



HERALD

*April 9, 2017
Palm Sunday of Lent*

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.

Holy Week—A Time to Sort Things Out by Pastor Schumacher

“I need some time to sort things out.” A manager or owner might have to take some time to think through a strategy to save the business. Family members might need time together to reset priorities in a family. A student might need some time to re-think their college major.

“I need some time to sort things out.” It is good to take an opportunity to concentrate on real problems, assess resources, and see real solutions. This takes time. And it can be time well spent.

Holy Week affords us a time to sort things out. Or better said, “Holy Week is a time to see how God has sorted things out.” There are two events that we remember in Holy Week that changed everything for our eternal good: Good Friday and Easter. On Good Friday, Jesus took upon Himself the sins of all mankind and died for them, paying the penalty to alleviate our eternal damnation. On Easter, Jesus rose from the dead, showing that His death indeed was the atonement for our sins, and guaranteeing our resurrection from the dead and life everlasting by His Resurrection.

Since all of our eternity depends on Christ’s Death and Resurrection, taking Holy Week seriously makes sense. To do this, here are some thoughts:

1. Attend services that observe all that Christ has done—Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Day.
2. Meditate on God’s Holy Word regarding Holy Week. Read Matthew’s account of Palm Sunday through the end of the Gospel or John’s Gospel. Read Romans 1-8 or Hebrews 8-12. Read Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22.
3. Remove distractions.
4. Spend more time in daily devotions.
5. Remember that Holy Week is not isolated from every other week. In baptism, we have been buried with Christ into His death, and raised to life again. We are His.

God has sorted things out and given us salvation in Jesus Christ. Every day we have the blessing of being Christ’s baptized people; but this week we have a wonderful opportunity to grow individually and together as God’s redeemed children. The blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Easter Breakfast Sunday, April 16

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a hot, delicious breakfast Easter morning, served by the Jr. and Sr. high youth. Family style serving begins at 7:15 a.m., and buffet breakfast begins at 9:45 a.m. and ends at 10:45 a.m. Stop in either before or after a worship service.

Menu includes: Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Cheesy Potato Casserole, Bacon and Sausage. Fresh Fruit and Baked Goods. Coffee, Tea and Juice. Free Will Offering

Donations of baked goods can be brought to the kitchen by noon Saturday, April 15. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

April 9, 2017**Sunday, April 9****Palm Sunday**

8:30 am—Worship w/communion
 10:00 am—Sunday Classes
 11:00 am—Worship w/communion
 12:00 pm—Oktoberfest Planning Meeting
 5:00 pm—Jr. High Youth
 7:00 pm—Sr. High Youth

Monday, April 10**Tuesday, April 11**

7:00 pm—Board of Finance

Wednesday, April 12

8:50 am—BLS Chapel

No Ladies Lifelight

6:00 pm—Praises Ring

7:20 pm—Proclaim

9:00 pm—Compline

Thursday, April 13**Maundy Thursday**

8:45 am—Tot Spot

7:15 pm—Maundy Thursday Divine Service

Friday, April 14**Good Friday**

No School—Good Friday—School/Church Offices Closed

12:00 pm—Individual Confession/Absolution

4:00 pm—Good Friday Divine Service

7:15 pm—Good Friday Tenebre Service

Saturday, April 15**Holy Saturday**

7:30 am—Bethany Saturday AM Basketball

7:30 am—Bethany Saturday AM Bible Study

9:00 am—Board of Trustees

7:34 pm—Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 16**Easter Sunday**

6:30 am—Easter Sunrise Service

7:15 am—Youth Easter Breakfast

8:30 am—Worship w/communion

10:00 am—Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 am—Worship w/communion

No Attended Nursery

There will be no nursery attendant during Holy Week, including Easter services. This is to allow the attendants to share in worship with their families. The nursery will be unlocked, so please feel free to use the room if needed.

Chancel Flowers

Chancel flowers for this weekend were placed by **Jean Martinek** for daughter Shalyn's 18th birthday and son Elias' 17th birthday and by the **Francis Family** in memory of Marguerite Barrett Orrico.

Prayers***In Our Prayers.....***

All of Our Members, especially: **George McKissick**, hospice care; **Claudia Scarpine**, chemo treatments; **Lee Smentek**, recovery from shoulder surgery.

All of our Family Members & Friends, especially:

Ben Blanchard, (uncle of Beth Hahn) cancer; **Valerie Kincaid**, (friend of Sally Wilson) chemo treatments; **Cleta Marsh**, (grandmother of JR Wilson) recovery from broken leg/surgery; **Anna Ruth Robert**, (granddaughter of Solomon and Thamarly Robert) recovery from spinal surgery; **Marianna Saucedo**, (former student of Shelly Quinn) continued stability following treatment for brain tumor; **Mike Stache**, (former BLC member) cancer; **Merle Steva**, (brother of Denise Bruno) hospitalized.

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

For the 18th birthday of **Shalyn Martinek** and the 17th birthday of **Elias Martinek**.

For **Maria Simpson** as she moves to Chicago and for **Samuel Simpson** and his studies at Ivy Tech.

For the **family of Noel Hogberg** who passed away on March 31.

For **Susan and Erich Keller** at the loss of their unborn baby.

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.

