



Bethany Lutheran Church

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- Feb. 9, MOB Chili Cook-off
- Feb. 26, Ash Wednesday

What's Happening at Bethany

At the time of this newsletter, we have received a letter from Rev. Eric Wenger concerning the Divine Call issued to him by Bethany. He is reviewing our call documents and, with his family is prayerfully considering whether to accept our call. He has asked members of Bethany to pray for him, Carrie and their family, as well as the people of Raized Lutheran Church during this process. He was able to visit both worship services on Sunday, January 26 at Bethany and meet with the Call Committee, Elders, and Council for a discussion session. He has informed us he will make his decision by February 9 and will let us know by that date. Please continue to pray for our Call Process, Rev. Wenger, and the people of both congregations that the Lord's Will be done to His glory. We will communicate the results of developments in the bulletins and during church services as they occur.

Pastor Ahlborn has been doing our worship services and has agreed to continue through Easter or earlier if a new pastor comes before Easter. The Elders have determined the worship schedule for Lent through Easter, which will be on our calendars.

We will continue our tradition of two Wednesday Lenten services starting Ash Wednesday (February 26) with an 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. service. Similar to last year, we will have a Maundy Thursday evening service, two services on Good Friday and our regular two service times on Easter Sunday.

Some big events are being planned where you can enjoy food and fellowship at Bethany. The annual MOB Chili Cook-off is scheduled for Sunday, February 9 at 11 a.m. We will have lots of varieties of chili and a contest with three trophies for the best chili recipe. You are welcome to take some home for a small donation as well. The MOB invites the men of Bethany to help prepare the chili on Saturday, February 8 at 8:30 a.m. in the kitchen, which is always a great time as well.

Just like previous years, we are planning a big Easter Brunch with the same old favorite recipes of egg bake, baked French toast, sausages, and cheesy hash brown potatoes. Again, the MOB will prepare for the brunch the Saturday before Easter and helpers are welcome, starting at 8:30 that day.

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Lenten Services and Dinners Starting!

Ash Wednesday begins on Wednesday, February 26. Bethany will have two Ash Wednesday Holy Communion services that day, at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Lenten services will follow each Wednesday of Lent, also at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., through April 1. Please prepare for your Lenten journey by attending these services.

Lenten Dinners also begin on Ash Wednesday, 5:00—6:15 p.m., and continue each week. The youth of Bethany will host the February 26, March 11 & 25 dinners, Men of Bethany host on March 4, Board of Elders have March 18, and a potluck by the congregation is April 1.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend both the services and dinners.

Loaves & Fishes Donations

Thank you to all who donated in 2019 to Loaves & Fishes, our local food pantry. Bethany’s donations totaled 400 pounds for

the year! Thank you and please continue to support this ministry.

MOB Cabin Fever Chili Cook-off

Sunday, February 9, 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come enjoy a bowl of chili, or enter your prize-winning recipe. Those interested in the contest should bring two containers to the basement before

10 a.m., one for judging, and one for the ‘chili dump’. First, second, and third prizes will be awarded. There will be a free-will offering, all in welcome!



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Finally, we are still looking for a volunteer to step forward to lead our Board of Evangelism. The Council has outlined the responsibilities and we have a couple of people from our previous Board ready to serve, but a leader is

needed. If you have a heart to help Bethany spread the Good News internally and externally, you can contact me or any member of the council. Stay warm and stay healthy.

Bruce Frederick,
Church Council President

Church Council Notes

The Church Council met on January 14, 2020.

Board & Staff Reports:

- Elders: Bob Koehler reported attendance number in 2019 show a 10% reduction from the previous year, averaging 58/service. Elders will host the March 18 Lenten meal. Suggestion to have a church security meeting with former Appleton policeman; discontinue handshake during greeting of peace during the cold/flu season.
- Church Properties: Sandy gave verbal update on topics as documented in the January 14, 2020 Church Properties meeting.
- Family Ministry: Kris reported children's Christmas program was December 15; Leann Johnson started a Bible Class on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m.; job description for the next DFM position being worked on.
- Finance: report read December offerings were \$26,000; expenses were \$14,000 with a net of plus \$14,081. YTD offerings were \$256,000; expenses were \$184,700, with the net operating revenue of \$71,307.
- New Council members Jack Lewis and Sandy Weiland were welcomed.

Old Business:

- Call Committee update: Bruce reported Pastor Wenger will visit on January 26.
- Technology Workgroup Status: slowly making progress and planning to meet with an IT expert.
- Vacancy Pastor planning: February is filled, working on March services. Letter on behalf of Bethany was sent to Pastor Ahlborn on the death of his wife.
- Lenten Dinners: Youth will host February 26, March 11 & 25, MOB have March 4, Elders March 18, potluck by the congregation on April 1.

