



HERALD

August 6, 2017
Ninth 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.

Coram Deo—Before God By Pastor Schumacher

As we approach the 500th anniversary of the Reformation you might hear some Latin words: Sola Gratia, Sola Fide, Sola Scriptura. In English: Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone. These highlight central Lutheran tenets. We are saved by Grace Alone by Faith Alone in Jesus Christ Alone, and this we know by Scripture Alone. There's some other Latin words that are also very important, and in fact, they formed the underlying basis for Luther to consider the three Solas so important. These Latin words are "Coram Deo," which means "before God."

We are always before God. As *Psalm 139* and other passages declare, God is everywhere. You cannot avoid being in His presence any more than you avoid being cold when standing outside in Siberia in January, or being hot standing in the Sahara desert in July. You cannot avoid being before God. This being "Before God" is what drove Luther to despair before His rediscovery of the Gospel. He knew He was before God, and He was terrified of God knowing his sin, and judging him for it.

However Luther read Scripture, especially *Romans 1*, and understood that Christ's righteousness was imputed to him by faith, and now he was declared

righteous. Luther now rejoiced that he was saved by faith alone in Jesus, who paid the full price for his salvation. Now "Coram Deo" became a joy. Luther realized he was never out of the presence of Jesus, who saved him. Being before the God who saves became a comfort to Luther.

A constant temptation for us is to forget that we are always before God. This means that it is easy to think that our sins are not too bad, and it is easy to forget about God's presence throughout the day. We ignore God and His Word constantly. But since we are always "Coram Deo", this is foolish. Since we are before God, we need to see our sins as He sees them, and repent of them, and believe in Jesus.

Your sins are forgiven in Jesus. You can live every day in His presence rejoicing in it. In Jesus, God is **for** you, and God is **with** you. Rejoice in His presence. Your prayers will be heard as He is with you. You are "Coram Deo"--before your Savior Jesus, now and forever. So you too can rejoice with Luther that you are saved by Grace Alone through Faith Alone, and you know this by Scripture Alone. Jesus is with you always (*Matt. 28:20*).

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, August 6

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am—Worship w/communion

10:00 am—Servant Training

No Bible Class/Sunday School Classes

11:00 am—Worship w/communion

5:00 pm—Sr. High Youth @ Portillos

Monday, August 7

7:00 pm—Voters Board

Tuesday, August 8

7:00 pm—Board of Finance

Wednesday, August 9

9:00 am—Woman's Summer Bible Study

Thursday, August 10

8:00 am—BLS Teachers Back

Friday, August 11

Saturday, August 12

7:30 am—Saturday AM Men's Basketball

5:00 pm—Worship w/communion

Sunday, August 13

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am—Worship w/communion

10:00 am—Servant Training

No Bible Class/Sunday School Classes

11:00 am—Worship w/communion

No Youth

Chancel Flowers

Chancel flowers for this weekend were placed by **Tim and Diane Benecke** for their 42nd wedding anniversary, **Dudley and Barb Lusk** for their 10th wedding anniversary and by **Bill and Debbie Kokaska** for their 45th wedding anniversary.

Prayers

In Our Prayers.....

All of Our Members, especially: **Barb Lusk**, recovery from surgery; **Claudia Scarpine**, chemo treatments; **Nancy Skibinski**, rehab. *(please renew after four weeks).*

All of our Family Members & Friends, especially:

Ben Blanchard, (uncle of Beth Hahn) cancer; **Joe Furr**, (friend of Josh/Beth Schultz) leukemia diagnosis; **Kevin Gibley**, (friend of Mike/Cheryl Manis) recovery from serious car accident; **Valerie Kincaid**, (friend of Sally Wilson) strength/healing from bone marrow transplant; **Paul Maers**, (friend of the Splitt family) cancer; **Robert Metcalf**, friend of Jean Martinek) recovery from double lung transplant; **Gerhard Mundinger**, (father of Kierste Schafer) 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) 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 **Tim and Diane Benecke** on their 42nd wedding anniversary. For **Dudley and Barb Lusk** on their 10th wedding anniversary and for **Bill and Debbie Kokaska** on their 45th wedding anniversary.

