


FALL **FELLOWSHIP** OPPORTUNITIES



FALL PICNIC POTLUCK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
WANATEE PARK | MARION

Fall Potluck Picnic: October 13

Join Bethany friends at a fall picnic potluck! We'll meet after church on Sunday, October 13 (12:30-3:30) at the Meadowlark Shelter in Wanatee Park (2001 Big Bluestem Circle, Marion). Please invite a friend and sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend! Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. If you can bring a dish to share, please indicate on the signup. We'll play some outdoor games (feel free to bring your favorites!), and if a group is interested, we'll take a hike together. See you there!



Christian Concert: October 20

Join Bethany friends at a Christian concert! Casting Crowns, We The Kingdom, Mac Powell, Katy Nichole, Terrian, & David Leonard will be at the Alliant Energy PowerHouse on Sunday, October 20. Pricing for adults is \$25/ticket; kids 18 and under are \$10/ticket. For tickets, **sign up at the Welcome Center by September 29!**



Bethany
Lutheran Church

Living and Sharing God's Love



Pastor's Page

My first call into parish ministry was to a church in Pennsylvania. And while my church was located in the north-east part of the state (or commonwealth), we were not too far away from, and would often vacation in, south-central Pennsylvania – where there was a large Amish community. You probably know that the Amish are famous for many things, including their rejection of many modern-day technologies. So, visiting the areas where the Amish lived it was common to see horse and buggies going down the road, horses being used to plow the fields, and kids using reel mowers to cut the grass.

When I would see things like this, I had always assumed the Amish rejected modern technology because they looked upon it as sinful or able to lead one into temptation. I also wondered why they would seemingly adopt technology from the 1800's, but not the 20th or 21st centuries. But recently I attended a lecture in St. Louis titled, *Resisting a Post-Human Future* that shed new light for me about the Amish's views on technology that I think can actually be helpful for many people.

In this lecture, Dr. C. Ben Mitchell said that when looking at how to use technology, the Amish first begin by defining the things they value most in life. This might include things like faith, family, and community. Then, after they have this clearly defined, they will ask if adopting new technologies are “worth it”. In short, they don't ask if things will make their lives more efficient or even easier. They ask if things will help them to live the kind of lives that they want to live. Much of the technology from the 1800's can do that for the Amish, while many of our modern-day conveniences will not.

Putting this into practice in our lives means that we don't just blindly buy the newest gadget because it is faster, smaller (or bigger), flashier, or makes us more efficient than the one that we already have. Instead, we ask ourselves, “What do I want my life to look like with my children or grandchildren? My parents or my neighbors? What role do I want to have in my community and in my church? What do I want my relationship to

be with God and His people?” Only after answering these questions, and others like them that are relevant in your life, can you begin to ask if that new phone, or new television, or new car is “worth it”. That is, ask if that new technology you are thinking of bringing into your life will actually help you live the life that you want.

Of course, there is a danger in defining what we want our lives to be like and using that to determine how we live and what kind of technology we use. For instance, one could say, “I want my neighbors to be jealous of all the stuff I have.” Or “I want to have a life where my family and friends do whatever I tell them!” (I think we can all see where this would lead!) And so, we must let our desires be shaped by the Good News of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Knowing that God has given His only Son to die for us on the cross in order that our sins can be forgiven, impacts every part of a Christian's life. It not only gives us peace and hope as we face the future, but it also shapes our thoughts, as well as our actions in the here and now. This is why Jesus is able to teach His disciples that in order to be great in His Kingdom, they must be servants. Wanting to define your relationship with others in this “serving” way and letting it guide your decisions into the future is really only possible when you know what God has done for you through His Son, Jesus.

So, while I am not looking to trade-in any of the family vehicles for a horse and buggy any time soon, I do plan to be a little more intentional in thinking about how new technology helps me to live the life I want, and I would encourage you to consider doing the same. And as Christians, let your faith in Jesus Christ, who has freely given you eternal life through His death and resurrection, shape what you want your life to look like today and tomorrow.

