

Bethany Beacon

NOVEMBER 2020



Blood Drive

An American Red Cross blood drive will be hosted at Bethany on Thursday, November 19 in the Family Life Center. The drive will take place 1:30-5:30, and appointments are preferred.

To make an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org, or call 1-800-RED CROSS. If you would like more information, call Michelle Hedtke at 319-899-1841.

All blood donations are now tested for COVID-19 antibodies. For more information on this, visit redcrossblood.org/antibodytesting.



Bethany
Lutheran Church

Living and Sharing God's Love

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

In the month of November, people across the country have traditionally set aside a special day to give thanks. For most people in America and here in Eastern Iowa, this Thanksgiving will be different than any other. While there have always been years that we have not been able to spend the holidays with loved ones for various reasons, the pandemic this year is making that a reality for more and more people. Instead of worrying about how much turkey to cook, this year hosts and guests are worrying about staying healthy. Also, the effects of the derecho of August 10 are still being felt. Many of our homes or gathering areas that have been places of celebration have been lost or damaged. And now the economic impact that these two events have caused may make it difficult for many to travel or to host the annual celebration. Thinking about it more and more, it may seem that this year there is not much to be thankful for!

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:11b-13

Whatever the situation that we find ourselves in today, Paul's words to the Philippians many years ago remind Christians to be content and thankful. As he himself says, Paul knew what it was like to have plenty and to be in need; to be well fed and to be hungry. Yet through his trust in Christ, Paul believed he could not only survive in the times of trouble and want, but actually thrive! This Thanksgiving let us here at Bethany be thankful as individuals and as a congregation for what the Lord has blessed us with. Whether we have a little or plenty, it comes from God's loving hand. And most importantly all of us have been given the priceless gift of our redemption through Christ's suffering and death – something all of us can be thankful for during this month of Thanksgiving as we continue to *Live and Share God's Love* together!

In Christ's Service,
✠ Pastor Erickson



Thanksgiving:

Darin Elm & Maren Hopkins– Married 10/24
 Ian Stevens & Bailey Bowman– Married 10/17
 Taylor Chittick & Stephanie Hedtke– Married 10/10
 Gary & Pearl (parents of *Jeff Crow)- Recovered after COVID-19
 Lyla (relative of *Sheryl Knutson)- Recovering from health issues

Illness, injuries, health issues:

Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders (IDE President)– health issues
 Those affected by COVID-19 and the derecho storm
 Nancy (mother of Carolyn Sternowski)- recovering after broken hip
 Alyse (granddaughter of *Janelle Dunbar)- brain tumor
 Steve (uncle of *Erin Heller & *M Rinderknecht)- Health issues
 Judy (niece of *Bonnie Bubke)- Recovering after surgery
 Ron (brother of *Gloria Schumacher)- Health issues
 Lee (husband of *Brenda Heims)- Recovering after surgery
 Joe (relative of *Bonnie Bubke)- Medical issues
 LoAnn (relative of *Bonnie Bubke)- Recovering after broken leg
 Agnes (friend of *Siebenmanns)- Health issues
 Jane (daughter of *Bonnie Bubke)- Recovering after procedure
 Gene (husband of *K. Schmidt)- Recovering after surgery
 Andrew (relative of *B Heims)- Recovering after surgery
 Barb (friend of *Pat Krekeler)- Health issues
 Zoe (granddaughter of *Mary Nanke)- Recovering after cornea transplant
 Mary Lou (mother of *Becky Thur)- Recovering after surgery
 Carolyn (mother of Mary Vezina)- Recovering from shingles
 Carol (mother of *Angie Pfeil)- Recovering after fall
 Jennifer (daughter of *Pat Krekeler)- Life challenges
 Jeff Mellgren (former member)– Recovering after stroke
 Hayden (relative of *Bonnie Bubke)- Brain disorder
 Gwendolyn- (friend of *Karen Swanson)- Terminal illness
 Susan (niece of *Bonnie Bubke)- Health issues
 Pastor Renfro (Trinity)– 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:

Taylor & Charlie (grandsons of *Kim Neuhaus)- Deployed

Homebound members of Bethany:

