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# COMMUNICATOR

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## “Good Friday, Easter and God’s Grace”

“...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and... He was buried, and... He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...” 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Sin is complicated. There are a variety of Hebrew words in the Old Testament and Greek words in the New Testament that are translated as “sin” in our English Bibles. In the Old Testament the two most common words are *chata* and *avon*. *Chata* has an original idea of “to miss the mark.” In dealing with a holy and righteous God, we humans always have a problem of missing the mark. *Avon* has a suspected original idea of “to bend, twist, distort.” We humans also have a tendency to bend, twist and distort God’s truth, God’s commands and God’s principles.

There are other words that are used in the Old Testament to describe unrighteousness. One Hebrew scholar says that there are 24 different Hebrew words that are translated as “unrighteousness.” Then also there are specific wrongdoings that are described, such as those that are listed in the Ten Commandments. The Law of Moses has what seem to most of us rather complicated instructions about how to deal with sin. There are sin offerings and separate guilt offerings that involve animal sacrifice. There are also laws that deal with restitution that is necessary to deal with sins that involve people who have been the object of wrongdoing.

In the New Testament there is *hamartia*, which means “to err, or “miss the mark.” It is used to describe offenses against morals, laws, men or gods. *Adikia* is usually translated as “unrighteousness.” *Parabasis* is used to describe transgression of the law of God. *Paraptoma*, which literally means “to fall down beside,” is used to refer to moral lapses. There is also *anomia*, for lawlessness, and *asebeia*, for godlessness. Of course we also find specific sins listed in the New Testament. Sin also involves thoughts, words and deeds. It includes the failure to accomplish certain deeds.

In stark contrast to all of this is grace. In the Old Testament there is only one word for “grace.” It is *chen*. It means “grace.” I noted in a recent sermon that the high priest Annas had a name based on this work. He was anything but gracious. According to one scholar, the verb form describes “an action from a superior to an inferior who has no real claim for gracious treatment.”

In the New Testament there is likewise only one word for “grace.” It is *charis*, from which is derived *charismata*, or “spiritual gifts,” which we are gifts of grace. The term appears 155 times in the New Testament. Grace is central to the resolution of the sin problem. It is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that is the ultimate demonstration of grace. Thus the New Testament tells us, “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God...” (Ephesians 2:8) “[We are] justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus...” (Romans 3:24)

Grace is not only central to how we come into a relationship with God. It is also foundational to our ongoing relationship with God. This is the message of the Book of Galatians. It is also seen in Romans 5:2: “...[we have been introduced] by faith into this grace in which we stand...” All of this is based on God’s grace shown to us in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Thank God for His grace. - Pastor Kurt

### MAN CAMP

Last call for Man Camp, April 5-7 at Prescott Pines. Go online to [PrescottPines.org](http://PrescottPines.org) to register for this weekend together with men from our church. We will enjoy an excellent speaker, great fellowship, good food, fine music and the fresh outdoors of the piney woods in the hills above Prescott, Arizona. We will leave from the church campus on Friday morning at 10 AM and return late Sunday afternoon.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Folk  
4<sup>th</sup> Linda Ronnow  
12<sup>th</sup> Clive Bevan  
16<sup>th</sup> Kathy Sloan  
17<sup>th</sup> Betty Fishburn  
18<sup>th</sup> Nancy Quinn  
19<sup>th</sup> Linda Burns  
Christina Nycek  
30<sup>th</sup> Mike Barth



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

1<sup>st</sup> Steve & Betty Fishburn  
17<sup>th</sup> Kurt & Suzy Hedlund  
28<sup>th</sup> Irv & Patti Childress

### CARE CENTER VISIT

Our next Care Center & Hospital Long Term Area Visit will be on Saturday, the 6th. Meet at 9:45 AM.

Come share time and sing some songs with the residents. Spend some time with those not able to attend a Sunday service!



### MAN CAMP

The guys will be leaving Bethany on Friday, April 5th and will return on Sunday, April 7th. Please hold them up in your prayers while they are gone. Pray for safe travels and a meaningful, God-centered, and relaxing weekend at Prescott Pines!

### XYZ Potluck

Our XYZ Potluck will take place on Tuesday, the 16th. Over 50? Bring a dish to share and come to the Noon meal!



### SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, April 13th 9:00 a.m.

It's time to do the spring cleaning around the Bethany campus! Show up on the 13th for a few hours of light work. Things like putting in new filters...nothing too hard. Please come and help! Many hands make the work load lighter!



**Easter Potluck** Sunday, April 21st after the 10:00 am service. The kids will be performing a couple special musical tunes in the service. Also, the kids egg hunt will begin @ 11:15 am.



**Palm Sunday Musical Service** Sunday, April 14th @ 10:00 AM A whole service of special Easter songs ...

*Jesus is Alive!*



### Vacation Bible School

**ROAR - Life is Wild—God is Good...**

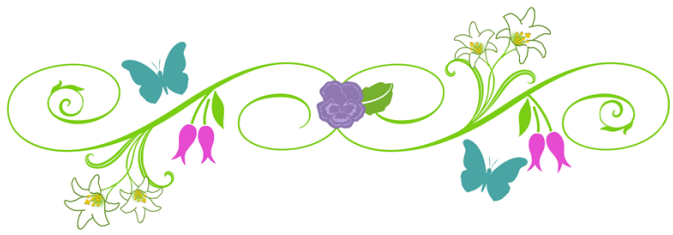
Will take place 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

June 16th through the 21st.

For all kids Pre-K thru 5th grade.

Sign up sheet in foyer





# April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 ManCamp AZ Leave 10 am	6 Care Center @ 9:45 am.
7	8	9 Prepare eggs for kids hunt 11:00 am	10	11	12	13 Spring Clean up 9:00 am
14 Musical Service	15	16 XYZ Potluck @ Noon	17	18	19 Good Friday 6p Service	20 Ladies Luncheon Away
21 Easter Sunday	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

## EASTER SUNDAY AT BETHANY

- \*10 AM Easter Service
- \*Children's Party during the service time.  
Games, Snacks, Crafts!
- \*Easter Brunch following the service
- \*Easter Egg Hunt for the kids 11:15 am

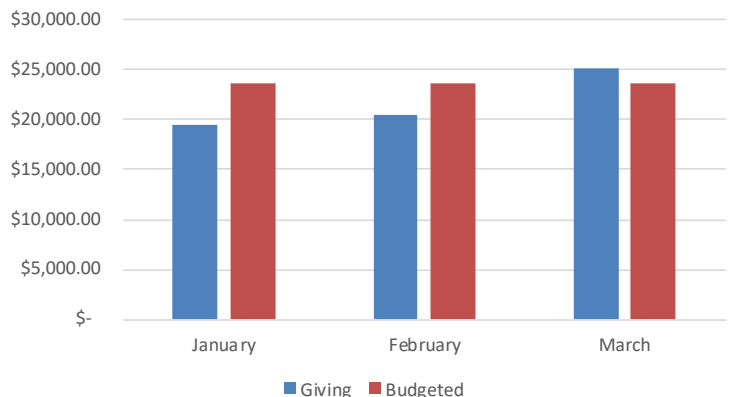
Bethany's 2019 budget was based on receiving offerings averaging \$23,610.48 each month.

Year to date budget requirement was \$70,831.44. Year to date giving, through March, totaled approx \$65,000.00. The difference is (\$5,831.44).

### WEEKLY EVENTS

- Sunday:** Prayer Time - 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10 a.m.  
Sunday School - 11:15 a.m.  
Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday:** Women's Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday:** Prayer Meeting - 7:30 a.m.  
Praise Team - 5:30 pm
- Thursday:** Women's bible Study - 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday:** Men's Group - 7:00 a.m.

Bethany Financials







**Senior Pastor** - *Kurt Hedlund* [kurt@bethany.lvcoxmail.com](mailto:kurt@bethany.lvcoxmail.com)

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**Service Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
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## 2019 Boards

**Board of Elders** - *Mike Barth, Chairman*

**Board of Deacons** - *George Fletcher, Chairman*

**Board of Deaconesses** - *Sue Wilbur, Chairwoman*

**Christian Education Board** - *Jenny Fletcher, Chairwoman*

**Property Maintenance Board** - *Dave Legler, Chairman*

**Missions Board** - *Rob Hedlund, Chairman*

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