



HERALD

September 3, 2017
Thirteenth 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.

Keeping Children Alive By Pastor Schumacher

It would seem that we are doing such a better job at keeping children alive than at any point in time in human history. Or are we? Let me explain: It used to be quite common for children to die. As recently as 1900, 30% of all deaths were children under the age of 5. Now, we seldom see children under 5 dying. Some simple factors account for the vast majority of children's lives being saved: Washing hands with soap, vaccines, hygienic delivery of babies, antibiotics, better nutrition, and clean drinking water. In my lifetime, we have adopted additional products that save a few more children (very few compared to the above list): car seats, childproof caps, caps for outlets, latches to prevent cabinets from being opened, and soft surfaces under playground equipment. Both major improvements and less important ones have helped to dramatically reduce the death rate among children. Praise God for this.

But our greater concern is for the eternal life of children. By the marvels of modern medicine children who used to die at very young ages now live to be elderly adults. But all too often parents neglect the spiritual health of their children, leaving them exposed to the danger of eternal damnation. We live in a world that is decidedly pagan. The current views towards sexuality are but one example of the pagan culture. The main error of our culture is that it is orientated toward personal happiness (as defined by one's own "feelings"), and not toward God. Since children are

born sinful, and are in need of Christ, the best thing we can do for their eternal health is to bring them to the waters of baptism, and then raise them up in the Christian faith in a very intentional way.

We desire that our children know Jesus and have eternal life. We also want to protect our children. Ephesians 6 tells us that Satan has his flaming arrows aimed at our children. If that is the case, then we do everything possible to bring Christ and His Word to our children. We cannot protect them from Satan; but Jesus can. So it is imperative that every parent see to it that children are raised in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. A pattern of life is to be set for these precious children for the sake of their eternal lives. Here is that pattern: Every Sunday in the Divine Service from baptism on; enrolled in Sunday School; if possible brought to the Day School; having daily devotions and prayer at home; and most all seeing parents in the Word and in the Divine Service as children learn from example, example, example.

Satan and his flaming arrows are constant. Our children are precious. So we are serious in raising our children as Christians in a pagan world. We want them to know Jesus. We want our children to live. And life is only in Jesus.

The recent Luther film, "Martin Luther: The Idea That Changed The World" is being broadcast on local station WTTW HD on Tuesday September 12 at 8 p.m. and again at 2:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 14.

August 27, 2017

Sunday, September 3

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am—Worship w/communion

No Bible Class/Sunday School

11:00 am—Worship w/communion

5:00 pm—Sr. High Youth

Monday, September 4

Labor Day—School and Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 5

7:00 pm—Day School Policy Board

Wednesday, September 6

9:00 am—Woman's Summer Bible Study

8:50 am—BLS Chapel

3:30 pm—Schola Cantorum

5:30 pm—Praises Ring

6:30 pm—All Youth Confirmation

7:00 pm—Proclaim

Thursday, September 7

Friday, September 8

Saturday, September 9

7:30 am—Saturday AM Men's Basketball

10:00 am—Sunday School Meeting

5:00 pm—Worship w/communion

Sunday, September 10

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am—Worship w/communion

10:00 am— Bible Class/Sunday School Classes

11:00 am—Worship w/communion

Prayers

In Our Prayers.....

All of Our Members, especially: **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; **Gina**, (friend of Jackie Tyndall) health issues; **Valerie Kincaid**, (friend of Sally Wilson) continued improvement/stability after bone marrow 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. **Luke Swanson**, (nephew of Pastor Schumacher) recovery from surgery on August 30. *(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 **Sam and Fran Harris** on their 3rd wedding anniversary.

For the **family of long time Bethany member Fred Berg** who passed away last weekend.

Chancel Flowers

Chancel flowers for this weekend were placed by **Sam and Frances Harris** for their 3rd wedding anniversary.

Stewardship

Weekly Contributions - Week of 8/27/2017

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$10,687	\$20,125	(\$9,438)

Year to Date Contributions 07/1/16 - 8/30/2017

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$159,852	\$155,500	\$4,352

Attendance

Aug 2017

Aug 2016

	Aug 2017	Aug 2016
Avg Weekly Attendance - Aug	389	415
YTD Attendance July - Aug	3,218	3,405

Quarterly Voters Assembly Meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 12 at 7 p.m. and plan to attend our quarterly Voters Assembly meeting. (To be safe, consider recording the Luther movie in case the meeting runs beyond 8 p.m.)

Reports from the Elders, Board of Finance, Board of Trustees, Day School Policy Board and the Admissions Director will be presented. There are new motions regarding the Team Leader position, our Line of Credit and amendments to our Constitution and Bylaws. We will also vote of Affirming Martin Franken and Matthew Krock as Elders.

News

Oktoberfest Volunteer Sign Up Continues!

Our third annual Oktoberfest will take place on Saturday, September 23 from 1 to 10 p.m. Lots of volunteers will make this another fun and successful event. Look for the sign up board this weekend and choose your volunteer slots or go online at <http://signupschedule.com/bethanyptl>.

