



HERALD

July 30, 2017
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Prayers: So Much Said, So Much to Say *by Pastor Schumacher*

I recently had to have some dental work done. Sitting in the dentist's chair, jaw numb from Novocain, mouth wide open with the dentist carefully doing his work, I took the opportunity to pray. Since I was going to be in the chair for a while, I prayed through salvation history. Beginning with the creation, I thought of the various stages of salvation history as presented in Holy Scriptures, and then I prayed to God about the various events. I thanked Him for His great works. I thought of how I had sinned like various people in the Bible, and asked the Lord for forgiveness. I marveled at the awesomeness of God's works. I rejoiced in God's grace that He planned out His work of salvation completely. The time in the chair went by much more quickly and pleasantly than if I was focusing on the drill and the sound of instruments scraping my teeth.

My prayer to the Lord that day was only possible as a response to God's gracious works. First of all, God created us, and has revealed Himself to us in His Word. His Word tells us of what He has done for us, and it tells of man's failures before God. It tells of God's ultimate work of salvation in Jesus Christ, and

how He will ultimately give us a glorious and eternal kingdom when Christ comes back. What God has done is God's work, and that we know of His work in Scripture is God's work. And it is God's work that we are believers. The whole work of salvation is God's work. Jesus has made full atonement for our sins, and the Holy Spirit has converted us by His work of bringing us to repentance and faith in Christ. True prayer can only be a response to what God has already done by His Word.

Please do not think that I am the best example of a prayer. Far from it. I am a sinner who needs Jesus, and I have Jesus. God has given me everything in Christ, and I look forward to the day when I see Jesus face to face. In the meantime, I have the Word; I know that God is always with me; and He has invited me to pray. So I will.

I write this account as an encouragement for you to pray. Be immersed in God's Word, and from His Word, speak back to Him. That is prayer. Know that you can use so many moments of the day to come to your Lord and speak to Him. He is with you. He will hear your prayer.

Looking Ahead at Bethany

August 6 at 10 a.m.: Training and updates for Sacristans, Communion Care, and Altar Guild volunteers.

August 13 at 10 a.m.: Training and updates for Ushers, Greeters and Welcome Center volunteers.

August 20: Installation of Neal Kaspar and Kevin Zorena; re-dedication of Day School and Sunday School teachers at 8:30 a.m. followed by Cake Reception in the gym.

August 23: Day School Begins; Schola, Praises Ring, Proclaim rehearsals begin.

August 27 at 10 a.m.: Sunday School Kick-Off Party in the gym; Oktoberfest Volunteer Sign-Up in Narthex.

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Sunday, July 30

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8:30 am—Worship w/communion
 10:00 am—Bible Class/Sunday School Classes
 11:00 am—Worship w/communion
 5:00 pm—Jr. High Movie Night

Monday, July 31

9:00 am—6th/8th Volleyball Camp

Tuesday, August 1

9:00 am—6th/8th Volleyball Camp
 7:00 pm—Day School Policy Board

Wednesday, August 2

9:00 am—Woman’s Summer Bible Study
 9:00 am—6th/8th Volleyball Camp

Thursday, August 3

9:00 am—6th/8th Volleyball Camp

Friday, August 4

9:00 am—6th/8th Volleyball Camp

Saturday, August 5

7:30 am—Saturday AM Men’s Basketball
 7:30 am—Saturday AM Men’s Bible Study
 5:00 pm—Worship w/communion

Sunday, August 6

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am—Worship w/communion
 No Classes
 11:00 am—Worship w/communion

Prayers

In Our Prayers.....

