

Bethany Beacon

JUNE 2022

Christian Faith Class

Thursdays at 7:00 PM



Christian Faith Class is for Everyone

Starting on June 16, Pastor Erickson will teach a Christian Faith Class on Thursdays at 7:00-8:30 p.m. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Christian faith is welcome to attend this class. Even if you are a lifelong member of the church, you may find value and gain new insights in going “back to the basics” in this class. You may even have a friend you would like to invite to attend with you so you can share your faith with them.

Become a Member at Bethany

If you are not yet a member of Bethany and would like to learn more about becoming a church member, please plan to attend this class. At the end of the course, you will be invited into membership at Bethany Lutheran Church!

If you are interested in taking this class, please call the office at 319-364-6026 or email Pastor Erickson at pastor.bethanycr@gmail.com.



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Living and Sharing God's Love

This month, I'd like to share this interesting article from LC-MS Stewardship Ministry...

✦ Pastor Erickson

Some of the disciples of John the Baptist were questioning him about the baptism and preaching of Jesus. John the Baptist replies to their questions in this way: "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven" (John 3:27).

Now, John the Baptist says this to show that Jesus, His teaching, and His baptism are from heaven. But this statement is true of everything – everything that we have and are in body and soul. In fact, this is what we are taught in the meaning of the Apostles' Creed in *Luther's Small Catechism*.

In the explanation of the Creed's First Article, we learn that God has made us and everything in the universe. Luther says:

"He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him."

In the Second Article of the Creed, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, to humble Himself, taking the form of a servant. Luther writes:

"(Jesus) has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity."

In the Third Article of the Creed, we learn

that the fruits of what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, did are given to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church. Luther explains:

"That I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ."

Indeed, a person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. But how easy is this for us to forget about this?

How easy is it for us to think that what we have in this life is because we have earned it? How easy is it for us to forget that even all our skills, the abilities of our hands and minds – the very ethic to work diligently and to seek to get better at these skills – is given to us from heaven, just as John the Baptist said? How easy is it for us to forget that it is Christ alone – and the work of the Holy Spirit – that reveals His salvation to us, delivers it to us, and not our doing?

Sure, we have responsibility for coming to church, for delving into God's Holy Word, and for praying without ceasing. But even these responsibilities are given to us from heaven, not to earn anything but in response to what He has accomplished for us.

A person cannot receive one thing unless it is given to him from heaven. Everything we have, and everything we are – in both body and soul – are gifts from God in heaven. Let us then respond in thanksgiving and give back to Him as He asks us to – with a first-fruits, generous proportion offering of what He has given to us.

Thanksgiving:

Colton (infant son of *Ian and *Bailey Stevens)- baptized 5/15
 Joy the Comfort Dog passed her Canine Good Citizen test
 Ron (uncle of *Dawn Thomas)- cancer in remission
 Dawn (relative of Chuck Kroemer)- recovering after tornado
 Glen (brother of *Rob Sieck)- cancer treatment completed
 Jill (sister of *Bridget Rinderknecht)- improved health
 Mary (relative of *Vicki Huschka)- recovered after fall
 Vanny (friend of *Cindy Goerdts) - improved health
 Janet (mother of *J Shoemaker)- cancer treatment completed
 John (brother of *Pat Krekeler)- improved health issues

Illness, injuries, health issues:

Victoria (mother of *Janet Hoech)- health issues
 LaVonne (mother of *Dave Karsten)- recovering after fall
 Dan (father of *Michelle Wiersig) - recovering after surgery
 Lorelei (Bethany visitor)- recovering after surgery
 Pastor Krueger (Zion Lutheran)- health issues
 Teri (relative of *Schoens)- health issues
 Dave (relative of *Jennet Volden)- bike accident
 Judy (relative of *Brenda Heims)- health issues
 Tom Mark (former member)- recovering after accident
 Alyse (granddaughter of *Janelle Dunbar)- brain tumor
 Andrew (relative of *B Heims)- recovering after surgery
 Hayden (relative of *Bonnie Bubke)- brain disorder
 Gwendolyn- (friend of *Karen Swanson)- terminal illness
 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 & *Smith)- U.S. Navy
 Harrison (son of *Siecks)- U.S. Army

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

Cancer/Hospice:

