

Bethany Beacon

OCTOBER 2019



LWML

Lutheran Women *in Mission*

LWML SUNDAY

October 6

On Sunday, October 6, we will join Lutheran churches around the world in celebrating LWML Sunday. The theme chosen for LWML Sunday 2019 is "Faith Like a Mustard Seed." Since 1942 the Lutheran Women's Missionary League has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ, encouraging and equipping Christian women to live out their lives in active mission ministries, and to support missions around the world through their gifts of mites, tithes, offerings, and service. On October 6, see the LWML display in the Gathering Area to learn more about ways to be involved in the women's guild.



September 6-7, Lutherans from across eastern Iowa participated in an LWML retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. The retreat's theme was Ecclesiastes 3:11, "He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end."



Bethany
Lutheran Church

Living and Sharing God's Love

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The beginning of October is an exciting time for both the Church and the country. One of the highlights of the season for Lutheran congregations is the celebration of the Reformation, where many of us sing Martin Luther's powerful hymn, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*. There we sing:

A mighty Fortress is our God,
a trusty Shield and Weapon;

He helps us free from every need
that hath us now o'ertaken.

The old evil Foe, now means deadly woe;

Deep guile and great might,
are his dread arms in fight;

On Earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done,
soon were our loss effected;

But for us fights the Valiant One,
whom God Himself elected.

Ask ye, Who is this?

Jesus Christ it is.

Of Sabaoth Lord, and there's none other God;

He holds the field forever.

Today, in a world filled with more questions than answers, it is all too easy to worry and wonder what will come of us. With storms, terror, and a "take care of yourself" attitude abounding, sometimes it is frightening just to get out of bed. But those are the times that we turn away from ourselves to our loving, caring, and almighty God; "...a trusty Shield and Weapon." For by ourselves there is no help and

nothing that we can do, "*But for us fights the Valiant One, whom God Himself elected.*" This is Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord and Savior, who has won and holds the battlefield forever!

In this Reformation hymn, we have pictured for us a powerful and glorious Christ. Yet, shortly after Reformation Day, we also celebrate All Saints' Day. This day the children of God commemorate the faithful departed, who are rejoicing with our Lord in heaven. But it has always struck me as interesting that the saints are in heaven, not because Christ came with His power and glory, but because He came as a servant to all of sinful humanity. Paul correctly says that Jesus, "humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:8). Therefore while Christians sing of Christ's glory and power, we must remember that it is because of His suffering and humiliation on the cross that we all may share in His glory.

And as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Reformation this year, and all of God's blessings, we continue to thank God for all that He gives to us. We thank Him for our food, our homes, friends and family, and the opportunities to come and worship here at Bethany in peace. But what better thing can we give thanks to God for than our salvation, and that of all Christians. As we make our way through this month of October, let us give thanks that our *Mighty Fortress* has won the battle against our enemies by His sacrificial life, death, and glorious resurrection!

In Christ,

✠ Pastor Erickson



Tuesday, October 1

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

Wednesday, October 2

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
6:00 pm Confirmation Classes

Thursday, October 3

9:00 am Adult Bible Study - Ad Ed

Saturday, October 5

9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR

Sunday, October 6

LWML Sunday

Monday, October 7

10:00 am Women's Small Group - Marion
6:00 pm LWML Board Mtg. - FLC
6:45 pm Trustees Mtg.

Tuesday, October 8

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

Wednesday, October 9

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
6:00 pm Confirmation Classes

Thursday, October 10

9:00 am Adult Bible Study
7:00 pm Elders Meeting

Friday, October 11

Confirmation Retreat - Io-Dis-E-Ca

Saturday, October 12

9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR

Sunday, October 13

12:15 pm Board of Education Mtg.
12:30 pm LWML General Meeting

Monday, October 14

7:00 am Coffee Outreach
10:00 am Women's Small Group - Marion

Tuesday, October 15

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

Wednesday, October 16

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
4:00 pm Cottage Grove Devotion
6:00 pm Confirmation Classes

Thursday, October 17

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

Saturday, October 19

9:00 am Vocal Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR
3:00 pm Cornhole Tournament - FLC

Monday, October 21

7:00 am Coffee Outreach
10:00 am Women's Small Group - Marion
6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision

Tuesday, October 22

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

Wednesday, October 23

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
6:00 pm Confirmation Classes