All of Our Members, especially: **Barb Lusk**, upcoming surgery on 7/31; **Claudia Scarpine**, chemo treatments; **Nancy Skibinski**, rehab. *(please renew after four weeks).*

All of our Family Members & Friends, especially: **Dixie Austin**, (sister-in-law of Nancy Yendrejczyk) heart problems; **Ben Blanchard**, (uncle of Beth Hahn) cancer; **Linda Collins**, (mother of Scott Collins) health issues; **Joe Furr**, (friend of Josh/Beth Schultz) leukemia diagnosis; **Valerie Kincaid**, (friend of Sally Wilson) recovery/strength/healing from bone marrow transplant/continued chemotherapy; **Paul Maers**, (friend of the Splitt family) cancer; **Robert Metcalf**, friend of Jean Martinek) recovery from double lung transplant; **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) health issues. *(please renew after two weeks).*

Prayers that the Lord be with **Peter Johnson** as he continues to serve in the Air Force and with **Shalyn Martinek** as she begins her service in the USMC.

For **Kelby Martinek** on his 15th birthday.

For a **Bethany member** for comfort, strength, direction due to personal struggles.

For the **family of Ron Rueffer** (son of former members, the late Clarence/Verna Rueffer) who passed away on July 17.

Prayers for the **Schmidt family** (friends of Jean Martinek) who were involved in a deadly car crash in Beecher, Illinois this past week.

Chancel Flowers

Chancel flowers for this weekend were placed by **Jean Martinek and family** for son Kelby’s 15th birthday.

Sunday School Kick-Off Party is August 27!

All are welcome! Join us after the 8:30 a.m. service and register your kids for an exciting new quarter!

Make a Joyful Noise!

Bethany’s music program has several ways for you to get involved! Not a Musician? It doesn’t matter—there are opportunities for everybody! If you’re interested in joining choir, handbells, or even serving occasionally as a vocalist or instrumentalist in worship, please contact Cantor Giuliani at mgiuliani@bethanylcs.org.

Pew Pencils Needed

We are in need of several boxes of plain No. 2 pencils to replenish our pews every week. If you can help out with this need, please drop them off in the church office.

Stewardship

Weekly Contributions - Week of 7/23/2017

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$15,897	\$15,000	\$897

Year to Date Contributions 07/1/16 - 7/26/17

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$72,528	\$60,000	\$12,528

Attendance

	Jul-17	Jul-16
Average Weekly Attendance - July	339	350
YTD Attendance July	1,354	1,401

News

God be Praised for Your Generosity

Because of the generosity of so many, we have now raised \$57,045 toward the installation of a new roof over our education wing. Thank you to all who have already turned in their contribution! You can still participate by using an envelope at the display in the Narthex. The roof work is now well underway and is expected to be complete this week. Barring any unforeseen, additional costs, we are now only \$6,955 short of our goal!

Are You Interested in Becoming Involved?

We have some amazing volunteers at Bethany! Each time we worship, many of these volunteers spring into action as Welcome Center hosts, Ushers, Sacristans, Communion Care volunteers and more. Our hope is that these volunteers will continue to serve and take joy in this service. We also hope to gather more volunteers into these areas of service. For the next two weeks we are going to offer an opportunity for the current worship volunteers to get together to receive more training, ask questions and share ideas. This is a great time for new volunteers to get involved. If you are a current volunteer or want to become a volunteer in the following areas, please join us!

Sunday, August 6 at 10 a.m.: Altar Guild, Communion Care, Sacristans.

Sunday, August 13 at 10 a.m.: Ushers, Greeters, Welcome Center volunteers.

Thank You from Lutheran Church Charities

Bethany received a sincere thank you from Tim Hetzner of LCC earlier this month. Bethany's VBS program collected \$500 for Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry in June.

Cantor Giuliani to Play Recital in Park Ridge This Afternoon!

In fulfillment of his Masters of Church Music in Organ, Cantor Giuliani will be playing a recital at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Park Ridge on **Sunday, July 30 at 4 p.m.** All are welcome.

Bach Academy hosts Puccini's La Boheme this Evening

July 30 at 7 p.m. at Bethany our very own J.S. Bach Academy of Music will host a production of Giacomo Puccini's *La Boheme*. Admission is free!

Ladies and Girls: It's Time to Sign Up Sarah's Bridal Shower is August 16!

