

# Bethany Beacon

AUGUST 2021

## Back to **SUNDAY** School

### Rally Day

**AUGUST 22**

Rally Day is Sunday, August 22. Plan to join us during the education hour (9:45-10:45 a.m.) in the Opening Room (located in the lower level). Rally Day is a time for students and parents to meet teachers, update forms, play games, get pictures taken, ask questions, and have fun!

### First Day

**AUGUST 29**

In-person Sunday School will resume on August 29. If you are not able to make it to Rally Day, please stop in the Sunday School office before taking your child to their classroom. Sunday School is for students ages three years old through 12th grade.

### Learn More

If you would like more information about Sunday School, please feel free to reach out! Send an email to: [sundayschool.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:sundayschool.bethanycr@gmail.com).



**Bethany**  
Lutheran Church

*Living and Sharing God's Love*

*Brothers and sisters in Christ - Here is a great article on Christian stewardship from our synod's website that I wanted to share. Enjoy!* ✠ Pastor Erickson

"There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse." Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34)

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let's explore this topic.

Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf. He did this in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper. And so, He doesn't just do it for us but gives it to us. He makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the conversion of the purse. Jesus said that "it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." (Matthew 19:24) "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are adminis-

tered. He calls us to share all good things with the one who teaches us the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

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So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance – a conversion of the heart – and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

This is not to say that you earn your way into heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are actually to live – think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) – a new life in Him. And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.

## Thanksgiving:

Millie (infant daughter of \*Drew & \*Carolyn Zimmerman)- baptized 7/25

Owen (grandson of \*Shari Mehlhoff, great grandson of \*Donna Birkicht)- born 7/13

Pastor Sean (son of \*Doris Baker) ordained and installed at Bethany Lutheran Church, Overland Park, KS

## Illness, injuries, health issues:

Mary Jane (mother of \*Phil Hedtke)- recovering after hospitalization

Deputy Halverson- recovering after injury in the line of duty

Dale (brother of \*Marge Grovert)- Parkinson's disease

Anne (relative of Patty Fitzgerald)- bike accident injuries

Jill (sister of \*Bridget Rinderknecht)- health issues

Kenny (friend of \*Bonnie Bubke)- recovering after surgery

Jane (daughter of \*Bonnie Bubke)- recovering after surgery

Wilson (infant son of Luke Viertel)- health issues

Alyse (granddaughter of \*Janelle Dunbar)- brain tumor

Andrew (relative of \*B Heims)- recovering after surgery

Jeff Mellgren (former member)- recovering after stroke

Hayden (relative of \*Bonnie Bubke)- brain disorder

Gwendolyn- (friend of \*Karen Swanson)- terminal illness

Steve (friend of \*Pete Larson)- recovering after stroke

John (nephew of \*Bonnie Bubke)- health issues

Ruth (friend of \*Velma Ziesemer)- health issues

Rod (nephew of \*Bonnie Bubke)- Parkinson's Disease

## Safety:

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

Harrison (son of \*Siecks)- serving in the military

## Local/National/World:

Local, state, and national leaders

Victims of floods, hurricanes, fires and disasters

## Homebound members of Bethany:

\*Wayne Schilling- Linn Manor Care Center, Marion

Candi Engel- Garnett Place

\*Nadine Wax- at home

\*Del Block- The Gardens

\*Larry & \*Sharon Easler- The Gardens

\*Darlene Eckert- Garnet Place

## Cancer/Hospice:

Sandy (neighbor of \*Bonnie Bubke)- cancer treatment

Shirley (sister of \*Donice McDonald)- cancer

John (brother of \*Donice McDonald)- cancer

Roland (brother of \*Bonnie Breiholz)- hospice care

Darrel (father of \*Janet Hoech)- hospice care

Ron (uncle of \*Dawn Thomas)- cancer diagnoses

Rose (friend of \*Kay Karsten)- cancer treatments

Tammy (relative of \*Bonnie Bubke)- cancer treatment

Karen (mother of Bethany friend)- cancer treatment

Karen (relative of \*Carol Grimminger)- hospice care

Marcia (relative of \*Brenda Heims)- cancer

Oz (father of \*Dathan Hinrichs & \*Josie Hester)- cancer treatment

Glen (brother of \*Rob Sieck)- cancer

Tony (friend of \*Mike Thomas)- cancer

David (relative of \*Hasses)- cancer immunotherapy

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:

