

# Bethany Beacon

JUNE 2019



## Vacation Bible School



June 17-20 | 6:00-8:00 pm

Register for this free VBS at [bethanycr.org/vbs](http://bethanycr.org/vbs)  
See page 6 for more information



**Bethany**  
Lutheran Church

*Living and Sharing God's Love*

*And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. – Acts 2:2-3*

This last winter I was able to purchase a wood burning insert for my home. Essentially a wood burning stove that fits into an existing fireplace, our new wood insert not only looks nice when a fire is burning in it, but can also be used to heat our entire home without running the furnace – something we did several times during this last long winter season. The challenge however, in using a wood insert to heat our home, is to keep the fire going, especially overnight. It really is quite unpleasant to wake up early in the morning, go outside in the cold to gather wood, build a new fire, and wait for the stove to heat up again so the house can warm up. (Actually, all of that is not really all that bad – the unpleasant part is the look on my wife's face when she tells me to just turn the furnace on!)

So, over the last few months, I've perfected my technique of keeping the fire going over night. When I wake in the morning there are usually just enough hot embers still burning to keep the stove hot and to allow me to get a burning fire started again. But here another problem presents itself. When I'm trying to get the fire restarted by only using a hot ember that is left from the night before, I must be very careful in how I build the fire back up. The first morning I tried this I was so excited to see the warm, red glow in the insert, I immediately dumped in several large logs thinking I would have a roaring fire in no time. Of course, what happened, is the large logs snuffed the ember out. So now, having learned my lesson, when I see the hot ember in the morning, I place some shavings from my son's pencil sharpener on the ember. When that catches, a few pieces of kindling are put on, then larger and larger pieces of wood. Soon the fire is roaring once again and the house stays warm!

This June 9, the Church around the world and at Bethany will be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost. Reading of the events on this amazing day in Acts 2, it is easy for Christians to see the Lord at

work – the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church was manifested by the sound of a mighty wind and tongues of fire. Continuing to read the book of Acts, we know that the Lord had the apostles go out and set the world “ablaze” with the Good News of Jesus.

Today, I give thanks when the Lord still works through impressive manifestations or great works of His power and love for us. For instance, the Holy Spirit working through our congregation, Concordia University in Nebraska, and upon her heart, is leading Amanda Segebart to come to Cedar Rapids this month. So, on June 9, not only will we be celebrating Pentecost, but also Amanda's installation as our new DCE Intern! Likewise, the following week the same Spirit will be leading children to Bethany for our Vacation Bible School. There, the Holy Spirit will be working upon their hearts and minds as His Word is taught to them through games, crafts, and Bible stories. This of course, is only possible by the Spirit moving our adult leaders to put in hundreds of hours of work and preparation.

But while I give thanks to the Lord for the Spirit doing the big and impressive things like the first (Christian) Pentecost in Acts 2, Amanda's installation, or Bethany's VBS, we should also remember that very often the Spirit works in less dramatic, but no less effective, ways – akin to starting a great fire with a smoldering ember. This could be a Christian sharing an encouraging word of God's love with someone who is struggling in life right now. This could be a small act of kindness, showing God's love to anyone who may have forgotten it. In short, we don't have to wait for a major celebration or program in the church to see the Spirit at work in our lives. We don't have to have any “giant logs” thrown on to what the Spirit has started. But when we live everyday with faith in Jesus and according to His will, the smallest, most simple acts may just be the wood shaving or piece of kindling that the Holy Spirit will use to create a raging fire of the Gospel in our congregation, our community, or even our own lives.

