



HERALD

*January 29, 2017
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

On behalf of the family of Bethany Lutheran Church & School, we welcome our members and our guests in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. If you are a visitor, we ask you to fill out the guest registration card in the pew. We also invite you to stop by our welcome center in the Narthex for a gift and more information about our church.

Important News and Updates

We have received positive feedback on our expanded Herald format! Thanks for your input! This week, we are using this space to provide some scheduling updates and other news for you.

- Beginning this week, the pastors will be including first names in the worship prayers. Prayer requests submitted for the Herald will be printed in the Herald and included in these verbal prayers. Prayers requested of our Prayer Chain are kept confidential and are not included in the Herald or the verbal prayers.
- Lent does not begin until March 1 but we want to start publicizing our Lenten and Easter schedules. On Ash Wednesday we will have worship at 10 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. but for the following five Wednesdays, worship will be held at 2:45 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. The school children will worship at the 2:45 p.m. service each week but members are invited to attend this service or the 7:15 p.m. service. The Lenten theme is “The 7 Last Words of Jesus”.
- Lenten Soup Suppers will be hosted for each of the six Wednesdays in Lent and will begin at 6:15 p.m.
- For Easter weekend, we will continue to have the Vigil on Saturday evening. On Easter Sunday we will have our Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. and then follow our regular worship service times for the rest of the morning, at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- We will continue to serve an Easter breakfast but will make adjustments to fit the worship times. Watch for details.
- The Farewell Event for Principal Pam Mueller is set for Sunday, May 21 at 12:30 p.m.
- In addition to the ongoing Call Committee for an Assistant Cantor, the Elders are now forming a Call Committee for the position of Principal of the Day School.
- The Elders have stepped up their meeting schedule as they focus on the vacancies in our staff. They plan to work with the other boards as they make progress in these tasks.
- Vacation Bible School will take place from June 19—23 and will be held in the morning. Plans are underway to expand the program to include younger children this year.
- The Garage Sale dates are June 8, 9 and 10.

Modaff 20th Anniversary Event on February 26

We dedicated our church and school building on Sunday, February 9, 1997, which was Transfiguration Sunday that year. This year on Transfiguration Sunday, February 26, 2017 we will celebrate and give thanks to God for the twenty years of blessings we have had in this place. Come celebrate in the gym at 12:30 p.m. with your fellow brothers and sisters. The day we moved in, we had a simple lunch of sloppy joes and chips and that is what we will serve for our anniversary lunch too. Those attending the lunch are invited to bring their favorite dessert from 1997. We need to know how many to plan for so please sign up on the tower by February 20. The small group that is organizing this event needs help with the photo presentation so if you can help scan or put together a video, contact Pastor Schumacher.

January 29, 2017

Sunday, January 29

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 am—Worship w/communion

10:00 am—Sunday Classes

11:00 am—Worship w/communion

12:30 pm—Board of Elders

No Youth

Monday, January 30

7:00 pm—Elders Meeting

Tuesday, January 31

Wednesday, February 1

8:50 am—BLS chapel

9:00 am—Women’s Lifelight

Thursday, February 2

9:00 am—Bethany Ladies Guild

6:00 pm—Praises Ring

7:00 pm—Evening Lifelight

7:20 pm—Proclaim

9:00 pm—Compline

Friday, February 3

4:00 pm—Bethany Bowlers

Saturday, February 4

7:30 am—Bethany Saturday AM Basketball

7:30 am—Bethany Saturday AM Bible Study

5:00 pm—Worship w/communion

Sunday, February 5

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 am—Divine Worship

10:00 am—Sunday Classes/Rite of Welcome

11:00 am—Worship w/communion

7:00 pm—Sr. High Youth

7:00 pm—Nachtmusik

Upcoming Events

2/12 CareNet Baby Bottles Due Back

2/21 Theology on Tap at 6:30 p.m.

2/26 Modaff Anniversary Celebration

3/1 Ash Wednesday

3/14 Voters Assembly at 7 p.m.

3/17 BLS Jr. High Play

Chancel Flowers

Last week’s chancel flowers were placed by Al and Jennifer Barnickel for son Blake’s 13th birthday.

Prayers

In Our Prayers.....

All of Our Members, especially: Claudia Scarpine, cancer.