Barb (sister of \*Linda Patten)- died 7/16

Tamara (aunt of \*Erin Heller & \*Matt Rinderknecht)- died 7/9

Darrel (father of \*Janet Hoech)- died 7/6

Dorothy (mother of \*Mark Elias)- died 7/6

Don (relative of \*Bonnie Bubke)- died at age 99

Dennis (brother of \*Karen Pfeffer)- died 6/29

Vera (mother of \*Julie Elias)- died 6/6

## 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, August 1

1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

## Monday, August 2

6:00 pm Vacation Bible School - Bever Park

6:00 pm Trustees Meeting

## Tuesday, August 3

6:00 pm Vacation Bible School - Bever Park

## Wednesday, August 4

6:00 pm Vacation Bible School - Bever Park

## Thursday, August 5

9:00 am Adult Bible Study

6:00 pm Vacation Bible School - Bever Park

## Friday, August 6

6:00 pm Vacation Bible School - Bever Park

## Sunday, August 8

1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

## Monday, August 9

7:00 pm Elders Meeting

## Tuesday, August 10

9:00 am Quilting for World Relief

7:00 pm Council Meeting - Zoom

## Wednesday, August 11

4:00 pm Cottage Grove Devotion

6:00 pm High School Youth Group

## Thursday, August 12

9:00 am Adult Bible Study

## Sunday, August 15

1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

## Monday, August 16

9:00 am Adult Vacation Bible School

## Tuesday, August 17

9:00 am Adult Vacation Bible School

## Wednesday, August 18

9:00 am Adult Vacation Bible School

6:00 pm High School Youth Group

## Thursday, August 19

9:00 am Adult Vacation Bible School

11:00 am Senior Worship

## Sunday, August 22

9:30 am Blood Pressure Checks - Office

9:45 am Sunday School Open House

1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

## Monday, August 23

6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed. - FLC

## Wednesday, August 25

6:00 pm High School Youth Group

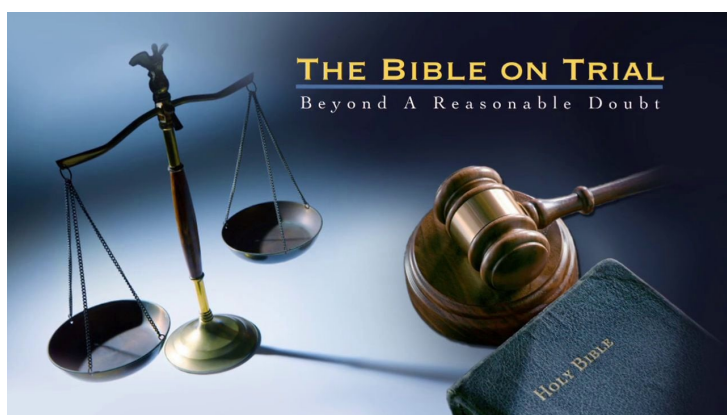
## Thursday, August 26

9:00 am Adult Bible Study

## Sunday, August 29

1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

# Adult Vacation Bible School



## Adult VBS: August 16-19

Vacation Bible School for adults will be held at Bethany August 16-19, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Join us for a time of lessons led by Pastor Erickson, hymn singing, Bible trivia, and fellowship with friends. This year we will go through "The Bible on Trial: Beyond Reasonable Doubt," a study from Lutheran Hour Ministries. **Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend.**

In "The Bible on Trial" we will look into how the Bible has withstood intense scrutiny from critics and cynics alike. You'll come away with a fresh appreciation of the Bible as an historical document and the Word of God.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

<b>8/1</b>	Eric Freese Marge Grovert Alex Schweer Kora Urban	<b>8/10</b>	Pam Kaufman Sharon Ramsey	<b>8/20</b>	Leo Hinz Paul LeFevere
<b>8/2</b>	Dustin Bricker John Hutcheson	<b>8/11</b>	Ellen Holt	<b>8/22</b>	E.J. Brink Adalyn Gates Nikki Stackhouse
<b>8/3</b>	Brad Easler	<b>8/12</b>	Del Block Josie Hester	<b>8/23</b>	Donna Birkicht Talan Robinson
<b>8/4</b>	Gary Kaufman	<b>8/13</b>	Doreta Bogner Craig Riffey	<b>8/25</b>	Karen Pfeffer Dale Stonewall
<b>8/6</b>	Angie Pfeil	<b>8/15</b>	Lucas Heller	<b>8/26</b>	Matt Rinderknecht Michelle Wiersig
<b>8/7</b>	Richard Hass Ed Schumacher	<b>8/16</b>	Claire Brusius Mya Chamberlin	<b>8/28</b>	Loti Moeller Drew Zimmerman
<b>8/9</b>	Deb Heitland Leisa Knudson	<b>8/17</b>	Ryne Chamberlin Carolina Rinderknecht	<b>8/30</b>	Joyce Fritz Pete Larson
<b>8/10</b>	Vern Happel Brenda Heims	<b>8/19</b>	Josh Bricker Elaine Willett		
		<b>8/20</b>	Nevaeh Duve		

