



Join us for Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter services at Bethany!

**Lenten Midweek
(April 2 & April 9)**

6:00 p.m. Meal
7:00 p.m. Service

Maundy Thursday (April 17)

7:00 p.m. Service

Good Friday (April 18)

7:00 p.m. Service

Easter Sunday (April 20)

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
7:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
8:30 a.m. Traditional Service
9:45-10:45 a.m. Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service



Bethany
Lutheran Church

Living and Sharing God's Love



Pastor's Page

In many ways, we have always known that life can be uncertain. Our Gospel lesson last Sunday from Luke 13, where Jesus comments on those killed in the temple in an accident where a tower collapsed, reminded us that life has always been filled with unexpected accidents and tragedy. In everything from sports to the stock market, we know that very rarely do we come across a “sure thing.” And just yesterday, as I checked the weather for a little trip Christine and I will be taking soon, I was almost relieved to see that the 10-day forecast called for rain, because while weather is incredibly difficult to predict more than two or three days out, chances are the weather will almost certainly be different than what is predicted! Maybe the only certainty in life in uncertainty?

But while life has always been filled with uncertainty, I have to say that recently it feels like that is just more of it in the world today. For many people, this has a lot to do with what is happening in our government these days. Now, as I've always said, faithful brothers and sisters in Christ can disagree about if what the government is doing is good or bad, but I do think we would all agree that the changes that have happened over the last two months have brought a lot of uncertainty to things like foreign policy, education, healthcare, immigration, and the economy. And while many of us may not be directly impacted by the fate of Venezuelan gang members, all of these changes can have a direct impact on our jobs, our quality of life, and even our freedoms.

In the midst of this uncertainty I'd encourage all of us to do at least two things. First, pray. Pray not only that all these changes may be beneficial for ourselves, our country, and for the rest of the world, but also for our leaders. Paul writes in his first letter to Timothy, “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way” (I Timothy 2:1-2). Regardless of what we think of those in high positions in Washington, Des Moines, or our

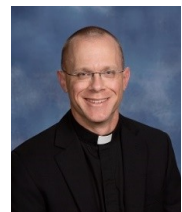
communities, Paul says that we should pray for them so that we may lead peaceful, quiet, godly and dignified lives. (And if you feel that you shouldn't pray for those leaders you “don't like,” remember Paul wrote to Timothy in 65 A.D., when Nero was the Roman Emperor!)

And secondly, as God's people do the very practical work of praying, let us also find peace and hope in these uncertain times in the certainty of our Lord's resurrection. As Easter approaches, we remember what Paul wrote to the Corinthians when some were saying it is impossible for the dead, including Jesus, to be raised back to life. Paul says, “If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep” (I Corinthians 15:19-20).

In an uncertain world, and in all of the ups and downs of life in general, Paul and every Christian, can be sure of at least one thing – Jesus Christ is risen! Paul, the women at the tomb, the twelve apostles, two of the Gospel writers, and “more than five hundred brothers” (I Cor. 15:6) were all eyewitness to the fact that Christ rose from the dead on Easter morning. And this resurrection—the victory over sin, evil, and death itself—changes everything for the one who believes Jesus died and rose for them. For Christ's resurrection ensures that we too will rise one day in glory (Romans 6:5). And with this guarantee, we can face any uncertainty, problem, or hardship in this life with the peace and hope of what is to come. As you celebrate Easter this year, keep praying and may the certainty of our Lord's resurrection give you God's peace and hope in an often uncertain world.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

✠ Pastor Erickson





Prayer Page

Thanksgiving:

Blakely (infant daughter of Nick & Kiley Ryan- baptized 3/23)
Nash (infant son of *Russmans)- baptized 2/23
Stephanie & Mateo (friends of *Zimmermans)- healing
Holly (mother of *Taylor Chittick)- recovered after surgery
Linda (relative of *Elaine Behrens)- recovered after surgery
Bennet (friend of *Charles Kroemer)- recovered after injury
Arlene (relative of *Sheryl Knutson)- improved health
Catherine (relative of *Janet Hoech)- recovered after surgery
Margaret (relative of *Karl Hoech)- recovered after fall
Joseph (relative of *Angie Yuza)- recovered after surgery
Kathy (sister of *Mark Holt) - improved health
Keith (relative of *M Nanke)- recovered after hospitalization
Loren (relative of *Barb Deetz)- stable health
Jacquiline (daughter of *C Kroemer)- improved health
Chuck (friend of *Linda Patten)- improved health
Kelli (friend of *Madsens)- improved health
Ellie (relative of *Lynn Madsen)- cancer treatment
Sarah (daughter of *Henkelmanns) - improved health