## Saturday, June 1

9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR

## Sunday, June 2

6:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study

## Monday, June 3

10:00 am Women's Group - Marion

6:00 pm LWML Board Mtg. - GA

6:30 pm Stephen Min. Supervision

6:30 pm Family Promise Mtg. - FLC

6:45 pm Trustees Meeting

## Tuesday, June 4

3:00 pm Bethany Prayer Group - Library

5:00 pm Praise Moves - GA

6:00 pm Evangelism - Ad Ed

## Wednesday, June 5

6:00 am Men's Bible Study - Breakfast

6:00 pm Human Care Meeting

## Thursday, June 6

6:00 pm LWML Salad Supper

## Saturday, June 8

9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR

## Sunday, June 9

12:15 pm Elders' Meeting

6:00 pm NYG Bible Study

## Monday, June 10

10:00 am Women's Group - Marion

6:00 pm VBS Volunteer Meeting

## Tuesday, June 11

3:00 pm Bethany Prayer Group - Library

5:00 pm Praise Moves - GA

7:00 pm Council Meeting - Ad Ed

## Thursday, June 13

9:00 am Adult Bible Study - Ad Ed

12:45 pm Stewardship Meeting

## Saturday, June 15

9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR

9:00 am VBS Set-up

## Monday, June 17

10:00 am Women's Group - Marion

5:30 pm VBS Meal - FLC

6:00 pm Vacation Bible School

## Tuesday, June 18

3:00 pm Bethany Prayer Group - Library

5:00 pm Praise Moves - GA

5:30 pm VBS Meal - FLC

6:00 pm Vacation Bible School

## Wednesday, June 19

4:00 pm Cottage Grove Devotion

5:30 pm VBS Meal - FLC

6:00 pm Vacation Bible School

## Thursday, June 20

9:00 am Adult Bible Study - Ad Ed

11:00 am Senior Worship & Lunch

5:30 pm VBS Meal - FLC

6:00 pm Vacation Bible School

## Saturday, June 22

9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR

6:00 pm Pool Party - Bever Park Pool

## Sunday, June 23

9:30 am Blood Pressure Screening

12:15 pm Board of Ed Meeting

6:00 pm NYG Bible Study

## Monday, June 24

10:00 am Women's Group - Marion

6:30 pm Stephen Min. Cont. Ed. - Ad Ed

## Tuesday, June 25

3:00 pm Bethany Prayer Group - Library

5:00 pm Praise Moves - GA

7:00 pm Visually Impaired Ministry

## Wednesday, June 26

1:00 pm Beacon Assembly

## Thursday, June 27

9:00 am Adult Bible Study - Ad Ed

## Saturday, June 29

9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR

## Sunday, June 30

6:00 pm NYG Bible Study

### Key:

**Ad Ed** - Adult Education Room

**FLC** - Family Life Center

**GA** - Gathering Area

**OR** - Opening Room

**LL** - Lower Level

## VBS Pool Party

Saturday, June 22

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Bever Park Pool

Everyone welcome!

**Elders**

<b>June 2</b>	Mark Holt
<b>June 9</b>	Dave Dohrmann
<b>June 16</b>	Jim Heitland
<b>June 23</b>	Rick Foreman
<b>June 30</b>	Jim Novitch

**Ushers**

<b>June 2</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Crew #1	<b>11:00</b>	Crew #6
<b>June 9</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Crew #2	<b>11:00</b>	Crew #7
<b>June 16</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Crew #3	<b>11:00</b>	Crew #8
<b>June 23</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Crew #4	<b>11:00</b>	Crew #6
<b>June 23</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Crew #1	<b>11:00</b>	Crew #7

**Greeters**

<b>June 2</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Ken Ambrecht Nancy Owens, Carol Grimminger
	<b>11:00</b>	Karen Swanson & Noah Chris & Leisa Knudson
<b>June 9</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Mark & Julie Elias Cherie Miller
	<b>11:00</b>	Donna Birkicht, Mary Nanke Shari Mehlhoff
<b>June 16</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Lorna Fischer Ed & Gloria Schumacher
	<b>11:00</b>	Ken & Elaine Cook Jim & Lissa Novitch
<b>June 23</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Rick & Marvelene Foreman Dave & Kay Karsten
	<b>11:00</b>	Duane & Karen Pfeffer Brad & Erin Crawford
<b>June 30</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Carol Grimminger Jason & Jodi Strait
	<b>11:00</b>	Jeff & Melinda Crow Michael & Andrea Prohaska

