

Bethany Beacon

OCTOBER 2021



October 10

Join us for a **church picnic** on Sunday, October 10, 12:30-3:30 at Meadowlark Shelter in Wanatee Park (formerly Squaw Creek) in Marion. Sack lunches, water and lemonade will be provided. You may bring your own meal if you prefer. Some outdoor games will be available, but feel free to bring your favorite (corn hole, frisbees, balls, etc.)! There are also nearby trails for hiking and biking. If you plan to attend, help us plan for meals by signing up at bethanycr.org/events/church-picnic or call the church office.



Bethany
Lutheran Church

Living and Sharing God's Love

Bethany Friends – As our congregation will be distributing stewardship packets and pledge cards this month, I thought you might enjoy this article from LC-MS Stewardship Ministries:

✚ Pastor Erickson

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote:

“Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, ‘Daddy, give me sixpence to buy you a birthday present.’ Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child’s present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is sixpence to the good on the transaction. When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins. (128–129).”

This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership. God owns everything, and we are simply managers – stewards – acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life (Deut. 8:17–18) but also all that we are in this life (1 Cor. 6:20).

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faithful over a
little; I will set
you over much.*

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability. For the Lord said, “Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more” (Luke 12:48b). And from this comes

blessing and reward: “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master” (Matt. 25:21).

We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God’s fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands.

On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours – not as stewards but as sons (Gal. 4:1–7). Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.

Stewardship at Bethany

Stewardship packets will be mailed out on Monday, October 11. Please prayerfully consider your tithes and offerings for 2022, and return your pledge card on Sunday, October 24.

Thanksgiving:

Spencer (son of Miranda Kress)- baptized 9/26
 Anne (relative of Patty Fitzgerald)- recovering at home after bike accident
 Wilson (infant son of Luke Viertel)- health issues

Illness, injuries, health issues:

Dipak (friend of Greg Dunn)- hospitalization
 Dave (father of Jennet Volden)- health issues
 Crysten (wife of Daniel Sanchez, Camp IODISECA) - recovering after accident
 Deputy Halverson- recovering after injury in the line of duty
 Dale (brother of *Marge Grovert)- Parkinson's disease
 Jill (sister of *Bridget Rinderknecht)- health issues
 Kenny (friend of *Bonnie Bubke)- recovering after surgery
 Jane (daughter of *Bonnie Bubke)- recovering after surgery
 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:

Ben— serving in the Iowa National Guard
 Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of *Schoens & Amy Smith)- serving in the Navy
 Tailor & Charlie (grandsons of *Kim Neuhaus)- Deployed
 Harrison (son of *Siecks)- serving in the military

Grief, family and friends of:

Ray (father of *Deb Mills)- died 9/4
 Erma (mother of *Rita Tiedt)- died 8/30
 Carl (brother of *Leonard Tiedt)- died 8/19
 Larry (brother of *Ben Mims)- died 8/17
 Mavis (aunt of *Duane Pfeffer) - died 8/3

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— Summit Pointe, Marion
 *Darlene Eckert— at home
 *Valerie Koelper— Grand Living on Indian Creek
 *Melba Davison— Terrace Glen, Marion
 *Shirley Kellogg— at home

Cancer/Hospice:

Richard (relative of *Carol Grimminger)- cancer
 Ray (father of *Deb Mills)- hospice care
 Austin (grandson of *Fran Struck)- terminal cancer
 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
 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

Local/National/World:

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

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.

