



Bethany Lutheran Church

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Dates to Remember:

- May 2. Thursday evening services begin
- May 19. Voter's Meeting
- May 19. DFM Shannon's final day. farewell
- May 27. Memorial Day

From the Pastor

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all He appeared to me also,..." (I Corinthians 15:3-8a)

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia! St. Paul speaks like he is a lawyer in a court room. He presents all the facts and then has witness after witness appear to prove that Jesus really did physically rise from the dead. In fact, St. Paul himself saw the ascended Savior. Since Jesus DID rise from the dead our sins are forgiven. We ARE saved! St. Paul tells us not to doubt this because it is a fact, just believe it and rejoice.

Through the eyes of faith we know our Redeemer lives! This is not a blind faith. We have real witnesses that Jesus bodily rose. Because He rose we can be assured of life after death and a physical resurrection for ourselves. Jesus

will do to our lifeless and sleeping bodies what He did to His. Since Jesus saved us from hell and promises us eternal life for our soul as well as our body what are we going to do with our life? How do we show our thanks to Him who saved us and made us His own?

Miss Meeks is entering a new phase of her life —going back to college to get a new degree. With the risen Lord at her side she will succeed in fulfilling her dream to be a counselor. We wish her God's blessings.

The same can be said of Bethany. The risen LORD is with us and the Holy Spirit has supplied Bethany with any number of faithful servants, so more good days lie ahead. Everyone needs to step up with their talents to help meet the needs that Miss Meeks filled for the Lord and Bethany. Jesus told Thomas and the disciples not to be afraid because He had risen and was present with them even if they couldn't see Him. Don't be disappointed or afraid because that same risen Lord is with us too and will make everything work out well, in fact great! Come be a part of the fun and excitement.

God bless.
Pastor Raddatz

What Is Happening at Bethany?

The following is a summary of the Call Committee's activities since my last letter. Fifteen (15) names were sent to Bethany from President Lueck. All fifteen (15) pastors were phoned and informed that their name was on our call list and asked if they wanted their name to remain on the list or "self remove" their name. Five (5) asked to be removed completely from the list. Three (3) expressed some reservations about being on Bethany's call list but stated that the call process is a divine call and wanted their names to remain on the call list. The Call Committee has removed three (3) names from further consideration and currently is reviewing seven (7) candidates. The Call Committee will be reviewing the information sent by President Lueck on each of the seven (7) pastors and determining which candidates will have further interviews. The Call Committee will be busy in the weeks to come and will notify the voters when a "**Call Meeting**" should be scheduled. Please continue to pray for the Call Process and the Call Committee.

Given the future vacancy of our DFM, Shannon Meeks, the Board of Family Ministries and the Bethany Council have been developing plans to ensure our family ministry programs continue without interruption. We currently are finalizing our VBS program planning as well as looking at the curriculums for our Sunday School

program in the fall. The Council will be discussing the plan for filling the DFM vacancy and sharing that plan with the voters.

Given the fact that the Council does not meet until May 14 to finalize a number of these issues, a short Voters Meeting has been scheduled for May 19 after the farewell potluck lunch for Shannon Meeks. Please plan to come to the potluck lunch and wish Shannon a farewell and thank her for her ministry at Bethany. The congregational meeting that follows will be a short "informational" meeting. The agenda will be published in the bulletins but will consist of a brief update on the Call Process, the Council's plan for vacant DFM position, the status of confirmation curriculum, and the plan for various family ministries at Bethany. The meeting is projected to be approximately 30 minutes for this update, plus discussion.

This is an important time at Bethany where we need its members to help where they can to keep our ministries active. Please look to see where you can contribute your time and talents at Bethany and pray that the Holy Spirit will move you to help where you are able. Thank you.