**Lectors**

<b>June 2</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Mark Elias
	<b>11:00</b>	Leonard Tiedt
<b>June 9</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Rick Thorington
	<b>11:00</b>	Lissa Novitch
<b>June 16</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Rick Foreman
	<b>11:00</b>	Lissa Novitch
<b>June 23</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Ethan Myers
	<b>11:00</b>	Dave Johnson
<b>June 30</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Arlen Breiholz
	<b>11:00</b>	Maren Hopkins

**Video**

<b>June 2</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Jeff Gebert
	<b>11:00</b>	Greg Dunn
<b>June 9</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Renee Riffey
	<b>11:00</b>	Michelle Hedtke
<b>June 16</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Julie Holt
	<b>11:00</b>	Doug Knutson
<b>June 23</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Jeff Gebert
	<b>11:00</b>	Greg Dunn
<b>June 30</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Renee Riffey
	<b>11:00</b>	Michelle Hedtke

**Communion Sunday Prayers**

<b>June 2</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Carol Grimminger
	<b>11:00</b>	Melissa Loney
<b>June 16</b>	<b>8:30</b>	John Hamm
	<b>11:00</b>	Lori Dohrmann

**Nursery (11:00 Service)**

<b>June 2</b>	Annie & Natalie Prohaska
<b>June 9</b>	Katia Knutson, Tracy Moffett
<b>June 16</b>	Brooke Oja, Karen Schmidt
<b>June 23</b>	Kris Dunn, Maren Hopkins
<b>June 30</b>	Melissa Loney, Debbie Mills

**Coffee**

<b>June 2</b>	Karsten
<b>June 9</b>	
<b>June 16</b>	
<b>June 23</b>	Crow
<b>June 30</b>	

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

Ushers:	Steve Hanchera (857-4716)
Greeters:	Kay Karsten (361-2017)
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:

Graduating Seniors  
Confirmed students  
Christian Mothers

## Illness, injuries, health issues:

Stephanie (friend of \*Doreta Bogner)- Health issues  
Ray (father of \*Deb Mills)- Health issues  
Olivia (daughter of \*Kristi Montague)- Recovering after surgery  
Bill (father of Kim Carter)- Cancer  
Nadine (mother of Kim Carter)- Medical tests  
Jeff (brother of Kim Carter)-Medical tests  
Connie (friend of \*Sheryl Knutson)- Rehab center  
Jennifer (daughter of \*Pat Krekeler)- Life challenges  
Barbara (mother of \*Jim Heitland)- Recovering after fall  
Lars (brother of \*Pete Larson)- Health issues  
Ron (brother of \*Gloria Schumacher)- Recovering  
Jane (daughter of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Recovering after surgery  
James (grandson of \*Carol Grimminger)- Recovering  
Jeff Mellgren- Recovering after stroke  
Steve (brother of \*Linda Patten)- Health issues  
Ryan & Hayden (relatives of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Brain disorder  
Gwendolyn- (friend of \*Karen Swanson)- Terminal illness  
Steve (brother of \*Barb Miller)- Health issues  
Susan (niece of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Health issues  
Pastor Renfro (Trinity)- Health issues  
Gus (friend of \*Myers & \*Conrads)-Recovering  
Mike (friend of \*Joel Knutson)- Recovering after hospitalization  
Deb (daughter of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Health Issues  
Steve (friend of \*Pete Larson)- Recovering after stroke  
John (nephew of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Health issues  
Ruth (friend of \*Velma Ziesemer)- Health issues  
Bella (relative of \*Melissa Loney)- Health issues  
David (relative of \*Melissa Loney)- Health issues  
Rod (nephew of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Parkinson's Disease

## Homebound members of Bethany:

\*Rollis Deetz- at home  
\*Pauline Marohn- Living Center West  
\*Shirley Hansen- at home  
\*Wayne & Darlene Schilling- at home  
Candi Engel- Garnet Place  
\*Patty King- Crestview Acres, Marion  
\*Ann Meyer- Keystone Cedars

## Safety:

Ben Venteicher (former DCE)- National Guard, Deployed  
Tailor (grandson of \*Kim Neuhaus)- Marines

