

## **Coming Events**

MON	FEB 19	12:00	Luncheon Bible Study
TUES	FEB 20	9:30	Sung Morning Prayer
		10:00	Lord & Ladies Bible Study
WED	FEB 21	6:00	Soup Supper
		6:45	Holden Evening Prayer
		7:30	Choir Practice
THURS	FEB 22	6:45	Bell Choir Practice
SUN	FEB 25	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</u>	
		8:00	Worship
		9:00	Sunday School
		9:15	Adult Sunday School
		10:15	Worship
		11:30	Financial Peace
MON	FEB 26	12:00	Luncheon Bible Study
TUES	FEB 27	9:30	Sung Morning Prayer
		10:00	Lord & Ladies Bible Study
WED	FEB 28	6:00	Soup Supper
		6:45	Holden Evening Prayer
		7:30	Choir Practice
THURS	MAR 1	6:45	Bell Choir Practice
SAT	MAR 3	9:00	Men's Breakfast
SUN	MAR 4	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</u>	
		8:00	Worship
		9:15	Adult Sunday School
		9:30	"Worship Time"
		10:15	Worship
		11:15	Bethany Connect
		11:30	Financial Peace

## **BETHANY ANNOUNCEMENTS 2-18-18**

**Lenten Offering** – The theme for our midweek Lenten worship is water, baptism, and renewal. With that in mind, our midweek offering will go to ELCA Good Gifts for the gift of water – ceramic water filters, portions of an irrigation canal, a share of a water well, a sanitary latrine, or a combination thereof. During this rainy season for us, it is sometimes hard to remember that water is indeed a gift for those who don't have ready access. Help us give a generous "good gift!"

**Soup Supper Sign- Up** – There is a sign-up board in the narthex to sign up to bring soup, bread, and/or drinks for our Wednesday suppers at 6:00 PM.

**The Lenten Journey** — Each Wednesday through March 21<sup>st</sup>, the readings and meditations will offer us a description of God, a metaphor of the resurrection, and a reference to baptism. The musical framework surrounding these lessons will be Holden Evening Prayer. Along the way we will explore the “I Am” statements in the gospel of John. Our resource for this will be a daily devotional book for Lent entitled, *You Are the Way*. Please pick up your copy of the book (one per family) in the narthex, and there will be opportunity for sharing responses and thoughts during our Lenten soup suppers (6:00 PM, beginning Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>). There is also a discussion group on Facebook for those who would like to participate there. **If you haven’t already been added, please request to join the group. It is called Lenten Devotions – You Are the Way.**

**Food Bank Focus-** The "urgent need" for February is meat, such as canned tuna, chicken, or meat ravioli. Please help. In addition, we are always in need of tote bags for our homeless clients, who often ride bicycles. If you gather extras, please put them in the food bank basket. Thank you.

**Clearing Up (Some) Confusion About the New Budget** - Yes, we have moved many formerly designated funds INTO the general fund budget and added expense lines for them to be paid out of the general fund. This does NOT mean that you should no longer give to those ministries! We need to support them just as we always have – all that has changed is how they are accounted for. One of the greatest immediate needs is for Seminary Support for Melissa Anderson Trust; last year it was a dedicated fund (think cookie jar full of money) – now it is part of our general fund budget and we voted to fund it at \$500/month. Where will that money come from? It will come from each of us (over and above our regular tithe or offering).

**From the Sunday School** — The congregation is invited to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “Children’s Worship Time,” presented by the Sunday School kids on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary. An offering will be taken to help support the VBS Summer Program.

**Thank You on the Reader Board** — Because we so generously received a gift for our parking lot from a congregation member, the Property Committee was able to procure a contractor to level our gravel parking area and have gravel spread. Not having received a bill, as good stewards we wanted to make sure that they were paid for their work. Both Knelleken & Co. and Randles Sand & Gravel were contacted, and we were told that this was a Christmas gift, "no charge." Bethany is blessed by so many giving people. So, if you wondered why there was a "heartfelt thank you" on the south side of the reader board, this is why!

**Living Lutheran** — The February edition of Living Lutheran is in the narthex.

## **THOSE WHO SERVE**

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## **TODAY, FEB. 18, 2018**

### **8:00 AM**

Greeter- Joni Hallgren  
Acolyte- Volunteer  
Lector- Sandy Schaefer  
Ushers- Vern Hallgren  
Nancy Woodward  
Cantor-  
Sound- Kirk Woodward

### **10:15 AM**

Greeter- Sally Williams  
Acolyte- Cody Estby  
Lector- Anastacia Caswell  
Ushers- Jim Haifley  
Joyce Nelson  
Assistant- Daleen Haifley  
Sound- Ron Thompson  
Kitchen- Ruth Anderson  
Bread- Wafers for Lent

## **NEXT WEEK, FEB. 25, 2018**

### **8:00 AM**

Greeter- Sallee Johnson  
Acolyte- Volunteer  
Lector- Gary Christensen  
Ushers- Greg Johnson  
Lew Samdal  
Cantor- Kitty Eagle  
Sound- Alan Eagle  
Altar Guild- Debbie Roper

### **10:15 AM**

Greeter- Elaine Earl  
Acolyte- Emma Cash  
Lector- Wendy Smitherman  
Ushers- Paulette Van Cleve  
Volunteer  
Assistant- Barb Rosdahl  
Sound- Jim Haifley  
Altar Guild- Kelli Bacher  
Kitchen- Janis Selzler  
Bread- Wafers for Lent