Illness, injuries, health issues:

Oliver (relative of *Elms)- recovering after surgery
Dan (relative of *Ann Balvanz)- recovering after surgery
Bernice Stonewall (prior member)- recovering after surgery
Clyde (friend of *Dave Johnson)- recovering after surgery
Darrell (friend of *Barb Deetz)- health issues
Carolyn (mother of *Mary Vezina)- health issues
Colleen (friend of *Kroemers)- on life support
Ella (friend of *Zimmermans)- recovering after accident
Jamie (daughter of *Larsons)- health and wellbeing
David (father of *Chris Frampton) - recovering after surgery
Marcia & David (brother of *Karen Pfeiffer)- health issues
Bill & Dixie (parents *Jeff Madsen)- adjusting to assist living
Margaret (relative of *Hedtkes/Chitticks)- health issues
Greg (relative of *Pat Krekeler)- recovering after a stroke
LaVonne (mother of *Steve Hanchera)- heart issues
Tim (friend of *Pete Larson)- health issues
Sandy (relative of *Emily Kroemer)- skilled care required
JB (friend of *Cynthia Broadwater)- recovering after surgery
Don (friend of *Mary Vezina)- health issues

Homebound members of Bethany:

*Marge Grovert- Ridgeview Assisted Living
*Elda Joyner- at home
*Cindy Broadwater- Harmony Care Center
Candi Engel - Heritage Care Center
*Carol Grimminger- Cottage Grove
*Nadine Wax- moved to IL
*Dorothy Freese - Keystone Cedars
*Verlyn & *Paul LeFevre- at home

Cancer/Hospice:

Natalia (friend of *Karstens)- cancer
Shannon (relative of *Tim Potter)- cancer
Stephani (dght of Mary Nanke)- cancer treatment
Jill (friend of *Kroemers)- cancer
Ridlee (1 yr old friend of *Kroemers)- leukemia
Doni (relative of *Sheryl Knutson)- cancer treatment
David (friend of *Angela Yuza)- cancer
Angie (friend of *Deb Heitland)- cancer
John (friend of *Dunns) - chemo treatment
Julie (friend of *Brenda Heims) - cancer
Chad (son of *Vicki Huschka) - leukemia

Grief, family and friends of:

Kim (relative of *Shirley Witte)- died 3/19
Frank (relative of *Karen Swanson)- died 2/28
Don (godfather of *Noah Pelletier)- died 2/27
Janice (grandmother of *Darin Elm)- died 2/24

Safety:

Aiden (grandson of *Foremans)- US Army
Mallory (friend of *Abi Clark)- IA National Guard
Amber (daughter of *A Balvanz)- U.S. Army, Germany
Jordan (gr-son of *K Neuhaus)- IA Army Nat'l Guard
Devin- (friend of *Kroemers)- IA Army Nat'l Guard
Ben (son of *Kroemers)- IA Nat'l Guard
Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of *Schoens & *Smith)- U.S. Navy
Harrison (son of *Siecks) - U.S. Army, Germany
Andrea (relative of *Steggalls)- teaching in Bulgaria

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

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 319-364-6026 or email to nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com.