## Cancer:

David (relative of \*Hasses)- cancer  
Alan (relative of \*Bonnie Bubke)- cancer  
Gene (husband of \*N Owens)- cancer treatment  
Rosemary (friend of Madsens)- cancer treatment  
Julie (friend of \*Brenda Heims)- cancer  
Janet (friend of \*Brenda Heims)-cancer  
Mary Lou (friend of \*Velma Ziesemer)- cancer treatment  
Judy (godmother of \*Jim Novitch)- cancer treatment  
Joe (brother of \*Barb Lauthen)- cancer  
Pat (aunt of \*Ginny Urban)- cancer  
Chad (son of \*Vicki Huschka)- leukemia  
Bonnie (friend of \*Mary Nanke)- cancer  
Todd (friend of Katia Knutson)- cancer treatment  
Rita (friend of \*Shirley Kellogg)- cancer

## Grief, family and friends of:

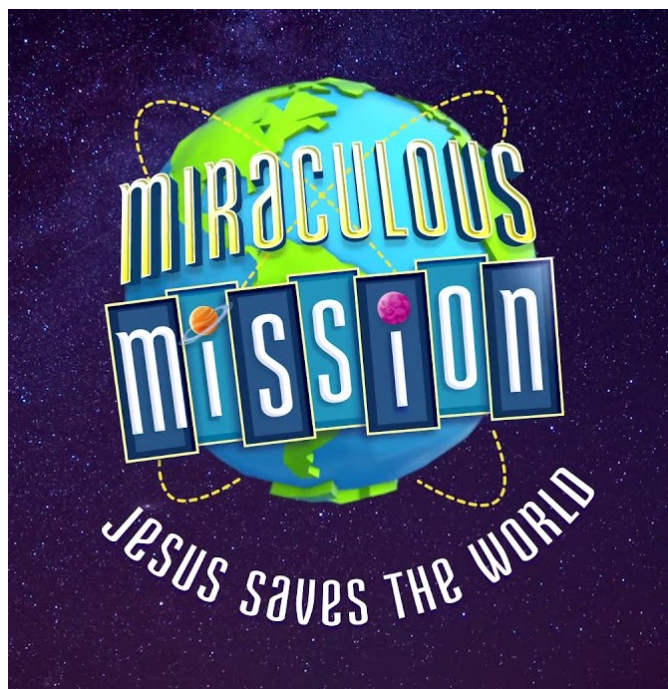
Marvel (mother of \*Mark Holt)- Died 5/19  
Bill (father of \*Kim Neuhaus)- Died 5/16  
\*Doris Pexa (mother of \*Deb Heitland)- Died 4/30  
Ruth (sister of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Died 4/19  
Lee (aunt of \*Lori Dohrmann)- Died 4/7  
Claudine (friend of \*Faye Sieck)- Died 4/6  
Gary (relative of \*Lori Dohrmann)- Died 4/5

## Local/National/World:

Victims of Floods, Hurricanes, Fires & Disasters  
Local, State and National Leaders

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





## Vacation Bible School June 17-20 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Save the date for June 17-20, 2019. Join us for Miraculous Mission VBS: Jesus Saves the World! Kids will learn about God's love for them through music, storytelling, crafts, games, and other fun activities. VBS is free and is for kids aged three years through fifth grade. It's not just for Bethany kids—be sure to invite friends, too!

We will need adult volunteers at VBS. Please find sign-up sheets outside the sanctuary to help at stations, lead kids from station to station, or help in the kitchen for the 5:30 meals.

**Register your kids at [bethanycr.org/vbs](http://bethanycr.org/vbs)**

## Vacation Bible School Dates

### Monday, June 10: VBS Volunteer Meeting

Please plan to attend this meeting if you are signed up to lead or help with stations or guide children from station to station. Kitchen helpers are welcome, but not required, to attend this meeting. Meet in the Family Life Center at 6:00 p.m. on June 10. If you are unable to attend, please contact Maren Hopkins at [office.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:office.bethanycr@gmail.com) for information.

