

Prayer Page

Thanksgiving

- Stephen Ministry 20 years at Bethany Lutheran
- Michelle Hedtke - employment found

Entrusting into God's Care

- Tom Stock - hospice care
- Andrea - (relative of Steggalls) teaching in Bulgaria
- David - (friend of Angela Yuza) cancer
- Rachel - (Bethany neighbor) cancer
- Those in nursing homes/care centers
- Persecuted Christians and refugees
- Peace in Europe and throughout the world
- Project 24 students, Yvonne and Lorine

Healing

- Rick Foreman - recovering after surgery
- Craig (relative of Dawn Thomas) - cancer
- Cherie Miller - recovering after surgery
- Donna Stranathan - recovering after surgery
- Philip Hackbardt - recovering after surgery
- Dale Stonewall - recovering after fall
- Ethel Doehrmann - immunotherapy treatment
- Doug Knutson - immunotherapy treatment
- Deb Heitland - health issues
- Abi Clark - health issues

Homebound

- Nadine Wax - at home

Mourning, friends and family of

- Wendell (friend of Larsons) - died 9/11

Serving Our Country

- Ben (son of Kroemers) - IA National Guard
- Devin (friend of Kroemers) - IA Army National Guard
- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths) - US Navy
- Harrison (son of Siecks) - US Army, stationed in TX

Servants of Worship

	Sunday, September 24	Sunday, October 1
Elder	Mark Elias	Rick Foreman
Usher (8:30)	Mike & Dawn Thomas	Wade Ramsey, Ed Schumacher
Usher (11)	Chuck Kroemer	Dick & Karen Hass
Greeter (8:30)	Wade & Sharon Ramsey	Mike & Dawn Thomas
Greeter (11)	Dave & Kay Karsten	Randy & Joni Schmith
Lector (8:30)	Rick Foreman	Rick Thorington
Lector (11)	Emily Kroemer	Sheryl Knutson
Video (8:30)	Greg Dunn	
Video (11)	Charles Clark	
Sound (8:30)	Nicholas Williams	Ken Cook
Sound (11)	Ken Cook	Aaron Moffett
Acolyte (8:30)	Wynne Kroemer	Nile Kroemer
Acolyte (11)	Annest Hoech	Sasha Knutson
Nursery (11)	Emily Kroemer, Abi Clark	Erin & Natalie Heller
Coffee	Schmiths	

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Seek the LORD while
he may be found;
call upon him while
he is near;

ISAIAH 55:6

September 24, 2023
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 Service

Living and Sharing God's Love

Order of Service

Divine Service IV

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

Lord of All Hopefulness

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Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 116

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

Gradual

Linda Patten Solo

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Epistle Reading

Philippians 1:12-14,19-30

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Apostles' Creed

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Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

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For Me to Live Is Jesus

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Luther's Morning Prayer

Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be

LSB #784

Notes and Announcements

Today we celebrate **20 years of Stephen Ministry at Bethany!** Stephen Ministers are members of the congregation trained to provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care. They have compassionate hearts for those who are hurting, and they're equipped with caring ministry skills by your congregation's Stephen Leaders. A Stephen Minister meets with a care receiver once a week to care, listen, pray, encourage, and offer emotional and spiritual support.

The American Red Cross will host a **blood drive** at Bethany on Friday, October 13 at 1:00-5:00 p.m. Help us save lives and make an appointment to give blood at bethanycr.org/blood-drive.

Starting today, Pastor Erickson will lead adult Bible study in a new topic: **“Called to Vote.”** This study doesn't tell us which political party to vote for, but will spark thoughtful, biblical conversations about voting in a democracy and our duty to do so as Christian citizens. Join us on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

Are you interested in becoming a Bethany member? Christian Faith Class will be held this fall. All are welcome to take the class, and those who are not yet members will be invited to join the congregation. If interested, please contact the church office.

Bethany hats, t-shirts, and sweatshirts are available to order! Today is the last day to sign up at the Welcome Center. Hats are \$9, t-shirts are \$18, crewneck sweatshirts are \$20, and hooded sweatshirts are \$25. Pay in cash or online at bethanycr.org/giving.

On October 1 we will join Lutheran churches around the world in celebrating **LWML Sunday**. A mite box will be out; bring your mites to support LWML district and national mission grants.

The **LWML Zone Event**, “Thanks Be To God,” will be held at St. Paul's in Marion on Saturday, September 30. Please sign up for this event at the Bethany Welcome Center today!

Men's Bible Study has resumed and now meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m. in the Adult Education Room. All men are welcome!

Write a Christmas card for our Project 24 students! To send a greeting to Yvonne and Lorine, please submit Christmas cards to the church office by this Wednesday, September 27.

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Our Calendar This Week

Today

8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional)
9:30 am Blood Pressure Checks
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary)
1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
5:00 pm Emerging Adults

Monday

6:30 am Coffee & Cocoa Outreach
10:00 am Women's Group
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed.
7:00 pm Bible Study on Parables

Tuesday

6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal

Wednesday

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
6:00 pm Confirmation Class
6:00 pm High School Youth
6:30 pm Vocal Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 am Adult Bible Study

Saturday

8:00 am First Aid/CPR/AED Training
9:00 am LWML Zone Event - St. Paul's Marion
9:00 am Holy Yoga

Next Sunday

8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional) w/ Comm
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary) w/ Comm
1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
5:00 pm Emerging Adults

Stewardship is starting two new programs: CONNECT and GIFTS.

CONNECT will use hospitality talents to connect potential/new members with Bethany members to welcome and familiarize them to Bethany and its ministries. GIFTS will pair adult mentors with Sunday School aged children to help them use their gifts for the betterment of the church. Please look for details to come on these programs. You will be able to learn more and sign up for these programs at the Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 15.

Stewardship Note: Matthew 20:9 – “*And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.*” God is generous! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God.