



HERALD

February 19, 2017
Seventh 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.

When Twenty Years Seems Like An Eternity by Pastor Schumacher

Next Sunday we celebrate 20 years at our present location on Modaff Road. In February of 1997, the members of Bethany marched from 919 Washington to 1550 Modaff Road and dedicated our new church and school building. Much has happened in the past 20 years. There have been milestones regarding our building. We paid off the mortgage early, added stained glass windows to the sanctuary, built a new music and youth wing, and expanded our Day School space. There have been special events like youth and school auctions, family reunions, Goofy Olympics, and two Oktoberfests. There have been fine concerts and thrilling volleyball and basketball games.

But the most important events of the last 20 years are the ones that will continue for the next 100 years! They are the events where we know the Lord's eternal promises. We are blessed with a special baptismal font where the water of the font goes into the pool on the other side of the font. Everytime we approach the altar we are reminded of our baptism, and most importantly, at our font, infants and adults have their sins washed away, as they are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection. In our

chancel, we have a beautiful altar with paraments that proclaim Christ. From that altar is distributed the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Also in the chancel is the pulpit. We have been blessed over the past 20 years to have had five pastors (including the current two) proclaim faithfully Law and Gospel to the baptized at Bethany.

And we have the first pew on the pulpit side of the church. There have sat mourning families countless times. They have lost love ones, but from that pew they have heard the words of Jesus, "*I am the resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.*" John 11:25-26. At their time of loss, they have heard of eternal life in Jesus.

What matters most at Bethany is eternal life in Jesus. He has made us His people and has blessed us with our gorgeous facility. He has blessed us with each other and, most of all, He has blessed us with Himself. To Him to all glory, honor and praise.

20 Years at Modaff Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, February 26 , 12:30 p.m.
in the Gym
Be sure to sign up today!

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8:30 am—Worship w/communion

10:00 am—Sunday Classes

11:00 am—Worship w/communion

7:00 pm—Sr. High Youth

Monday, February 20

No School—President's Day—School Office Closed

9:00 am—LWML

Tuesday, February 21

6:30 pm—Theology on Tap

Wednesday, February 22

8:50 am—BLS chapel

9:00 am—Women's Lifelight

6:30 pm—Non Day School Confirmation

Thursday, February 23

8:45 am—Tot Spot

6:00 pm—Praises Ring

7:00 pm—Evening Lifelight

7:20 pm—Proclaim

9:00 pm—Compline

Friday, February 24

7:30 am—BLS—Dads & Donuts

4:00 pm—Bethany Bowlers

Saturday, February 25

7:30 am—Bethany Saturday AM Basketball

5:00 pm—Worship w/communion

Sunday, February 26

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

8:30 am—Worship w/communion

10:00 am—Sunday Classes

11:00 am—Worship w/communion

12:30 pm—Bethany 20th Anniversary Event

7:00 pm—Sr. High Youth

Baptisms

James Eugene McIntyre, son of Wyatt and Mary (Weber) McIntyre will be baptized at the 11 a.m. service this weekend. James' godparent is Cory Weber.

Riley Anne Werner, daughter of Michael and Erika (Molokacova) Werner will be baptized after the 11 a.m. service this weekend. Riley's godparents are Amanda Long and Miroslav Molokac.

Upcoming Events

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

2/26 Modaff Anniversary Celebration

3/1 Ash Wednesday

3/11 Pinot's Palette Girls Night Out

3/14 Voters Assembly at 7 p.m.

3/17 BLS Jr. High Play

Prayers

In Our Prayers.....

All of Our Members, especially: **Gordon Asche**, radiation treatments; **Lucien Giuliani**, Intractable Epilepsy; **Claudia Scarpine**, chemo treatments.

All of our Family Members & Friends, especially: **Cindy Carlson**, (friend of Maria Simpson) chemo treatments; **Frank Carpino**, (godson of Dave Groth) terminal cancer; **Valerie Kincaid**, (friend of Sally Wilson) chemo treatments; **Stanley Kowan**, (father of Rosemary Holman) cancer/radiation treatments; **James McPhail**, (cousin of Tom Staffeldt) very ill with unknown disease; **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.

The **Gade family** as they continue to mourn the loss of their 3 year old nephew, Mason Wasz.

For the **family of Travis Meyer** (student of Sally Wilson) who passed away suddenly last Saturday.

Prayers for guidance/wisdom for living arrangements and job search for **Maria Simpson and son Samuel**.

For all those recovering from surgery and going through therapy.

Bethany's Prayer Chain

We have a prayer chain! Please contact Ina Johnson (630-369-6074) or email at muttiina@gmail.com with your prayer requests and if you would like to be part of the prayer chain.

Stewardship

Weekly Contributions - Week of 2/12/2017

| Actual | Budget | Surplus/Deficit |
|----------|----------|-----------------|
| \$14,822 | \$17,850 | (\$3,029) |

Year to Date Contributions 07/1/16 - 2/15/2017

| Actual | Budget | Surplus/Deficit |
|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| \$663,761 | \$689,900 | (\$26,139) |

Attendance

| | Feb 17 | Feb 16 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Avg Weekly Attendance - Feb | 431 | 465 |
| YTD Attendance July- Feb | 13,814 | 15,650 |

News

What's Going On Next In Worship?