Calendar

Tues. 4/1 8:00 a.m. Prayer in the Square
 9:00 a.m. Walking Exercise
 1:30 p.m. Prayer Group
 5:00 p.m. LWML Board Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Handbells
 6:00 p.m. Evangelism Meeting

Wed. 4/2 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Lucky's on 16
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
 6:00 p.m. High School Youth
 6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
 7:50 p.m. Vocal Choir

Thur. 4/3 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. Walking Exercise
 6:00 p.m. Human Care Meeting

Sat. 4/5 9:00 a.m. Holy Yoga - Opening Room

Sun. 4/6 12:15 p.m. Youth Gathering Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open
 4:00 p.m. VBS Leaders Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Young Adults Group

Mon. 4/7 6:30 a.m. Coffee & Cocoa Outreach
 10:00 a.m. Women's Small Group
 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Tues. 4/8 8:00 a.m. Prayer in the Square
 9:00 a.m. Walking Exercise
 9:00 a.m. Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
 1:30 p.m. Prayer Group
 6:00 p.m. Handbells
 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Wed. 4/9 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 5:30 p.m. Family Faith Night
 6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service
 7:50 p.m. Vocal Choir

Thur. 4/10 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. Walking Exercise
 1:00 p.m. Leah Circle
 6:00 p.m. Naomi Circle

Fri. 4/11 9:00 a.m. Rebekah Circle

Sat. 4/12 9:00 a.m. Holy Yoga - Opening Room

Sun. 4/13 12:15 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open

Mon. 4/14 6:30 a.m. Coffee & Cocoa Outreach
 10:00 a.m. Women's Small Group
 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Tues. 4/15 8:00 a.m. Prayer in the Square
 9:00 a.m. Walking Exercise
 1:30 p.m. Prayer Group
 6:00 p.m. Handbells

Wed. 4/16 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 4:00 p.m. Cottage Grove Devotion
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (8th grade)
 6:00 p.m. High School Youth
 6:30 p.m. Vocal Choir

Thur. 4/17 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. Walking Exercise
 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Fri. 4/18 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Sat. 4/19 9:00 a.m. Holy Yoga - Opening Room

Sun. 4/20 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
 7:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
 8:30 a.m. Easter Traditional Service
 9:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast
 11:00 a.m. Easter Contemporary Service
 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open

Mon. 4/21 Office Closed

Tues. 4/22 8:00 a.m. Prayer in the Square
 9:00 a.m. Walking Exercise
 1:30 p.m. Prayer Group
 6:00 p.m. Handbells

Wed. 4/23 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
 6:00 p.m. High School Youth
 6:30 p.m. Vocal Choir

Thur. 4/24 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 9:00 a.m. Walking Exercise

Sat. 4/26 8:00 a.m. Serve the Lord Day
 9:00 a.m. Holy Yoga - Opening Room

Sun. 4/27 9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Public Examination
 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open

Mon. 4/28 6:30 a.m. Coffee & Cocoa Outreach
 6:30 p.m. Area Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed.

Tues. 4/29 8:00 a.m. Prayer in the Square
 9:00 a.m. Walking Exercise
 1:30 p.m. Prayer Group
 6:00 p.m. Handbells

Wed. 4/30 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
 6:00 p.m. High School Youth
 6:30 p.m. Vocal Choir



Calendar

Thur. 5/1 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Walking Exercise
6:00 p.m. Human Care Meeting

Sat. 5/3 9:00 a.m. Holy Yoga - Opening Room

Sun. 5/4 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open
5:00 p.m. Young Adults Group

Mon. 5/5 6:30 a.m. Coffee & Cocoa Outreach
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
6:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting

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9:00 a.m. Walking Exercise
9:00 a.m. Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
1:30 p.m. Prayer Group
5:00 p.m. LWML Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. Handbells
6:00 p.m. Evangelism Meeting

Wed. 5/7 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Youth Gathering Meeting
6:30 p.m. Vocal Choir

Thur. 5/8 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Walking Exercise
1:00 p.m. Leah Circle
6:00 p.m. Naomi Circle

Fri. 5/9 9:00 a.m. Rebekah Circle
6:00 p.m. Family Faith Night Celebration

Sat. 5/10 9:00 a.m. Holy Yoga - Opening Room

Sun. 5/11 1:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open

Mon. 5/12 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision
7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

Tues. 5/13 8:00 a.m. Prayer in the Square
9:00 a.m. Walking Exercise
1:30 p.m. Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Handbells
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Wed. 5/14 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. High School Youth
6:30 p.m. Vocal Choir

Thur. 5/15 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Walking Exercise
11:00 a.m. Senior Worship

Sat. 5/17 9:00 a.m. Holy Yoga - Opening Room

Sun. 5/18 12:15 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
1:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open

