

Bethany Beacon

OCTOBER 2022

STEWARDSHIP

Serving the Lord with our Time, Talents, and Treasures

SHARE YOUR TIME AND TALENTS

Looking for ways to become engaged in the congregation? There are opportunities for everyone to use their time and talents at Bethany! Please plan to attend a **ministry fair on Sunday, October 23**. Leaders from various ministries will be available to share information, answer questions, and help you get connected. There are several areas in need of more volunteers, and the ministry fair will provide a chance to sign up for something you enjoy! Join us during the education hour (9:45-10:45 a.m.) in the Family Life Center.

MINISTRY FAIR

**October 23
@ 9:45-10:45**

SHARE YOUR TREASURES

October is the time of year to prayerfully consider your tithes and offerings for the next year. Please take time to discern how God is calling you to give in 2023. Stewardship packets will be available for Bethany members to pick up on Sunday, October 16. Members are asked to return pledge cards on Sunday, October 30.

STEWARDSHIP

**Pick up your packet
on October 16**



Bethany
Lutheran Church

Living and Sharing God's Love

As we celebrate Stewardship and Reformation Sundays this month, I thought you might enjoy these thoughts from The LC-MS Stewardship Ministry. Enjoy!



✠ Pastor Erickson

In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. Before that happened, the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words: "We are all beggars. This is true." And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free.

Ironic, isn't it? In order to be free, you must be a beggar. You must be utterly dependent and reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable – the way we're uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christmas present when we haven't gotten them one. We feel we owe them. And we don't like being in someone's debt like that.

But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. And we're not just anyone's beggars. We're God's beggars. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.

If we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.

And here's the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything. Forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This isn't because of any worthiness or merit in us. It is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace. On

account of Christ's death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.

This is the heart and soul of Christianity and the lifeblood of the Christian Church. God justifies us and declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This isn't because of our works but because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.

This is what Luther pointed us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled "We are all beggars. This is true." We are beggars, but we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us and who doesn't pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners.

We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and – yes – still in us by grace for Christ's sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God's grace. The riches of this grace – the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism, and in Holy Communion – are so inexhaustible that our cups overflow. We, who are God's beggars, are inexhaustibly satisfied, and we have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise.

Thanksgiving:

Missy Gingrich's time on staff at Bethany

Nicholas Williams— baptized 9/18

Charlotte (daughter of Brad and Erin Crawford) baptized 9/4

Illness, injuries, health issues:

Chuck (father of J Novitch) - recovering after hospitalization

Sylvia (aunt of Patricia Hinrichs) - health issues

Rhonda (friend of Larsons) - health issues

Dan (father of *Michelle Wiersig) - recovering after surgery

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, deployed to Romania

Local/National/World:

Local, state, and national leaders

Victims of floods, hurricanes, fires and disasters

Grief, family and friends of:

Deb (friend of *Hedtkes) - died 9/6

Josh (friend of *Hedtkes) - died 9/5

Dick (friend of *Linda Patten) - died 9/5

Andy (brother of *Jeff Crow) - died 9/3

Bill (father of Patrick, Justin and Lucas *McCarley) - died 9/3

Homebound members of Bethany:

*Wayne Schilling— Linn Manor Care Center, Marion

Candi Engel— Garnett Place

*Nadine Wax— at home

*Del Block— The Gardens

*Tom Stock— at home

*Larry & *Sharon Easler— Summit Pointe, Marion

*Darlene Eckert— at home

*Valerie Koelper— Grand Living on Indian Creek

*Melba Davison— Terrace Glen Village, Marion

*Shirley Kellogg— at home

*Betty Hein— at home

Cancer/Hospice:

June (friend of *Heitlands)- hospice care

Sam (friend of *Carol Grimminger)- cancer treatment

Fran (friend of *Larsons) - cancer treatment

Maureen (aunt of *Janet Hoech)- hospice care

Patrick (friend of *Mary Vezina)- cancer treatment

John (friend of *Dunns)- chemo treatment

Ron (brother of *Ray McGraw)- cancer treatment

Shauna (niece of *Schmiths)- cancer

Jerry (brother of *Ronda Anderson)- cancer treatment

Karen (friend of *Laura Holt)- cancer

John (brother of *Donice McDonald)- cancer

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



Prayer Chain

Are you a prayer warrior? If you would like to receive periodic prayer requests from the congregation via email, please contact the church office at office.bethanycr@gmail.com to be added to the prayer chain email list.

