

Bethany Lutheran Church

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“...called to be disciples...”



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March Newsletter 2019

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March Worship

Sundays

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Sunday School

9:15 AM

Ash Wednesday

March 6th, 7:00 PM

Lent Midweek

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM
March 13th, 20th, 27th

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10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Lent Begins

7:00 PM MARCH 6



Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. We are called to “return to God with all your heart”. We receive the sign of ashes which suggests our human mortality and frailty. At the same time, we are invited to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God’s mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we look forward to the new life that Easter brings.

Lenten Midweek Theme: *For the healing of the nations*

On Wednesdays during Lent (beginning March 13th) we will share a simple soup supper at 6:15 PM, followed by worship at 7:00 PM.



Believing that prayer is powerful, we will engage in intercessory prayer for the healing of peoples, lands, and nations based upon Isaiah 65 and Revelation 21, and calling upon Christ as peace for our world. Repetitive, easily-learned songs will enhance our prayers as we gather in the sanctuary around a floor map of the world. Tea lights will be available to be lighted and placed on areas of the map for which your prayer is focused.

Our Lenten offerings (taken at the meal and at the entrance to the sanctuary) will go to *Lutheran Peace Fellowship*, which is a network of Lutherans across the U.S. and around the globe responding to the Gospel call to be peacemakers and justice seekers.

The peace of Christ be with you,

~ Pastor Janeen

Senior Social

The March Senior Social will be Thursday, March 21st at noon in Litzer Hall. Watch for a sign up in the narthex and more information in the bulletin!



February Senior Social

From the Food Bank

The "urgent need" for March is canned fruit. Thanks!

Update: Food Bank Winter Campaign –

Thank you to everyone who donated hats, scarves, and gloves for our clients. Our total number of articles was 154, including some miscellaneous articles. Many of our clients made it through the winter more comfortably, especially the homeless. It was a great turn-out; thanks!

Calendar of Monthly Events

Sunday School "Worship Time"

Sun. March 3rd, 9:30 AM, Sanctuary

Mutual Ministries Meeting

Mon. March 4th, 6:30 PM, Library

Property Meeting

Tues. March 5th, 11:00 AM, Litzer Hall

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Tues. March 5th, 6:00 PM, Litzer Hall

Ash Wednesday Worship

Wed. March 6th, 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

Bethany Connect Packing

Sun. March 10th, 11:30 AM, Rm 8-9

Personnel Committee Meeting

Mon. March 11th, 6:30 PM, Library

Council Meeting

Tues. March 12th, 7:00 PM, Litzer Hall

Youth Group

Wed. March 13th & 27th, 5:30 PM, Litzer Hall

Soup Suppers

Wed. March 13th, 20th, 27th, 6:15 PM

Midweek Lent Worship

Wed. March 13th, 20th, 27th, 7:00 PM

Bethany Quilters

Thurs. March 14th, 9:00 AM, Litzer Hall

Yahweh Yarners

Sun. March 17th, 9:15 AM, Library

Senior Social

Thurs. March 21st, 12:00 PM, Litzer Hall

Birthday Reception – Doris Thompson

Sun. March 24th, 11:30 AM, Litzer Hall

Inside Clean-Up

Sun. March 31st, 11:30 AM

Birthday Invitation

Doris Thompson is celebrating a special birthday and on Sun, March 24th there will be a light luncheon in her honor in Litzer Hall after the 10:30 AM worship service. All are invited!

Youth Group



Shrove Tuesday

Pancake & Ham Supper Party

6 PM Tues. March 5th

Fun for all ages!

Pancakes created (to order) by our youth group and their parents! Filled and/or topped with your choice(s) of butter, syrups, whipped cream, fruits, nuts, chocolate chips...and more...with a side of ham. Traditionally this day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, was a time to use up all the rich items in the home (such as eggs, dairy and meat). So, come have fun – you might even learn why its called “Shrove” Tuesday and other fun facts.

Did we mention it’s a Party?

Donations happily accepted (but not required) to help pay for Youth Holden Village Trip.



Daniel Bacher in You Can't Take It with You

Sunday School

The Children of BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRESENT

THE 5TH ANNUAL “WORSHIP TIME”

MARCH 3RD, 2019
9:30 – 10:10 AM

Please support the youth of Bethany and come to our “Worship Time” program. The youth will show you what they do every Sunday during their Sunday school time.

The youth ages 4 through 9 have been studying the New Testament. The youth ages 10 through 12 have been doing “Jesus’ Timeline.” They will demonstrate to you how the timeline works.

Come and be PROUD of the youth

General Fund Standing

	January	
	Anticipated	Actual
Beginning Balance		\$5,784.97
Receipts	\$17,184.00	\$14,347.00
Disbursements	(\$19,559.00)	(\$18,308.64)
Ending Balance		\$1,823.33

	February	
	Anticipated	Actual
Beginning Balance		\$1,823.33
Receipts	\$19,684.00	\$18,932.47
Disbursements	(\$18,284.00)	(\$16,949.17)
Ending Balance		\$3,806.63

March Poem

Dear God,

During this coming season we can
Spring forward with prayer today
To have all those with troubled hearts
Have peace brought quickly their way.

You have given us a Holy Spirit
To guide our thoughts and prayers
While filling us with the knowledge that
We can give you all our troubled cares.

We do not always acknowledge the beauty
Contained in people on this planet earth
Nor do some of us treat ourselves or others
Kindly, not realizing about their precious worth.

So help us also to speak wisely to others
By not being critical in any way right now
Perhaps this could bring a more peaceful world
If this could happen more frequently somehow.

~ by Jill Kerton

We Pray For ...

- Walt Sandor – recovering from surgery
- Susan Manger – pneumonia
- Peggy Zurfluh – health concerns
- Cindy Coberly – autoimmune liver disease diagnosis
- Mark Olson – ALS diagnosis

Council Members April 2018-April 2019

Nori Cash
(President)

Nancy Woodward
(Vice-President)

Wendy Smitherman
(Secretary)

Paulette Van Cleve
(Treasurer)

Lisa Olson

Deb Noble-Perry

Frank Putnam

Pastor Janeen Smith

Special Thanks

"I want to thank everyone from my Bethany church family who contributed to my upcoming mission trip to Peru. I have now reached my goal thanks to the generosity of the endowment committee and several other individual donations. I appreciate all of your prayers as I prepare for the trip and travel to Peru on June 9th. I will return on June 23rd. I look forward to visiting Bethany this summer to share photos and memories from the trip!"

~ David Bacher