Mon. 5/19 6:30 a.m. Coffee & Cocoa Outreach

Tues. 5/20 8:00 a.m. Prayer in the Square
9:00 a.m. Walking Exercise
1:30 p.m. Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Handbells

Wed. 5/21 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
4:00 p.m. Cottage Grove Devotion
6:00 p.m. High School Youth
6:30 p.m. Vocal Choir

Thur. 5/22 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Walking Exercise
1:00 p.m. Blood Drive

Sat. 5/24 9:00 a.m. Holy Yoga - Opening Room

Sun. 5/25 9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
1:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open

Mon. 5/26 Office Closed

Tues. 5/27 8:00 a.m. Prayer in the Square
9:00 a.m. Walking Exercise
1:30 p.m. Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Handbells

Wed. 5/28 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. High School Youth
6:30 p.m. Vocal Choir

Thur. 5/29 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study

Sat. 5/31 9:00 a.m. Holy Yoga - Opening Room



Confirmation

God's blessings to our 2025 confirmands!

Annest Hoech
Sasha Knutson
Nile Kroemer
Wynne Kroemer
Ella Potter
Carolina Rinderknecht

Public Examination: April 27 at 9:45 a.m.

Rite of Confirmation: May 4 at 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAYS | 8:30 AM Traditional Service | 9:45 AM Education Hour | 11:00 AM Contemporary Service

Holy Communion is celebrated at both services on the first and third Sunday of each month.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

4/1 Madison Rinderknecht	4/9 JJ Theriault	4/20 Carol Grimminger	4/27 Marlys Jaspersen
4/4 Rebecca Ballstaedt	4/13 Katheryn Holtz	Jamie Larson	Katia Knutson
4/6 Karen Schmidt	4/14 Marcy Peters	Colin Vande Weerd	Karen Swalley
4/7 Nile Kroemer	4/16 Lynn Madsen	4/21 Cynthia Broadwater	4/28 Michelle Hedtke
Wynne Kroemer	Evan Ranbarger	Kim Neuhaus	4/29 Charlotte Crawford
4/8 Lorna Fischer	4/17 Kim McGinnis	4/24 Ray McGraw	4/30 Sandy Thorington
Gabriel Fountain	4/18 Steve Hanchera	4/25 Bonnie Bubke	
4/4 Philip & Shirley Hoppe	4/8 Craig & Renee Riffey	4/24 Philip & Michelle Hedtke	
5/1 Ashley Cunningham	5/9 Kaleb Diers	5/13 Brianna Prohaska	5/25 Ethel Doehrmann
Ally Olson	5/10 Jan Demlow	5/19 Lily McClellan	5/28 Blake Kroemer
5/2 Julie Holt	Kerry McGraw	Tim Potter	Tom Larson
5/3 Justin McCarley	Richard Pfeil	5/20 Amy Diers	5/29 Jase Bond
Patrick McCarley	5/11 Brad Crawford	Alex Theriault	Beth Bricker
Andrea Prohaska	Chris Frampton	5/21 Leonard Tiedt	5/31 Levi Ballstaedt
5/4 Jakob Bulicek	Lucas McCarley	5/22 Trisha Brink	Lauren Bricker
Clara Hinz	Lori Myers	5/23 Lori Dohrmann	Lexi Brink
5/5 Caleb Pfeil	5/12 Mike Diers	Karen Swanson	Reese Cunningham
5/6 Millie Zimmerman	5/13 Elaine Behrens	5/24 Serena Knudson	Sage Duve
5/2 David & Wendy Christian	5/13 Michael & Andrea Prohaska	5/20 Doug & Sheryl Knutson	
Philip & Lorelei Hackbardt	5/14 Gary & Pamela Kaufman	5/21 Jeff & Lynn Madsen	
5/4 Ray & Kerry McGraw	Jon & Lynn Duve	5/23 Thomas & Tami Vande Weerd	
5/11 Scott & Kathryn Deetz	5/16 Mike & Lora Raymon		
Tyler & Natalie Steggall	5/19 Doug & Diana Long		



Announcements



Easter Egg Hunt

All kids are invited to an Easter egg hunt immediately after 8:30 a.m. service on April 20! Before heading to breakfast, families should meet in the Gathering Area, then we'll go on the egg hunt together. Bags will be provided to collect eggs.

