



Bethany Lutheran Church

# Bethany News

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## What's Happening at Bethany

### Members of Bethany:

At the time of this writing, the Voters met on October 15 and moved to send divine call documents to Rev. (Dr.) Kevin Wendt of Grace Lutheran Church in Destin, Florida. Rev. Wendt was raised in the Green Bay area and has family in that area. We pray that he will carefully consider our call and that the will of the Holy Spirit is to have him accept our call and be our future pastor. Please pray for Rev. Wendt.

I recently made you aware of our leaking roof and our need to repair the valley areas of the roof before winter arrives. Thanks to a number of generous donations we have enough money to pay for the project which has been scheduled for November 4. We hope that in approximately five days from that date, the project will be completed. You may see a couple of other Church Properties projects going on such as carpeting in the back stairwell and backsplash work in the kitchen, all which have been scheduled as well.

With the departure of Rev. Raddatz as our full-time vacancy pastor, we will be seeing three different pastors providing "supply pastor" fill-in coverage. Rev. Vern

Heim will be here much of November and the early part of December. Rev. Raddatz will be doing our Advent services and Christmas Eve services. Rev. Marvin Ahlborn will be here on Christmas Day and some December and all of January services. We have been blessed by God in having faithful servant pastors willing to help us during this vacancy period.

Due to pastoral coverage issues, the Elders have cancelled the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. You may remember that it was "lay-led service" last year with low attendance. The Elders have also cancelled the New Year's Eve service which last year experienced a bad blizzard to welcome in the new year.

The Voters Annual Meeting is scheduled after the second service (11:15 a.m.) on Sunday, November 17. We will have a printed annual report in early November for your review, including reports from Pastor Raddatz and all our boards. We will propose and approve a budget for 2020 and approve nominations for various open board positions for 2020 due to prior vacancies and term limits. Openings include: President; Vice-President; Secretary; Director-Board of

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### Dates to Remember:

- Nov. 3. Daylight Saving Time ends
- Nov. 17. Annual Voter's Meeting
- Nov. 27. Thanksgiving Eve Service
- Nov. 28. Thanksgiving Day

## What Is Happening at Bethany?

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Church Properties; Director-Board of Family Ministries; and Director-Board of Evangelism. If any of our members are interested in serving in one of these positions, please contact me and I will review the responsibilities with you. The good news is that some of our positions with expiring terms have people who are

willing to serve for another term. However, we are always interested in getting more people with God-given talents involved in our church business. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Thank you.

Bruce Frederick  
Church Council President



## Receiving Bethany Newsletters

If you're asking yourself "Why did I receive this printed newsletter in the mail, I signed up to receive it electronically?", here's why: In order to take advantage of sending mailings with Bulk Mail status, the US Postal Service requires a minimum of 200 pieces per mailing. Recently we updated our database and found the number of people receiving the

newsletter in the mail was below 200. So to keep the bulk mailing quota, we made 'adjustments' to our mailing list.

If you previously received your newsletter electronically, you will continue to do so. You will now have the added bonus of receiving it both ways.

## Women Rejoice! Retreat

**Ladies:** Join us for a weekend of renewing your faith, having fun, making new friends and reconnecting with "old" friends. The *Women Rejoice! Retreat* is sponsored annually by ladies from Fox Valley Lutheran churches. The retreat is held at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, which is about one hour south of Appleton. The 2020 retreat will be held February 14-16, and the theme, *Lavish Love*, is based on 1 John 3:1, "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God."

Our guest speaker, Wendysue Fluegge, is a traveling worship leader, a singer/songwriter, a retreat speaker and a BOLD, blessed Christ follower. Wendysue is energetic, sincere and fun! Registration is due Monday, January 6, and registration forms are available on the information counter or online at [womenrejoice.org](http://womenrejoice.org). Scholarships are available for those who need financial assistance, and all requests are confidential. If you have questions about the retreat, just ask! Contact Bev Lenz at 788-5096 or Bonnie Sielaff at 687-5026.





## Holy Eyeglasses!

Our drawer for eyeglasses (in the information counter) was full to brim! We are happy to report that the glasses are taking a trip with retired Dr. Mark Ebben of Kaukauna Eye Clinic to help those in Haiti see again. Dr. Ebben works with *Doctors Without Borders*, who do wonderful work. Thank you Bethany members for being the 'eyes' of Jesus in the world. You can continue dropping off your old eyeglasses in the drawer and we will find them good homes.

Speaking of our 'drawers', here is a reminder of other things we are currently collecting in the drawers: *BoxTops for Education*; cancelled postage stamps; and pop 'tops' for Ronald McDonald House. These are just small ways to help out in our community and world. So easy! Keep them coming.

Please note: we no longer collect old cell phones since we don't have a source to donate them to.



## Giving Tree

This Christmas season we are asking members to generously help others in our area who are in need. Beginning November 3, we will have a 'giving tree' in the fellowship area with stars on it. Each star lists the donations needed: hats/caps, mittens/gloves, socks, and scarves (purchased or handcrafted). Members are asked to take a star and donate one, some, or all the items listed on the star. Both adult and child sizes are needed. Your

donations can be brought back to the church and placed in the box provided. When you do that, you should take an ornament, which are provided, and put it on the tree.

All items will be given to local homeless shelters and other similar organizations. Please bring your donations in no later than December 15 so they can be distributed before Christmas.

## Bethany Membership

### Baptism

**Jonah Richard Smith**, son of  
Raelynn & Dylan, October 26, 2019

### First Communion

October 27, 2019  
**Mitchel Bruegge,**  
**Christopher DeGroot**  
**Sophia Uitenbroek**

### Affirmation October 27, 2019

**Colton Charles Busse**  
**Alaina Jean DeGroot**  
**Hannah Mae Laatsch**

## Church Council Notes

The Church Council met on October 8, 2019.

