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"Labor Day Lessons"

"Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits." Matthew 7:15-16

There is a great thinker who is associated with the labor movement. He was baptized as a Lutheran in Germany and confirmed at age 15. He received a doctorate in philosophy from Jena University. He worked as an editor in France and Belgium but spent the rest of his life in London.

He considered himself to be a poet. His poetry dealt with destruction, suicide, and pacts with the devil. In one poem he wrote, "The hellish vapours rise and fill the brain,/ till I go mad and my heart is utterly changed./ See this sword? The prince of darkness sold it to me./ For me beats the time/ and gives the signs/ evermore boldly I play the dance of death."

This poet/philosopher smoked and drank too much. He seldom bathed or washed. He lived off of a substantial inheritance and never had a regular job. He often borrowed money from family and friends which were never repaid. His mother once wished that her son would accumulate capital instead of just writing about it.

This man did have a wife and children. One daughter died from an opium overdose. Another died as a result of a suicide pact. He had a son by a servant girl. To our knowledge he only met him once and never acknowledged him publicly. This philosopher wrote much about laborers, but he is not known to have ever visited a factory or mine. His servant girl was the closest person to a member of the working class whom he knew. He paid her no wages other than room and board.

Historian Paul Johnson says that there were four aspects of his character: his taste for violence, his appetite for power, his inability to handle money

and, above all, his tendency to exploit those around him. Yet his writings about economics had a tremendous influence upon the world. Karl Marx wrote that history is the story of class warfare. Inevitably the proletariat shall overcome the capitalists. "Religion is the opium of the people." Society should be based upon the principle "From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs."

The philosophy of Karl Marx has been tried in Russia, the satellite countries of the Soviet Union, China, Vietnam, North Korea, and Cuba. The results have not been very good. Zohran Mamdani, a Shia Muslim and supporter of Palestinian causes, is candidate for mayor of New York City and is likely to win the job. In his 2020 campaign for the New York assembly he posted this on his social media: "Each according to their need, each according to their ability." In his 2021 address to the Democratic Socialists of America conference he urged attendees not to give up on the goal of seizing the means of production. Mamdani has promoted the notion that the city should have its own grocery stores to help New Yorkers. The city should provide free bus rides, free child care, and free gender transitions for minors.

We would do well to learn the lessons of history and notice the bad fruit that comes from the proponents of a faulty theory of economics.

Pastor Kurt



September Birthdays

18th Phyllis Eskam
18th Norma Barth
22nd Bill Rackey
22nd Stan Mullis
29th Valerie Chapman

September tip-toed in last night,
Summer soon will end,
The children are back in school,
Joking with their friends.

September is a lovely time of year,
And in her pastel shaded dress,
She dances on cooler breezes,
Each hill and valley to caress.

O Lord, Of all creation,
I thank you for this time of year,

September Anniversaries

7th Nate & Sandy Crawford



Potluck on Sunday, September 28th
Sign up today!

NURSING HOME SERVICES SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6- Join Rob Hedlund at 9:45 at the BC Hospital as he leads a service in the Long Term Care unit for the residents. This is followed by a service at Mountain View Care Center. Help Rob spread the love of Jesus with these needy people.

WELCOME BACK LUNCH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, AFTER THE SERVICE- Join us for a potluck lunch and catch up with what all of us have been doing in the summer.

CHURCH HIKE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 8 AM- Hikers, join us in the church parking lot as we embark upon another adventure into God's beautiful world. We will provide a lunch if you let us know that you are coming.

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday, September 13, 8 AM- Men, join us in Emmaus Hall for a hearty breakfast and a stimulating Bible study.

Joy for our Journey Bible study will resume on Saturday, September 6, 10:30 at my house. We will be studying Women of the Bible, beginning with Eve. Saturday, September 27, 9:30! We will meet at the Nevada State Museum (601 Yucca St.) for a 40 minute train ride. Cost is \$12 (\$10 if we have 10 or more ladies). The train will depart at 10:00 so be there by 9:30 am. I will purchase the tickets ahead of time - so let me know. We will go to lunch after the train ride. Faithful & Fit (chair Exercise, Balance and Yoga) continues to meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00 in Emmaus Hall.

Bethany's 2025 budget was based on receiving offerings averaging \$29,843.66 each month.

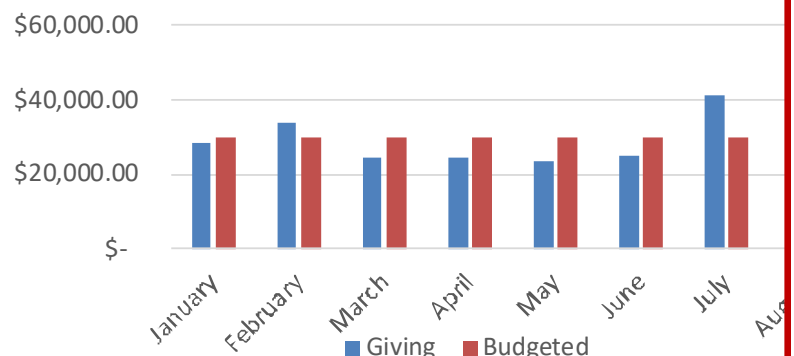
Year to date budget requirement was
\$208,905.02.

Year to date giving, through July, totaled
\$201,614.95.

Difference is (\$7,290.07)



Bethany Financials



September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	3 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11	4 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	5 Youth Night 6pm	6 Nursing Home Services 9:45 am
7	8	9 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	10 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11	11 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	12 Youth Night 6pm	13
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21	22	23 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	24 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11	25 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	26	27 Church Hike 8am JFOJ Train ride 9:30am
28 Welcome Back Potluck @ 11:15a	29	30 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit				

WELCOME BACK!!

We can celebrate the joy that summer is almost over.
Yay! Everyone is beginning to return from vacations!



WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday: Outside Service - 8am
Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study @ 11:15 a.m.
Ladies' Sunday School @ 11:15 a.m.
Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Ladies' Book Club 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting - 11:00 a.m.

TO GLORIFY JESUS

We desire to develop a loving, mature body of believers that is based on the teaching of God's Word, reflected in meaningful relationships with God and man and focused on reaching God's world.

-Bethany's Vision Statement



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Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.

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2025 Boards

Board of Elders - *Mike Barth, Chairman*

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