*Wayne Schilling– at home
 Candi Engel– at Garnett Place
 *Nadine Wax– at home
 *Ann Meyer– Terrace Glen, Marion
 *Del & *Dee Block– Summit Pointe, Marion
 *Larry & *Sharon Easler– Summit Pointe, Marion
 *Dee Rose– hospice care at Meth-Wick
 *Darlene Eckert– recovering after broken leg

Cancer:

Darrel (father of *Janet Hoech)- cancer treatment
 Marcia (relative of *Brenda Heims)- cancer
 Oz (father of *Dathan Hinrichs & *Josie Hester)- cancer treatment
 Pat (niece of *Bonnie Bubke)- cancer
 Jerry (father of Missy Gingrich)- cancer treatment
 Glen (brother of *Rob Sieck)- cancer
 Jim (friend of *Sheryl Knutson)- cancer surgery
 Tony (friend of *Mike Thomas)- cancer
 David (relative of *Hasses)- cancer
 Julie (friend of *Brenda Heims)- cancer
 Janet (friend of *Brenda Heims)-cancer
 Judy (godmother of *Jim Novitch)- cancer treatment
 Chad (son of *Vicki Huschka)- leukemia
 Rita (friend of *Shirley Kellogg)- cancer

Grief, family and friends of:

Scott (son of *Bonnie Bubke) - Died 10/27
 Richard (uncle of *Brenda Heims)- Died 10/26
 June (relative of *Brenda Heims)- Died 10/25
 *Steve (brother of *Linda Patten)- Died 10/17
 *Rollis Deetz– Died 10/14
 Harold (uncle of *Melinda Crow)- Died 10/3
 *Darlene (wife of *Wayne Schilling)- Died 9/9

Local/National/World:

Local, state, and national leaders
 Victims of floods, hurricanes, fires and disasters

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

Bethany Prayers

Do you have prayer requests? Let us know if you would like your request added to the prayer list, the email prayer chain, or both. Call 364-6026 or email requests to nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com.

