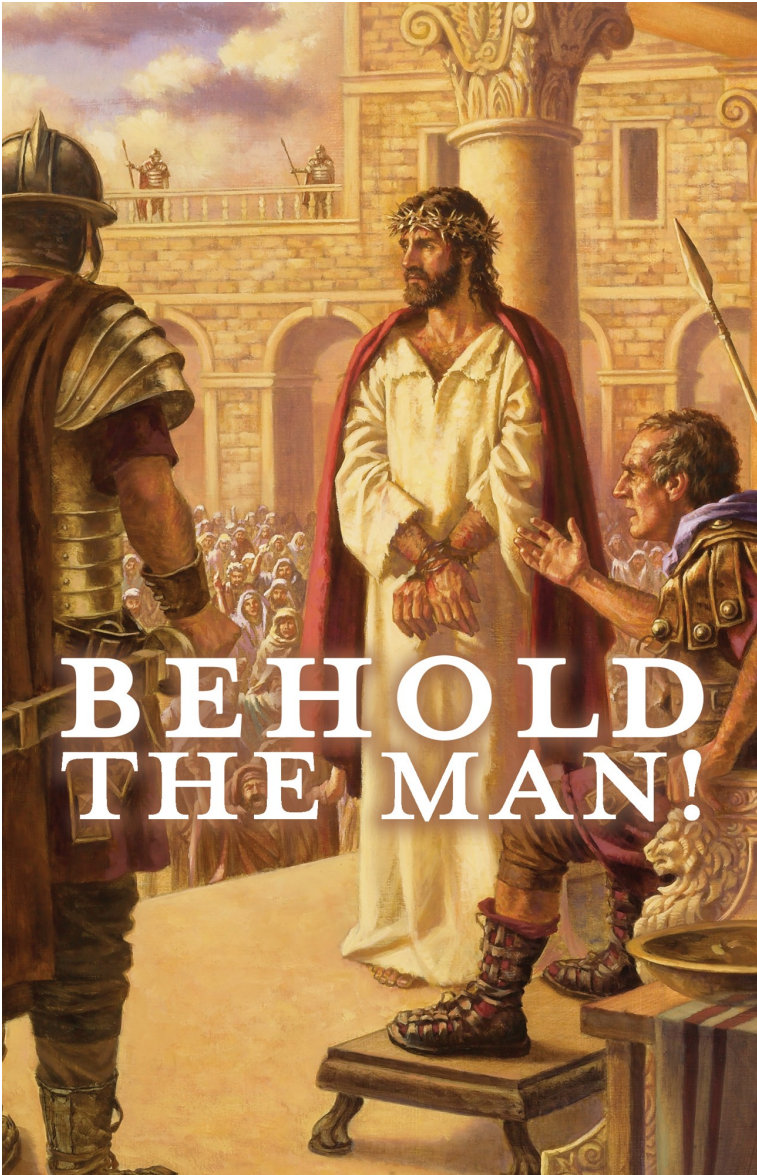


Bethany Beacon

MARCH 2019



Lent 2019

Behold the Man!

Ash Wednesday: March 6

Imposition of Ashes 7:00 - 9:00 am

Meal at 5:00 pm

Service with Communion and

Imposition of Ashes at 6:00 pm

Mid-Week Lenten Services

March 13, 20, & 27; April 3 & 10

Meal at 5:00 pm

Service at 6:00 pm

(Communion at March 27 service)

Palm Sunday: April 14

Services at 8:30 & 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday: April 18

Service with Communion at 7:00 pm

Good Friday: April 19

Service at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday: April 21

Services with Communion at 8:30 & 11:00 am

Pilate's command to the crowd at Jesus' crucifixion speaks an incredible truth—Jesus was indeed man. More specifically, He was God and man, an eternal being inhabiting a human body. Jesus had a body. He hungered, prayed, and bled. He had a mother, He drank wine, He was baptized. This Lenten season, behold the man—the man who suffered, died, and rose again. The man who lived a perfect life and defeated death. The man whose death led to your life.