**8/1** Mike & Cindy Goerdt  
Robby & Andrea Russman  
**8/2** Corey & Nikki Stackhouse  
**8/3** Greg & Kris Dunn  
**8/4** Mike & Amy Diers  
**8/6** Dave & Lori Dohrmann  
**8/8** Jim & Deb Heitland  
**8/9** Ryan & Elizabeth Corey

**8/11** Cody & Rebecca Ballstaedt  
Cleo & Josie Hester  
**8/12** Kenneth & Ellie Smith  
**8/14** Ben & Dawn Mims  
**8/15** Tyler & Kaylee Hedtke  
Tom & Debbie Mills  
**8/16** Joel & Katia Knutson  
**8/29** Josh & Marissa Keldgord

Join us for *Senior Worship* at Bethany!

Senior Worship is held at Bethany on the third Thursday of each month.

**Thursday, August 19, 2021**

Senior Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Fellowship Luncheon to follow

If you plan to attend, please call the church at 319-364-6026  
to help us plan accordingly for lunch.



Dear Sponsor

How are you I hope you are fine because to me I am fine. I live in Nakuru my home environment is not very good. Sometimes it rains from morning to evening. In my personal life during Covid 19 pandemic it was very good that I was spending time with my family that I love them. During Covid 19 pandemic I was enjoying reading the bible and pray to God that Covid 19 pandemic to be over. When they closed the school I was still reading at home. I was enjoying reading home even my step mother teaching me. Sometimes I was spending time with my grandmother to making for me story a long time than then traditional life was. Even I don't have any parent my parent died a long time ago. The school I am in is very good that it help me so much. That school is called Tumaini they teacher they are good teacher they help pupils when something is bad any thing you wanted you go to the teacher to help. My social life is good I want to work hard in school and then when I have pass my exams I want to help my family. I will thank God that he have provide me from trouble that I was having. When I grow up I want to be a Journalist in future that I want to work hard in school that I make my Journalist. I wish ones we meet with you. I like to go to the church everyday and reading bible. Pray everyday and my God bless all your family.



### Yvonne

Yvonne enjoys singing and playing football. Her favorite subject in school is math.