Sunday, November 1

All Saints' Day

1:00 pm Communion

Monday, November 2

10:00 am Women's Group - FLC & Zoom

Tuesday, November 3

6:00 pm Evangelism Committee

6:30 pm Handbell Practice

Wednesday, November 4

6:00 am Men's Bible Study - Zoom

6:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday, November 5

6:00 pm Human Care Meeting

Saturday, November 7

8:00 am CPR/First Aid Training - FLC

Monday, November 9

10:00 am Women's Group

6:00 pm Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, November 10

6:30 pm Handbell Practice

7:00 pm Council Meeting - FLC

Wednesday, November 11

6:00 am Men's Bible Study - Zoom

6:00 pm Confirmation

Sunday, November 15

12:15 pm Voters' Meeting

Monday, November 16

10:00 am Women's Group

Wednesday, November 18

6:00 am Men's Bible Study - Zoom

6:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday, November 19

1:30 pm Blood Drive - FLC

Monday, November 23

10:00 am Women's Group

Tuesday, November 24

6:30 pm Handbell Practice

Wednesday, November 25

7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service

Monday, November 30

10:00 am Women's Group

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/2 Doris Baker

Sheryl Knutson

11/3 Aaron Foreman

11/4 Jacey Carr

11/5 David Dohrmann

Samuel Strait

11/6 Donna Bogner

11/7 Shay Gutman

Becky Johnson

11/8 Ginny Urban

11/11 Mike Goerd

Natalie Heller

11/12 Kris Dunn

11/12 Jayden Loesch

11/13 Jerald Scott

11/14 Karl Hoech

Donna Thronson

11/16 Verlyn LeFevere

11/18 Aaron Moffett

11/20 Harper Freese

11/21 Brooklyn Hedtke

11/22 Haley Dohrmann

Noelle Madden

Wayne Schilling

11/23 Kay Karsten

Taylor Theriault

11/24 Don Hein

Brooke Oja

Erica Rutz

11/25 Bonnie Breiholz

Carter Kirkpatrick

Conner Kirkpatrick

11/27 Benjamin Ackerman

Nathan Brusius

Earlene Francik

11/29 Doug Knutson

Noah Russman

11/30 Kristi Montague

Barb Rocarek

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/1 Ed & Gloria Schumacher

11/10 Dustin & Beth Bricker

11/21 Jeff & Angela Keslar

11/26 Kristi & Dan Montague

11/27 Doug & Earlene Francik

Richard & Karen Hass

James & Joan Mosel

Pastor's Thoughts on the Lectionary

As we move into the final month of our yearlong journey through the Scriptures, we begin by finishing off Hosea, the first of the "Book of the Twelve" or "minor prophets". Then, we move on to other prophets in their Old Testament (but not chronological) order. Unfortunately, space does not allow us to go into much detail, but here are a few notes:

Joel's prophecy, most likely to Judah (the Southern part of the Divided Kingdom), centers on the theme that "restoration and blessing will come only after judgment and repentance" and provides the text for St. Peter's Pentecost sermon about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In his work primarily in Israel (the Northern Kingdom), *Amos* proclaims a great deal about God's judgment, but he finishes his book with the beautiful promise of the Messiah and His Kingdom.

Though we are not sure exactly when *Obadiah* prophesied, his book tells of the ongoing conflict between the descendants of Esau (Edom), to whom he prophesied, and Jacob (Israel and Judah), but he also ends with the promise of deliverance.

In *Jonah*, God makes especially clear that His grace is meant for all people. Jonah was a reluctant preacher of repentance, but his three days in the belly of the great fish gives us a type of Jesus' death, three-day burial, and resurrection - a type to which Jesus Himself points in Matthew 12.

A contemporary of Isaiah, *Micah* preaches about the destruction of Israel and Judah, but he also provides one of the more famous Messianic prophecies: that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem..

Nahum tells of Israel and Judah's destruction at the hand of the Assyrians, but he also tells that the Assyrians in turn will be destroyed.

Habakkuk's last chapter is especially well known, for it contains an often-cited clear expression of the principle of salvation by faith.

Zephaniah prophesies words that Jesus uses to refer to His second coming (1:15). As the church year winds down in November, you will also note an emphasis on Jesus' return in glory.

Haggai was one of the first prophets given to the people of Judah after they returned from exile in Babylon, and Haggai encouraged the people to rebuild the temple.

The book of *Zechariah*, a co-worker of Haggai, has many prophecies Jesus fulfilled, especially with the events of Holy Week. For example, see Zechariah 9:9 and John 12:15.

Malachi is generally regarded as the last prophet before John the Baptizer and provides words John uses. Back from exile, the people of Judah again fell into sin, and Malachi condemns several specific sins.

From November 17 to the end of the month we read the Gospel according to St. Matthew. This reading is fitting after all those Old Testament prophets, for Matthew's account more than any other emphasizes Jesus' fulfilling the Old Testament promises of the Savior of the world.

Congratulations to all of you who read through the entire Bible during this last Church Year (and to those who made it most of the way). I pray that, as God promises, being in His Word was a blessing to you and that all of us will continue to read the Scriptures so that we may keep growing in faith and love!

Daily Lectionary



November 2020

1. Exodus 15:1-18 & Hosea 8-10
2. Psalm 122 & Hosea 11-14
3. Psalm 123 & Joel
4. Psalm 124 & Amos 1-5
5. Psalm 125 & Amos 6-9
6. Psalm 126 & Obadiah & Jonah
7. Psalm 127 & Micah 1-3
8. Psalm 128 & Micah 4-7
9. Psalm 129 & Nahum
10. Psalm 130 & Habakkuk
11. Psalm 131 & Zephaniah
12. Psalm 132 & Haggai
13. Psalm 133 & Zechariah 1-5
14. Psalm 134 & Zechariah 6-10
15. Psalm 135 & Zechariah 11-14
16. Psalm 136 & Malachi
17. Psalm 137 & Matthew 1-2
18. Psalm 138 & Matthew 3-4
19. Psalm 139 & Matthew 5-6
20. Psalm 140 & Matthew 7-8
21. Psalm 141 & Matthew 9-10
22. Psalm 142 & Matthew 11-12
23. Psalm 143 & Matthew 13-14
24. Psalm 144 & Matthew 15-16
25. Psalm 145 & Matthew 17-18
26. Psalm 146 & Matthew 19-20
27. Psalm 147 & Matthew 21-22
28. Psalm 148 & Matthew 23-24
29. Psalm 149-150 & Matthew 25-26
30. Exodus 15:1-18 & Matt. 27-28



Voters' Meeting

Please plan to attend a voters' meeting on Sunday, November 15 at 12:15 p.m. in the Family Life Center. All members are encouraged to participate. We will be electing new officers at this meeting.

