



Bethany Lutheran Church

Bethany News

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Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 27. Affirmation, Pastor Appreciation/Farewell

From the Pastor

Philippians 1:3-11 *"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus...and this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."*

St. Paul wrote these words to encourage the Philippian congregation by reminding them that the Lord was with them and watching over them even though he was not. This is my prayer for the members of Bethany as well. The Lord is with you and will continue to bless you as you hear His Word and partake of His Supper. Through His means of grace He will strengthen you in faith and make you a blessing for each other and those with whom you share the Gospel. The Lord will provide you with a faithful pastor to serve you and be a blessing to you as He did for the Philippian congregation.

It has been a pleasure serving you and seeing your love for our Lord. May you continue to step up to the plate to work together for the Lord and His kingdom and not wait for someone else to do it. Work in the Lord's kingdom is a team effort. Everyone needs to get involved and work together to accomplish His will of nurturing the young and the old with the means of grace. Stay united. No backbiting from the sideline, just encourage and cheer each other on as you serve our Lord.

Shut-ins have been communed each month, confirmation reestablished, the wandering and lost sought out, and services conducted to proclaim His Word and administer His sacraments to feed and enlarge His flock. The Lord is with you and you have the Holy Spirit's power to accomplish great things.

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God bless!
Pastor Raddatz

Office Hours

Church office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to noon, beginning in October..

What Is Happening at Bethany?

Our Call Committee continues to review names for our next pastor. Two active names from our initial call list are being reviewed at the time of this writing. In addition, President Lueck has almost completed an additional list of names, including two that were nominated by members of Bethany. The Call Committee will recommend a name to the voters when it has completed its review. Please continue to pray for our Call Process and the Call Committee to bring forward the name of our next pastor.

Pastor Raddatz has informed us that he is stepping down as our regular vacancy pastor. We have heard from the District that we will need to fill our worship schedule going forward with a number of pastors instead of one consistent pastor. We have received three names to work with and the Elders will be completing a schedule in the next couple of weeks.

We want to show our appreciation to Pastor Raddatz at a “special appreciation and thank you lunch” after the second service (11:30 a.m.) on Sunday, October 27. A sign-up sheet is on the information

desk and much of the food will be provided. This is a great opportunity for Bethany’s members from all services to come together and thank Pastor Raddatz. Mark your calendars. It would be great to see everyone there!

Finally, the annual Voters Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, November 17 at 11:15 a.m. This is always an important meeting but this year, besides reports for the year and the budget for next year, we will also have nominations for various Council positions. Open positions this year are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Director of Church Properties, and Director of Evangelism. If you want to get involved in the business activities of Bethany and serve, please let me or any member of the Council know and I will talk with you about responsibilities for the position. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the life of Bethany. Thank you.

Bruce Frederick,
Church Council President



Pastor Appreciation/Farewell October 27

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 27 to show your appreciation to Pastor Raddatz for serving Bethany this past year and to wish him farewell. We will have a luncheon, starting at 11:30 a.m. Chicken, potatoes, and a cake will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring either a

dish to pass, a dessert, or a salad. Help cleaning up after will also be needed. Because we are ordering the main dishes, an exact head count is needed. Please sign up at the information counter no later than Sunday, October 20.

Loaves & Fishes

Suggested items for October are saltine crackers, laundry soap, softener, and dryer sheets.

Donations can be put in the box near the balcony stairway.
Thank you for your support.

Church Council Notes

The Church Council met on September 10, 2019.

Board & Staff Reports:

- Elders: Bob Koehler reported attendance data from the past seven years is being graphed; Saturday services will begin on October 5.
- Church Properties: Bob reported meeting with Security Roofing and shared urgent repairs. Motion made that Bethany spend the \$14,000 for major roof, ventilation and heat tape repairs, carried. A communication plan to the congregation to help defer costs is planned.
- Family Ministry: Kris reported Sunday School started the previous Sunday with 30 children plus walk-ins, which is a 25% increase from last year. A schedule with singing dates is done; Christmas program is December 15, curriculum is *Enduring Faith*. Fifth and sixth grade Mid-Week with Pastor Raddatz starts September 11. Stacy Karle is organizing/working with 7th grade and up; Bob Wendt, Jim Smith, Mike Baarts with help with the Bible Study for this group. Bruce will work on Advent devotional booklet.
- **Finance:** August offerings were \$17,699; \$5,678 less than budgeted. Expenses were \$16,888; \$6,489 less than budgeted. YTD offerings are \$166,253, with a difference of \$20,762 below budget. Expenses were \$134,756; but given reduced spending, we currently have a surplus over expenses of \$31,497.
- Pastor: Pastor Raddatz requested being informed of shut-ins; report on membership.