### Saturday, June 15: VBS Set-up Day

On June 15, we will prepare areas of the building for VBS. We will decorate, hang signs, and make sure rooms are ready to go for our students. Even if you are not able to volunteer the week of VBS, your help would be welcome on this day! Set-up will start at 9:00 a.m.

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**LCMS YOUTH GATHERING | Minneapolis · July 11-15, 2019**

High school youth will attend the National Youth Gathering this July. The National Youth Gathering is a positive, life-changing experience for those who participate. Be sure to keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for this experience: Ryne Chamberlin, Nicole Deetz, Jaden Harris, David Jasper, Lucas McCarley, Patrick McCarley, Natalie Prohaska, and Jake Sturtz.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL



### Sunday, June 2

Join us in the lower level at 9:45-10:45 for an end of year Sunday School celebration.

### Summer Sunday School

Please look for information to come about summer Sunday School.



*Sunday School children sang at the May 12 services.*



## Confirmation 2019

God's blessings to Jaden Harris, David Jasper, and Trae Robinson, who were confirmed on May 26. Please keep these Bethany students in your prayers, and continue to encourage them as they grow in their Christian faith.

*Jaden Harris - Joshua 1:9*

*David Jasper - Revelation 2:10*

*Trae Robinson - Ephesians 2:8-9*





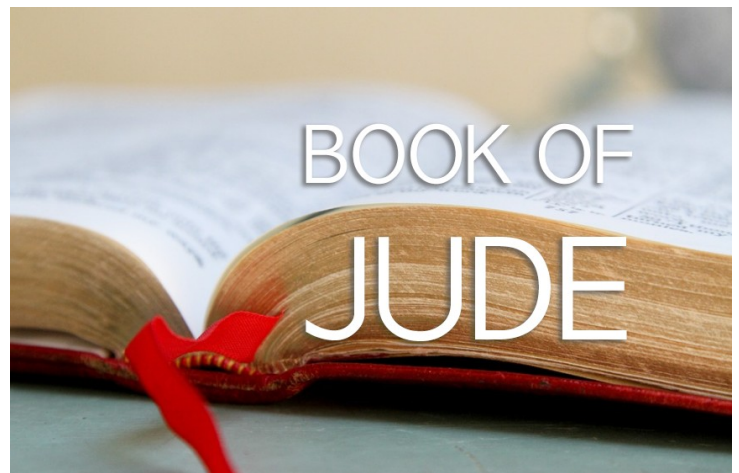


### DCE Intern: Installation June 9

Amanda Segebart recently finished her fourth year of DCE studies at Concordia University (Nebraska). Amanda will be installed as our DCE intern during both services on Sunday, June 9. We will have a reception for her that day between services in the Family Life Center. Please stop by to meet and welcome her during this open house, 9:45-10:45. On June 9 we will also have a card shower for Amanda; please feel free to bring her a card to welcome her to Cedar Rapids and Bethany.

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

On Sunday, June 16, Pastor Erickson will begin teaching a new Bible Study on the book of Jude. Only 25 verses long, this short book of the Bible warns of those in the Church who would threaten the Gospel and how faithful Christians should respond. In an age when the Church is fractured into so many divisions and many Christians find themselves "church shopping" the book of Jude is particularly relevant for today. Our adult Sunday Morning Bible Study is from 9:45 to 10:45 and everyone is encouraged to attend.



### Thursday Morning Bible Study

The Thursday Morning Bible Study group is beginning a new video study called The Odyssey of St. Paul by Dr. Paul Maier. Aside from Jesus Himself, no one has had a greater influence on the founding of Christianity than St. Paul through his missionary trips, letters, and bringing the Gentiles into the early church, thus "universalizing" the faith. Join us every Thursday, beginning on June 13 from 9:00 to 10:00 as we begin this exciting opportunity to see the Lord at work through His apostle, Paul.





## Bethany Bike Ride

Bethany friends enjoyed a bike ride and ice cream fellowship on Saturday, May 18.