In addition to meeting in-person in the Family Life Center, the meeting will also be broadcast on an FM-transmitter. Those who wish to remain outside the building due to the pandemic are invited to participate from their car in the church parking lot.



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 25
7:00 p.m.

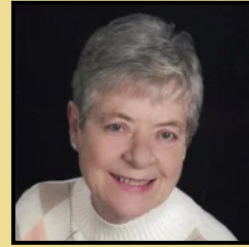
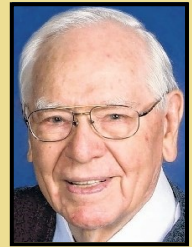
Please plan to join us the evening before
Thanksgiving for worship service.
Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Grief Care Seminar

For many, the holiday season is filled with family, joy and celebration. But for those who have recently experienced a death loss, it can be a season filled with apprehension and sadness. Is offering Coping with the Holidays to all in the community with the goal of helping those affected by grief during the holiday season.

During this one hour, all virtual gathering, Dr. James Coyle, Cedar Memorial's GriefCare and Community Outreach Specialist, will lead a discussion and time of reflection.



*Margaret Speers**Shirley Hansen**Shirley Deetz**Darlene Schilling**Rollis Deetz*

All Saints' Day 2020

On Sunday, November 1, we will pause to commemorate the faithful departed called to their heavenly home since last All Saints Day. Join us at either service that morning (8:30 or 11:00) as we remember Bethany members who have passed away within the last year.

Daylight Savings

Remember to set your clock back one hour
on Sunday, November 1.



Bethany Quilters

Even though we are experiencing a pandemic and can't meet as a group, the ladies are still working on quilts at home. We are in need of sheets for the insides of our quilts. If you have any used sheets you no longer use, don't discard them but we ask that you donate them to the LWML. Please drop these off at church.



Family Promise

Bethany will serve a Family Promise family the week of November 8-15. You will be able to sign up to provide groceries for the family. Watch for the email on the Signup Genius. If questions contact Nurse Ronda, Donna Birkicht or Laura Holt.



Thank You

To my Bethany family,
I want to thank all of you for your prayers, support, and help with my yard clean up due to the derecho damage. God's blessings to all of you.

- Carol Grimminger

Stephen Ministry Training

Stephen Ministry training will take place in January. Please prayerfully consider participating in training and becoming a Stephen Minister. For information, contact a Bethany Stephen Leader (Donna Birkicht, Kay Karsten, Nancy Lee Siebenmann, Leonard Tiedt, Nurse Ronda Anderson, or Pastor Erickson).



CPR/First Aid Training: November 7

CPR/AED and first aid training will be held at Bethany on Saturday, November 7, 8:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. If you would like to sign up for this training course, please contact Nurse Ronda at nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com. Your cost is \$10. American Red Cross CPR training classes give you the information and the skills you need to help adults, children and infants during breathing and cardiac emergencies.



AMERICAN RED CROSS



**BLOOD
DRIVE**

Blood Drive: November 19

Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 19. An American Red Cross blood drive will be hosted in the Family Life Center at Bethany. Please see the cover for information to sign up for the drive.

Collection of Household Items

Bethany is once again collecting various household items to distribute to those who are in need in our community. These items are kept at the church so they will be on hand as people need them. At this time our stock pile is running low, so we are asking for donations of:

- Liquid hand soap
- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Disinfecting wipes/spray
- Toothpaste/toothbrushes
- Grocery store gift cards



Donated items may be dropped off at church during office hours (Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm). Many people have already been helped by our previous collection and have expressed their thankfulness both to Bethany and to our Lord.