New Business:

- Website recommendations: after searching and comparing website providers, it was recommended to contract with *Lifepoint Digital*-a company run by Pastor Chad Starfeldt of Shepherd of the Hills. Motion to accept the recommendation and enter into a contract with *Lifepoint Digital* made; carried.
- Monthly Thank You: very thankful and blessed for Bethany's Altar Guild.

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Complete Council minutes available in the church office.



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February 2020 Worship Assistants

		Sundays 7:45 AM	Sundays 10:00 AM
Elders	<i>Saturday: Mike Baarts</i>	Joe Kamien	Greg Popp
Altar Guild		Barb Dishno	
Ushers	February 2	Team 4	Team 7
	February 9	Team 1	Team 8
	February 16	Team 2	Team 5
	February 23	Team 3	Team 6
	February 26—Ash Wednesday	- - -	Team 7 (6:30 PM)
Counters	February 2		Team 1
	February 9		Team 2
	February 16		Team 3
	February 23		Team 4

USHERS

TEAM #1 - (Leader), Gail Marzahl, Bonnie Reichel

TEAM #5 - Bob Koehler (Leader), Jeb Green, Josh Green, Trevor Koehler, Dan Tuyls

TEAM #2 - Garry Whitney (Leader), Dick Kickland, Micki Kickland

TEAM #6 - Doug Cooley (Leader) Lisa Cooley-Offerman, Bruce Frederick, Linda Frederick

TEAM #3 - Norbert Fuhrman (Leader), Bill Jorgensen, Sue Kamien, Jack Van Den Heuvel, Shirley Van Den Heuvel

TEAM #7 - Gordy Anderson (Leader), Keith Mitchell, Dale Owen, Linda Wruck

TEAM #4 - Diana Driessen (Leader), Eleeta Gast, George Gast, Karen Gast, Kay Gast

TEAM #8 - Bill Jensen (Leader), Ashley Haen, Gary Hartz, Joan Hartz

MONEY COUNTERS

Team 1- Joe Kamien

Team 2 - Joan Borg, Gordy Anderson, Mary Ann Anderson, Maggie Robinson

Team 3 - Bill Jensen, Marv Braun, Bob King, Judy King

Team 4 - Sandy Weiland, Wilma Allwardt, Joyce Diedrich, Cori Shearer

Substitutes: Dick Kickland (766-2524), Micki Kickland (766-2524), Jane Stenz (788-3009)

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<p>Sundays: 8:55 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM SOAR</p>						<p><i>1</i></p> <p>4:30 PM Holy Communion</p>
<p><i>2</i></p> <p>7:45 & 10 AM Holy Communion Services</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>1-3 PM Quilters</p> <p>6:00 PM Adult Instruction</p> <p>6:30 PM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Church Properties</p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>5 PM Bible Study</p> <p>6:15 PM Midweek School / Confirmation</p> <p>7:00 PM Contemporary Band practice</p>	<p><i>6</i></p>	<p><i>7</i></p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>8:30 AM Chili prep</p> <p>4:30 PM Worship Service</p>
<p><i>9</i></p> <p>7:45 AM Worship Service</p> <p>10 AM Contemporary Service</p> <p>11 AM - 1 PM MOB Chili Cook-off</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>6:00 PM Adult Instruction</p> <p>6:30 PM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>6:30 PM Elders</p> <p>7:30 PM Church Council</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>5 PM Bible Study</p> <p>6:15 PM Midweek School / Confirmation</p> <p>7:00 PM Contemporary Band practice</p>	<p><i>13</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>4:30 PM Holy Communion</p>
<p><i>16</i></p> <p>7:45 AM Holy Communion Service</p> <p>10 AM Holy Comm. Contemporary Service</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>1-3 PM Quilters</p> <p>6:00 PM Adult Instruction</p> <p>6:30 PM Men's Bible Study</p> <p><i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p>	<p><i>18</i></p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>5 PM Bible Study</p> <p>6:15 PM Midweek School / Confirmation</p> <p>7:00 PM Contemporary Band practice</p> <p>7:30 PM Confirmation check-in</p>	<p><i>20</i></p>	<p><i>21</i></p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>4:30 PM Worship Service</p>
<p><i>23</i></p> <p>7:45 & 10 AM Worship Services</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>6:00 PM Adult Instruction</p> <p>6:30 PM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>6 PM Care Ministry</p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p>11 AM & 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Comm. Service</p> <p>5 PM Bible Study</p> <p>5:00-6:15 PM Lenten Dinner</p> <p>7:15 PM Contemporary Band Practice</p>	<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>4:30 PM Holy Communion</p>

Please visit the church website for updates and changes to the calendar.