Old Business:

- Call Committee update: asked for new list from District; started process for nominations from members; contacted an active name from old list.
- Technology Workgroup Status: forming group to assess software, hardware, website.
- *Taking Faith Home* Ministry: is a weekly resource (bulletin insert); decided to start using.

New Business:

- Annual Meeting: November 17.
Nominations for vacant positions: President, Vice President, Church Properties, Director of Board of Evangelism, Secretary.
- Vacancy Pastor Planning: Pastor Smiles was immediately notified of our October 31 vacancy; getting a plan together to fill pastor's duties in event the vacancy is not filled; celebration to thank/celebrate Pastor Raddatz on October 27.
- Call Committee Membership: due to job demands, Doug Cooley asked to be replaced. Motion to have Sandy Weiland replace Doug Cooley's position on the Call Committee, carried.
- Help for Family Ministry: working with Leann Johnson, retired DCE from Good Shepherd, who is considering teaching 5th & 6th graders and consulting on other programs. Motion made to work out details of contracting and specific duties, carried.
- Monthly Thank You: Bonnie and Jim Smith for all they do for Bethany.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Complete Council minutes available in the church office.



Bethany Membership

Death

Leonard Jones, September 12, 2019

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Vacancy Pastor

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Saturday Worship Services start October 5!

At the most recent meeting, the Board of Elders voted to change the schedule and resume the Saturday services in October, instead of November. The last Thursday evening worship service is September 26. Saturday services are at 4:30 p.m. and continue through April.

October 2019 Worship Assistants

		Sundays 7:45 AM	Sundays 10:00 AM
Elders	<i>Saturday: Dan Thorson</i>	Mike Robinson	Bob Koehler
Altar Guild		Cheri Rietveld	
Ushers	October 6	Team 2	Team 8
	October 13	Team 3	Team 5
	October 20	Team 4	Team 6
	October 27	Team 1	Team 7
Counters	October 6		Team 1
	October 13		Team 2
	October 20		Team 3
	October 27		Team 4

USHERS

<p><u>TEAM #1</u> - Trevor Magnuson (Leader), Charity Magnuson, Gail Marzahl, Bonnie Reichel</p>	<p><u>TEAM #5</u> - Bob Koehler (Leader), Jeb Green, Josh Green, Trevor Koehler, Dan Tuyls</p>
<p><u>TEAM #2</u> - Garry Whitney (Leader), Dick Kickland, Micki Kickland</p>	<p><u>TEAM #6</u> - Doug Cooley (Leader) Lisa Cooley-Offerman, Bruce Frederick, Linda Frederick</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 #7</u> - Gordy Anderson (Leader), Keith Mitchell, Dale Owen, Linda Wruck</p>
<p><u>TEAM #4</u> - Diana Driessen (Leader), Eleeta Gast, George Gast, Karen Gast, Kay Gast</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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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>Sundays: 8:55 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM SOAR</p> </div>		<p>10 AM Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM Church Properties</p> <p>6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Group</p>	<p>8:30 AM Men's Bible Breakfast at KFR</p> <p>6:15 PM Midweek School</p> <p>7:00 PM Contemporary Band practice</p>			<p>4:30 PM Holy Communion</p>
<p>6</p> <p>7:45 AM Holy Communion Service</p> <p>10 AM Holy Comm. Contemporary Service</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1-3 PM Quilters</p> <p>6:30 PM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10 AM Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM Elders</p> <p>7:30 PM Church Council</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30 AM Men's Bible Breakfast at KFR</p> <p>6:15 PM Midweek School</p> <p>7:00 PM Contemporary Band practice</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4:30 PM Worship Service</p>
		Men's Retreat				
<p>13</p> <p>7:45 AM Worship Service</p> <p>10 AM Contemporary Service</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30 PM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:30 AM Men's Bible Breakfast at KFR</p> <p>6:15 PM Midweek School</p> <p>7:00 PM Contemporary Band practice</p> <p>7:30 PM Confirmation check-in</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>4:30 PM Holy Communion</p>
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<p>20</p> <p>7:45 & 10 AM Holy Communion Services</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1-3 PM Quilters</p> <p>6:30 PM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:30 AM Men's Bible Breakfast at KFR</p> <p>6:15 PM Midweek School</p> <p>7:00 PM Contemporary Band practice</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>4:30 PM Holy Communion</p>
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Please visit the church website for updates and changes to the calendar.