Thursday, October 24

9:00 am Adult Bible Study - Ad Ed

Saturday, October 26

9:00 am Wind Ensemble Rehearsal
9:00 am Holy Yoga - OR

Sunday, October 27

9:30 am Blood Pressure Screening
6:30 pm Youth Event @ Concordia CR

Monday, October 28

7:00 am Coffee Outreach
10:00 am Women's Small Group - Marion

Tuesday, October 29

12:00 pm Beacon Assembly
3:00 pm Bethany Prayer Group - Library
5:00 pm Praise Moves - GA
6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 30

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
6:00 pm Confirmation Classes

Thursday, October 31

9:00 am Adult Bible Study - Ad Ed

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

Elders

Oct 6 Rick Foreman
 Oct 13 Jim Novitch
 Oct 20 Phil Hedtke
 Oct 27 Karl Hoech

Ushers

Oct 6	8:30	LWML & 3	11:00	LWML & 6
Oct 13	8:30	Crew #2	11:00	Crew #6
Oct 20	8:30	Crew #3	11:00	Crew #7
Oct 27	8:30	Crew #4	11:00	Crew #8

Greeters

Oct 6	8:30	Lorna Fischer Ken Ambrecht
	11:00	Chris & Leisa Knudson Karen Swanson & Noah
Oct 13	8:30	Rick & Marvelene Foreman Dave & Kay Karsten
	11:00	Shari Mehlhoff Donna Birkicht, Mary Nanke
Oct 20	8:30	Carol Grimminger Jason & Jodi Strait
	11:00	Jim & Lissa Novitch Ken & Elaine Cook
Oct 27	8:30	Vern & Betty Happel Mike & Dawn Thomas
	11:00	Brad & Erin Crawford Duane & Karen Pfeffer

Lectors

Oct 6	8:30	Arlen Breiholz
	11:00	Lissa Novitch
Oct 13	8:30	Pete Larson
	11:00	Leonard Tiedt
Oct 20	8:30	Mark Bornemann
	11:00	Dave Johnson
Oct 27	8:30	Mark Elias
	11:00	Maren Hopkins

Communion Sunday Prayers

Oct 6	8:30	Karen Hass
	11:00	Deb Heitland
Oct 20	8:30	Kay Karsten
	11:00	Sheryl Knutson

Video

Oct 6	8:30	Jeff Gebert
	11:00	Mike Diers
Oct 13	8:30	Greg Dunn
	11:00	Greg Dunn
Oct 20	8:30	Jeff Gebert
	11:00	Doug Knutson
Oct 27	8:30	Greg Dunn
	11:00	Michelle Hedtke

Acolytes

Oct 6	8:30	Caleb Strait
	11:00	Carmen Ranbarger
Oct 13	8:30	Mya Chamberlin
	11:00	Lauren Bricker
Oct 20	8:30	Ashlyn Godbey & Talan Robinson
	11:00	Lucas Volden & Blake Kroemer
Oct 27	8:30	Noah Pelletier
	11:00	

Nursery (11:00 Service)

Oct 6	Debbie Mills, Katia Knutson
Oct 13	Hannah Sieck, Karen Schmidt
Oct 20	Kris Dunn, Maren Hopkins
Oct 27	Melissa Loney, Debbie Mills

Coffee

Oct 6
Oct 13
Oct 20
Oct 27

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:

*Kiaya Fortner– Baptized 9/22
 *Lindsey Rutz & Chris Struyk – married 8/31
 *Daphne (infant of *Josh & Haley Dohrmann)- Baptized 8/29
 Isabel (granddaughter of *Ken & *Ellie Smith)- Born 8/23
 Craig (friend of *Jeff Madsen)- Recovering after surgery

Illness, injuries, health issues:

Josh (grandson of *Kim Neuhaus)- Health issues
 Mike (relative of *Bonnie Bubke)- Recovering after surgery
 Jennifer (daughter of *Pat Krekeler)- Life challenges
 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
 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
 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
 David (relative of *Melissa Loney)- Health issues
 Rod (nephew of *Bonnie Bubke)- Parkinson's Disease

Safety:

Tailor (grandson of *Kim Neuhaus)- Marines, Deployed
 Charlie (grandson of *Kim Neuhaus)- Army, Deployed

Homebound members of Bethany:

*Rollis Deetz– at home
 *Shirley Hansen– at home
 *Wayne & Darlene Schilling– at home
 Candi Engel– at home
 *Ann Meyer– Keystone Cedars
 *Margaret Speers– Cottage Grove