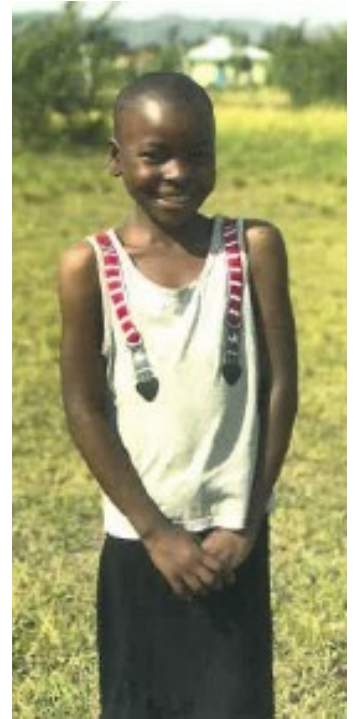
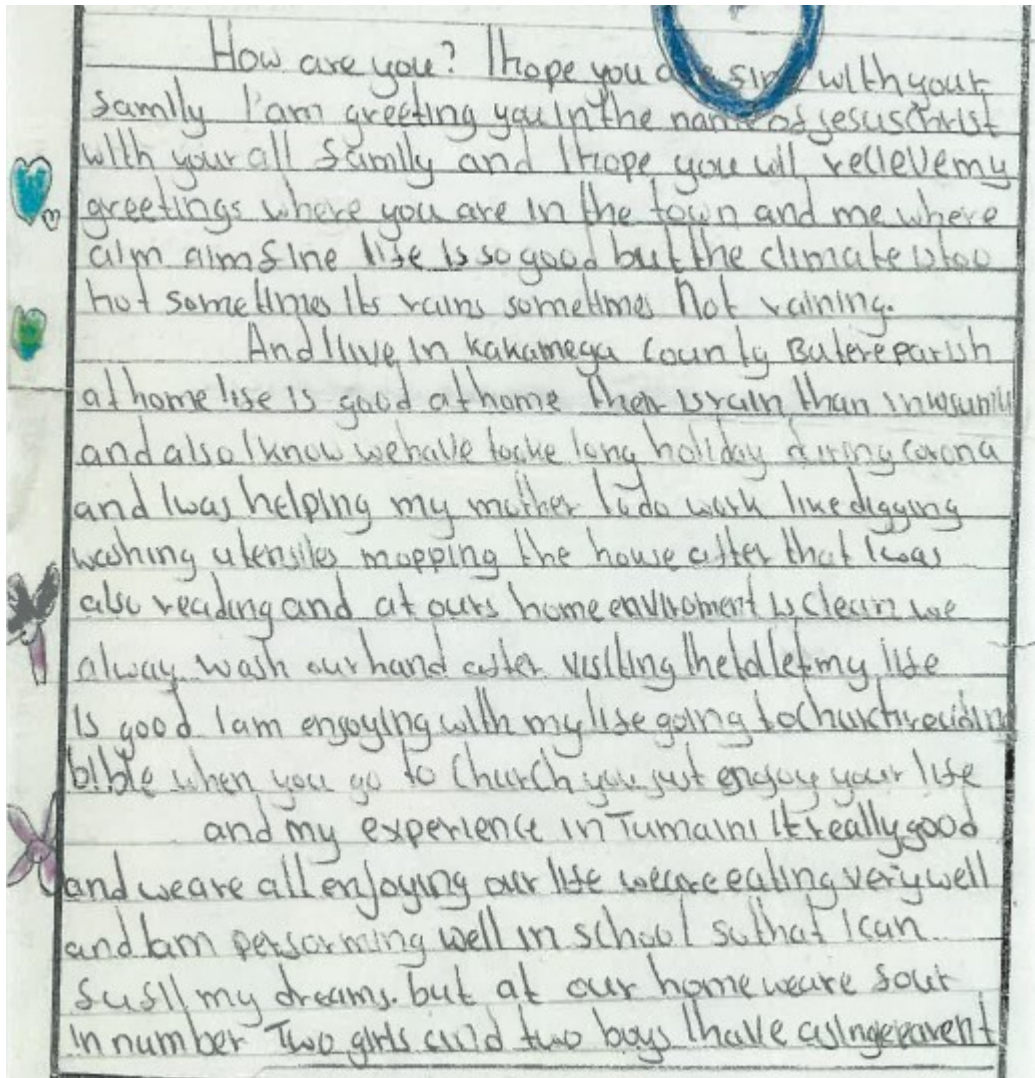
## Project 24: Meet our Sponsor Students!

Project 24 is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya. Project 24 currently has 7 boarding schools for students in 3rd-8th grade. Students at Project 24 schools grow in their faith by studying the Bible and Catechism. In addition to receiving a Christian education, the students live on site and receive basic needs such as food and medical care.

As a congregation, we are sponsoring two students through Christ's Care for Children in Kenya. Our two students are Yvonne and Lorine, who attend school at the same site.

Please enjoy these letters we have received from these students. Updates and pictures can also be found at the missions display board outside the sanctuary.

We will write back to our students, and the letters will need to be submitted by August 27. If you would like to help write a letter, please contact the church office at [office.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:office.bethanycr@gmail.com).



### Lorine

Lorine enjoys singing and doing drama. Her favorite subject in school is English.

## Project 24: Financial Support

Bethany's Evangelism Committee is committed to support this mission with a contribution of \$10,000 over one year. A portion of that amount goes to our two students through Christ's Care for Children in Kenya. The remaining amount will be given to the Project 24 general account to fund any on-site needs. **So far we have raised \$4,450 as a congregation.**

If you feel called to make a financial contribution to this mission project, you may:

- Use the "Missions" giving envelopes (located at the display table outside the sanctuary) to give cash or checks made to Bethany Lutheran Church, and place in the offering plate.
- Go to [www.bethanycr.org/giving](http://www.bethanycr.org/giving) to give online. Under "Give Now" click "Select Fund" then select "Kenya: Project 24."

Please keep this mission in your prayers!



## Vacation Bible School

**August 2-6**  
**6:00-8:00 PM**  
**Bever Pavilion**

### Vacation Bible School

Join us for God's Wonder Lab Vacation Bible School: August 2-6 (Monday - Friday) 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Bever Pavilion. VBS is for children ages three years old through those entering sixth grade. Get ready for a fun week of storytelling, games, music, crafts, and Bible challenges! Monday through Thursday, cold sack lunches will be available at 5:30 p.m. at the park.