Shauna (niece of Schmiths)- cancer
 Jerry (brother of *Ronda Anderson)- cancer treatment
 Karen (friend of Laura Holt)- cancer
 John (brother of *Donice McDonald)- cancer
 Rick & Rose (friend of *Kay Karsten)- cancer treatments
 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
 Tony (friend of *Mike Thomas)- cancer
 David (relative of *Hasses)- cancer immunotherapy
 Julie (friend of *Brenda Heims)- cancer
 Janet (friend of *Brenda Heims)-cancer
 Chad (son of *Vicki Huschka)- leukemia

Grief, family and friends of:

Mechele (friend of *Linda Patten) - died 5/14
 Carol (mother of *Angie Pfeil)- died 4/15

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.

JUNE CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 1

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
6:00 pm High School Youth

Thursday, June 2

9:00 am Adult Bible Study
6:00 pm Human Care Meeting

Saturday, June 4

9:00 am Holy Yoga - Opening Room

Sunday, June 5

9:45 am Milestones Class
12:15 pm Board of Education Meeting
1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Monday, June 6

6:00 pm Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, June 7

6:00 pm Evangelism Meeting

Wednesday, June 8

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
6:00 pm High School Youth

Thursday, June 9

9:00 am Adult Bible Study

Saturday, June 11

8:00 am Rummage Sale
9:00 am Holy Yoga - Opening Room

Sunday, June 12

9:45 am Milestones Class
1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Monday, June 13

6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision
7:00 pm Elders Meeting

Tuesday, June 14

9:00 am Quilting for World Relief
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 15

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
4:00 pm Cottage Grove Devotion
6:00 pm High School Youth

Thursday, June 16

9:00 am Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Senior Worship Service
7:00 pm Christian Faith Class

Saturday, June 18

9:00 am Holy Yoga - Opening Room

Sunday, June 19

1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Wednesday, June 22

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
6:00 pm High School Youth

Thursday, June 23

9:00 am Adult Bible Study
7:00 pm Christian Faith Class

Friday, June 24

IDE District Convention

Saturday, June 25

IDE District Convention

Sunday, June 26

9:30 am Blood Pressure Checks - Office
1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Monday, June 27

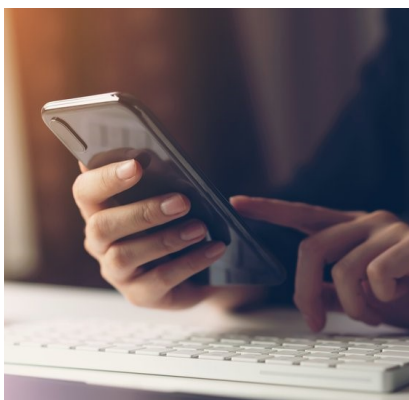
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed.

Wednesday, June 29

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
6:00 pm High School Youth

Thursday, June 30

9:00 am Adult Bible Study
7:00 pm Christian Faith Class



June Evangelism Challenge

There are simple ways we can all live and share God's love with those around us. Last month, your challenge was to "chalk the walk" to share God's love. **This month, your challenge is to share a message on social media or email Bethany's worship resources to a friend.** Each week on Bethany's Facebook page you can find a Bible verse (posted Thursdays) and a sermon (posted Saturdays). In June, please click "share" on a post that inspires you, or share an encouraging Christian message of your own! Bethany's page can be found at facebook.com/bethanycrria.

Project 24: Christ's Care for Children in Kenya



Lorine



Yvonne

Project 24 is a Lutheran mission in Kenya that Bethany started supporting in May 2021. Students in the program receive a Christian education in a safe environment while living in the one of the eight boarding facilities where their physical, medical, and spiritual needs are met.

In March, the Board of Evangelism hosted an event to share updates about Project 24 and to announce our plan to continue support of this mission. In 2021 we set the goal to raise \$10,000 in one year. We reached this goal, and **our new goal is to raise an additional \$10,000 during Spring 2022 - Spring 2023. So far we have raised \$2,064 this year.**

A portion of our contribution supports two sponsor students, Yvonne and Lorine, and the rest supports the Project 24 general fund. We get to write letters to Yvonne and Lorine quarterly, and letters are due soon! If you would like to write a note, email it to office.bethanycr@gmail.com by Thursday, June 2.

