		Pauline Marohn		
<b>8/6</b>	Henry Lockard Angie Pfeil	<b>8/13</b>	Doreta Bogner Craig Riffey	<b>8/25</b>	Karen Pfeffer Dale Stonewall
<b>8/7</b>	Richard Hass Ed Schumacher	<b>8/15</b>	Lucas Heller	<b>8/26</b>	Matt Rinderknecht Michelle Wiersig
<b>8/9</b>	Deb Heitland Leisa Knudson	<b>8/16</b>	Mya Chamberlin		
		<b>8/17</b>	Ryne Chamberlin Carolina Rinderknecht	<b>8/28</b>	Loti Moeller
				<b>8/30</b>	Joyce Fritz Pete Larson

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

<b>8/1</b>	Mike & Cindy Goerdt Robby & Andrea Russman	<b>8/11</b>	Josie & Cleo Hester
<b>8/3</b>	Greg & Kris Dunn	<b>8/12</b>	Kenny & Ellie Smith
<b>8/4</b>	Mike & Amy Diers	<b>8/15</b>	Tyler & Kaylee Hedtke Tom & Debbie Mills
<b>8/6</b>	Dave & Lori Dohrmann	<b>8/16</b>	Joel & Katia Knutson Wayne & Darlene Schilling
<b>8/8</b>	Jim & Deb Heitland		
<b>8/9</b>	Ryan & Liz Corey		



### Thank You for Living and Sharing God's Love

Doris Pexa would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, and food from the Care Warriors, and hospitality from the congregation during her illness this year.

## Sewing Quilts for Lutheran World Relief

On July 10, the LWML Special Projects Committee tied quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Interested in contributing toward this missions effort? **The committee is in need of used sheets for quilt insides for future projects.** For information, contact Betty Happel at 393-9497 or Donna Bogner at 777-9053.



## First Aid/CPR/AED training: Saturday, September 8

First Aid, CPR, and AED training will be offered at Bethany on September 8, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. CPR stands for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, a combination of rescue breathing and chest compressions. If a person isn't breathing or circulating blood adequately, CPR can restore circulation of oxygen-rich blood to the brain. Without oxygen, permanent brain damage or death can occur in less than 8 minutes.

AED stands for automated external defibrillator. This is a portable device that checks the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm. AEDs are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest, a condition in which the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating.

CPR can save a life, so the more people that know CPR the better! Your cost for CPR training would be \$10; Bethany's Human Care Board covers the remaining costs. This training is provided by the American Heart Association. **Contact Nurse Ronda at [nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com) or 364-6026 to sign up** for this training or for more information.

### Senior Worship

Next service:

Thursday, August 16  
11:00 a.m.

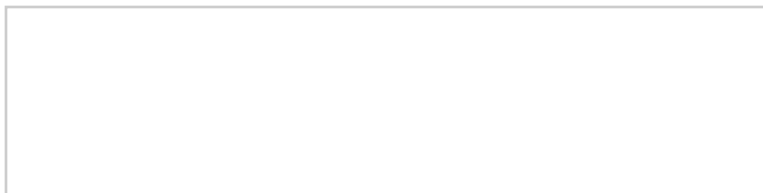
### Bethany Prayers

Do you have prayer requests? Let us know if you would like your request added to the Sunday prayer list, the email prayer chain, or both. Requests can be emailed to [prayer.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:prayer.bethanycr@gmail.com), or call 364-6026.

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*Living and Sharing God's Love*

**WORSHIP WITH US**

**Sunday Mornings**

8:30 am	Traditional Service
9:45 am	Education Hour
11:00 am	Contemporary Service

**CONNECT WITH US**

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