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Living and Sharing God's Love

Recently I was reading of a man who was unhappy with his job and life in general. A graduate of Harvard Business School, he made \$1.2 million a year. He recognized that his education and wealth gave him extraordinary privilege in our society but was dissatisfied with his situation in life. He said, "I feel like I'm wasting my life...My work feels totally meaningless...If you spend 12 hours a day doing work you hate, at some point it doesn't matter what the paycheck is." Having spent 10 years in northeast Pennsylvania with its history of anthracite coal mining, it was initially hard for me to feel too sympathetic for this man. But as I continued reading, he mentioned that he recently received a job offer at a start-up that he would have loved to take. The only "problem" was that it offered only half of his current pay. He said that his wife laughed at him when he told her about the offer because this new dream job would not have allowed them to continue their current lifestyle. So now he felt that he was trapped. What a cruel twist in life for this miserable worker! The very things that he had worked so hard for, were now the same things that were keeping him in a life that he wasn't enjoying.

At this point we might be tempted to tell ourselves the moral of the story is simple – don't become overly attached to material possessions or a certain "lifestyle" we want to live. More importantly, we might tell ourselves to find meaning and purpose in our lives, whether it be where we work or in the other vocations of family, friends, and community that we all share. But if this is the case, the age-old question arises, "How do we do that?" How can we find meaning and purpose so that we will not be trapped in a life that we don't want to live?

As you'll see in this edition of the *Beacon*, March 6 is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the season of Lent. During this 40-day church season leading up to Easter, Christians pay special attention to the suffering and death of our Savior, Jesus Christ. In doing so, we may increase our devotional lives by praying, reading Scripture, or maybe even "fasting" in one way or another. But we are also to gain a greater appreciation for

exactly what it is that God has done for us through Christ. It is easy to say that Christ has died for my sins. But it is quite another thing to comprehend our sinfulness and the awesome price that Jesus paid on the cross to forgive it. That type of focus on our sin and Christ's gift of forgiveness is what Lent brings into our lives each year. And maybe it can help us find meaning and purpose in them as well.

As we ponder the suffering and death of Jesus during Lent, we are reminded of why He did this. In Mark 10:45 Jesus says, "*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*" Everything that Jesus went through in His ministry was not done for His own sake, but for ours. The purpose of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection was to serve, not Himself, but others! And if our Lord, the King of all Creation, found purpose in serving others, might we too be able to do the same?

It would seem so. Two professors from Yale and the University of Michigan wanted to know why some janitors in a hospital were happier with their jobs than others. They interviewed a satisfied worker who mopped rooms in a brain-injury unit where many of the patients were comatose. In addition to her normal duties, she said that she would also take the time to rearrange the pictures on the walls and tell patients jokes. This wasn't her job, per se, but it was a way that she believed she could serve others while doing her job.

As we begin another Lenten season together, I pray that we will always remember what Jesus has done so that we might have forgiveness and eternal life. But this year, let also remember that Jesus did this as a servant and for our benefit. Knowing and trusting that Christ did these things for us, may we be encouraged and strengthened not only to love God, but also to serve one another with the same type of sacrificial love He has given us. And if we do so, I'm confident we'll understand our purpose and the meaning of our lives.