Easter Flowers

Help us decorate the sanctuary for Easter! Please sign up at the Welcome Center to purchase Easter flowers. The plants cost \$15 each and you may select either tulips or daffodils. Flowers may be given in honor or memory of loved ones.





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New Online Member Directory

Our online member portal is serviced by Connection Card Pro and is designed to help members stay better connected to each other! Bethany members were emailed an invitation to the new online member directory on March 12. If your invitation expired, new invitations were emailed on March 26. If you, your spouse, or other adults in your household did not receive an email invitation, please send their email address to office.bethanycr@gmail.com.

Please know that privacy and personal preferences are a priority for us. To protect your information, the new online directory is only available to Bethany members. In addition, each individual member must log in and give permission before any contact information is shared in the directory.

Where do I find the online member directory?

Go to Bethany's website (www.bethanycr.org) and click on "LOGIN" in the menu. If it is your first time logging in, you will need to click "Click here to create an account." For your account to work, the email address you use to create your account must match the email address Bethany has on file for you.

How do I give permission for my information to be shown?

Each individual member must log in online for their contact information to be visible. When you log in, click on your profile icon in the upper right-hand corner. This will take you to "My Profile." Check to see if your information is correct. If it is not, please update it by clicking the "edit information" link. From the "My Profile" page, scroll down to "Directory." Here you may select up to four items that you would like to be shown in the directory: phone/email, address, birthday, and names of children. If you need help logging in, please stop by a laptop station after Sunday service to receive help from a staff member.

What if my spouse and I share an email address?

Please stop by a laptop station at church or call the church office during office hours. We will need to create a unique login for you and your spouse. If you open your email invitation and it shows your spouse or child's name instead of your name, do NOT proceed. Please contact the church office before proceeding.

What if I don't have an email address or internet access?

Please stop by a laptop station at church or call the church office during office hours. We will help you!

Will a print directory be available?

Yes, we can print directories for members who do not have internet access. The print directory will be printed directly from the online directory. This means if you do not log in and give permission for your information to be shown on the online directory, it will NOT be visible in the print directory, either.

If someone hasn't shown contact information in the directory, can I get it from the church office?

No. If someone has not given permission to show their information in the directory, the church office will NOT share their contact information with you.

What if I opt not to show my information in the directory?

That's up to you! Your name will still be listed, because the names of all adult Bethany members are already visible in the directory. Your contact information will not be shown unless you log in and opt in.

Are there photos in the directory?

Not yet, but Connection Card Pro is working on installing a photo feature this year!



Announcements



Serve the Lord Day

Help care for the maintenance of our facilities! Trustees will host a “Serve the Lord Day” on Saturday, April 26. Come anytime between 8:00-11:00 a.m. to help out. This will be a typical spring cleanup day. A signup list of tasks will be available. If you can’t make it on April 26, please sign up for a task to take care of on your own time!

LERT Basic Chainsaw Training

Iowa District East - LCMS (LERT) is hosting LERT Basic Chainsaw training on Friday April 25 and Saturday April 26, 2025. The training will be held at King of Kings Lutheran Church. The training will consist of 4 hours of instructional-based (Classroom Portion) on Friday evening and 6 hours of operational-based (Hands-On Portion) on Saturday. Training Costs The cost of the training is \$35.00. Cash in the appropriate amount and checks made payable to Iowa District East (memo line - LERT training) will be accepted. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

All participants will need to wear steel toed boots.

You must have previously completed the LERT basic training class to participate in this class.

During the training, you will learn the following:

- Safe operation of a chainsaw
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Injury prevention
- Physics of cutting trees
- How to buck and limb fallen trees
- How to clear debris in a safe and beneficial manner

Don Church, LERT Chainsaw Trainer, will be the training session. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Daniel Sanchez at 319-389-0120 or email dsanchez@lcmside.org.

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive at Bethany on Thursday, May 22, 1:00-5:30 p.m.

Appointments can be made online at redcrossblood.org.