Saturday, October 2

9:00 am Holy Yoga - Opening Room

Sunday, October 3

1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Monday, October 4

10:00 am Women's Group - Mr. Beans

6:00 pm Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, October 5

6:30 pm Handbells Practice

7:00 pm Evangelism Meeting

7:00 pm Nominating Committee

Wednesday, October 6

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

6:00 pm Confirmation

6:00 pm High School Youth Group

Thursday, October 7

9:00 am Adult Bible Study

6:00 pm Human Care

Saturday, October 9

9:00 am Holy Yoga - Opening Room

Sunday, October 10

12:30 pm Church Picnic - Wanatee Park

1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Monday, October 11

10:00 am Women's Group - Mr. Beans

7:00 pm Elders Meeting

Tuesday, October 12

9:00 am Quilting for World Relief

6:30 pm Handbells Practice

7:00 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 13

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

6:00 pm Confirmation

6:00 pm High School Youth Group

Thursday, October 14

9:00 am Adult Bible Study

Saturday, October 16

9:00 am Serve the Lord Day

9:00 am Holy Yoga - Opening Room

Sunday, October 17

1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Monday, October 18

10:00 am Women's Group - Mr. Beans

Tuesday, October 19

6:30 pm Handbells Practice

Wednesday, October 20

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

4:00 pm Cottage Grove Devotion

6:00 pm Confirmation

6:00 pm High School Youth Group

Thursday, October 21

9:00 am Adult Bible Study

11:00 am Senior Worship

Saturday, October 23

9:00 am Holy Yoga

Sunday, October 24

9:30 am Blood Pressure Checks - Office

1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Monday, October 25

10:00 am Women's Group - Mr. Beans

1:30 pm Blood Drive - FLC

6:00 pm Stephen Ministry - King of Kings

Tuesday, October 26

6:30 pm Handbells Practice

Wednesday, October 27

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

6:00 pm Confirmation

6:00 pm High School Youth Group

Thursday, October 28

9:00 am Adult Bible Study

Saturday, October 30

9:00 am Holy Yoga

Sunday, October 31

1:00 pm Food Pantry Open



Bethany friends gathered for a bike ride on the Cedar River Trail on Sunday, September 12.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

10/1 Carter Urban	10/13 Darin Elm	10/23 Betty Happel
10/2 Jennet Volden	Carolyn Zimmerman	Annest Hoech
Rob Willms	10/14 Jack Zimmerman	Lili Loesch
10/3 Saul Foreman	10/19 Jeff Keslar	10/25 Ron Prescott
Phyllis Landis	Bella Novitch	10/26 Naomi Chiavetta
Carmen Ranbarger	10/20 Melba Davison	10/27 Emily Kroemer
10/4 Dawn Thomas	Dathan Hinrichs	10/28 Corey Gutman
10/6 Brenna Godbey	10/21 Noah Pelletier	Vicki Huschka
10/8 Joann Strang	Norm Rutz	Ryan Urban
10/12 Dave Christian	10/22 Tom Mills	10/29 Taylor Ballstaedt
Nancylee Siebenmann		

10/3 Matt & Whitney Hinz	10/13 Pastor & Christine Erickson
10/3 Maynard & Diane Holub	10/14 Karl & Janet Hoech
10/4 Rick & Erin Heller	10/16 Ken & Karen Swalley
10/5 Bill & Tina Freese	10/17 Randy & Joni Schmith
10/5 Isaiah & Bree Robinson	10/17 Ian & Bailey Stevens
10/6 Eric & Lisa Freese	10/18 Kent & Diane Zenor
10/7 Jeff & Janet Gebert	10/21 Chris & Leisa Knudson
10/9 Travis & Jo Godbey	10/22 Steve & Erin Wilson
10/9 Don & Betty Hein	10/24 Darin & Maren Elm
10/10 Taylor & Stephanie Chittick	10/26 Chris & Kelly Frampton

Join us for *Senior Worship* at Bethany!

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

Thursday, October 21, 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.



LWML Sunday

On Sunday, October 3 we will join Lutheran churches around the world in celebrating LWML Sunday. The theme for LWML Sunday 2021 is "Our hearts in His hand." 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 3 see the LWML display in the Gathering Area to learn more about ways to be involved in the women's guild.



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, 1:30-5:30 p.m.** Appointments can be made online at www.redcrossblood.org. Or, call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule.

Contact Michelle Hedtke for more information.



Serve the Lord Day

Help the Board of Trustees care for the maintenance of our facilities on **Saturday, October 16**. We will work on various cleaning and work projects inside and outside our building, 8:00 a.m. - noon. Any amount of time you are able to give is appreciated.

Sunday Adult Bible Study

The Center for Care of Creation at Concordia Seminary was created to promote a deep appreciation for creation among Christian congregations by bringing the biblical theology to bear on cultural issues related to our life in care for creation so that congregations can better engage their communities for the sake of the Gospel and for the new creation.

As we all know, environmental issues polarize society when viewed primarily in terms of politics and public policies. One side is seen as caring for the earth at the expense of humans; the other as pursuing human interests at the expense of the earth. However, one basic question lies behind every environmental issue: how do we view creation and our place within it?

The CCC has developed resources to help churches reflect on their relationship with creation, to embrace life within creation, and to empower them to become involved in caring for God's creation. As a result, congregations will see the story of the gospel more richly, become a light in the wider community of human and nonhuman creatures, and identify various ways to live a flourishing life with God and creation.

Pastor Erickson is currently leading a Bible Study from the CCC that focuses on such topics as: Recognizing the Biblical Narrative, Recognizing our Dependence on Creation, Recognizing our Responsibility to Creation, and Caring for Creation as Individuals and as a Community of Believers. Class will meet through November 14 on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

Women's Small Group

Women's Small Group meets on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. at Mr. Beans in Marion. The group is currently discussing 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 for more information.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m. at Bethany. All men are welcome to attend this group. The current study is on the gospel of Matthew from the Lutheran Hour Ministries series, "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School." Contact the church office for more information.