✠ Pastor Erickson

Saturday, March 2

7:00 am Marshalltown Service Trip
9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR

Monday, March 4

10:00 am Women's Group - Marion
6:00 pm LWML Board Mtg. - GA
6:30 pm Stephen Min. Supervision

Tuesday, March 5

3:00 pm Bethany Prayer Group - Library
5:00 pm Praise Moves - GA
6:00 pm Evangelism - Ad Ed
6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal - Balcony

Wednesday, March 6

6:00 am Men's Bible Study - Ad Ed Rm
6:30 am Moms in Prayer - Library
7:00 am Imposition of Ashes
5:00 pm Human Care Meeting
5:00 pm Lenten Meal
6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 pm Confirmation Class - LL

Thursday, March 7

9:00 am Adult Bible Study - Ad Ed

Saturday, March 9

9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR
9:00 am Choir Practice - Balcony
10:00 am Wind Ensemble - Balcony

Sunday, March 10

9:30 am Family Promise Mtg. - Ad Ed
12:15 pm Board of Ed Meeting
12:30 pm LWML General Meeting

Monday, March 11

7:00 am Elders Meeting - Ad Ed
10:00 am Women's Group - Marion
6:45 pm Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, March 12

3:00 pm Bethany Prayer Group - Library
5:00 pm Praise Moves - GA
6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal - Balcony
7:00 pm Council Meeting - Ad Ed

Wednesday, March 13

6:00 am Men's Bible Study - Ad Ed Rm
6:30 am Moms in Prayer - Library
5:00 pm Lenten Meal - FLC
6:00 pm Lenten Service
7:00 pm Confirmation Class - LL

Thursday, March 14

9:00 am Adult Bible Study - Ad Ed

Saturday, March 16

9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR

Monday, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 19

9:00 am Quilt Sewing Day - FLC
3:00 pm Bethany Prayer Group - Library
5:00 pm Praise Moves - GA
6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal - Balcony

Wednesday, March 20

6:00 am Men's Bible Study - Ad Ed Rm
6:30 am Moms in Prayer - Library
4:00 pm Cottage Grove Devotion
5:00 pm Lenten Meal - FLC
6:00 pm Lenten Service
7:00 pm Confirmation Class - LL

Thursday, March 21

9:00 am Adult Bible Study - Ad Ed
11:00 am Senior Worship

Sunday, March 24

9:30 am Blood Pressure Screening
9:45 am Milestones (Baby) - LL

Monday, March 25

10:00 am Women's Group - Marion

Tuesday, March 26

3:00 pm Bethany Prayer Group - Library
5:00 pm Praise Moves - GA
6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal - Balcony
7:00 pm Visually Impaired Min. - Ad Ed

Wednesday, March 27

6:00 am Men's Bible Study - Ad Ed Rm
6:30 am Moms in Prayer - Library
1:00 pm Beacon Assembly
5:00 pm Lenten Meal - FLC
6:00 pm Lenten Service
7:00 pm Confirmation Class - LL

Thursday, March 28

9:00 am Adult Bible Study - Ad Ed

Saturday, March 30

9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR

Sunday, March 31

9:45 am Milestones (Baby) - LL
12:15 pm Milestones (High School)

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

Elders

Mar 3	Karl Hoech
Mar 10	Rick Foreman
Mar 17	Phil Hedtke
Mar 24	Jim Novitch
Mar 31	Mark Holt

Ushers

Mar 3	8:30	Crew #3	11:00	Crew #8
Mar 10	8:30	Crew #4	11:00	Crew #7
Mar 17	8:30	Crew #2	11:00	Crew #8
Mar 24	8:30	Crew #4	11:00	Crew #6
Mar 31	8:30	Crew #1	11:00	Crew #8

Greeters

Mar 3	8:30	Carol Grimminger Jason & Jodi Strait
	11:00	Leonard & Rita Tiedt Shari Mehlhoff
Mar 10	8:30	Rick & Marvelene Foreman Vern & Betty Happel
	11:00	Donna Birkicht Mary Nanke
Mar 17	8:30	Don & Betty Hein Mike & Dawn Thomas
	11:00	Ken & Elaine Cook Jim & Lissa Novitch
Mar 24	8:30	Dave & Kay Karsten Rick & Sandra Thorington
	11:00	Duane & Karen Pfeffer Brad & Erin Crawford
Mar 31	8:30	Pete & Kris Larson Ken Ambrecht
	11:00	Jeff & Melinda Crow Mike & Annie Prohaska