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.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Saturday, October 1

9:00 am Holy Yoga

Sunday, October 2

LWML Sunday

1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Monday, October 3

10:00 am Women's Group

1:30 pm LWML Board Mtg

6:00 pm Trustees Meeting

6:00 pm Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, October 4

6:00 pm Evangelism Meeting

6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 5

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

6:00 pm Confirmation

6:00 pm High School Youth

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 6

9:00 am Adult Bible Study

6:00 pm Human Care Meeting

6:30 pm Women's Group

Saturday, October 8

8:30 am LWML Zone Rally @ Zion

9:00 am Holy Yoga

Sunday, October 9

12:15 pm Board of Ed Meeting

1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

2:30 pm LWML General Meeting

Monday, October 10

10:00 am Women's Group

7:00 pm Elders' Meeting

Tuesday, October 11

9:00 am Quilting

6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 12

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm Family Meal

6:00 pm Family Faith Night

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 13

9:00 am Adult Bible Study

6:30 pm Women's Group

Saturday, October 15

8:00 am CPR Training

9:00 am Holy Yoga

Sunday, October 16

1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Monday, October 17

10:00 am Women's Group

6:00 pm Stephen Min. Area Wide @ Bethany

Tuesday, October 18

6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 19

6:30 am Men's Bible Study

4:00 pm Cottage Grove Devotion

6:00 pm High School Youth

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 20

9:00 am Adult Bible Study

11:00 am Senior Worship

6:30 pm Women's Group

Saturday, October 22

8:00 am Serve the Lord Day

9:00 am Holy Yoga

11:00 am Joy's Training

Sunday, October 23

9:30 am Blood Pressure Check

9:45 am Ministry Fair

1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Monday, October 24

10:00 am Women's Group

Tuesday, October 25

1:00 pm Blood Drive at Bethany

6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 26

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

6:00 pm Confirmation Class

6:00 pm High School Youth

Thursday, October 27

9:00 am Adult Bible Study

6:30 pm Women's Group

Saturday, October 29

9:00 am Holy Yoga

Sunday, October 30

1:00 pm Food Pantry Open

Monday, October 31

10:00 am Women's Group

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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



October Evangelism Challenge

There are ways we can all live and share God's love with those around us. Last month your evangelism challenge was to donate Bibles to the pantry.

This month, your evangelism challenge is to write a note to our Project 24 sponsor students! Please stop by the missions table outside the sanctuary and pick up a letter from Yvonne and Lorine. Blank cards are available at the table. Be sure to write a note and leave it in the basket! Or, you can email a note to office.bethanycr@gmail.com.

In addition to writing a note, please prayerfully consider making a financial gift to Project 24. Bethany sends \$2,500 every quarter to support this LCMS mission in Kenya. Our next quarterly gift will be sent on December 30. Every contribution helps! To give, you may use an envelope found at the missions table, or give at bethanycr.org/giving and select the "Kenya: Project 24" tile. Another way to give is by using your Thrivent Choice Dollars. **To learn more about Project 24, please visit lcms.org/ccck.**



Youth Fellowship: Lock-In and Paintball!

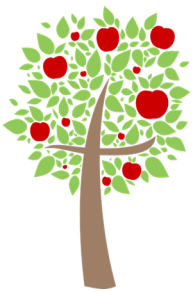
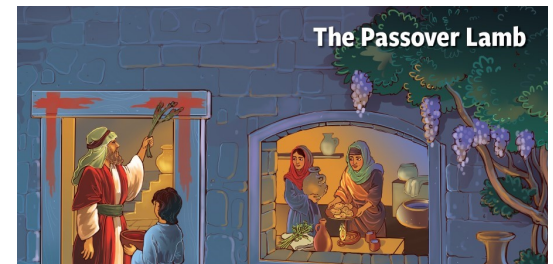
Bethany students are invited to join us for a youth weekend of fun October 21-22! The evening of Friday, October 21, we will have a lock-in at Bethany. Be sure to pack a pillow and sleeping bag, because we WILL go to bed before the sun rises! “Do I have to sleep,” you ask? The answer is “yes,” because you will definitely want to be well-rested for Saturday morning’s activity...

The morning of Saturday, October 22 we will depart from Bethany to embark on a paintball adventure at Clear Creek Paintball in Lisbon, IA. We will return to Bethany in the early afternoon. Please look for more details coming soon regarding specific times and transportation. If you plan to attend, contact Darin at youth.bethanycr@gmail.com. We will need numbers for paintball a couple weeks in advance.