Bruce Frederick-
Church Council President

Bethany Membership

Baptism

Zaydon James Kumbier, son of
Emily & Robbie, April 6, 2019

From the DFM

As we head into May, I wanted to go a different direction with my final newsletter. Instead of talking about self-control (this has been your not-so-subtle reminder of our new Fruit of the Month!), I want to talk about control – specifically God’s control.

Can you think of a time when you had to give up control and just let God take over? This is never easy, but always beneficial. When I was thirteen, I was in a sledding accident. I hit a tree and ended up with numerous broken bones, a blown out lung, and a lot of other physical issues. This is a time in my life when I distinctly remember feeling like I had no control. I couldn’t walk, I couldn’t get into bed by myself, I couldn’t change my own clothes without help... For a while, I had to rely on others to do *everything* for me. This was hard and very scary. However, it taught me something very important. **We don’t have to be in control because God is.** Throughout this time, God provided me with incredible parents, friends, and teachers who looked out for me. His provision and control over the situation was very evident.

I think that this same fear of a lack of control can occur in the midst of change. As we all get ready for big changes, I wanted to leave you with some encouragement. God is in control. He knows who our new pastor

will be. He knows who is going to step up to fill in and volunteer. He knows how things are going to work out for Bethany. He is all-knowing, all-powerful, *and all-loving*. He will look out for all of us in the midst of change.

May we constantly rest in His promises of provision and love. God has given us His Word and Sacraments to remind us of His love for us. My prayer for you as you enter this time that may seem scary is that you will constantly remember and remind each other of God’s control and provision. He has given us our brothers and sisters in Christ to support one another – I encourage you to embrace that!

I also wanted to take a moment to thank you all for everything you have done for me over the past few years! Serving at Bethany has been an incredible experience and I’m so thankful for each of you. I am so excited to see where God leads this congregation in the future and I’m looking forward to serving for a couple more weeks alongside all of you!

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

God’s Blessings,
Shannon Meeks

Thrivent Calendar

You could be part of the 2020 Thrivent member wall calendar. The theme is "A lifelong journey." If you’re a Thrivent member, you’re invited to submit a photo or a written reflection on the journey to be wise with money and live generously. We’ll select from the submitted entries for our 2020

calendar. Submit your entry at [Thrivent.com/calendar](https://www.thrivent.com/calendar) by **June 30, 2019**. You can also pre-order your free calendar today or watch for the June issue of Thrivent magazine to reserve one. Additional copies will be available for purchase while supplies last.



Thank you to the following for donating towards the Easter Altar Flowers.

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- List of donors and their corresponding family members in memory of, including Gordy & Mary Ann Anderson, Marvin Braun, Sharijoy Busse Family, etc.

Education

Children Singing

Mark your calendars for May 12! The Sunday School students will be sharing

the gift of music and praise with us during worship!



Roar VBS 2019!

VBS will be July 15-19, 2019. Be sure to mark your calendars for this fun week of exploring God's Word! If you would like to volunteer or sign your child up to attend, please go to the Bethany website

and click on the VBS registration link. If you have any questions, please email familyministry@bethanykaukauna.org

Farewell Celebration for Shannon

On May 19, after the late service we will have a farewell celebration meal for DFM Shannon Meeks in the fellowship hall. Meat, potatoes, and beverages will be provided. Please sign up at the information counter so we have an idea of how many to expect for the meal. If

your last name starts with A-M, please bring a salad or side dish to share. Last names N-Z should bring a dessert. Cards and monetary gifts for Shannon are being collected through May 12. Please put her name on the envelope and put it in with the offerings. Thank you.

Updating Contact Information

The church office needs your help in keeping all membership contact information up-to-date. Please contact Linda, church secretary, if you have moved within the last six months, or

plan to move in the near future, so we can keep your current/new address on file. Also, if you have dropped your landline phone, or changed cell phone number, please let us know. Thank you.