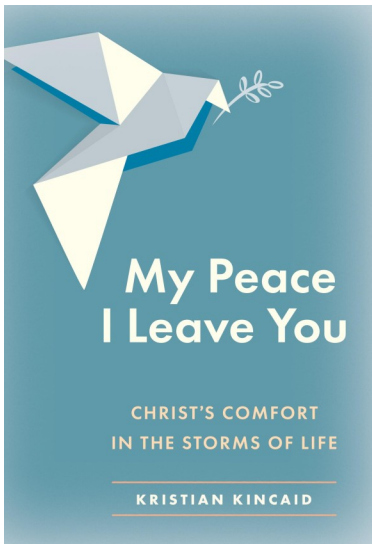


Use this QR code to be taken directly to appointments for Bethany’s blood drive.





Announcements



New Book in the Library

Pastor Kristian Kincaid from Dubuque, Iowa has a new book out called "My Peace I Leave You: Christ's Comfort in the Storms of Life." The pages point you to the eternal well of peace that is Christ Jesus and His love for you, to get you through the many troubles we face. This book is now available in the Bethany library. Thank you to Randy Schmith for this book!



Pickleball Fellowship

Join us for pickleball fellowship! All ages and skill levels are invited to come play on Sundays at 4:00 in the Family Life Center.

Adult VBS

Save the date! Adult VBS will be held June 16-19 this year. Please note it is earlier this year, as it has typically been held in August.



Joy's Journal

Yappy Spring, Bethany FURiends! Are you enjoying the spring weather as much as I am . . . except for the mud! I want to tell you about my twice monthly visits to Linn County Mental Health Access Center. That center provides crisis care for adults experiencing a mental health or substance use disorder crisis that requires immediate attention. People can go to the Access Center 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I have met some really nice folks there. Of course, my people don't take pictures of the clients, but the staff sure loves to have their picture taken with me! This is a wonderful service that our county provides to people in need . . . and I am blessed to play a small part in their mission.

Blessings!





Announcements



Join us for Senior Worship

Thursday, May 15

Service at 11:00 AM | Luncheon to follow

(No Senior Worship in April)

Sewing Quilts for World Relief

On Tuesday, April 8 the LWML will tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief in the Family Life Center at 9:00 a.m. to noon. Stop in for an hour or stay the whole time; we appreciate any time you can give! Bring a sack lunch for fellowship after quilting. Contact Betty Happel or Donna Bogner for details.

Donations needed! The quilting group is in need of used (or somewhat worn) bed sheets for quilt insides. We also need cotton fabric (including flannel), all purpose thread and worsted weight yarn.



Family Faith Night

We'll have our last session of the school year on April 9. Also, we will have a bonus party night on May 9! To celebrate our families memorizing the entire Lord's Prayer this year, all families are invited to a celebration party (pizza, games, etc.). Well done, students and parents!

Wednesday, April 9 (Lent Schedule)

Meal 5:30-6:00 | Program 6:00-6:50

Friday, May 9 (Family Party)

6:00-8:00 p.m.



Vacation Bible School

Save the date! VBS will be held at Bethany June 23-26 (Monday-Thursday). This will be an evening VBS, held 6:00-8:00 p.m. Join us for an "Epic Australian Adventure!" Please look for details to come.



Thank You for Sharing God's Love

The Bethany family lives and shares God's love with fellow members by praying, sending cards, making meals, visiting and providing comfort and friendship. Here are notes of thanks from Bethany members who have recently felt the love of their church family...



Thank you to everyone who prayed for me after my surgery.
- Rick Foreman

Thank you to the congregation for keeping me in your prayers during my medical tests.
- Earlene Francik



Baby Bottle Boomerang

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's baby bottle boomerang to benefit Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center. Bethany raised a total of \$3,118!

Donation Items of the Month for Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry

April: Toilet Paper



May: Detergent (laundry pods or small bottles of liquid dish soap)



Submit an Announcement



Submit Announcements for Publication

Announcements for the June/July Beacon are due Thursday, May 22. Please submit announcements at bethanycr.org/announcement-request (QR code) or use a paper form, which is available in the church office.

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Casserole Kits

Thank you to everyone who donated ingredients for casserole kits! Ladies assembled casserole kits at the March 9 LWML general meeting and distributed them to Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry neighbors on Sunday, March 16. What a blessing to be able to live and share God's love in this way!