Family Faith Night: Wednesday, October 12

Family Faith Night is a ministry for students in preschool through high school and their parents to attend on the second Wednesday of each month! Our next Family Faith Night will be on Wednesday, October 12. A meal is served at 5:30 p.m. and the program is held 6:00-7:30 p.m. If you plan to attend Family Faith Night, RSVP at www.bethanycr.org/children-youth.

Our lesson on October 12 is “The Passover Lamb.” We see God deliver Abraham’s descendants from slavery in Egypt through ten plagues. The final plague, the death of the firstborn sons, and the salvation of God’s people through the Passover lamb teach us something very important about the death of God’s only-begotten Son, Jesus, who is our Passover Lamb.



Growing in Faith Sunday School

This year’s Sunday School theme is “Growing in Faith”! Sunday School is held on Sundays at 9:45-10:45 a.m. for students in preschool through high school. Please join us each Sunday in the lower level. If it is your child’s first time attending Sunday School, please accompany them downstairs and bring them to the Sunday School office, and someone will be happy to show you to their classroom! Not sure where to go while your child is in Sunday School? All parents are invited to Pastor Erickson’s Bible study in the Family Life Center.

Nursery Staffed Sundays at 11:00

The nursery is staffed during 11:00 a.m. services every Sunday. Of course, little ones are always welcome to join us in service, but families are invited to utilize the nursery whenever needed! Families do not need to sign up to use the nursery. Please bring your child to the nursery at any point during the 11:00 service.



Welcome, New Members!

On September 18, we celebrated members who recently joined our congregation, as well as those who have transferred into Bethany within the last year. We are blessed to have these members with us! If you have not had a chance to meet them yet, be sure to introduce yourself on a Sunday morning.



David & Elaine Behrens



Philip & Lorelei Hackbardt



Caleb & Mandy Pfeil



Randy & Joni Schmith



Colby & Janine Schmitt



Nicholas Williams



Chuck & Emily Kroemer; Madi, Abi & Charles Clark

welcome

We also welcome (not pictured):

Patty Fratzke
Prudy (Raymon) Petersen
Charles & Luci Stoelting



Serve the Lord Day

Save the date for Saturday, October 22! Please plan to help the trustees care for the maintenance of our facilities at 8:00 a.m. to noon. There will be a variety of indoor and outdoor projects to work on. If you are not available on October 22, projects can also be completed on your own time. A sign-up sheet for projects will be up in October.

Thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards, and food I received due to my recent successful surgery. The food received was very much appreciated and delicious.

- Lorna Fischer



Thank you for your prayers after the death of my mother, Darlene Peters. I sincerely appreciate your kindness and support. It is comforting to have our Bethany friends.

- Sue and Larry Kroemer



Music Opportunities

Vocal Choir rehearses Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to join choir, contact Ryanne Molinari at organist.bethanycr@gmail.com.

Handbell Ensemble rehearses on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. (beginning September 6). If you would like to play handbells, contact Tom Mills.

For information about either group you may contact the church office.

Senior Worship

Thursday, October 20, 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.

Adult Bible Study

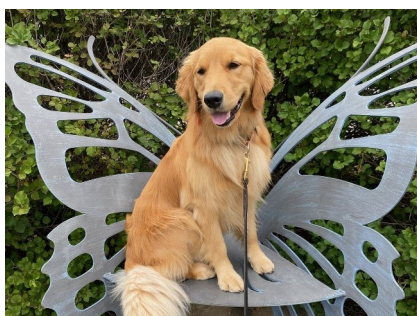
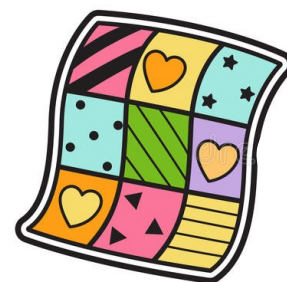
Pastor Erickson leads Bible study on Sundays at 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center. All adults are welcome to attend. Our current study is on the books of I and II Samuel.



The 55 chapters that make up these two books (one book in the original Hebrew) show us how a group of 12 tribes under God's rule became a monarchy established and supported by God. While no great doctrinal statements are made in the two books, I and II Samuel contain some of the best known stories in the Bible that show us God is faithful even when His people are not. Join us every Sunday morning in the Family Life Center at 9:45 as we study these books of God's Word together!