## National Bike Challenge

Love to bike? Join Bethany for the National Bike Challenge and log your miles this summer! Join our group at <https://bit.ly/2UzNK9B>. Contact Jeff Crow if you would like more information.





## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

<b>6/2</b> Carter Oja	<b>6/15</b> Jurnee Carr	<b>6/26</b> Whitney Hinz
<b>6/4</b> Cooper Crow	<b>6/16</b> Kate Madsen	<b>6/27</b> Dorothy Freese
<b>6/5</b> Barb Deetz	Taylor Donels	Marissa Keldgord
<b>6/6</b> Emily Loney	<b>6/18</b> Miranda Schweer	Ben McClellan
<b>6/9</b> Lora Raymon	<b>6/19</b> Debbie Mills	Kiley Vande Weerd
<b>6/11</b> Velma Ziesemer	<b>6/22</b> Elizabeth Kreher	<b>6/28</b> Jeff Crow
<b>6/12</b> Steve Wilson	<b>6/23</b> Ashlyn Godbey	

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

<b>6/1</b>	E.J & Trisha Brink	<b>6/13</b>	Jeff & Paula Bulicek
	Rick & Marvelene Foreman	<b>6/14</b>	Troy & Tracy Donels
<b>6/2</b>	Mark & Julie Elias	<b>6/15</b>	Jim & Lissa Novitch
<b>6/5</b>	Matt & Bridget Rinderknecht	<b>6/26</b>	Dathan & Patricia Hinrichs
<b>6/9</b>	Clark & Maggie Anderson	<b>6/27</b>	Del & Dee Block
<b>6/10</b>	Dale & Bernice Stonewall	<b>6/28</b>	Jeff & Donna Stranathan

### Comfort Dog Ministry

On May 11, Bethany members learned more about the Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog Ministry. Now, along with other LCMS congregations in Cedar Rapids, we are looking into getting a comfort dog. Within this ministry, we would need several volunteers to be dog handlers. If you love dogs and providing care for people, this would be a great opportunity for you to live and share God's love!

If you are interested in being involved with this ministry in any way, please contact Nurse Ronda at [nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com) or call the church office at 319-364-6026.





The mission of Family Promise is to help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response. Poverty is a complex problem, and it won't yield to a simple solution. It requires an integrated approach that reaches beyond immediate needs. Family Promise is a collaborative effort to bring our community together to help homeless families regain their housing, independence, and dignity.

Volunteers are the heart of Family Promise, as they help provide shelter, meals, and other assistance to homeless families. They become a personal support system for our guests—they share contacts for jobs and housing, help write resumes and prepare for job interviews, and donate clothing and furniture. Because of the involvement and dedication of volunteers, more than 80 percent of families assisted have found permanent homes.

Bethany has hosted for Family Promise four times so far. Each of those four weeks, we had an average of 42 volunteers who gave 306 hours of time! Our next two times to host families will be during the weeks of **August 4-11** and **November 3-10**. Please consider volunteering by providing a meal or staying overnight during these times.

## Lenten Quarter Folders

Thank you to everyone who contributed with our Lenten quarter folders. Together we raised \$414.55, which went toward Military Biblestick, a ministry of Faith Comes By Hearing. This ministry provides audio Bibles to military personnel.

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### *Senior Worship and Lunch*

Next service:

**Thursday, June 20**

11:00 a.m.

### Bethany Prayers

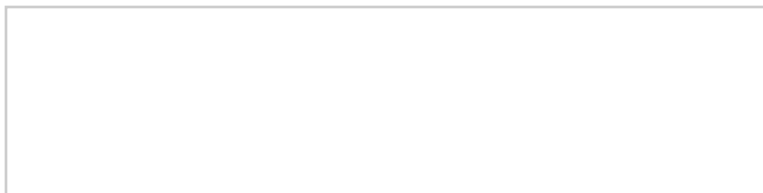
Do you have prayer requests? Let us know if you would like your request added to the Sunday prayer list, the email prayer chain, or both. Requests can be emailed to [prayer.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:prayer.bethanycr@gmail.com), or call 364-6026.



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**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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