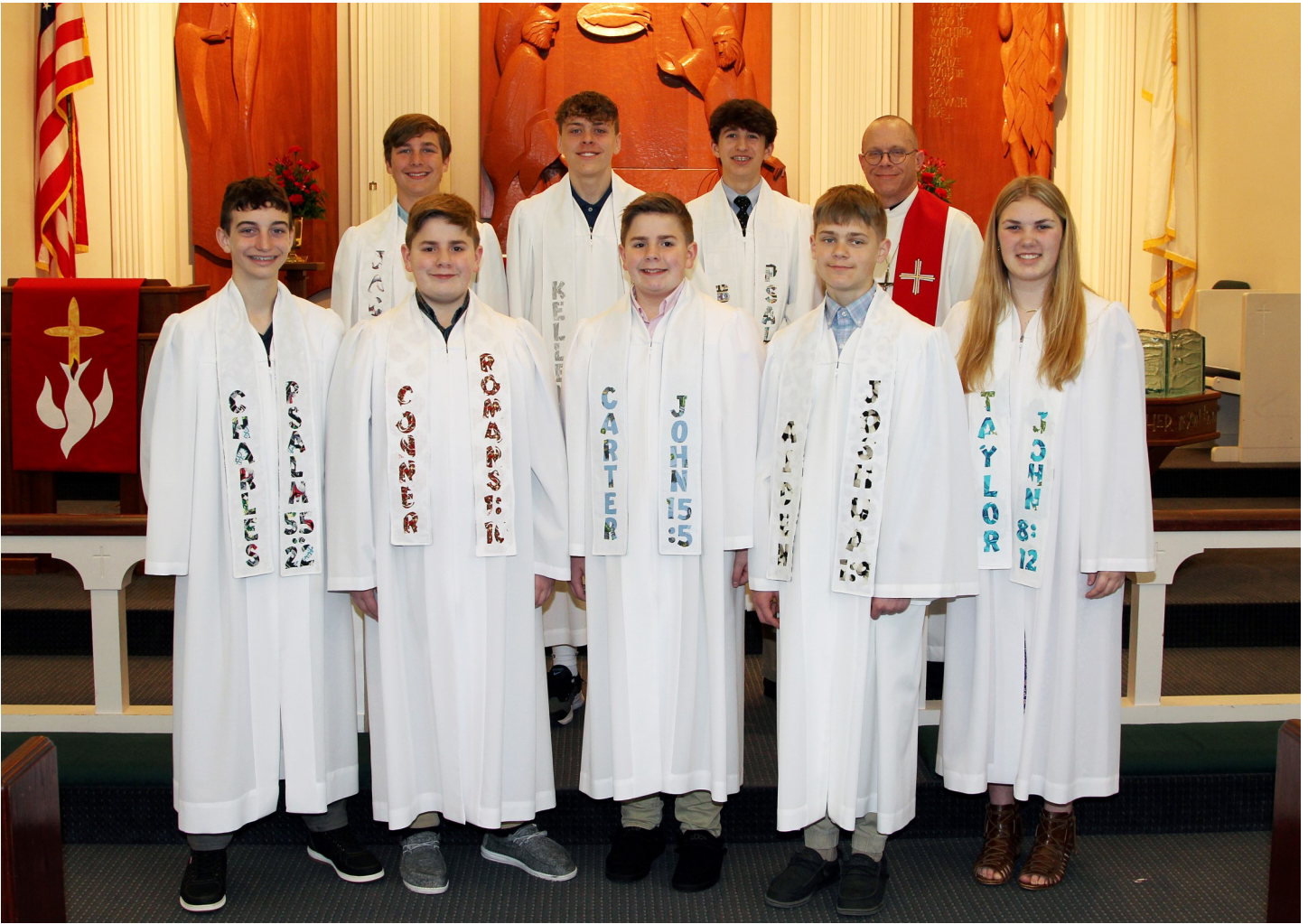
Project 24 contributions can be made online at bethanycr.org/giving

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/2	Carter Oja	6/15	Jurnee Carr	6/23	Bev Munson
6/4	Cooper Crow		Carter Keldgord		Ashlyn Godbey
6/5	Barb Deetz	6/16	Kate Madsen	6/26	Whitney Hinz
	Karissa Scott		Taylor Donels	6/27	Dorothy Freese
6/6	Emily Loney	6/19	Debbie Mills		Kiley Vande Weerd
6/9	Lora Raymon		Camden Brusius		Marissa Keldgord
6/10	Luci Stoelting		Susan Schoen		Ben McClellan
6/11	Velma Ziesemer	6/20	Dawn Mims	6/28	Jeff Crow
6/12	Steve Wilson				