✝ Pastor Erickson





Prayer Page

Illness, injuries, health issues:

Wilson (son of Luke Viertel)- recovering after surgery
Joshua (friend of *Chuck Kroemer)- family issues
Bennet (friend of *Charles Kroemer)- leg injury
Arlene (relative of *Sheryl Knutson)- healing
Greg (relative of *Pat Krekeler)- recovering after a stroke
LaVonne (mother of *Steve Hanchera)- heart issues
Catherine (relative of Janet Hoech)- recovering after surgery
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)- recovering after surgery
David (father of *Chris Frampton) - health issues
Joseph (relative of *Angie Yuza)- recovering after surgery
Kathy (sister of *Mark Holt) - health issues
Scott (relative of *Schumachers)- injuries after fall
Keith (relative of *M Nanke)- recovering after hospitalization
Charlie (relative of *Barb Deetz)- recovering after surgery
Loren (relative of *Barb Deetz)- health issues
Jacquiline (daughter of *C Kroemer)- health issues
Sarah (daughter of *Henkelmanns) - health issues
Chuck (friend of *Linda Patten)- health issues
Margaret (relative of *Karl Hoech)- recovering after fall
Gloria (granddaughter of *Kim Neuhaus)- personal issues
Sylvia (aunt of *Patricia Hinrichs) - health issues
Judy (relative of *Brenda Heims) - health issues
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

Homebound members of Bethany:

*Cindy Broadwater- at home
Candi Engel - Heritage Care Center
*Carol Grimminger- Cottage Grove
*Nadine Wax - Hallmar
*Dorothy Freese - Keystone Place
*Verlyn & *Paul LeFevere- at home

Cancer/Hospice:

Kim (relative of Shirley Witte)- cancer
Doni (relative of *Sheryl Knutson)- cancer treatment
Charlotte (relative of *Emily Kroemer)- hospice care
Ellie (relative of *Lynn Madsen)- cancer treatment
David (friend of *Angela Yuza)- cancer
Rachel (Bethany neighbor)- cancer
Tom (friend of *Dave Johnson)- cancer
Natalia (friend of *Karstens)- cancer
Angie (friend of *Deb Heitland)- cancer
John (friend of *Dunns) - chemo treatment
Tony (friend of *Mike Thomas) - cancer
Julie (friend of *Brenda Heims) - cancer
Chad (son of *Vicki Huschka) - leukemia

Grief, family and friends of:

Ty (son of *Jeannine Robinson)- died 9/22
Trevor (relative of *Hackbardts)- died 9/17
Craig (relative of Missy Gingrich)- died 9/2

Safety:

Devon (friend of *Hedtke & *Chittick)- deployed to Korea
Mallory (friend of *Abi Clark)- IA National Guard
Amber (daughter of *A Balvanz)- U.S. Army, stationed in Germany
Jordan (g son of *K Neuhaus)- IA Army National Guard
Devin- (friend of *Kroemers)- IA Army National Guard
Ben (son of *Kroemers)- IA National Guard
Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of *Schoens & *Smith)- U.S. Navy
Harrison (son of *Siecks) - U.S. Army, stationed in TX
Andrea (relative of *Steggalls)- teaching in Bulgaria

Bethany Prayer Ministry

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

Tuesday, October 1

- 8:00 am Prayer in the Square
- 9:00 am Walking Exercise
- 1:30 pm Prayer Group
- 5:00 pm LWML Board Meeting
- 6:00 pm Evangelism Meeting
- 6:30 pm Handbells

Wednesday, October 2

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

Thursday, October 3

- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9:00 am Walking Exercise
- 1:30 pm Blood Drive at Bethany
- 6:00 pm Human Care Meeting

Saturday, October 5

- 9:00 am Holy Yoga - Opening Room

Sunday, October 6

- 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
- 4:00 pm Pickleball Fellowship - Noelridge

Monday, October 7

- 6:30 am Coffee & Cocoa Outreach
- 10:00 am Women's Small Group
- 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision
- 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting
- 6:00 pm Stewardship Meeting
- 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, October 8