Cancer:

Jeannine (aunt of *Angie Pfeil)- cancer treatments
 Bill (father of Kim Carter)- cancer
 David (relative of *Hasses)- cancer
 Gene (husband of *N Owens)- 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
 Chad (son of *Vicki Huschka)- leukemia
 Todd (friend of Katia Knutson)- cancer treatment
 Rita (friend of *Shirley Kellogg)- cancer

Grief, family and friends of:

*Patty King– Died 8/19
 Joe (brother of *Barb Lauthen)- Died 8/12
 Blaine (uncle of *Kent Zenor)- Died 7/29
 Wilma (mother in law of Mark Bornemann)- Died 7/28
 Alan (relative of *Bonnie Bubke)- Died 7/27
 Pat (aunt of *Ginny Urban)- Died 2/2

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

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP GET-TOGETHER

Middle school and **high school** youth are welcomed to join the youth of Concordia and Zion Lutheran for a night of fun and fellowship. There will be games, a bonfire, and a devotion.

Join us on Sunday, September 29, 6:30-8:45 p.m. at Concordia Lutheran (4210 Johnson Ave. NW). If you plan on attending, talk with Amanda Segebart or email her at dceintern.bethanycr@gmail.com.



Join us for SUNDAY SCHOOL Sundays at 9:45 a.m.

Come walk with Jesus in Sunday School as we journey through the Bible together.



Kids in preschool - 5th grade meet in the Opening Room in the lower level.

Youth in 6th-8th grade meet in the middle school room in the lower level.

Youth in 9th-12th grade meet in the high school room in the lower level.



Confirmation

Students at Bethany take their first year of confirmation class in 7th grade, and second year of confirmation class in 8th grade. Confirmation classes are held on Wednesday evenings, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Faith Milestones



3rd Grade Bible Milestone

Parents of children in 3rd grade have been attending the Faith Milestone classes. On Sunday, October 13, a blessing event will take place during both services (8:30 and 11:00). During this blessing, parents will speak a blessing over their children, who will be presented with a Bible.

Be sure to encourage a 3rd grader you know to spend time reading their new Bible.

Confirmation Retreat

Students in confirmation class are invited to attend a confirmation retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, October 11-12. At this retreat, students will explore the treasures of baptism. Events start on Friday at 7:00 p.m. and go through Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Meals included are pizza on Friday, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. The registration deadline is October 8. Please contact DCE Intern Amanda Segebart at dceintern.bethanycr@gmail.com if you plan to attend.



Care Warriors

Did you know Bethany has a team of people willing to serve other Bethany members? Over 45 people make up the Care Warrior team, which is the hands and feet of Jesus to members of the congregation and community who need a little support in the area of meals, transportation (to church, doctor appointments, etc.), labor (cleaning, painting, yard work, etc.), or a friendly visitor.



Have you ever wanted to help other members with needs they have but don't know what the needs are or how best to help? Care Warriors is the team for you! If you would like to join us in sharing God's love by serving others, please contact Becky Johnson at becky.j.johnson@gmail.com or Nurse Ronda.

If you are in need of a Care Warrior, please contact Becky Johnson or the church office at 364-6026.

Sewing Quilts for Lutheran World Relief

On Tuesday, October 15, 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.



Our next time to host for Family Promise will be November 3-10. Family Promise is a program that works with faith communities in the area to house families who are currently homeless. We will need several volunteers to provide meals, as well as people willing to stay overnight at Bethany to host the families. Please look for information to come about signing up to volunteer.

Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held at Bethany on Friday, November 15. The drive will take place 1:00-6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please mark your calendar and plan to donate blood this day if you are able. Online sign-up is now open at redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive. The sponsor code is Bethany Lutheran—enter the code and click “Find A Drive.”



Angel Tree

Bethany will again participate in Angel Tree this year, a program that helps provide Christmas gifts for children with parents who are incarcerated. In November, please look for a tree in the Gathering Area. You may pick up an ornament from the tree, purchase a gift for the child listed, and bring the gift back to Bethany.

Cornhole Tournament

Join friends for fellowship and a fun afternoon of cornhole (bean bag toss) on Saturday, October 19. We'll meet at 3:00 in the Family Life Center at Bethany. Cornhole is a fun game for all ages and abilities. If you have boards or bean bags you would be willing to loan for this event, please contact the church office at 364-6026 or office.bethanycr@gmail.com.