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6/1	Rick & Marvelene Foreman	6/13	Rob & Shelia Willms
	EJ & Trisha Brink		Drew & Carolyn Zimmerman
6/2	Mark & Julie Elias	6/14	Troy & Tracy Donels
6/5	Matthew & Bridget Rinderknecht	6/15	Jim & Lissa Novitch
6/10	Dale & Bernice Stonewall	6/26	Dathan & Patricia Hinrichs
6/13	Jeff & Paula Bulicek	6/28	Jeff & Donna Stranathan



Confirmation

Bethany students were confirmed on Sunday, May 1. God's blessings to this year's confirmants! Please keep these students in your prayers and be sure to encourage them as they continue to grow in faith.

Front row: Charles Clark, Conner Kirkpatrick, Carter Kirkpatrick, Aiden Erickson, Taylor Theriault
Back row: Jackson Rinderknecht, Kellen Volden, Bryce Wilson



Youth Pancake Breakfast: June 26

Youth will serve a pancake breakfast between services on Sunday, June 26. Please plan to attend this time of fellowship (and delicious breakfast) for our congregants. Freewill offerings collected at the breakfast will go to continued efforts to raise funds for the LCMS Youth Gathering.

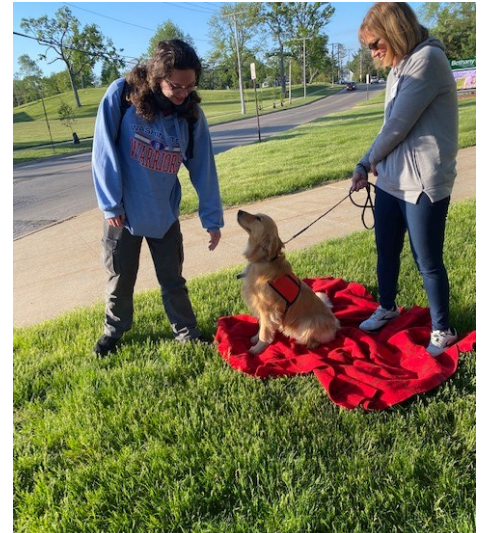
Bethany Welcomes New Traditional Worship Leader

We are pleased to welcome Ryanne Molinari as our new traditional worship leader and organist. Ryanne graduated *summa cum laude* from Biola University in 2019 with a B.M. in piano performance and a minor in organ. In 2018, Ryanne was named Biola Conservatory's "Presser Undergraduate Music Scholar," one of the highest honors awarded by American music programs. At Biola, Ryanne also studied literature in the Torrey Honors College and was appointed to "The Order of Peter and Paul" in recognition of her academic achievements. In December of 2020, Ryanne received her Master of Letters with distinction in "Theology and the Arts" from the University of St. Andrew's, Scotland. While at St. Andrew's, Ryanne served as organ scholar at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and was employed as a collaborative pianist by the Laidlaw Music Centre. Passionate about interdisciplinary studies, Ryanne's master's thesis considered the relationship between music and theology by exploring how private musical practice may serve as spiritual formation. Ryanne recently married her husband, Billy, and moved from her hometown of Gilbert, Arizona to Cedar Rapids, where Billy now serves as associate pastor at Prairie Bible Church. Ryanne has jumped wholeheartedly into the Iowan music community, working as a collaborative pianist for Chorale Midwest, Kirkwood Community College, Linn Mar High School, and various studios and soloists in the area. In addition to her work as a musician, Ryanne is an avid writer. She regularly publishes both academic and creative writing through various online journals, including her personal site, ABookishCharm.com, and she hopes one day to pursue further study in her triple passions: music, literature, and theology.

Joy's Journal

Happy Summer, Bethany FURiends! Last month, with God's blessing and grace, I passed my Canine Good Citizen test. Now my handlers feel more comfortable taking me places, but I constantly have to keep working on my manners. I also had so much fun visiting the Sunday School children for the first time. They have as much energy as I do! Later in the month I went to my first devotion at Cottage Grove Place. And I wrapped up the month by attending the last Monday morning coffee for Washington students. It's great getting to see so many people. I love my job as Bethany's Comfort Dog!