### Board & Staff Reports:

- Elders: Bob Koehler reported confirmation students will volunteer to usher and acolyte; working on how to serve church when Pastor Raddatz leaves; discussed declining attendance and how to reverse; fill-in pastors scheduled through January; cancelled 11 p.m. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve services.
- Church Properties: Bob reported masonry work to be done before winter; roof repair begins November 4; back basement step carpeting, kitchen backsplash to be done soon; Bob & Dave's will remove winter snow; Valley Pest to spray interior/exterior.
- Family Ministry: 25 students in Sunday School, will sing in late service October 27; 4 students in Midweek, working on intro to catechism. Leann Johnson (retired from Good Shepherd after 27 years) will continue class when Pastor Raddatz leaves. Final Affirmation is October 27. Youth Midweek has 10 students, Stacy Karle, Bob Wendt, Jim Smith, Mike Baarts are leading; 4 students will follow a one-year confirmation program and be confirmed in fall of 2020.

**Finance:** September offerings were \$21,236; with \$23,377 that was budgeted. Expenses were \$11,508; with a net income of \$9,728. YTD offerings are \$187,468.95; Expenses YTD were \$146,405.23; with a YTD revenue of \$41,063.72.

- Pastor: Pastor Raddatz gave a list of shut-ins, dismissals, releases, and transfers. Affirmation on October 27, three students to take first communion. Pastor to donate time for an adult instruction class.

### Old Business:

- Call Committee update: Call Voter's meeting on October 15; Call Committee to present candidate and recommend a call. Received a list of 13 candidates from District, all were contacted.
- Technology Workgroup Status: Bruce announced besides software, hardware, and website, the phone systems also needs work.
- Annual Meeting: November 17. Nominations for vacant positions: President-Bruce will run for another term, Vice President-open, Church Properties-potential candidate, Director of Board of Evangelism-open, Secretary-Cheri will run for another term.

### New Business:

- Vacancy Pastor Planning: Pastors Vern Heim, Marvin Ahlborn and Ron Raddatz will fill in through January.
- Monthly Thank You: Stacy Karle for all she does for Bethany.

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

*Complete Council minutes available in the church office.*



## Daylight Saving Time ends

Fall Back!! Daylight Saving Time ends on November 3. Remember to turn your

clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 2.



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**Mission Statement**

Nurturing our  
community to grow  
closer to Jesus.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Annual Voters' Meeting**  
**Sunday, November 17, 2019**  
**11:15 a.m.—after the late service**

**All Bethany members, age 18 and older, are eligible to vote.**  
**Please plan to attend!**

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# November 2019 Worship Assistants

		Sundays 7:45 AM	Sundays 10:00 AM
<b>Elders</b>	<i>Saturday: Mike Baarts</i>	Ron Margelofsky	Wayne Owen
<b>Altar Guild</b>			
<b>Ushers</b>	November 3	Team 2	Team 8
	November 10	Team 3	Team 5
	November 17	Team 4	Team 6
	November 24	Team 1	Team 7
<b>Counters</b>	November 3		Team 1
	November 10		Team 2
	November 17		Team 3
	November 24		Team 4

USHERS	
<p><b><u>TEAM #1</u></b> - Trevor Magnuson (Leader), Charity Magnuson, Gail Marzahl, Bonnie Reichel</p> <p><b><u>TEAM #2</u></b> - Garry Whitney (Leader), Dick Kickland , Micki Kickland</p> <p><b><u>TEAM #3</u></b> - Norbert Fuhrman (Leader), Bill Jorgensen, Sue Kamien, Jack Van Den Heuvel, Shirley Van Den Heuvel</p> <p><b><u>TEAM #4</u></b> - Diana Driessen (Leader), Eleeta Gast, George Gast, Karen Gast, Kay Gast</p>	<p><b><u>TEAM #5</u></b> - Bob Koehler (Leader), Jeb Green, Josh Green, Trevor Koehler, Dan Tuyls</p> <p><b><u>TEAM #6</u></b> - Doug Cooley (Leader) Lisa Cooley-Offerman, Bruce Frederick, Linda Frederick</p> <p><b><u>TEAM #7</u></b> - Gordy Anderson (Leader), Keith Mitchell, Dale Owen, Linda Wruck</p> <p><b><u>TEAM #8</u></b> - 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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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>Sundays:              8:55 AM Sunday School              9:00 AM Adult Bible Study              9:00 AM SOAR</p> </div>					1	2 4:30 PM Holy Communion
3 7:45 AM Holy Communion Service  10 AM Holy Comm. Contemporary Service <i>Daylight Saving Time ends</i>	4 1-3 PM Quilters  6:30 PM Men's Bible Study	5 10 AM Bible Study	6 6:15 PM Midweek School  7:00 PM Contemporary Band practice  7:30 PM Confirmation check-in	7	8	9 4:30 PM Worship Service
10 7:45 & 10 AM Worship Services	11 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study	12 10 AM Bible Study  6:30 PM Church Properties  6:30 PM Elders 7:30 PM Church Council	13 6:15 PM Midweek School  7:00 PM Contemporary Band practice	14	15 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	16 4:30 PM Holy Communion
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24 7:45 & 10 AM Worship Services	25 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study	26 10 AM Bible Study  6 PM Care Ministry	27 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Service	28 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	29 <i>Office closed</i>	30 4:30 PM Holy Communion

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