Who: Sarah Schumacher, daughter of Pastor and Amy Schumacher

What: A Bridal Shower with Planned Salad Potluck

When: Wednesday, August 16 at 6 p.m.

Where: Bethany's Youth Room

How: See the Salad and Attendance Sign Up Sheets on the Tower

Please join us for a fun evening as we shower Sarah with gifts and share a light salad dinner. Sarah and fiancé Tim Lieb are registered at Walmart and Bed, Bath and Beyond.

Let's Go to the Ballgame!

Join Pastor Schumacher and Neal Kaspar, BLS Principal, for an evening at Guaranteed Rate Field to watch the Chicago White Sox and Houston Astros faceoff on **Wednesday, August 9 at 7:10 p.m.** Be sure to speak or email Pastor or Mr. Kaspar for details if you are interested in attending (sschumacher@bethanylcs.org or 630-355-2198).

Campbell Soup Labels

This program will expire on December 31, 2017, so be sure to get your labels to us before then. As of June 2016 we received two \$250 Visa prepaid cards and we are hoping to get one \$250 Visa prepaid card if we can collect 3,045 more points. Please save your "Labels for Education UPC codes" and deposit them in the box in the narthex. Thank you.

Youth News

Jr. High Family Movie Night TONIGHT!

This Sunday at 5 (to 7:30 p.m.) in the Youth Room. Join us for the movie *Courageous*, burgers and smores! Join us for a fun evening!

Let's Play Ball!

Any Jr. and Sr. high youth who would like to go to a Kane County Cougars game on Thursday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m. followed by fireworks, please plan to meet at church at 5:30 so we make sure everyone has a ride. Hotdogs and sodas will be \$1 each, and the cost of your ticket is \$5. Questions? Please contact Julie Franken at 815-254-1438.

Bethany Staff

Program Staff

Vacant.....	Pastor (Team Leader, Administration)
Rev. Stephen Schumacher.....	Pastor (Mercy)
Rev. Seth Clemmer	Pastor (Witness, Youth)
Neal Kaspar	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 Sonlinter.....	Eighth Grade English/Seventh Grade Math
Jill Diriltlen.....	Teacher/Speech
Holly Fletcher.....	Special Education
Kevin Zorena.....	Assistant Cantor
Chad Baganz/David Bremer.....	Athletic Directors

Administrative/Support Staff

Pam Kolzow.....	Finance Administrator
Patty Pedigo.....	School Administrator/Preschool Teacher
Jake Mathley.....	Facilities Manager
Agnes Giuliani.....	Confirmation/Sunday School Coordinator
Melanie Colt.....	School Secretary
Lynn Hart.....	Worship Secretary
Jean Martinek.....	Youth/Evangelism/Membership Secretary/Printer
Pam Splitt.....	Herald Editor

Voters Board

Paul Calhoun.....	Chairman
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Tim Gavin.....	Treasurer
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Tim Benecke.....	Head of Board of Elders
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Pastor Clemmer.....	Pastor
Pastor Schumacher.....	Pastor
Neal Kaspar.....	Principal

Day School Policy Board

Kirk Bolt	David Brouch	Scott Collins, Chair
Sully Diriltlen	Harold Downs	Malinda Francis
Beth Hah	Sue Jablonsky	Joyce Lohrentz
	Kierste Schafer	

Readings for August 6

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5, Psalm 136:1-9 (23-26), Romans 9:1-5 (6-13), Matthew 14:13-21

Bible Studies at Bethany

Our Feature Bible Study in the Gym

Receiving the Word with Joy—Sundays 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 each Sunday, that you would be filled with the Lord's comfort and joy throughout your week. This class is taught by Pastor Clemmer. No Bible Class in August.

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. Classes will resume in September.

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. Rally Day set for August 27

Women's Summer Bible Study

The Women's Summer Bible study is reading through Dr. A. L. Barry's collection of "What About....." pamphlets addressing common questions from a Biblical perspective. We meet Wednesday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m. in the board room. No preparation is necessary and 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

The deadline for the August 6 Herald is Tuesday, August 1.