Quilts for World Relief

Please join us on Tuesday, October 11 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 for fellowship. Contact Betty Happel or Donna Bogner for details.



Joy's Journal

Happy Fall, Bethany FURiends! I am enjoying this cooler weather and the wind in my fur.

I want to invite you all to church on October 9 (actually, every Sunday!). **My commissioning is going to take place on October 9.** I'm not 100% sure what all that means, but I think that Pastor Erickson will say some prayers and ask for God's blessings on Bethany's comfort dog ministry. And I've heard something about a new vest for me instead of my current vest that says I'm in training. Anyway, we can learn about a commissioning together!

This past month I've done several visits and am having fun greeting the Washington High School students at Monday morning coffee and cocoa. They are a fun bunch!

I hope to see you soon. God's blessings to each of you!





Blood Drive: Tuesday, October 25

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive at Bethany. Please consider taking advantage of this life-saving opportunity on **Tuesday, October 25, 1:00-5:30 p.m.** Appointments can be made online at bethanycr.org/events/blood-drive (QR code will take you directly to the link). Or call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment.

Contact Michelle Hedtke for more information.

First Aid/CPR/AED Training: Saturday, October 15

On Saturday, October 15, Tonya Barger of the American Heart Association will lead First Aid/CPR/AED training at Bethany. This instruction will take place 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and will go far beyond the hands-only CPR sessions that have recently been taught at Bethany.

The cost for this class is \$10 for Bethany members. With this class you will be able to get an American Heartsaver card. If you would like to take this class, please contact Ronda at nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com by October 6.



LWML Sunday: October 2

On Sunday, October 2 we will join Lutheran churches around the world in celebrating LWML Sunday. The theme for LWML Sunday 2022 is "For Us and With Us." 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 2 see the LWML display in the Gathering Area to learn more about ways to be involved in the women's guild. Please bring your mites that day to support LWML district and national mission grants.



Bethany Lutheran FOOD PANTRY

What's Happening at Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry?

We've been open now for 15 months. Do we notice a need in the community?

Yes! In the first year we served over 360 families. Since July 2022 we have served over 275 families. Some of these families have come one time, and many visit the pantry multiple times. The last Sunday of September we had a record food pantry attendance of 97 households. If you add up everyone living within those households, there were over 380 neighbors helped that day!

Wow, the need is great! What can I donate?

Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry requests donations of personal care and household cleaning items such as: Laundry detergent, dish soap, tissues, paper towels, toilet paper, hand soap, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

What about food?

We ask for personal care and cleaning items because most food is purchased through our partnership with HACAP. We are able to purchase food at a VERY discounted cost through HACAP. Each week anywhere from 400 to 1,700 pounds of food is picked up by Bethany volunteers and unloaded and stocked on the shelves at Bethany. Farmers Hen House in Kalona has been generously donating 135 dozen eggs twice a month! Thank you to all the Bethany volunteers who drive to Kalona and pick up the boxes of eggs! If you are a coupon shopper or Hy-Vee Hot Deals shopper and you find a GREAT deal on a food item, we would gladly accept those donations.

I'd love to get involved. What else can I do?

Each Sunday we need six volunteers to staff the food pantry at 12:30-3:00 p.m. To volunteer, please sign up online at www.bethanycr.org/food-pantry. If you would like to know more about the pantry, Nurse Ronda would be glad to talk about any part of the pantry and/or give you a tour.

Monday Morning Outreach

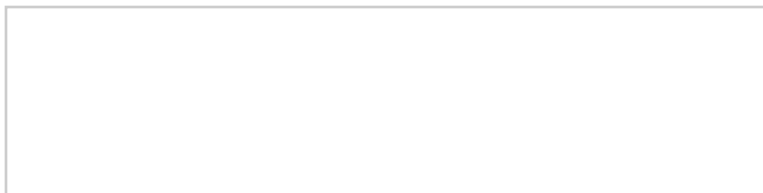
On Mondays during the school year we set up a tent out front to serve free coffee and cocoa to Washington High School students and any neighbors who stop by. This outreach is very well received by the community! Each Monday we need volunteers at 6:30-8:00 a.m. to help serve warm drinks and smiles. If you would like to serve in this unique ministry, sign up for a Monday at www.bethanycr.org/serve.



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Sunday Mornings

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

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