All of our Family Members & Friends, especially: **Chuck McCartney**, (brother-in-law of Glenda Knotek) recovery from brain bleed due to fall; **James McPhail**, (cousin of Tom Staffeldt) very ill with unknown disease; **Kris Polley**, (friend of the Gutzwiller family) brain cancer; **Jeff Rodgers**, (brother of Cyndi Nicolai) healing after surgery; **Marianna Saucedo**, (former student of Shelly Quinn) continued stability following treatment for brain tumor; **Mike Stache**, (former BLC member) cancer.

Prayers that the Lord be with **Peter Johnson** as he continues to serve in the Air Force.

For **Blake Barnickel** on his 13th birthday.

For **Enrique Veguilla** for favorable job situation and for continued guidance and blessings.

For **Sharon Calderone and family** for strength/understanding/faith at the delivery of a stillborn baby, Ivy on January 21.

Bethany’s Prayer Chain

We have a prayer chain! Please call Ina Johnson (630-369-6074) or email at muttiina@gmail.com with your prayer requests.

Stewardship

Weekly Contributions - Week of 1/22/2017

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$27,653	\$15,340	\$12,313

Year to Date Contributions 07/1/16 - 1/25/2017

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$607,726	\$638,860	(\$31,134)

Attendance

	Jan-17	Jan-16
Average Weekly Attendance - Jan	416	532
YTD Attendance July -Jan	12,490	14,212

News

Nachtmusik Series Continues on Feb. 5!

On Sunday, February 5 at 7 p.m., the *Nachtmusik* Concert Series will celebrate the genius of Classical/Romantic composer Franz Schubert in *An Evening of Schubert* featuring talented high school and college students from Naperville, as well as members of the talented faculty at our very own J.S. Bach Academy of Music.

As always, admission to this concert is free. Donations will be graciously accepted. We encourage you to invite your friends and family; we especially want children to be exposed to the music we offer, so bring them along! There will be a light reception following the concert.

Help Our Youth at Feed My Starving Children

On Saturday, February 18 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., the Sr. High Youth (and anyone from the congregation who wants to join us) will be volunteering at the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack Event at North Central College. Also, we'll provide dinner afterward to our volunteers. We have to register each person for this event, so please email Pastor Clemmer (sclemmer@bethanylcs.org) or Jean Martinek (jmartinek@bethanylcs.org) ASAP if interested so we can get you registered. We look forward to hearing from you!

Come Join the OWLS on February 9!

On February 9 Bethany's senior group, the OWLS, will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Juicy O Restaurant at 844 Rt. 59 in Naperville (in front of Sam's Club and across from Fox Valley Mall). Come and join us for fine company and conversation. Please RSVP to Michelle Grimes at 630-983-7822 by February 7. We hope you will join us!

College Parent Care Group

Thank you to everyone who donated to our college care group. We sent packages to 23 students to encourage them through these winter months.

In February, we would like to send Lenten devotionals to

all college students, whether they are signed up to receive packages or not. Please pick up a form in the narthex, or email your student's name and address to Michelle Grimes at micgrimes@aol.com so we can send them a devotional.

On February 15 we will have a wine and cheese party at the Grimes' home where we will address the devotionals. All college parents are invited to join us.

School Soup Collection Underway

Bethany's 5th grade is collecting cans of soup for those in need this winter. Please bring in a can or two and place them in the box in the Harris Center hallway. This collection runs through Sunday, February 5. Please help us help the hungry!

Thank You from Our 4th Grade

It is with great thanks that I am writing this note. To all those who donated "Winter Warmers," my thanks for your generous contributions. Bethany Lutheran Church and School collected three boxes and one bag of hats, scarves, mittens, earmuffs, socks, and coats.

We had items of all sizes and colors, and some people even knitted items such as hats and scarves!

Your kindness and willingness to help those less fortunate leaves us speechless. May God bless and watch over those who will receive your donations and may God be with you all, as well.

His Servants,

Michelle Stehle and 4th Grade Class

Join the Bethany Bowlers!

All kids are invited to bowl with us at Bowlero Brunswick (1515 Aurora Ave.) in Naperville on Fridays through March 17. The cost is \$13.50 per child, which includes a meal, shoes and 1.5 hours of bowling. Payment can be turned into the school office. Parents can hang out and assist your kids. Siblings are invited too. We bowl from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Talk to Linda Fox if you are interested (lfox@bethanylcs.org or 630-355-6607).

Youth News

Sunday, January 29—No Youth—5th Sunday.

Sunday, February 5 (Super Bowl Sunday) - Sr. High Youth Bible Study in the Youth Room (check church website and Herald for details).

Sunday, February 12—Jr. High Youth in the Youth Room from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. and Sr. High Youth from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Saturday, February 18—3:30 to 5:30 p.m. **Feed My Starving Children Event** at North Central College. See article above for details.