- 8:00 am Prayer in the Square
- 9:00 am Quilting for Lutheran World Relief
- 9:00 am Walking Exercise
- 1:30 pm Prayer Group
- 6:30 pm Handbells
- 7:00 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 9

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

Thursday, October 10

- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9:00 am Walking Exercise

Saturday, October 12

- 9:00 am Holy Yoga - Opening Room

Sunday, October 13

- 12:15 pm Fall Picnic Potluck
- 12:15 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
- 4:00 pm Pickleball Fellowship - Noelridge

Monday, October 14

- 6:30 am Coffee & Cocoa Outreach
- 10:00 am Women's Small Group
- 7:00 pm Elders Meeting
- 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, October 15

- 8:00 am Prayer in the Square
- 9:00 am Walking Exercise
- 1:30 pm Prayer Group
- 6:30 pm Handbells

Wednesday, October 16

- 6:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 4:00 pm Cottage Grove Devotion
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Class
- 6:00 pm High School Youth
- 6:30 pm Vocal Choir

Thursday, October 17

- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9:00 am Walking Exercise
- 11:00 am Senior Worship

Saturday, October 19

- 8:00 am CPR/First Aid Class
- 9:00 am Holy Yoga - Opening Room

Sunday, October 20

- 1:00 pm Food Pantry Open
- 2:00 pm LWML General Meeting
- 4:00 pm Pickleball Fellowship - Noelridge

Monday, October 21

- 10:00 am Women's Small Group
- 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed.
- 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, October 22

- 8:00 am Prayer in the Square
- 9:00 am Walking Exercise
- 1:30 pm Prayer Group
- 6:30 pm Handbells

Wednesday, October 23

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

Thursday, October 24

- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9:00 am Walking Exercise

Friday, October 25

- 7:00 pm Youth Lock-In

Saturday, October 26

- 9:00 am Holy Yoga - Opening Room

Sunday, October 27

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

Monday, October 28

- 6:30 am Coffee & Cocoa Outreach
- 10:00 am Women's Small Group
- 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, October 29

- 8:00 am Prayer in the Square
- 9:00 am Walking Exercise
- 1:30 pm Prayer Group
- 6:30 pm Handbells

Wednesday, October 30

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

Thursday, October 31

- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9:00 am Walking Exercise

SUNDAYS: Services at 8:30 and 11:00 AM | Education Hour at 9:45 AM

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



Birthdays and Anniversaries

10/1	Carter Urban	10/6	David Behrens	10/18	Shirley Witte	10/23	Annest Hoech
10/2	Jennet Volden	10/8	Joann Strang	10/19	Bella Novitch	10/25	Ron Prescott
	Rob Willms	10/12	Dave Christian		Jeff Keslar	10/26	Naomi Chiavetta
10/3	Phyllis Landis		Nancy Lee Siebenmann	10/20	Dathan Hinrichs	10/27	Emily Kroemer
	Carmen Ranbarger	10/13	Carolyn Zimmerman	10/21	Noah Pelletier	10/28	Vicki Huschka
10/4	Dawn Thomas		Darin Elm	10/22	Tom Mills		Ryan Urban
10/6	Brenna Godbey	10/14	Jack Zimmerman	10/23	Betty Happel	10/29	Taylor Ballstaedt
10/3	Maynard & Diane Holub	10/7	Jeff & Janet Gebert	10/17	Ian & Bailey Stevens		
	Matt & Whitney Hinz	10/9	Travis & Jo Godbey	10/17	Randy & Joni Schmith		
10/4	Rick & Erin Heller	10/10	Taylor & Stephanie Chittick	10/18	Kent & Diane Zenor		
10/5	Isaiah & Bree Robinson		Ashley & Austin Cunningham	10/21	Chris & Leisa Knudson		
	Bill & Tina Freese	10/13	Pastor & Christine Erickson	10/24	Darin & Maren Elm		
10/6	Eric & Lisa Freese	10/14	Karl & Janet Hoech	10/26	Chris & Kelly Frampton		
		10/16	Ken & Karen Swalley				



Tuesday Prayer Group

Each Tuesday, Bethany members gather for a time of prayer in the Bethany library. All are welcome, and there is always room for more! Please join us on Tuesdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. as we lift up our community in prayer. It's okay if you can't make it every week!

