

Prayer Page

Thanksgiving

- Liam James Freese -born 9/29 (Grandson of Freeses)

Entrusting into God's Care

- Chad (friend of Stepaneks) - hospice care
- Tom Stock - hospice care
- Persecuted Christians and refugees
- Peace in Europe and throughout the world
- Project 24 students, Yvonne and Lorine

Healing

- Rick Foreman - recovering after surgery
- 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

- Del Block - The Gardens

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

Chancel flowers are given in celebration of 39 years of marriage for Bill & Tina Freese and 11 years of marriage for Eric & Lisa Freese.

Servants of Worship

	Sunday, October 8	Sunday, October 15
Elder	Rick Foreman	Phil Hedtke
Usher (8:30)	Dave Karsten	Mark Bornemann, Mike Goerd
Usher (11)	Darrell Chiavetta	Dave Johnson, Chuck Kroemer
Greeter (8:30)	Duane & Karen Pfeffer	Tom & Debbie Mills
Greeter (11)	Aaron & Tracy Moffett	Colby & Janine Schmitt
Lector (8:30)	Pete Larson	Nicholas Williams
Lector (11)	Lori Dohrmann	Karen Swanson
Video (8:30)	Greg Dunn	Chris Frampton
Video (11)	Michelle Hedtke	Mike Diers
Sound (8:30)	Karl Hoech	Nicholas Williams
Sound (11)	Phil Hedtke	Aaron Moffett
Acolyte (8:30)		Ella Potter
Acolyte (11)	Wynne Kroemer	Wynne Kroemer
Nursery (11)	Amy Smith & Susan Schoen	Brooke Oja & Anne Railsback
Coffee	Railsback	Schmiths

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October 8, 2023
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 Service

Living and Sharing God's Love

Order of Service

Divine Service I

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

Rise, Shine, You People

LSB #825

Invocation, Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 118

Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Gradual

Handbells

“A Prayer on Slane”

Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:4b-13

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

LSB #544

O Love, How Deep

Sermon

Offertory

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Apostle’s Creed

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Prayers of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

Luther’s Morning Prayer

Benediction

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Closing Hymn

Built on the Rock

LSB #645

Notes and Announcements

Looking for ways to become involved in the congregation? There are opportunities for everyone to use their time and talents at Bethany! Plan to attend a **ministry fair next Sunday, October 15 at 9:45-10:45 a.m.** Ministry leaders will be available in the Family Life Center to answer questions and help you get connected.

Stewardship packets will be available to pick up on October 15. Please prayerfully consider your tithes and offerings for 2024.

Stewardship is starting two new programs: CONNECT and GIFTS. Please see the insert to learn about these programs!

On Mondays we serve free coffee and cocoa to our neighbors and Washington High School students. If you would like to serve with this unique ministry, sign up at www.bethanycr.org/serve.

The congregation is invited to the **LWML general meeting today** at 2:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Pastor Francik will speak about his trip on the Honor Flight at the meeting.

The LWML will **tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief** this Tuesday, October 10. We will be in the Family Life Center 9:00 a.m. - noon. Please come join us! No prior quilting experience is necessary, and any amount of time you can give is appreciated.

Family Faith Night will be held this Wednesday, October 11. This ministry is for students in preschool through grade 12 and their parents to attend together! Join us for a Bible lesson, games, and time to connect with other families. Dinner is served at 5:30 (grilled cheese this week!) and the program is at 6:00-7:30 p.m.

The American Red Cross will host a **blood drive** at Bethany on Friday, October 13 at 1:00-5:00 p.m. Make an appointment to give blood at bethanycr.org/blood-drive or call **1-800-733-2767**.

A **lock-in will be held for youth in 6th-12th grade** on October 27. The lock-in will start at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and end at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. If you plan to attend, please contact Darin or Kierra!

Trustees will host a **Serve the Lord Day on Saturday, October 28**. Plan to come help care for the maintenance of our facilities that day! There will be a variety of projects for volunteers to work on.

The food pantry **donation item of the month** is facial tissues. Please donate boxes of tissues during the month of October!

Our Calendar This Week

Today

8:30 am Divine Service (Traditional)
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Divine Service (Contemporary)
1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
2:00 pm LWML General Meeting

Monday

10:00 am Women’s Group
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision
7:00 pm Elders Meeting
7:00 pm Bible Study on Parables

Tuesday

9:00 am Quilting for World Relief
5:00 pm Board of Education Meeting
6:30 pm Handbells Rehearsal
7:00 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday

6:00 am Men’s Bible Study
5:30 pm Family Meal
6:00 pm Family Faith Night
6:30 pm Vocal Choir Practice

Thursday

9:00 am Adult Bible Study

Friday

1:00 pm Blood Drive - Family Life Center

Saturday

9:00 am Holy Yoga

Next Sunday

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

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

Stewardship Highlight: Today’s stewardship video highlights the LWML (Lutheran Women’s Missionary League)

Stewardship Note: Matthew 21:43 – *“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.”* The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. Though they were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest, they neglected the heart of God’s will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God’s grace.