Prayer Page

Thanksgiving
- Fall Festival held 9/20

Entrusting into God's Care
- LCMS Missionaries

Healing
- Pat Krekeler– health issues
- Fran Struck- recovering after surgery
- Linda Patten - recovering at Cottage Grove after surgery
- Emily Kroemer– recovering after surgery
- Carol McGinnis– recovering after surgery
- Dave Johnson– health issues
- Ben Mims– recovering after surgery
- Earlene Francik– health issues
- Vern Piering– recovering after hospitalization
- Jennine Robinson– recovering after surgery
- Ron Prescott– recovering after surgery
- Karen Swalley– health issues
- Philip Hackbardt– health issues
- Tom Larson - health issues

Homebound
- Carol Grimminger– Cottage Grove

Grief (family and friends of)
- Betty (mother of Ann Balvanz, aunt of Dan Balvanz– died 9/19
- Ken (brother of Beth Wright)- died 9/12
- Ray Hopkins (former member)– died 8/31

Serving Our Country
- Charles Clark- IA National Guard
- Hunter Ealy- IA National Guard
- Eli (brother of Ashton Berberich)- Marines
- Aiden (grandson of Foremans)- US Army
- Amber (daughter of Ann Balvanz)- US Army
- Ben (son of Kroemers)- IA National Guard
- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths)- US Navy

Servants of Worship

	Sunday, September 27	Sunday, October 4
Elder	Rick Foreman	Marc Elias
Usher (8:30)	Mark Bornemann	Peter Larson Mike Goerdt
Usher (11)	Ben Mims	Chuck Kroemer Steve Hanchera
Greeter (8:30)	Pete & Kris Larson	Tom & Debbie Mills
Greeter (11)	Mickie Sjulie and Al Lopez	Joseph & Anne Railsback
Lector (8:30)	Nicholas Williams	Mark Elias
Lector (11)	Karen Swanson	Lissa Novitch
Video (8:30)	Mitch Myers	Greg Dunn
Video (11)	Mike Diers	Greg Dunn
Sound (8:30)	Nicholas Williams	Karl Hoech
Sound (11)	Ethan Petrik	Phil Hedtke
Acolyte (8:30)	Carson Theriault	Kora Urban
Acolyte (11)	Ella Smith	Wes Potter
Nursery (11)	Natalie Stegall Rebecca Ballstaedt	Annie & Robby Russman
Coffee	Schmith	Youth

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

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"But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd..."

Matthew 21:26

September 27, 2026
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m. Service

Living and Sharing God's Love

Order of Service

Divine Service IV

Musical Prelude - *Fairest Lord Jesus* arranged by John Innes	
Ringing of the Bells	
Call to Worship & Announcements	
Hymn of Invocation	LSB# 655
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your World	
Invocation, Confession and Absolution	LSB pg. 203
Introit	From Psalm 147
Kyrie	LSB pg. 204
Gloria in Excelsis	LSB pg. 204
Salutation and Collect of the Day	LSB pg. 205
Old Testament Reading	Eziekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Gradual	Bethany Vocal Choir
Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal arranged by Mark Hayes	
The Epistle Reading	Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18
Alleluia	LSB pg. 205
Holy Gospel	Matthew 21:23-27
Apostles' Creed	LSB pg. 207
Children's Message	
Hymn of the Day	LSB# 861
Christ Be My Leader	
Sermon	
Prayers of the Church	LSB pg. 207
Lord's Prayer	LSB pg. 209
Luther's Morning Prayer	
Benedicamus and Benediction	LSB pg. 212
Closing Hymn	See insert
Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me	
Musical Postlude - *Lift Hight the Cross* arranged by John Leavitt	

Notes and Announcements

Today is **Stewardship Sunday**! Stewardship packets will be available for Bethany members outside the sanctuary. Please pick yours up and start to prayerfully consider your tithes and offerings for 2027. Plan to return your pledge card to Bethany on October 11th or October 18th.

On **Sunday, October 4**, we will celebrate **LWML Sunday** with churches around the world. The LWML supports missions around the world and here at Bethany. **Visit the LWML display in the Gathering Area to learn more** about how to get involved. A mite box will be out; **bring your mites** to support LWML district and national mission grants.

Calling all ***moms*** with young children! A **moms' bible study** is starting on **Saturday, October 10th**! All mothers with young children are invited to the **Bethany nursery at 9 a.m.** to let your children play and for the moms to get acquainted. A bible study (and snacks!) will be provided. You may choose to discuss the bible study together or take it home. Contact Cindy Goerdt with questions. **We hope to see you there!**

Join your Bethany friends for a **bike ride** on **Sunday October 11**, followed by **ice cream at Almost Famous**! We will meet at 2:00 p.m. at the parking lot at 2nd St SE and 11th Ave SE in NewBo, bike south along the Cedar River Trail, and return for ice cream at Almost Famous at 3:30ish. This bike ride is designed to work for all ages and abilities, with different groups that end up biking longer or shorter distances while meeting back at the start at the same time. **Please sign up at the Welcome Center** so we know who and how many to expect, and feel free to invite a friend to join us!

The American Red Cross will host a **blood drive** at Bethany on **Tuesday, October 27, starting at 1:00 PM**. To make an appointment to donate blood, please visit **scan the QR code on the bulletin board by the front doors,** or **call 1-800-RED-CROSS. It's not to early to reserve your spot!**

Our Calendar This Week

Today	8:30 am	Worship Service
Stewardship	9:30 am	Education Hour
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
	1:00 pm	Food Pantry Open
Monday	6:30 am	Coffee & Cocoa Outreach
	4:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Super. & Cont Ed
Tuesday	8:00 am	Green Square Outreach
	9:00 am	Walking for Exercise
	1:00 pm	Prayer Group
	6:00 pm	Handbells Rehearsal
Wednesday	6:00 am	Men's Bible Study
	5:30 pm	Choir Practice
	5:30 pm	HS Mission Trip Parent Meeting
	6:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	6:00 pm	High School Youth Group
Thursday	9:00 am	Walking for Exercise
	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study
Saturday	9:00 am	Holy Yoga - Lower Level
Next Sunday	8:30 am	Worship Service w/Communion
LWML	9:30 am	Education Hour
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service w/Communion
	1:00 pm	Food Pantry Open

An **informational meeting** will be held on **September 30 at 5:30 pm for parents of students in grades 8th-12th** interested in next summer's **High School Youth Mission Trip**. Please make plans to attend. Contact DCE Kierra Hanson at dce.bethanycr@gmail.com or 319-364-6026 with questions prior to the meeting.

Stewardship Note: **Matthew 21:26 – "But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd..."** Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.