Sewing Quilts for Lutheran World Relief

On Tuesday, October 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.



LWML

The LWML (Women's Guild) is looking forward to a number of activities in October. Join us at these events this month to learn more about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League!

On October 5, King of Kings Lutheran Church is hosting our Cedar Rapids Zone Fall Event. The program will feature information about their Disaster Relief Trailer and all are welcome. Registration is at 8:30 and the event starts at 9:00 a.m. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to attend.

We will celebrate LWML Sunday on October 6, so look for us in our purple attire! Come visit the LWML display in the Gathering Area to learn more about ways to be involved in the LWML.

Then on October 20, our general meeting will be at Bethany in the Family Life Center at 2:00 p.m. We are excited to have everyone join us.



Youth and Family Ministry

YOUTH LOCK-IN



**For 6th-12th Grade
Friday, October 25**

Youth Lock-In

Middle school and high school students: join us for a lock-in at Bethany! All students in 6th-12th grade are invited to a night of fun games, hanging out with friends, and learning God's word together. Parents, please plan to drop your student off on Friday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. and pick them up on Saturday, October 26 at 8:00 a.m.

LCMS Youth Gathering

Students currently in 8th-12th grade are eligible to attend the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, July 19-23, 2025. Registration forms have been mailed out to youth families. Please complete your student's registration form and return it to Kierra or the church office by October 28.



Youth Personal Finance Class

A personal finance class will be offered for high school students at Bethany this fall. Join us for three Sundays (October 6, 13, and 20) during the education hour (9:45-10:45). This class will be held in place of regular Sunday School for those weeks. All students in 9th-12th grade are encouraged to join us in the high school room. This course will be based from Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace program and is designed to teach young adults money skills to use now and the rest of their lives. The course will be led by Mike and Dawn Thomas.

Please feel free to contact the church office or speak with a member of the stewardship board to learn more information about this personal finance class. Students are encouraged to attend all three sessions- however, if they can only make it to one or two, they should certainly still plan to attend!

Family Faith Night

Family Faith Night is a ministry for students in preschool through 12th grade AND their parents. The whole family attends together, and all families are welcome! On the second Wednesday of the month, families gather to learn a Bible lesson and participate in fun activities together. This ministry is an opportunity to connect with your own family, as well as other families in our church community! Dinner is served at 5:30, and the program is held 6:00-7:30. See you at our next session on October 9!

Family
FAITH NIGHT



Announcements

YOUNG ADULTS

MINISTRY FOR AGES 18-30

Young Adults

Young adults (ages 18-30) are invited to be part of a young adults group! Join us on the first Sunday of each month at 5:00 p.m. for Bible study and growing in community with other young Christian adults. Our first meetup will be on Sunday, October 6. This group will meet at the home of DCE Kierra Penney. Please reach out to Kierra at dce.bethanycr@gmail.com for details (and her address)!

Bethany Stewardship

Stewardship packets have been sent to Bethany members. Please prayerfully consider your tithes and offerings for 2025, fill out the pledge card enclosed in your packet, and return your pledge card to Bethany by Sunday, October 6.

-  **PICK UP YOUR STEWARDSHIP PACKET**
-  **PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR OFFERINGS**
-  **FILL OUT THE ENCLOSED PLEDGE CARD**
-  **RETURN YOUR CARD BY OCTOBER 6**
-  **GROW IN FAITH AND USE GOD'S GIFTS TO LIVE AND SHARE GOD'S LOVE!**

Evangelism Challenge

The October Evangelism Challenge is to pray for our neighbors and community! Please pick up a neighborhood prayer card from Bethany on September 29.