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.

Bethany Brass

We are looking for musicians to be a part of the BLCS Brass. A group that will assist in all the festival services throughout the year. The Bethany Brass will play a wide selection of repertoire. All brass musicians are welcome starting from high school to a hundred years old! If you would like more information or have any further questions, please contact Cantor Kevin Zorena at kzorena@bethanylcs.org.

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 mgiliani@bethanylcs.org.

**Thanks to all who donated pew pencils.
We are well supplied for the coming year.**

Stewardship

Weekly Contributions - Week of 7/30/2017

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$10,379	\$15,000	(\$4,621)

Year to Date Contributions 07/1/16 - 7/30/2017

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$82,907	\$75,000	\$7,907

Attendance

July 2017 July 2016

Avg Weekly Attendance - July	332	349
YTD Attendance July	1,664	1,743

News

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.

Are You Interested in Becoming Involved? Join Us Today During Bible Study Hour

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. This Sunday and next, during Bible study hour, 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.

Save The Date

**Bethany's Oktoberfest
Saturday, September 23
1 to 10 p.m.**

Roof Work is Complete!

The roofers completed their work this past week and also did some preventative maintenance on the existing roof which added \$1,950 to the total cost of the project. With this addition, the total cost of the roof project is now \$65,678. Contributions total \$57,345, leaving us just \$8,333 shy of our goal. Thanks to our members for their generosity and thanks be to God for His many blessings!

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).

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap will meet on Tuesday, August 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Hopvine Brewing Co. We'll be covering the first 20 pages of the Large Catechism. See Bethany's website for information and to register. Contact Pastor Clemmer with any questions.

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!

Crafters Paradise is Approaching Fast!

The Bethany Ladies Guild has set the date for Crafters Paradise, Saturday, November 11, 2017 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Do you make handcrafted items and are you looking for a place to show and sell them? Contact: cparadiseblg@gmail.com or call 630-961-0628 and leave a message if you have questions. Thank you.

Youth News

Kane County Cougars

The Kane County Cougars tickets for **Thursday, August 10** have arrived and are available for pick up in the church office any time this week. Please make sure to get the envelope with your name on it and don't forget to pay Jean Martinek for your tickets. Also, please note if you are a driver, there will be a \$5 parking fee. Hotdogs and sodas are only \$1 and there will be a fireworks display after the game. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Youth

August 6—Sr. High Youth at Portillos in Naperville (1992 W. Jefferson Ave.) from 5 to 6 p.m. Join us!

August 10—Jr./Sr. High Youth at Kane County Cougars—see above.

August 27—Sr. High Youth Bible Study at Bethany from 5 to 6 p.m.

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.....	Preschool Teacher
Justine Kaczmarek, Heather Schmidt.....	Instructional Aides
Kristin Gemkow.....	Kindergarten
Cyndi Niccolai.....	First Grade
Kari Janetzke.....	Second Grade
Carole Staunch.....	Art/Kindergarten 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/Sixth 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
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 Calhoon.....	Chairman
Richard Tatar.....	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
Neal Kaspar.....	Principal

Board of Elders

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

Readings for August 13

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:4-18, Psalm 18:1-6 (7-16), Romans 10:5-17, Matthew 14:22-33

Bible Studies at Bethany

Our Feature Bible Study in the Gym

Sunday Morning Bible Study does not meet in August. Classes resume on September 10. Please consider joining us for the following: 8/6—10 a.m. Training/updates for Sacristans, Communion Care and Altar Guild volunteers.

8/13—10 a.m. Training/updates for Ushers, Greeters and Welcome Center volunteers.

8/20—10 a.m. Installation/Rededication Reception in the gym.

8/27—10 a.m. Rally Day/Oktobefest Volunteer sign up.

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 normally meet each week at 10 a.m. in our school wing and grade levels are marked on the doorways. No pre-registration is necessary. There are no Sunday School classes in the month of August. 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 13 Herald is Tuesday, August 8.