



Bethany Lutheran Church

Bethany News

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Please Note:

Because of the rapidly changing recommendations/restrictions due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), currently scheduled events may be cancelled or postponed. Up-to-date notifications will be posted on Bethany's website and Facebook page, or through emails. Please plan accordingly.

What's Happening at Bethany

Dates to Remember:

- April 9—Maundy Thursday service
- April 10—Good Friday services
- April 12—Easter

We are all in the midst of a terrible virus pandemic and life changes each and every day. Please know we are keeping updated on all the latest changes in areas of the country, recommendations from authorities and watching what other churches are doing to keep their members safe. We also are a prayerful group at Bethany and want to rest in the comfort of scripture during these difficult times. Hebrews 4:16 says, *"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need"*. Our needs are being challenged at this time and we should have great confidence that our God is there to listen to our needs and fears, and will help us get through this crisis.

One prayer we recently used in our worship went this way: "Spare your people, O Lord! Preserve us from this and every illness. Give healing to those who are sick, protect those who care for them, and grant us steady minds and calm hearts in the face of fear. You have born our infirmities in this human flesh and purchased us with your own blood. Keep us in faith and embolden us in love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

The Voters' Call Meeting scheduled for March 17 was cancelled on short notice, given Governor Evers' ban that afternoon on gatherings greater than ten people. We obviously wanted to not only be safe but heed the Governor's directive and

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therefore, we acted accordingly. At this time, the Call Committee will be discussing the path forward. Given the uncertainty of this pandemic, we probably will be delaying action until a proper time is determined. Please continue to pray for our Call Process and our Call Committee and rest assured that the Holy Spirit will bring us our next pastor on His time schedule.

We continue our work on our website and will be rolling out a new and more modern version very soon. As we have previously stated, please make sure your email address is updated in our church email list so that we can communicate as changes occur. We are also looking at updating our phone system and wi-fi

capabilities as well as our office hardware and software. We hopefully will be getting some quotes soon from companies so that we can systematically move ahead.

Finally, our Properties Committee is in the process of finalizing a plan to repair, seal, and paint both parking lots in late spring or early summer. Obviously, we will try to plan this to minimize any disruption in our church activities.

Stay healthy, be calm, make your plans, and trust in the Lord God as our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble!

Bruce Frederick—
Church Council President

Prayer Shawl Ministry

After a brief winter break, the Prayer Shawl Ministry will start meeting again on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is April 7.

All are welcome! Instruction is available for those who are interested but do not have knitting or crocheting experience.



Office Volunteers Needed

Bethany has been blessed with volunteers who come in on a regular basis to assemble the bulletins and newsletters. Thank you to them! But occasionally additional mailings need to be prepared, or the regular volunteers are unable help. So, we would like to have a 'list' of

backup people who can fill in on a short notice, usually during morning hours. If interested, please contact Linda, church secretary, at 766-1452, ext. 2002 or secretary@bethanykaukauna.org Thank you.

Church Council Notes

The Church Council met on March 10, 2020.

Board Reports:

- Elders: Bob Koehler reported Elders will host the March 18 Lenten Dinner; all shut-ins were seen in February.
- Church Properties: Sandy reported the backsplash in the kitchen is done; working on some lighting projects; minor plumbing projects completed. Received a quote from Valley Seal Coat for seal coating, striping and repair for a cost of \$5,220. Motion made to go ahead with the parking lot maintenance, carried.
- Family Ministry: Kris reported Sunday School attendance is down; children singing on Palm Sunday. The women's Wednesday 5 p.m. Bible class is successful. VBS will be July 20-24 for children entering grade 1 and those entering grade 6, curriculum will be *Rocky Railway*; thinking of a nighttime VBS for younger children-one night in June and one night in August; starting volunteer/student recruitment in early April. Kris is thankful for the smart TV, which is for everyone's use, and still needs a DVD player.

Finance: February offerings were \$16,342, budgeted was \$22,787, the difference of -\$6,445.
February expenses were \$10,376, with a + \$5,966.
Year to date: offerings were \$32,731, budgeted was \$45,574, the difference of -\$12,843.
Expenses were \$23,862, with a +\$8,868.

- Evangelism: Bruce is researching and found a site about an organized 'greeter program' and how to implement here.

Old Business:

- Call Committee update: meeting on March 17 at 6:30 p.m. with Pastor Smiles attending; Call Committee will be presenting three pastors and make recommendations.
- Technology Workgroup Status: Bruce announced we have an account with *TechSoup*. Pastor Chad, from Shepherd of the Hills, is creating our website with Bethany members Barb Dishno, Kris Popp, and Bruce Frederick. Getting proposals from *Amplitel* and *Wireless Technologies* to work with our problem areas related to hardware/software, wi-fi, and phone issues.