We are also having a Triviafest on the Friday night before Oktoberfest. Another night of fun for our members, friends and neighbors! If you know any trivia buffs, invite them to join us for trivia, food and beverages.

Donations of water, Coke, Diet Coke Sprite and Root Beer are welcome any time from now on.

New Member Class Begins Next Sunday

On September 10 at 10 a.m. Pastor Schumacher will teach the new member class in conjunction with the Sunday morning Bible Study in the gym. If you're interested in joining or transferring to Bethany, plan to attend "*Luther's Essentials—Insights Into the Christian Faith by Dr. Martin Luther*" on September 10.

OWLS to Meet in September!

Bethany's senior group, the OWLS, are meeting on Thursday, September 14 at 11:30 a.m. We will meet at Braconi's at 796 Royal St. George, Naperville for lunch and fellowship. Be sure to call Esther Mosher at 630-355-2437 by Tuesday, September 12 if you are planning to join us.

Come Find Out How You Can Help!

Do you enjoy shopping the sales for fabric (including garage sales)? Would you like to donate some to the ongoing Days for Girls sewing project at Bethany sponsored by the LWML? Do you travel and bring back hotel size soap? Could you purchase a box of gallon size freezer quality Ziploc bags (original, no sliders) or thin washcloths in dark or bold colors. Please contact Ina Johnson at muttiina@gmail.com, for details. And, of course, if you would like to see what the sewing project is all about, join us at our first session of the season on Sunday, **September 17 from 5 to 7 p.m.** in the multi-purpose room.

Come Meet Fellow Parents of College Students!

The College Parent Group is a fellowship group for parents of college students that focuses on staying connected with our college age youth. Three times each year, we send packages to our college students, whether at home or away. If you are a parent of a college student, we invite you to join us to learn about our group and to sign up your student to receive packages this year. We will be meeting in the conference room at Bethany on Thursday, September 21 at 7 p.m. We hope to see you then, or registration forms are available in the narthex. Please contact Michelle Grimes with any questions at micgrimes@aol.com or 630 983-7822

Campbell Soup Labels

Now that school has begun be sure to continue to save Campbell Soup labels. Although this program expires on December 31, 2017, we encourage you to save labels until December. 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.

Music Notes for Everyone

Cantor Giuliani to Play Recital on Sept. 10 at 1

Cantor Giuliani will perform an organ recital featuring music of the liturgical year by various composers on Sunday, September 10 at 1 p.m. here in the sanctuary. All are invited.

Music Apprenticeship Program Continues

Did you know that Bethany has a Music & Worship Apprenticeship program? Cantor Giuliani is looking for applicants for the 2017-18 academic year. The Music & Worship Apprenticeship will assist Cantor in several aspects, including performance, leadership, administration, and scholarship. Those interested should email Cantor Giuliani **no later than Friday, September 15** at mgiuliani@bethanylcs.org

Youth News

Youth

September 3—Sr. High Youth Bible Study will meet at Bethany from 5 to 6 p.m.

September 23—Sr. High Youth Oktoberfest Clean-up and late-night game night (details TBA).

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
 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 Sonlitner.....Eighth Grade English/Sixth Grade Math
 Jill Diriltzen.....Teacher/Speech
 Holly Fletcher.....Special Education
 Kevin Zorena.....Assistant Cantor
 Chad Baganz/David Bremer.....Athletic Directors

Administrative/Support Staff

Pam Kolzow.....Finance Administrator
 Patty Compton.....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 Calhoun.....Chairman
 Richard Tatara.....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

Our Sunday School Teachers

PreK – Kindergarten.....Nicole Kaim
 1/2 grades.....Traci Downs
 3/4 grades.....Sue Sreniawski
 5/6 grades.....Kimberly Burnell
 7/8 grades.....Matt Krock, Braden Timmons

Readings for September 10

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 33:7-9, Psalm 32:1-7, Romans 13:1-10, Matthew 18:1-20

Bible Studies at Bethany

Our Feature Bible Study in the Gym

Our feature Bible Class for fall is called “*Luther’s Essentials...Insights into the Christian Faith by Dr. Martin Luther*” and will begin on Sunday, September 10 at 10 a.m. This Bible study will be taught by Pastor Schumacher. There is no Bible Study on September 3.

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 September 10 at 10 a.m. in the gym.

Sunday School

All classes normally meet each week at 10 a.m. in our school wing and grade levels are marked on the doorways. Classes begin next Sunday, September 10 at 10 a.m.

Ladies Wednesday Morning LifeLight

The Ladies LifeLight Bible study will begin the LifeLight Foundations study of Prophecy on **September 13**. Prophecy examines Old Testament promises and the fulfillment of those promises in the new Testament, the School of Prophets, the end of the world, and much more. All women are welcome to join us for this in-depth Bible study on Wednesday mornings, 9 to 11 in the boardroom. New Lifelight books are available in the church office for you to begin your first lesson for September 13. 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 will begin studying the book of Genesis in September. The date to be announced. 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.

The deadline for the September 10 Herald is Tuesday, September 5.