Our website now has a "Prepare for Worship" page with the order of worship, including audio to help you learn the liturgy and hymns! Preparing for worship as a part of your weekly piety is a great way to reinforce the themes of the week and a good catechetical (teaching) tool for children.

Prepare weekly by visiting www.bethanylcs.org/prepare or get easy access straight from your phone by downloading the Bethany LCS app from the App Store or Google Play.

Host Families Needed!

On Wednesday, March 15, Bethany will host the Racine Lutheran High School Wind Symphony at our midweek Lenten Service. We are in need of several host families to provide sleeping arrangements for around 50 students/adults that evening. In addition, host families will be responsible for providing breakfast, a sack lunch, and transportation to and from the church. To sign up, please contact Cantor Giuliani at mggiuliani@bethanylcs.org or contact the church office.

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap will meet on **Tuesday, February 21** from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Hopvine Brewing Co. We will begin our discussion of the Smalcald Articles, pages 17-37 (available upon registration). Register on our church's website on the home page or under "Get Involved" then "Bible Studies" then scroll to Theology on Tap.

Thank You "Souper Bowl" Contributors!

Bethany's first grade collected 306 cans of soup. The entire school and church helped to tackle hunger in Naperville and collected a grand total of 1,453 cans of soup! Thank you to all who brought in soup. All soup was donated to Loaves & Fishes.

Principal Call Committee Continues Work

The fifteen member call committee has begun the work of searching for a new principal. The committee is gathering names for consideration. If you have a candidate in mind, please send their name and contact information to Tim Benecke or the church office.

We Will Celebrate 20 Years at Modaff on February 26

On February 26 at 12:30 p.m., we celebrate 20 years at 1550 Modaff as Bethany Lutheran Church and School. This is an exciting day to remember our past, know how God has blessed us in the present, and to look forward toward Bethany's future.

We will serve a simple lunch and have fun for all. Those attending the lunch are invited to bring their favorite dessert from 1997. Also, there will be a short presentation of special events from the last 20 years at this site. We are the people of Christ here at Bethany and God has blessed us over the past 20 years. Be sure to join us for this special event—it will be a great day for all of us. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend and also to volunteer.

Girls Night Out for Church and School!

All ladies of Bethany are invited to join in on the fun at Pinot's Palette in Naperville on Saturday, March 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost of this event is \$38. Please sign up at the link www.pinotpalette.com/naperville/event/150090 and mention Bethany so we all can be seated together! If you have questions, please contact Linda Fox at lfox@bethanylcs.org.

Sewing Open House this Monday!

Women and girls (junior high and up) are encouraged to come to a "Multi-generational Sewing Open House" on Monday, February 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. We will work on the Days for Girls sewing project, which our girls, moms, and grandmas have been working on since last summer. Please join us, especially if you have not attended these sewing sessions before! Come for whatever time you can, bring your sewing supplies (another ironing board/iron would be useful). If you don't sew, but want to help, there are things to do. If you plan to stay the whole day, please bring a bag lunch. For more information, please contact Ina Johnson at muttiina@gmail.com.

Facilities Manager Position Open

If you are interested in finding out more about this position, or know of someone who may be interested, please contact Pam Kolzow in the church office.

Youth News

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

Sunday, February 26—Sr. High Youth from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Thank You to the 40 Plus Bethany Youth and Adults who participated in the Feed My Starving Children Event on Saturday.

Bethany Staff

Lenten Worship Schedule 2017

“The Last Words of Jesus”
(Lenten Soup Suppers Begin at 6:15 p.m.)

Wednesday, March 1—10 a.m./7:15 p.m.
 Ash Wednesday

“Father, forgive them”

Wednesday, March 8—2:45/7:15 p.m.

“Today you will be with me in paradise”

Wednesday, March 15—2:45/7:15 p.m.

“Behold you mother”

Wednesday, March 22—2:45/7:15 p.m.

“Why have you forsaken me?”

Wednesday, March 29—2:45/7:15 p.m.

“I Thirst;” “It is finished”

Wednesday, April 5—2:45/7:15 p.m.

“Into your hands I commit my spirit”

Holy Week Worship Schedule 2017

Saturday/Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday
 5 p.m., 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Thursday, April 13—Maundy Thursday
 7:15 p.m. Divine Service

Friday, April 14—Good Friday
 Noon—3 p.m.—individual confession/absolution
 4 p.m. Divine Service
 7:15 p.m. Tenebrae

Saturday, April 15—Easter Vigil
 7:34 p.m. (sunset) Divine Service)

Sunday, April 16—Easter
 6:30 a.m. (sunrise) Matins
 8:30 a.m. Divine Service
 11 a.m. Divine

Easter breakfast in the gym. Hot breakfast from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. Continental breakfast from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Voters Board

Paul Calhoon..... Chairman
 Richard Tatara..... Vice Chairman
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 Tim Benecke..... Head of Board of Elders
 Mike Walsh..... Head of Board of Trustees
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 Pastor Schumacher..... Pastor
 Pam Mueller..... Principal

Board of Elders

Tim Benecke, Chairman
 Dwight Bowman Tye Fox Robert Knox
 Mike Kronemann Don Lohrentz Dominic Salvino
 Jay Schafer

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 and runs through the end of March.

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 have begun the study of 1 & 2 Chronicles. 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 26 Herald is Tuesday, February 21.

Bethany Lutheran Church & School

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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.