Join a Bible Study! Christian Education Opportunities at Bethany

Opportunities for children and youth to learn and grow in God's Word together:

- **Sunday School** - Sundays at 9:45-10:45 a.m. for all students in preschool-12th grade
- **Confirmation** - Wednesdays at 6:00-7:30 p.m. for students in 7th-8th grade
- **Youth Group** - Wednesdays at 6:00-7:30 p.m. for students in 9th-12th grade

Opportunities for adults to learn and grow in God's Word together:

- **Sunday Adult Bible Class** - Sundays at 9:45-10:45 a.m. (year-round)
- **Thursday Adult Bible Class** - Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. (year-round)
- **Monday Night Bible Study** - Mondays at 7:00-8:00 p.m. for all adults (starts September 30)
- **Women's Small Group** - Mondays at 10:00-11:30 a.m. for adult women (started September 23)
- **Men's Bible Study** - Wednesdays at 6:00 a.m. for adult men



Announcements



PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 9:00 AM
NOELRIDGE PARK | 4300 COUNCIL ST. NE

REGISTER: www.bethanycr.org/pickleball



Pickleball Tournament

Bethany is hosting a fellowship pickleball tournament! Join us on Saturday, September 28 at Noelridge Park Pickleball Courts (4300 Council St. NE). This event is free and open to all ages and skill levels. It is also open to other churches in the community, so be sure to invite your friends! **For details and to register, visit bethanycr.org/pickleball.** See you all there!

Kith & Kin

The mission of Kith and Kin Card Ministry is to support and encourage homebound members by sharing the love of Christ with them through the mail. Our congregation has members who are unable to regularly attend church. "Kith & Kin" ("friends and relatives") is a card ministry at Bethany to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ and to grow in fellowship as a church community.



Participants are asked to write and send a card to your assigned Bethany member once a month, for one year. The year-long commitment starts this fall, and it's not too late to get involved! Please contact the church office if you would like to be part of this ministry to uplift and encourage fellow church members.

If you are signed up to send cards, please plan to attend an introductory meeting on Sunday, September 29 at 12:15 p.m. to learn about expectations.

Joy's Journal



Happy fall, Bethany FURiends. This month I will tell you about the visits I make to Options of Linn County six times a year. Options is a facility that provides day habilitation services to adults with mental and/or physical disabilities. Each time I visit I get pets and loves from approximately 80-100 clients -that's not even counting staff members! They are always happy to see me. One time a class even made homemade dog treats for me - yum!

I always pass out my business cards to the clients. It has my Bible verse on it, Philemon 7 . . . "Your love has given me great JOY and encouragement." I love getting the chance to spread God's love (and sometimes, my fur) with others!





Announcements

PARKING LOT RESURFACING

Parking lot resurfacing update

Our parking lot will be resurfaced October 7-18! Please see details below for traffic instructions.

October 7-11, the front parking lot is scheduled to be under construction.

- All traffic will need to enter through the back (south) drive and park in the back (west) lot.
- Please plan to access the church building through the back doors.
- Please note that there are stairs at the back entrance with no wheelchair access to the main level.

If all goes as planned, we should have regular traffic and parking lot use the weekend of October 12-13.

October 14-18, the back parking lot is scheduled to be under construction.

- All traffic will need to enter through the Thompson or northern Forest drive and park in the front (north) lot.
- Please plan to access the church building through the front doors.

If all goes as planned, we should have regular traffic and parking lot use the weekend of October 19-20.

Various things could disrupt this work (like the earliest blizzard in Iowa history!) but we certainly don't want to break any records. Feel free to locate and ask any Bethany Trustee about the progress. Please note that the Trustees have completed concrete work in the back parking lot, so dumpsters are temporarily re-located next to the garage. The Trustees have also taken care of removing the old shed.

Thank you, Trustees, for all the work you have accomplished in preparation for this project!

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 from 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.





Announcements

Updates from Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry

THANK YOU to The Aegon Transamerica Foundation

Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry has been awarded a grant of \$4,200 from The Aegon Transamerica Foundation. This grant will be used to purchase a glass door refrigerator for the pantry.

Bethany Garden

The Bethany garden has produced 390 pounds of zucchini, peppers, basil, peas, and squash. All locally grown and fresh produce are given to our pantry neighbors at Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry.