Friday is Family Fun Night! On Friday, August 6, parents and other family members are invited to attend and experience VBS alongside the children. Pizza will be served for dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Friday.

**Register for VBS at [www.bethanycr.org/children-youth](http://www.bethanycr.org/children-youth)**

# YOUTH GROUP

### High School Youth Group

Weekly youth group for high school students is on Wednesdays at 6:00-7:30 p.m. Plan to attend and bring a friend! Youth director Darin Elm can be reached at [youth.bethanycr@gmail.com](mailto:youth.bethanycr@gmail.com).

**Youth group will not be held on August 4 (Vacation Bible School week).**



## Blood Pressure Checks

Your blood pressure is the force of your blood pushing against the walls of your arteries. If it's too high, your heart must work harder. Over time, blood pressure can cause the heart to enlarge or weaken. This can lead to heart failure. High blood pressure can also narrow your arteries, which disrupts proper blood flow to your heart or brain and can trigger a heart attack or stroke. Blood pressure screening will be done on the fourth Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Nurse office.



## CPR & First Aid

### First Aid/CPR/AED Training

The location of Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrests (OHCA) most often occurs in homes/residences (70%) followed by public settings (18.8%) and nursing homes (11.2%). If performed immediately, CPR can double or triple the chance of survival from an out of hospital cardiac arrest.

American Heart Association First Aid/CPR/AED training will be held at Bethany on Saturday, September 25, 8:00-2:00. The cost for training is \$10. Please contact Nurse Ronda by September 16 if you would like to take this class.

## Especially For You

The *Especially For You* Race Against Breast Cancer will be on Sunday, October 3 at 8:00 a.m. Since 1991, as a result of the annual *Especially For You* Race Against Breast Cancer, free mammograms and other breast-care and gynecological services have been provided to area individuals in need.



Sign up for the Bethany Lutheran Church team at [especiallyforyourace.org](http://especiallyforyourace.org), and click "Register" then "Join a Team." Scroll down to find the Bethany Lutheran Church team.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS



## BLOOD DRIVE

### Blood Drive

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood and/or platelets. Approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day. An American Red Cross blood drive will be held at Bethany on Monday, October 25, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Contact Michelle Hedtke for more information.

## Joy's Journal

I was blessed this month to meet some more Bethany FURends. After the senior worship service on July 15, I hung out in the Gathering Area to say "hi." Everyone was so nice to me and I tried hard to be calm. I also got a bright orange vest this month so I can get used to wearing one when I go out on visits in the future. It tells people I'm in training... hopefully they won't be surprised if my "comfort" gets out of control.

God's blessings to all of you!



The pantry is open every Sunday, 1:00-3:00 p.m. To volunteer, sign up at [www.bethanycr.org/food-pantry](http://www.bethanycr.org/food-pantry) or call the church office at 319-364-6026.

**Current needs for donations are: facial tissues, dish soap, laundry detergent, and toothpaste. The drop-off table for donations is located on the main level outside of the sanctuary.**

## Quilts for World Relief

On Tuesday, August 10, 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. Any amount of time you can give is appreciated. If you plan to stay through the noon hour, bring a sack lunch. For more information, please contact Betty Hapel (393-9497) or Donna Bogner (777-9053).



### Pastoral Care

If you desire pastoral care when you are hospitalized, please notify the church. Hospitals do not contact churches if you are hospitalized.

### Women's Small Group

Women's Small Group will resume on Monday, September 13. The group meets on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. at Mr. Beans in Marion. We will read and discuss the book "Family Trees and Olive Branches: Creating a Culture of Grace in Your Family" by Christina Hergenrader. Please contact Nurse Ronda at nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com by August 16 if you would like her to order a book for you. The books cost \$15 each.



### Thank You

Thank you to the Care Warriors who provided food for me while I was recovering from back surgery. The food was delicious! Thank you also to everyone who was praying for me while I was healing from surgery.  
- Kim Neuhaus

## Summer Giving Made Easy



With a busy summer it may be easier to set up electronic giving. Make a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts through our website's giving page or download the app on your phone.

### ONLINE/WEBSITE

1. Visit our website at [www.bethanycr.org](http://www.bethanycr.org)
2. Click the GIVING tab.
3. Give an offering.

### MOBILE DEVICE

1. Download the free Vanco GivePlus+ App.
2. Find our church by searching for Bethany Lutheran.
3. Give an offering.

*It only takes a minute to set up an account or give as a guest. Questions? Call the church office 319-364-6026.*

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**WORSHIP WITH US**

**Sunday Mornings**

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

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