Thursday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Erickson leads Bible study on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. All adults are welcome to attend this class, held at Bethany in the Family Life Center.



Youth Gathering

The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 9-13, 2022 in Houston, TX. Students currently in 8th-12th grade are eligible to attend the Youth Gathering. If your student is interested in attending, please contact Darin Elm at youth.bethanycr@gmail.com for information and to fill out a participation form.

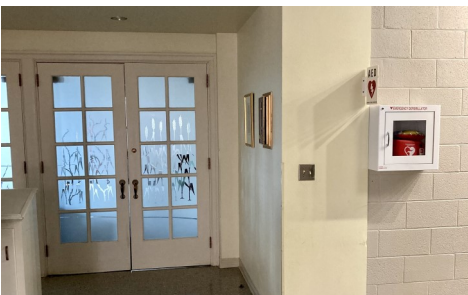
First Aid/CPR/AED training at Bethany

Six Bethany members and one Mt. Mercy student completed First Aid/CPR/AED training last month, instructed by Tonya Barger of the American Heart Association. If you weren't able to attend training, please keep this helpful information in mind:

DID YOU KNOW...

- Bethany has several first aid kits throughout the building. Three are located in:
 - The Sunday School office in the lower level
 - The Gathering Area
 - The kitchen
- A phone to call for help is located in the Gathering Area and in the kitchen behind the door. You must dial 9 before dialing the phone number. The contact numbers for emergency, police, non-emergency, poison control, and sheriff, as well as our address, is posted near each phone.
- An automated external defibrillator or AED is located outside the sanctuary. This cabinet is alarmed and will sound when the cabinet door is opened.
- In any emergency, you want to make sure the scene is safe and call for help.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Nurse Ronda.



AED located outside the sanctuary



First Aid Kit in Gathering Area



First Aid Kit in kitchen

Project 24

Project 24 is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya. In addition to growing in faith through Christian education, students at Project 24 schools live on site and receive basic needs such as food and medical care. As a congregation, we are sponsoring two students (Yvonne and Lorine) through Christ's Care for Children in Kenya.

So far we have raised \$5,434.67 of our \$10,000 contribution. Updates can be found at the missions display board outside the sanctuary. Please check this display for pictures and letters from our students.

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 to give online. Under "Give Now" click "Select Fund" then select "Kenya: Project 24."



Christ's Care
FOR CHILDREN:
KENYA

Virtual Event

As supporters of Project 24, we are invited to a virtual thank-you event on Saturday, October 9. A Zoom call will be held at 9:00-10:30 a.m. If you would like the Zoom link, please RSVP by October 7 by sending an email to jennifer.hummel@lcms.org.

Monday Coffee and Cocoa

The Board of Evangelism connects with neighbors and Washington High School students by serving free coffee and cocoa on Monday mornings. New volunteers are welcome! Even if you are not an "early morning" person, you'll find that serving is fun as you share joy and encouragement with those we serve. To volunteer, please sign up for a date at www.bethanycr.org/serve.



Holy Yoga

Holy Yoga is held at Bethany on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. in the lower level. Bring a mat if you have one. Suggested donation for Holy Yoga is \$5 per session.

Joy's Journal

Happy fall, everyPAWdy! I think this is my favorite season, I get nice long walks with my mom, sometimes twice a day! And everything smells like pumpkin, even some of my training treats. I spent September training with my people learning that Hawkeye football is a big deal at my PAWrent's house, and meeting new FURiends. This month my social calendar picks up - I am going to greet Washington High School students on Monday mornings when Bethany serves coffee and will continue my training with our trainer Laura.

FURwell for now -



Thank you

Thank you to my Bethany family for the prayers to the Heavenly Father on my behalf, and His will to grant my health to be restored through the wisdom of wonderful medical professionals.

God bless you all,
Carol Edwards

Quilts for World Relief

On Tuesday, October 12, 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 Happel (393-9497) or Donna Bogner (777-9053).



Time and Talents

Have you completed a time and talent survey? Print copies of the survey are available to pick up at the Bethany Welcome Center. Or, you may fill out a survey online at www.bethanycr.org/serve.



**Bethany
Lutheran
FOOD PANTRY**


— Psalm 145:16 —

The pantry is open every Sunday, 1:00-3:00 p.m. To volunteer, sign up at bethany.org/food-pantry or call the church office at 319-364-6026.



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2. Find our church by searching for Bethany Lutheran.
3. Give an offering.

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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

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