New Business:

- Cold, Flu, Coronavirus: Bruce suggested if the virus emerges in this area we should have a plan as to what we are going to do.
- Called Staff Benefits: Bruce proposed two changes in current call staff fringe benefits: Monthly cell phone reimbursement is set at \$50/month each; called staff may chose the day of the week as a 'day off' but both called staff are not allowed to choose the same day of the week.
- NWD Mission Grant Application: received information from the District saying some grant monies are available along with guidelines on writing the grant; project is about evangelism/spreading the Gospel, May 1 deadline.
- Lenten Dinners: suggestion to publish the menus.
- Monthly Thank You: very thankful and blessed for Jason Fox for the excellent job installing the kitchen backsplash.

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Complete Council minutes available in the church office.



April Birthdays

John Jones	4/1	Matthew Jorgensen	4/14
Carol Garcia	4/2	Kenneth Allwardt	4/15
Cheryl Rietveld	4/3	Brian Sanderfoot	4/15
Mary Sweetalla	4/4	Heather Hutchison	4/15
Martin McIntire	4/4	Christopher Busse	4/16
Emily Piette	4/6	Neil Woelfel	4/17
Leslie Ruen	4/7	Gabriel Rose	4/17
Billy Jorgensen	4/7	Stacy Anderson	4/20
Elijah Karle	4/7	Olivia Starr	4/20
Joshua Fuss	4/7	Brock Kleinke	4/22
Carla Kobs	4/9	Richard Pomeroy	4/23
Keely Maloney	4/9	Margaret Robinson	4/23
Sue Rasmussen	4/10	Shirley Bayorgeon	4/24
Randall Fuss	4/10	Sydney Shearer	4/24
Holly Hoffman	4/10	Nolan Woelfel	4/25
Jane Jokipii	4/11	Norma Osswald	4/26
Gary Riemer	4/12	Michael Schalow	4/26
Leroy Koch	4/14	Sharon Van Domelen	4/26
Sandra Weiland	4/14	Jane Jahnke	4/28
Roni Hanagan	4/14	James Smith	4/30
Robert Koehler	4/14		



April Anniversaries

Gerald & Candice Maki	4/6	Patrick & Stacy Karle	4/21
Carol & Mario Garcia	4/6	Michael & Judith Borg	4/22
John & Shirley Van Den Heuvel	4/8	Kevin & Tara Jokipii	4/22
Joseph & Sharon Van Domelen	4/8	Nancy & Bernie Vander Steen	4/23
Lonnie & Debra Hansen	4/9	Steven & Nora Klepps	4/25
Patrick & Sherry Vanden Heuvel	4/10	Gordon & Mary Ann Anderson	4/27
Robyn & Richard Trilling	4/10	Jaye & Krista Alf	4/27
Connie & Robert Steeno	4/12	Brooke & Nicholas Wolff	4/28
Cynthia & David Niesen	4/21		



Bethany Membership

New Members

Emily Schraufnagel & Alex Buchinger,
Kaukauna

Rev. Mike & Jill Botsford, Kaukauna

Marcia Specht, Kaukauna

Death

Joan Kohn, March 17, 2020

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Mission Statement

Nurturing our
community to grow
closer to Jesus.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**Schedule
of Worship for
Holy Week**

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, April 9, 2020 - 6:30 PM

Good Friday Services
Friday, April 10, 2020 - 1:30 PM & 6:30 PM

NO Saturday service

Easter Sunday Holy Communion Services
Sunday, April 12, 2020 - 7:45 & 10:00 AM

April 2020 Worship Assistants

		Sundays 7:45 AM	Sundays 10:00 AM
Elders	<i>Saturday: Dan Thorson</i>	Mike Robinson	Bob Koehler
Altar Guild		Cheri Rietveld	Cindy Niesen
Ushers	April 5	Team 3	Team 7
	April 9 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Team 4	---
	April 10 <i>Good Friday</i>	1:30 PM service Team 1	6:30 PM service Team 8
	April 12 <i>Easter</i>	Team 2	Team 5
	April 19	Team 3	Team 6
	April 26	Team 4	Team 7
Counters	April 5		Team 1
	April 12		Team 2
	April 19		Team 3
	April 26		Team 4

USHERS	
<p><u>TEAM #1</u> - (Leader), Gail Marzahl, Bonnie Reichel</p> <p><u>TEAM #2</u> - Garry Whitney (Leader), Dick 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
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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