Sunday, February 19—Sr. High Youth from 7 to 8 p.m. Camp Pioneer Meeting in the Youth Room.

Bethany Staff

Program Staff

Vacant.....Pastor (Team Leader, Administration)
 Rev. Stephen Schumacher.....Pastor (Mercy)
 Rev. Seth Clemmer.....Pastor (Witness, Youth)
 Pam Mueller.....School Principal
 Michael Giuliani.....Cantor
 Linda Fox.....Admissions Director
 Erin Dunwell.....Assistant Principal/Fifth Grade Teacher
 Donna Linnemeyer.....Program Administrator

Faculty

Jennifer Gutzwiller.....Preschool Teacher
 Jessica Gade.....Preschool Teacher
 Angela Hess.....Preschool Teacher
 Jamie Rogoz.....Preschool Teacher
 Diana Guebert.....Preschool Teacher
 Beth Schultz.....Preschool Teacher
 Nadine Parmenter, Justine Kaczmarek,
 BreAnne Greer, Elisabeth Enos.....Instructional Aides
 Kristin Gemkow.....Kindergarten
 Cyndi Niccolai.....First Grade
 Kari Janetzke.....Second Grade
 Carole Staunch.....Art/Third Gr. Aide
 Chad Baganz.....Third Grade
 Michelle Stehle.....Fourth Grade
 Nancy Yendrejczyk.....Library
 Debby Buckman.....K-5th Phys. Ed.
 Josh Schultz.....Sixth Grade
 Rob Johnson.....Seventh Grade
 David Bremer.....Eighth Grade
 Glenn Solnitner.....Eighth Grade English/Seventh Grade Math
 Jill Dirilten.....Teacher/Speech
 Holly Spooner.....Special Education
 Megan LeResche.....Interim Assistant Music Director
 Chad Baganz/David Bremer.....Athletic Directors

Administrative/Support Staff

Pam Kolzow.....Finance Administrator
 Patty Pedigo.....School Administrator/Preschool Teacher
 Bob Airhart.....Facilities Manager
 Agnes Giuliani.....Confirmation/Sunday School Coordinator
 Melanie Colt.....School Secretary
 Lynn Hart.....Worship Secretary
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Voters Board

Paul Calhoun.....Chairman
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 Mike Walsh.....Head of Board of Trustees
 Pat Bowman.....Recording Secretary
 Pastor Clemmer.....Pastor
 Pastor Schumacher.....Pastor
 Pam Mueller.....Principal

Board of Trustees

Mike Walsh, Head Trustee

Dave Groth	Dave Humphrey	Joshua Janetzke
	Steve Lindenmeyer	
John Roberts	Mike Teske	Jeffery Williams

Bible Studies at Bethany

Our Feature Bible Study in the Gym “Hebrews: Jesus Christ the Same Yesterday and Today and Forever”

Join us in the gym each Sunday at 10 a.m. for a Bible class on the Book of Hebrews. This book draws upon the Old Testament to point to Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever. This class is taught by Pastor Schumacher.

Adult Instruction Class

If you're interest in joining Bethany or learning more about the Lutheran faith contact Pastor Schumacher at sschumacher@bethanylcs.org or Pastor Clemmer at sclimmer@bethanylcs.org or call 630-355-2198. This class meets each Sunday in the Board Room.

Sunday School

All classes meet each week at 10 a.m. in our school wing and grade levels are marked on the doorways. No pre-registration is necessary.

Ladies Lifeline

The Lifelight Ladies are studying the Foundations topical study of Law and Gospel. We meet from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday mornings. Books are available in the church office. All women are welcome. Contact Karen Perry (630-904-1043) or ksperry62@gmail.com with any questions.

Evening Lifelight

The Thursday Evening Lifelight Bible Study meets with Pastor one week and in a home the next. We are studying Revelations. For more information, please call the church office.

Saturday AM Men's Bible Breakfast

All men of Bethany are invited to the Men's Bible Breakfast which meets on the first and third Saturday of each month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Our theme continues with 1 Corinthians.

**The deadline for the February 5 Herald
 is Tuesday, January 31.**

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Service Times

Saturday 5 p.m.
 Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
 (Communion at all services)

Sunday worship is followed by Coffee Fellowship time. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Study begin at 10 a.m.

Nursery The nursery is staffed during worship and Bible Study hour on Sundays. You are welcome to use it as a cry room at the 5 p.m. service.