



HERALD

April 16, 2017
Easter Sunday

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.

Freedom From Tyranny by Pastor Clemmer

“²⁵For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death” (*1 Corinthians 15:25-26*).

Our Lord speaks of death as the enemy. As our enemy, death often rules over us, controlling us, dictating our actions like an oppressive tyrant.

We often think of the tyranny of death as limited to the hospitals, caskets, and cemeteries, but death’s chains drag behind us more than we realize.

Our striving for health is often little more than a desperate attempt to flee from death. The spandex laden treadmills can’t outrun the chains—when it’s your time, it’s your time. The organic fad diets, vitamin supplements, light-beer, and sunscreen can’t cut you free from the chains—they only lengthen them. Driving the entire health industry, one might argue, is the fear of death. We’ll pay whatever it takes to make another step from the tyrant—but the chains just drag behind us. The fact is, we fear death. Our life is our god—as we fear losing it more than anything.

The joy of the Christian is the Easter proclamation that Jesus has freed you from the tyrant: **“Death is swallowed up in victory.”** ⁵⁵ **‘O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?’** ⁵⁶ **The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.** ⁵⁷ **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ”** (*1 Corinthians 15:54b-57*).

The oppressive tyrant of death has been overcome by our Lord’s death and resurrection. Death sank its venomous teeth into Jesus instead of you and your children—and those teeth were ripped out with that bite. The tyrant can now only gum at you. You need not fear him any longer.

This is why our Lord speaks of death as sleep. We close our eyes in death only to open them again in paradise with Him and those saints who have gone before us. We should fear death only as much as we fear our own beds. Death is now a rest from the rigor of this life—it’s not eternal for those in Christ. As the tombstones proclaim, “Rest in peace,” they proclaim death as a momentary sleep.

Jesus has burst open the tomb and broken the chains of death—so death no longer controls you. In our sin, fear of death and allegiance to the tyrant often creep back in. When they do, you can sense the panic they bring to those in chains. But not for you—for Christ is risen, alleluia!

Death does not control you—your life is not your god, for you are in Jesus. You have died with him in baptism and now live in Him. No matter the storm, the diagnosis, or the tragedy—you need not fear death. Death has been overcome and that conquered tyrant cannot rip you out of the nail-scarred hands of Jesus. May this be our joy and our peace this Easter and every day.

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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

Monday, April 17

Easter Monday

No School—School/Church Offices Closed
 8:00 am—Days for Girls Event

Tuesday, April 18

Wednesday, April 19

9:00 am—Ladies Lifelight
 6:30 pm—BLS Walcamp Meeting
 6:00 pm—Non-Day School Confirmation
 7:30 pm—Board of Elders

Thursday, April 20

Friday, April 21

Saturday, April 22

7:30 am—Bethany Saturday AM Basketball
 5:00 pm—Worship w/communion

Sunday, April 23

Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 am—Worship w/communion
 10:00 am—Sunday Classes
 11:00 am—Worship w/communion
 7:00 pm—Sr. High Youth

No Attended Nursery this Weekend

VBS is June 19-21
 Registration forms available in the
 narthex at the display

Easter Chancel Flowers

Our thanks to the following families who purchased flowers to beautify our sanctuary this Easter. Flowers may be taken home after the last service on Easter. Plants left will be planted around our property. Tim and Diane Benecke, Dave Bodenstab, Collins family, Christensen family, Francis family, Franken family, Chuck and Diana Guebert, Cheryl Groth, Hahn family, Dave and Pam Kolzow, Martinek family, Tim and Sallee Olson, Splitt family, Taylor family, Walsh family.

Prayers

In Our Prayers.....

All of Our Members, especially: Robert Holt, seriously ill; 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; **Dorothy Gilbertson**, (aunt of Amy Schumacher) hospice care; **Valerie Kincaid**, (friend of Sally Wilson) chemo treatments; **Michael Lieb**, (father of Tim Lieb) hospice care; **Cleta Marsh**, (grandmother of JR Wilson) recovery from broken leg/surgery; **Anna Ruth Robert**, (granddaughter of Solomon and Thamary 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 **Exaud Koka and family** at the death of his mother last week.

Bethany's Prayer Chain

We have a prayer chain! Please pcontact 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.

Stewardship

Weekly Contributions - Week of 4/9/2017

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$12,724	\$17,060	(\$4,336)

Year to Date Contributions 07/1/16 - 4/12/17

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$822,771	\$836,720	(\$13,949)

Attendance

	Apr 17	Apr 16
Avg Weekly Attendance - Apr	438	450
YTD Attendance July- Apr	17,129	19,800

News

Special Voters Assembly Meeting Set for April 30

The Call Committees for Assistant Cantor and Day School Principal have completed their tasks and are ready to present their recommendations to the Voters Assembly for approval. A special meeting has been called for **Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 12:30 p.m.** The Call Committee for Assistant Cantor has found two suitable candidates but is recommending that a call be issued to Kevin Zorena. Mr. Zorena will graduate from Concordia, Chicago this spring with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. The Call Committee for Day School Principal has found only one suitable candidate and is recommending that a call be issued to Neal Kaspar of Grand Junction, Colorado. Additional information on the candidates is available in the Narthex this weekend. Please make plans to attend this meeting on April 30.

Oktoberfest Kickoff!

Come and get involved in Oktoberfest 2017 on May 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Tye and Linda Fox. There will be brats and beer. Be sure to join us to see where you can plug into this annual event. Everyone is welcome!

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.

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 and Greeters. Spouses are also welcome to join us for this event which will include 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.

College Parent Care Group

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.

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".

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 this Monday

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"! There is no regular LWML meeting this month.

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 Devotions

Youth Calendar

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.

Bethany Staff

Program Staff

Vacant.....Pastor (Team Leader, Administration)
 Rev. Stephen Schumacher.....Pastor (Mercy)
 Rev. Seth ClemmerPastor (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 Sonlitrner.....Eighth Grade English/Seventh Grade Math
 Jill Diriltten.....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
 Vacant.....Facilities Manager
 Agnes Giuliani.....Confirmation/Sunday School Coordinator

Voters Board

Paul Calhoun.....Chairman
 Richard Tataara.....Vice Chairman
 Tim Gavin.....Treasurer
 Scott Collins.....Head of Day School Policy Board
 Tim Benecke.....Head of Board of Elders
 Mike Walsh.....Head of Board of Trustees
 Pat Bowman.....Recording Secretary
 Pastor Clemmer.....Pastor
 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

**The deadline for the April 23 Herald
 is Tuesday, April 18.**

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 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 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.