Pantry Volunteer Appreciation

All Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry volunteers are invited to an appreciation event at Bethany! Please join us for breakfast pizza at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 23. Everyone who has served in the past, is currently serving, or is interested in serving (in any capacity) is invited and encouraged to attend!

What should I donate in October

The October donation items of the month are tissues, and small bottles of dish soap.

How can I serve in the pantry?

Each Sunday we need seven volunteers to serve at the pantry from 12:30-3:00 p.m. There are a variety of tasks such as checking neighbors in, and helping neighbors shop. If you are interested in assisting in the pantry, contact Nurse Ronda at nurse.bethanycr@gmail.com and visit bethanycr.org/food-pantry to sign up. Each week Pete Larson oversees the volunteers that pick up food at HACAP in Hiawatha and stock our shelves. Contact Nurse Ronda if you would like to join the Friday pickup and stocking team!

Bethany Publications and Communications Updates

Bethany Beacon to be published every other month

Starting in December 2024, the Bethany Beacon will be published every other month instead of monthly.

Will I still be able to see regular updates?

Yes! Weekly e-news will continue to be sent on Wednesday mornings. If you do not currently receive our Wednesday emails, please subscribe at bethanycr.org/newsletter to keep up with Bethany happenings.

When would Beacon articles be due?

Articles for the December 2024/January 2025 issue of the Beacon will be due Thursday, November 21. If you would like an announcement in the January Beacon, please submit your request by November 21.

How do I submit Beacon articles?

Announcement requests should be submitted via an announcement request form. The form is available digitally at bethanycr.org/announcement-request or paper forms are available in the church office.

How do I submit announcements for other channels?

With the same form! The announcement request form isn't just for the Beacon... it's for the bulletin, Sunday slides, e-news, website, social media, flyers... if you have an announcement to share, there is just one form to cover it all! The form is available digitally at bethanycr.org/announcement-request. (Hint: The link is always on the last page of the Beacon, and at the bottom of the Wednesday e-news.)



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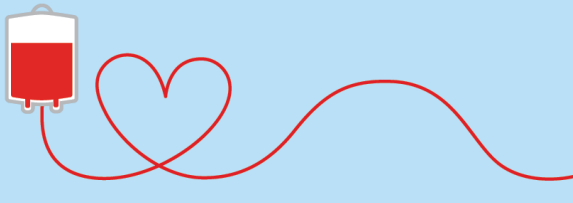


Join us for Senior Worship

Thursday, October 17
Service at 11:00 AM | Luncheon to follow



Help save lives. Give blood.



Blood Drive: October 3 at Bethany

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive at Bethany on Thursday, October 3. Donate blood to save lives! Donors at this blood drive will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card.

Appointments can be made:

- Online at www.redcrossblood.org
- Or by calling 1-800-733-2767.

CPR/First Aid Class: October 19 at Bethany

CPR saves lives—just not as many as it should. That's because far too few Americans know how to perform it, so when people experience heart attacks in public, or in their homes, often there is simply no one around who knows how to help them. And with each minute that passes, the chances of surviving a heart attack decline. In fact, only about one in 10 cardiac arrest patients survive.

Take a CPR and first aid class at Bethany on Saturday, October 19 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. There is space for two more people, and the cost is \$10 for Bethany members. Contact Nurse Ronda if interested.

CHURCH STATISTICS August 2024

Average Sunday Attendance	184 Souls
August Income	\$35,615
August Expenses	\$43,189



Submit an Announcement



Submit Announcements for Publication

Announcements for the November Beacon are due Thursday, October 24. To submit, please fill out an announcement request form at bethanycr.org/announcement-request or use a paper form, which is available in the church office.

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Prayer in the Square

Every Tuesday morning, Bethany members and friends from other churches in the area head to Greene Square in downtown Cedar Rapids to offer sack lunches, coffee or Gatorade, and prayers to our neighbors in the square. Lunches are prepared by volunteers at Bethany on Mondays.

Want to get involved with this outreach ministry? Contact the church office at 319-364-6026 or office.bethanycr@gmail.com to learn more!