Bethany T-Shirts

We are ordering a new batch of Bethany shirts. They will be green with the Bethany logo on front, the LCMS cross on the sleeve, and "Living and Sharing God's Love" on the back. Shirts will cost \$15 each. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or email office.bethanycr@gmail.com to order a shirt. Please sign up by Sunday, October 20.

Visually Impaired Persons Ministry

Thank you to all those who have been keeping Visually Impaired Persons (VIP) Ministry going strong at Bethany for the past 16 years! Rita Tiedt, Doug Knutson, and many other volunteers have faithfully served and given time to this ministry. Visually Impaired Persons Ministry is coming to a close at Bethany, and so we give thanks and praise to God for the ways He has worked through this program.



Video Team Volunteers

The video team is seeking volunteers to run the projectors for services. No experience is necessary. Training will be provided and you will be working with another team member until you are comfortable working alone. Feel free to observe during a service to see what's involved. Please contact Greg Dunn at 319-389-4271 if you are interested .

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Carter Urban	10/8 Joann Strang	10/23 Betty Happel
10/2 Laura James	10/12 Dave Christian	Annest Hoech
Jennet Volden	Nancylee Siebenmann	Lili Loesch
10/3 Saul Foreman	10/19 Jeff Keslar	10/24 Myla Kreher
Phyllis Landis	Bella Novitch	10/25 Ron Prescott
Carmen Ranbarger	10/20 Melba Davison	10/26 Naomi Pfeil
10/4 Dawn Thomas	Dathan Hinrichs	10/28 Corey Gutman
10/5 Mark Lauthen	10/21 Noah Pelletier	Vicki Huschka
10/6 Oliver Barrett	Norm Rutz	Ryan Urban
Brenna Godbey	10/22 Tom Mills	

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/3 Whitney & Matt Hinz	10/9 Travis & Jo Godbey
10/4 Rick & Erin Heller	Don & Betty Hein
10/5 Bill & Tina Freese	10/13 Pastor & Christine Erickson
Bree & Isaiah Robinson	10/14 Karl & Janet Hoech
10/6 Eric & Lisa Freese	10/18 Kent & Diane Zenor
10/7 Jeff & Janet Gebert	10/21 Chris & Leisa Knudson
	10/22 Steve & Erin Wilson

All Saints' Day

On Sunday, November 3, we will commemorate the faithful departed. Join us at either service that morning (8:30 or 11:00) as we remember those who have passed away within the last year.

Senior Worship and Lunch

Next service:

Thursday, October 17
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 nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com, or call 364-6026.



Coffee Outreach

On September 9, we started handing out free coffee and hot cocoa to Washington High School students, parents, and any neighbor driving by who would like a cup. We have been serving in front of our parking lot on Monday mornings, 7:00-8:30. The purpose of this ministry is to simply get to know the students and our neighbors a little better, and we have been encouraging them with an uplifting message written on their coffee lid. Contact the church office at office.bethanycr@gmail.com or 364-6026 if you would like to get involved with this outreach.

Men's Bible Study

Men gather for Bible study on Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m. The group is currently going through the video series on Apologetics from CPH FaithCourses. All men are welcome to join this study.



Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries



Looking for something to encourage you to study the scriptures daily? Lutheran Hour Ministries Daily Devotions offer an excellent opportunity to study God's Word through text and reflection questions. With messages based on the church calendar's three-year lectionary, individual devotions are based on Psalms, the Old Testament, the New Testament, and Gospel texts. Additional devotions explore a hymn from the *Lutheran Service Book*, a "classic" text from some LHM resource, and a sermon excerpt by a previous Speaker for The Lutheran Hour. These devotions can be accessed online at lhm.org under the "Resources & Training" tab.

Reformation Sunday

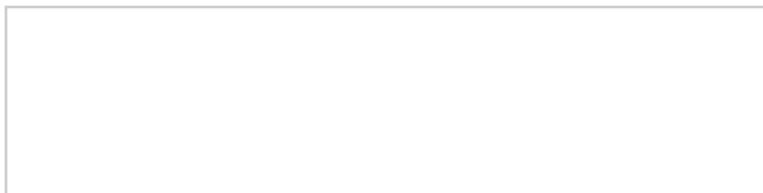
We will celebrate Reformation Sunday during both services (8:30 and 11:00) on October 27.



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Sunday Mornings

8:30 am	Traditional Service
9:45 am	Education Hour
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