Lectors

Mar 3	8:30	Ethan Myers
	11:00	Debbie Mills
Mar 10	8:30	Arlen Breiholz
	11:00	Leonard Tiedt
Mar 17	8:30	Pete Larson
	11:00	Dave Christian
Mar 24	8:30	Mark Bornemann
	11:00	Brad Crawford
Mar 31	8:30	Mark Elias
	11:00	Dave Johnson

Video

Mar 3	8:30	Greg Dunn
	11:00	Mike Diers
Mar 10	8:30	Renee Riffey
	11:00	Greg Dunn
Mar 17	8:30	Julie Holt
	11:00	Michelle Hedtke
Mar 24	8:30	Jeff Gebert
	11:00	Doug Knutson
Mar 31	8:30	Renee Riffey
	11:00	Mike Diers

Acolyte

Mar 3	8:30	Ashlyn Godbey
	11:00	Jaden Harris
Mar 10	8:30	David Jasper
	11:00	Carmen Ranbarger
Mar 17	8:30	Lexi Brink
	11:00	Talan Robinson
Mar 24	8:30	Caleb Strait
	11:00	Trae Robinson
Mar 31	8:30	Abby Bogner
	11:00	Noah Pelletier

Nursery (11:00 Service)

Mar 3	Annie & Natalie Prohaska
Mar 10	Liz & Ryan Corey
Mar 17	Brooke Oja, Melissa Loney
Mar 24	Karen Schmidt, Tracy Moffett
Mar 31	Karen Schmidt, Debbie Mills

Communion Sunday Prayers

Mar 3	8:30	Karen Hass
	11:00	Lori Dohrmann
Mar 17	8:30	Ronda Anderson
	11:00	Deb Heitland

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:

Ava (daughter of *Mercedes Henderson) Baptism 2/10
 Kelly (sister of *Kim Neuhaus)- Recovering after surgery
 Jessica (granddaughter of *K Neuhaus)- Recovering
 Jonette (sister of *Kim Neuhaus)- Recovering after surgery

Illness, injuries, health issues:

Olivia (daughter of *Kristi Montague)- Shoulder injury
 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
 Junior (son of *Taletha Phillips)- Health issues
 James (grandson of *Carol Grimminger)- Recovering
 Jeff Mellgren- Recovering after stroke
 Steve (brother of *Linda Patten)- Recovering
 Ryan & Hayden (relatives of *Bonnie Bubke)- brain disorder
 Gwendolyn- (friend of *Karen Swanson)- terminal illness
 Lyla (mother of *Sheryl Knutson)- Recovering
 Steve (brother of *Barb Miller)- Health issues
 Patti (aunt of *Ginny Urban)- Comfort and strength
 Susan (niece of *Bonnie Bubke)- Health issues
 Leota (mother of *Lori Dohrmann)- Recovering
 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
 Jeff (brother of Kim Carter)- 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

Local/National/World:

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

Homebound members of Bethany:

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

Safety:

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

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
 Daryl (nephew of *Bonnie Bubke)- cancer
 Elaine (friend of *Dave Johnson)- 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
 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:

Gloria (mother-in-law of * Ronda Anderson)- Died 2/9
 *Pat Kraft (mother of *Kyle Kraft)- Died 1/7

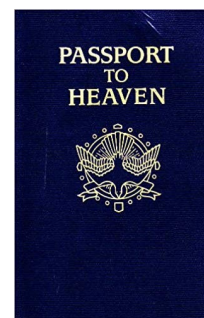
Submit a prayer: Email: nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com or call the church office at 319-364-6026



SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45-10:45 a.m.

Lower Level



Grab your "Passport to Heaven" and join us on Sundays at 9:45! All students in preschool through high school are invited to join us in the lower level to learn about God's word!