Confirmation Time Change

Time change for Non-Day School Confirmation for April 19 is re-scheduled for 6 p.m.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

As Bethany Lutheran Church prepares for a new fiscal year, it is important to know what support we can depend on from our congregation members. By knowing what you are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future. Please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Contributions can be deducted automatically from your checking or savings account on a weekly, bi-monthly or monthly basis. This program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis.

To set up a new recurring giving schedule, please fill out a form available in the narthex, and return to the church office. To make changes to your current giving, please contact Pam Kolzow at pkolzow@bethanylcs.org.

News

Come Learn About Oktoberfest Opportunities!!

We are gearing up for our third annual Oktoberfest community outreach event on September 23, 2017! Committees are forming and we would love to have you join as a leader or member of a committee. Come see what opportunities are available this Sunday, April 9, after the 11 a.m. service.

We're Having a Worship Servant Fellowship Breakfast!

The Worship Servant Fellowship Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, May 13 from 9 to 11 a.m. for anyone currently serving or interested in serving at Bethany as Ushers, Altar Guild, Communion Care, Sacristans, Welcome Center, Greeters, and their spouses are invited for breakfast, fellowship, and training updates. In addition, we'll train new volunteers. Thrivent Action Team dollars will cover the cost of some great local donuts, pastries, and coffee. It's an easy way to get involved, meet people, and serve the Lord. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Clemmer or Pastor Schumacher.

2017 FREE Spring Lay Theology Conference: May 6, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Our topic this Spring is "*What Will Heaven be Like? A Biblical View of the After-Life.*" Our Speaker is Rev. Jared Melius from Zion Lutheran Church in Denver, CO. The cost is free! For more information, follow the link on Bethany's website under "Get Involved".

College Parent Care Group

Thank you to everyone who donated to our March college packages. We sent boxes to 24 college students to let them know their Bethany family is thinking of them. On Wednesday, April 19, we invite all parents who have a college student or will have a college student next year to join us at Your Neighbor's Restaurant and Bar at 7 p.m. Please email Michelle Grimes at micgrimes@aol.com with any questions.

We're Having An Easter Egg Hunt!

Bethany will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, April 16 after the 8:30 a.m. (10 a.m.) service this Easter Sunday. We are inviting all children 5th grade and younger to participate.

OWLS to Meet on Third Thursday!

Bethany's OWLS will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 20 at Braconi's Restaurant in the Mayor Pradel Room (796 Royal St. George Dr. #108, Naperville—Cress Creek Plaza). Please call Iris at 630-961-0628 by Tuesday, April 18 if you plan to attend. Please leave a message. Pastor Clemmer plans to meet with us.

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap will meet on Tuesday, April 18 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Hopvine Brewing Co. We continue our discussion of the Smalcald Articles, pages 39-49 (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.

Nachtmusik Series Continues May 5

Our Nachtmusik series continues on Friday, May 5 with Samuel Metzger at our organ. A favorite on the Nachtmusik Concert Series, organist Samuel Metzger returns to Bethany! Mr. Metzger is heard regularly around the country in concert. Come and spend your evening with us on Friday, May 5 from 7 to 9 a.m.

Days for Girls Sewing

Our next "Days for Girls" sewing event is scheduled for the Monday after Easter, April 17, from 8 a.m. until noon in the multi-purpose room. Please bring your machines, but no need for cutting boards. There will be non-sewing activities also, since we'll start to assemble the hygiene kits. Remember this is "multi-generational"!

Day School Chapel will resume at 8:50 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12. There is no 2:45 p.m. mid-week service. Everyone is welcome!

Youth News

Send Off Party for Graduating Seniors!

When: April 30, 4 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Roth home, 3611 Breitweiser Ln. Naperville
What: Cookout, Volleyball, Games and Devotion

Easter Breakfast Volunteer Opportunities

See the sign-up board in the Narthex or go online at goo.gl/zYEchV. If you would like to be part of the fun, there are many ways to be involved. Sign up today!

Youth Calendar

Sunday, April 9—Jr. High Bible Study from 5 to 6:45 p.m. Sr. High from 7 to 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 15—Easter Breakfast set-up. (see Amy Darcy for details).
Sunday, April 16—Easter Breakfast.
Sunday, April 23—Sr. High Bible Study from 7 to 8 p.m.
Sunday, April 30—Graduating Seniors Send-Off Party 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Lenten/Holy Week

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 Service

There is no attended nursery during Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

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

There are no Sunday classes on Easter.

Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m.

Voters Board

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	Beth Hahn	

The deadline for the April 16 Herald is Tuesday, April 11.

Bible Studies at Bethany

Our Feature Bible Study in the Gym

Receiving the Word with Joy

This class will begin April 23 at 10 a.m.

St. Paul commends the church in Thessalonica for receiving the Word with the joy of the Holy Spirit (1 Thess. 1:6). Each week, we hear the readings of the Scripture in the Divine Service, but maybe didn't get to reflect upon them and study them as thoroughly as we'd like. This class will give you more opportunity to slow down and "inwardly digest" the Scriptures read in church that Sunday, that you would be filled with the Lord's comfort and joy throughout your week. This class will be taught by Pastor Clemmer.

Adult Instruction Class

If you're interested in joining Bethany or learning more about the Lutheran faith contact Pastor Schumacher at sschumacher@bethanylcs.org or Pastor Clemmer at sclemmer@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 Wednesday Morning Lifelight

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 Ruth and Esther. 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.

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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.