Church Clean-up Day on May 18

Volunteers are needed to help clean both the interior and exterior of the church property on Saturday, May 18, 8:00 a.m. to noon. Some rakes will be available, but volunteers are welcome to bring any special tools they have that may be of

additional use. A pizza lunch will be provided. Please sign up at the info counter. All members are asked to pitch in with any amount of time they can offer. Please contact Bob Wendt, 920 716-1115, if you have any questions.

Church Council Notes

The Church Council met on April 9, 2019.



Board & Staff Reports:

- Elders: reviewed Pastor's report; Thursday services begin May 2, no service on July 4; Call Committee eliminated names that were not a good fit and deliberating on remaining names. Will be submitting final version of handbook to Council.
- Church Properties: Keith reported Bob Wendt contacted Mr. Mayer about using remaining finances to upgrade the balcony; Tenth Street entry steps to be carpeted.
- Family Ministry: working on getting the VBS volunteers organized; Family Ministry Volunteer Banquet on May 5.
- Finance: March offerings were \$23,291, expenses were \$18,282.
- Pastor: reported on calls/activities; transfers/membership changes will be included in his future reports.
- DFM: Shannon is working on upcoming services, Easter choir, VBS, recruiting volunteers, next year's Sunday School. Suggestion to have VBS Monday through Friday. Sends a huge thank you to everyone for your support and encouragement.

Old Business:

- Handbook: final copies in working progress.
- Request for peaceful release: Motion to provide a peaceful to Shannon, carried.

New Business:

- Confirmation Update: handout shared on current program and suggestions for future confirmation at Bethany. Options for current 6th graders scheduled to Affirmation October: 1) Affirm as planned, or 2) Title it *Confirmation*. Since there are no current 5th grade students, the current 4th graders will be starting the new proposed Confirmation program next year. Shannon recommend CPH's (Concordia Publishing House) New Confirmation Curriculum, and doing the parent/child classes in 5th and 6th grade.
- Call Committee Update: all candidates were contacted/informed/asked if they wanted to "self remove themselves" for any reason before our Call Committee started its work; Committee is now working through the finalized list.
- NWD Lay Leader Training: rescheduled for May 15 in Wausau.
- DFM Responsibilities: Shannon shared a list of her tasks (weekly, monthly, etc.)
- Voters Meeting: May 19 with a potluck and farewell to Shannon. Motion made to finance \$200 to Kris Popp for the potluck, carried.

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Complete Council minutes available in the

Director of Board of Evangelism wanted

The Church Council is seeking an evangelism-minded individual to lead the Board of Evangelism as the Director. This would include leading the Board in its responsibilities and participating in the Church Council deliberations on the activities of Bethany. The responsibilities of the Board of Evangelism include:

1. Make members aware of evangelism responsibilities.
2. Develop a plan to reach the unchurched in our community.

3. Follow up on non-member visitors through call, card, or letter.
4. Conduct a new member welcome event.
5. Make members aware of mission opportunities locally as well as throughout synod and district.
6. Coordinate a church "Greeter Program".

Interested individuals should contact any member of the Church Council. Thank you.

Bethany Lutheran Church

Rev. Ron Raddatz,
Vacancy Pastor
Shannon Meeks, DFM

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Special Voter's Meeting May 19

On May 19, immediately after the farewell celebration for DFM Shannon Meeks, we will have a Special Voter's Meeting. Items on the agenda include a Call Committee update, DFM Vacancy Plan, Confirmation curriculum status, and Family Ministry plans. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Thursday Worship Services begin May 2

Thursday evening worship services at 6:30 p.m. will begin on May 2 and

continue through October. There will be no Saturday services until November.

Summer Office Hours

Beginning in May, the church office will be closed on Fridays. In case of an emergency,

Pastor Raddatz can be contacted at 715 701-2562.