God bless you!





Food Pantry Tissue Tower

Thank you to everyone who donated to our “tissue tower” for the Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry! A total of 754 boxes of tissues were collected for the pantry: Trinity Lutheran School collected 426, Bethany collected 148, and an additional 180 boxes were purchased through a Thrivent grant. Thank you to Christine Erickson for coordinating this drive to help stock the pantry with tissues for the months to come.

Faith Milestones

A Faith Milestones class for parents of infants and toddlers will be held at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays June 5 and June 12. If you plan to attend this class, please contact Nurse Ronda at nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com.



“Ask Pastor Anything” Bible Study

Pastor Erickson continues to lead the “Ask Pastor Anything” Bible Study in the Family Life Center at 9:45 a.m. To help prepare for this study, please submit questions beforehand using the forms and box in the Gathering Area. Your questions can be about anything, but those pertaining directly to our faith will take priority. If you have questions about the study itself, you may ask Pastor directly.

Senior Worship

Thursday, June 16, 2022

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.



Family Faith Night

Bethany will launch a new ministry this year for families with school-aged children. Please plan to join us for the first Family Faith Night on **Wednesday, August 10, 6:00-7:30 p.m.** This new ministry will start at the same time that we have typically had VBS. While VBS will not be held this year, your family is sure to find value in a monthly, high-energy evening devoted to faith.

Excited to learn more about Family Faith Night? Here's the rundown:

Who is it for? Students in preschool through grade 12 AND PARENTS—families will attend together!

What will it be like? Families will start off all together in one large group. Each night, a Bible lesson will be presented using "The Tree of Life" lessons from Concordia Publishing House. We'll sing worship songs, and families will have discussion time. After large group time, we'll split into three separate groups:

- Adults will attend a parent fellowship and learning session
- Students in grades 7-12 will have a youth Bible study activity
- Students in preschool through grade 6 will participate in games and activities

When will it take place? Family Faith Night will be the second Wednesday of the month, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Where will it take place? Join us at Bethany!

Why should my family attend? The purpose of Family Faith Night is to help families grow together in faith. Parents will attend alongside children so that families can continue faith conversations at home. A Christian faith is the foundation of strong families—Family Faith Night is an opportunity for families to come together and encourage one another in that foundation!

How will this ministry happen? We will need several volunteers to help lead stations at Family Faith Night. If you are interested in serving in family ministry once per month, please contact the church office at 319-364-6026 or office.bethanycr@gmail.com and we will find a role for you!



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the rummage sale and to all the volunteers who gave time to help make the sale a success! Over \$2,400 was raised to help our youth get to the LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston this July.

Every contribution was appreciated.

Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry



Thank you to Farmers Hen House, egg producer in Kalona, for donating 180 dozen eggs each month to Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry. Twice a month, we need volunteers to drive to Kalona to pick up eggs for the pantry. If you would like to help with this, please contact Ronda at nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com.

Congratulations, Graduates!

On Sunday, June 5 we will recognize Bethany's graduating high school seniors. Please keep them in prayer as they follow where God leads them! Congratulations and God's blessings to these young adults:

Keenan Diers, Lucas McCarley, Natalie Prohaska, and Jake Sturtz.



Monday Coffee and Cocoa Ministry

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to serve our neighbors and students on Mondays this year! We are done for the school year, and look forward to greeting more friends with smiling faces this fall. There is always a need for more volunteers! This fall, a new sign up will be online at bethanycr.org/serve.



Quilts for World Relief

Please join us on Tuesday, June 14 in the Family Life Center. We will tie quilts from 9:00 a.m. to noon; any amount of time you can give is appreciated. If you plan to stay through the noon hour, feel free to bring a sack lunch. Contact Betty Happel or Donna Bogner for details.



Serve the Lord Day

Thank you to everyone who helped the Board of Trustees care for the maintenance of our facilities at our April 30 Serve the Lord Day!

Summer Giving Made Easy

Make a one-time contribution, set up recurring gifts through our website's donation page, or download the app on your phone. Just follow these easy steps:

ONLINE

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www.bethanycr.org
2. Locate the GIVING tab.
3. Donate!

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Sunday Mornings

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