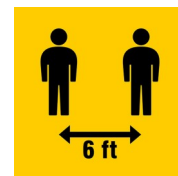
Communion Schedule

Communion will be served at the 8:30 and 11:00 services on the first and third Sunday of each month. If you would prefer receiving communion, apart from these services, in a small group at Bethany, you may sign up to receive communion in the afternoon on the first Sunday of each month. The next one will be on November 1.

Time slots will be limited to one family group at a time. To sign up for a 15-minute slot, call the church office at 364-6026 or use the link sent to your email.

Worship Guidelines

Please refer to the “2020 Updates” tab on our website at www.bethanycr.org to stay up to date on plans for gathering and worship guidelines to follow during the pandemic. We are no longer asking people to sign up to attend. Thank you for doing your part to keep our community healthy and safe with smart practices as we continue to put our trust in the Lord.





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 and December, please look for the Angel Tree in the Gathering Area. You may pick up an angel ornament from the tree, purchase a gift for the child listed, and bring the gift back to Bethany on or before December 13. Please notify the Angel Tree coordinator, Shari Mehlhoff at 319-361-5539 if you are available to help with gift delivery December 14-20.



Sunday School

Sunday School has been meeting online with Zoom on Sunday mornings from 10-10:30 am

This year Sunday School is doing an overview of the Old Testament. In November we are finishing the story of Joseph and will begin studying Moses-his birth, the plagues, Passover and the beginning of the Israelites trip to the Promised Land. Please join us.

Sunday School and the Board of Education are making plans to celebrate the Birth of Jesus in a little bit different way this year. Look for updates and emails from Sunday School.



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Join in person or by Zoom

On Sundays Pastor Erickson leads a Bible study at 9:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Everyone attending in-person is required to wear a mask. Those who choose to attend online may join via Zoom.

There is a link on the email sent to the congregation at the end of each week or you can go to the church website under Resources/Bible Study. Also, if you have your own Zoom account just enter the following meeting ID and passcode.



Meeting ID: 857 1656 9719
Passcode: 660091

Thrivent Choice

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. Through

Thrivent Choice, Bethany has received over \$6,000 over the last 3 years. Thank you for supporting our congregation through this program. These gifts will be directed to the Maintenance Reserve Fund for future large item replacement needs of the church.



Eligible Thrivent Financial members need to designate their Choice Dollars. You can continue to designate 2020 dollars throughout the year. To do so, 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.

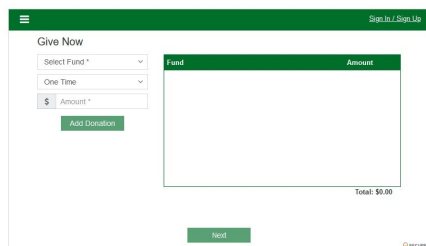
Endowment Committee

The Endowment Committee is looking for more committee members. Please contact the church office if you are interested in serving in this way.

Giving Options

Online Giving

Visit bethanycr.org. Look for the GIVING tab to manage or set up recurring and one-time offerings using your bank account or debit or credit card. Set up an account for easier access, make changes, and see past giving history.



Mobile App Giving

Search your app store for “GivePlus Church” and download the GivePlus app to make a one-time or recurring offering. Set up an account so you can make changes at any time and see past giving history.



Paper Form

Authorization forms for direct deposit can be mailed to you. Mail the completed form along with a voided check or deposit slip to the church office. You will receive a confirmation email or call when it has been set up.

GIVE PLUS AUTHORIZATION FORM

DATE: _____		ENVELOPE NUMBER: _____
Name: _____		
Address: _____		
City State Zip: _____		
Email Address: _____		
FIRST CONTRIBUTION DATE: _____	FUNDS: General Operating	AMOUNTS: \$ _____
	Use of Funds	\$ _____
FREQUENCY OF DONATION: Weekly - Monday	Use of Funds	\$ _____
Semi-monthly - 1st & 15th	Weekly Amount	\$ _____
Monthly on the 1st	Monthly TOTAL:	\$ _____
Monthly on the 15th		

Offering Envelopes

You can mail your giving envelopes to the church office at 2202 Forest Dr. SE. They are deposited weekly.

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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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