Faith Milestones



1st & 2nd Grade and Confirmation Milestones

In February, parents of 1st and 2nd graders participated in Milestones classes. On February 13, confirmation students and their parents participated in a Milestones event together. The blessing event for both of these age groups will take place during services on Sunday, March 3.

Baby Milestones

Classes for parents of babies will be held on Sundays March 24 - April 7 at 9:45 a.m. in the lower level.

High School Milestones

The high school Milestones event will take place on Sunday, March 31 at 12:15 p.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

Justin McCarley
Lucas McCarley
Patrick McCarley
Natalie Prohaska
Jake Sturtz



Vacation Bible School

June 17-20

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. Please look for more information to come about registration.

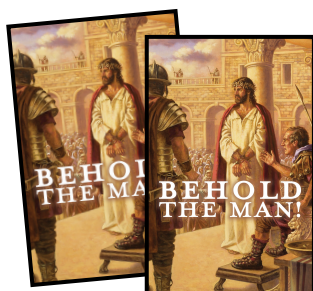
DCE Intern Update

Bethany has submitted its application to Concordia University (Nebraska) to have a Director of Christian Education intern serve in our congregation, with the option of calling the intern when their year of study is over. On March 16 and 17, Traci Kohls, the DCE Site Coordinator, will come to Bethany to learn about our congregation and to ensure that the DCE intern placed here will be a good fit. By early summer, we should know whether or not we will have an intern placed with us. In the meantime please keep our congregation, the call committee, and Concordia University in your prayers.

Lenten Quarter Folders

Quarter folders are now available to pick up outside the library. Each day during Lent, you may place a quarter in the folder to remember Christ's sacrifice for us and to give thanks for our military's service. Money collected will go to Military Biblestick, a ministry of Faith Comes By Hearing to provide audio Bibles to military personnel. Please return your folder in its envelope to Bethany on Easter Sunday.

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Lenten Devotions: *Behold the Man!*

Lenten devotional booklets are available at the Welcome Center. Please take one home for you and your family! There is a reading for each day from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday.

Family Promise

The mission of Family Promise is to **help homeless and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through compassionate care, hospitality, and professional support.**

Our next week to host will be March 10-17. If you would like to volunteer to provide meals or stay overnight, please sign up online at bit.ly/2G4wxSi or sign up at the Welcome Center.



In 2019, Bethany will also host families the weeks of April 28-May 4, August 4-10, and November 3-9.

Marshalltown Tornado



A group of Bethany members was originally scheduled to go to Marshalltown on Saturday, February 23 to help with recovery after the July 2018 tornado. This service trip has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 2. Anyone aged 18 and older is welcome to serve. The group will leave around 7:00 a.m. and will return to Cedar Rapids later that night. If you are interested in living and sharing God's love by helping rebuild a devastated community, contact Nurse Ronda at nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com.

Sewing Quilts for Lutheran World Relief



On Tuesday, March 19, the LWML Special Projects Committee will tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief in the Family Life Center. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and end around noon. Stop in for an hour or stay the whole time—we appreciate any time that you can give! If you plan to stay through the noon hour, please feel free to bring a sack lunch. For more information, contact Betty Happel at 319-393-9497 or Donna Bogner at 319-777-9053.

LWML General Meeting

The LWML General Meeting will take place on Sunday, March 10. The meeting will start at 12:30 in the Family Life Center. At 1:00 p.m., everyone is invited to come hear guest speaker Teresa Hackenmiller, a Thrivent Representative. Teresa will give an overview of two major benefits of Thrivent. Contact Rita Tiedt at rattie14@hotmail.com for more information about this meeting.

Women's Small Group



Bethany women gather for study and fellowship on **Mondays at 10:00 a.m.** at Mr. Beans in Marion. The group is currently reading *Love Rules*:

Love Rules tells the story of spiritual transformation, shows how God wants us to love better, and helps us see how we can. This Bible study addresses one commandment each week, then follows up with four devotions that approach the topic from different angles. The readings takes a “what does this mean” approach by asking open-ended questions and providing related Bible readings.