May 2019 Worship Assistants

		Sundays 7:45 AM	Sundays 10:00 AM
Elders	<i>Thursday: Mike Baarts</i>	Ron Margelofsky	Wayne Owen
Altar Guild			
Ushers	May 5	Team 4	Team 6
	May 12	Team 1	Team 7
	May 19	Team 2	Team 8
	May 26	Team 3	Team 5
Counters	May 5		Team 1
	May 12		Team 2
	May 19		Team 3
	May 26		Team 4

USHERS	
<p><u>TEAM #1</u> - Trevor Magnuson (Leader), Charity Magnuson, Gail Marzahl, Bonnie Reichel</p> <p><u>TEAM #2</u> - Garry Whitney (Leader), Dick Kickland, Mason Kickland, Micki Kickland</p> <p><u>TEAM #3</u> - Norbert Fuhrman (Leader), Bill Jorgensen, Sue Kamien, Jack Van Den Heuvel, Shirley Van Den Heuvel</p> <p><u>TEAM #4</u> - Diana Driessen (Leader), Eleeta Gast, George Gast, Karen Gast, Kay Gast</p>	<p><u>TEAM #5</u> - Bob Koehler (Leader), Jeb Green, Josh Green, Trevor Koehler, Dan Tuyls</p> <p><u>TEAM #6</u> - Doug Cooley (Leader) Lisa Cooley-Offerman, Bruce Frederick, Linda Frederick</p> <p><u>TEAM #7</u> - Gordy Anderson (Leader), Keith Mitchell, Dale Owen, Linda Wruck</p> <p><u>TEAM #8</u> - Bill Jensen (Leader), Ashley Haen, Gary Hartz, Joan Hartz</p>
MONEY COUNTERS	
<p>Team 1- Joe Kamien</p> <p>Team 2 - Joan Borg, Gordy Anderson, Mary Ann Anderson, Maggie Robinson</p> <p>Team 3 - Bill Jensen, Marv Braun, Bob King, Judy King</p> <p>Team 4 - Sandy Weiland, Wilma Allwardt, Joyce Diedrich, Cori Shearer</p> <p>Substitutes: Dick Kickland (766-2524), Micki Kickland (766-2524), Jane Stenz (788-3009)</p>	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday: 8:55 AM Sunday School 9 AM Adult Bible Study 9 AM Youth Bible Study			1 8:30 AM Men's B.S. - KFR 6:15 PM Midweek School 7:00 PM Contemporary Band practice	2 6 PM Call Committee 6:30 PM Holy Communion	3	4
5 7:45 & 10 AM Holy Communion Services 11:30 AM Family Ministry Volunteer Banquet 9 AM Youth B.S.	6 1-3 PM Quilters 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study	7 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Church Properties 6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Group 6:30 PM Elders	8 8:30 AM Men's B.S. - KFR 6:15 PM Midweek School 7:00 PM Contemporary Band practice	9 6:30 PM Worship Service	10 office closed	11
12 <i>Mother's Day</i> 7:45 AM Worship Service 9 AM Youth B.S. 10 AM Contemporary Service 10 AM S.S. children sing	13 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study	14 10 AM Bible Study 7:30 PM Church Council	15 8:30 AM Men's B.S. - KFR 6:15 PM Midweek School 7:00 PM Contemporary Band practice	16 6:30 PM Holy Communion <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	17 office closed	18
19 7:45 & 10 AM Holy Communion Services 8:55 AM End of Year SS Celebration 9 AM Youth B.S. 11 AM Farewell for Shannon 11:45 AM Voters Mtg.	20 1-3 PM Quilters 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study <i>Secretary out of the office</i>	21 10 AM Bible Study	22 8:30 AM Men's B.S. - KFR 7:00 PM Contemporary Band practice	23 6:30 PM Worship Service	24 office closed	25
26 7:45 & 10 AM Worship Services 9 AM Youth B.S.	27 <i>Memorial Day - Office Closed</i>	28 10 AM Bible Study 6 PM Care Ministry	29 8:30 AM Men's B.S. - KFR 7:00 PM Contemporary Band practice	30 6:30 PM Holy Communion	31 office closed	

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