In this women's Bible study, you will see *yourself* and how pride, insecurity, and grudges can damage relationships. Each narrative also shows exactly why we still need Jesus and His perfect, Commandment-keeping love.

Men's Bible Study

Men gather on **Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m.** and are currently going through the video study *Simon Peter: Fiery Fisher of Men*.

Simon the disciple—who would later be given the name Peter by Jesus—grew up a fisherman on the Sea of Galilee. One minute he is boldly defending Jesus, the next he is standing in His way—or completely denying Him.

But Jesus saw what Peter would become with the power of the Holy Spirit, and He turned this undependable disciple into one of the solid pillars of the Early Church. In this video study, you will see how Jesus similarly transforms you into a firm, confident, dependable man of God.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Penni Teare	3/9 Sophie Knudson	3/23 Rick Thorington
3/2 Darlene Eckert	3/11 Mark Elias	3/27 Lisa Freese
Pat Krekeler	3/12 Brittany Hannah	Mark Gutman
Lee Rathje	Grace Janssen	Barb Miller
3/3 Ryan Corey	3/14 Travis Godbey	3/28 Mercedes Henderson
Rollis Deetz	Jim Mosel	3/29 Dee Block
3/4 Alivia Corey	3/16 Ella Bricker	Nora Crawford
Sharon Easler	Melissa Loney	Aiden Erickson
Brittney Stepanek	3/18 Ryan Theriault	3/30 Logan Milbach
3/7 Edward Barrett	3/20 Holly Barrett	Tracy Moffett
Louise Holtz	Fred Schuchmann	3/31 Norma Sirotiak
3/8 Erin Heller	3/22 Rick Heller	
Sara Wilson	Angela Keslar	

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3/19 Adam & Rachel Henderson

Thank You, Care Warriors!



"I would like to sincerely thank Care Warriors Jeff Crow and Tom Mills for helping me move my brother Steve to a new facility on a very snowy Saturday, January 12. I could never have done this without your help! May God richly bless you for your kindness!!" - Linda Patten

Music at Bethany

Vocal Choir will rehearse on Saturday, March 9 at 9:00 a.m.

Wind Ensemble will rehearse on Saturday, March 9 at 10:00 a.m.

Contact Carolyn at carolynsternowski@gmail.com if you are interested in using your musical gifts to serve the Lord at Bethany.



New Member Class

Want to learn more about the Christian faith? Thinking about joining the Bethany congregation? Pastor Erickson will lead a Christian faith class in March and April. If you are interested in participating in this class, please contact Pastor Erickson at 319-364-6026. Class times will be determined by availability of those participating.



Lenten Fellowship Meals

Join friends for fellowship before each midweek Lenten service. Meals will be served at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center, followed by service at 6:00 p.m. Meals are free, and a freewill offering will be taken.

Meal plans are not yet arranged for **April 3** or **April 10**. If you are interested in helping coordinate the meals on either of those dates, please contact the church office at 319-364-6026.

THRIVENT CHOICE A Great Way To Bless Our Church

Thank you for making this programs a valuable stream of revenue for Bethany Lutheran Church. You can help make 2019 another excellent year with Thrivent Choice giving!

Each year Thrivent credits members with dollars that can be contributed to Lutheran-affiliated nonprofit organizations and congregations, including Bethany Lutheran Church. Thrivent Financial will distribute Choice Dollars funds directed by members to organizations monthly. Eligible Thrivent Financial members need to designate their Choice Dollars. You can continue to designate 2018 dollars throughout the year.

To designate, simply go to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and ask for "Thrivent Choice" to designate your choice dollars to Bethany Lutheran Church today.

Senior Worship and Lunch

Next service:

Thursday, March 21
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, or call 364-6026.

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Sunday Mornings

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

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