



HERALD

September 10, 2017
Fourteenth 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.

What's up with this new bulletin format?

Cantor's Column

Almost two years ago, we simplified our bulletin format with the intention of familiarizing our congregation with our *Lutheran Service Book*. With time, we have found that this simplified format has more drawbacks than benefits. Several months ago we went back to the drawing board and brainstormed how we might improve the Divine Service bulletin to better teach the liturgy, and make the liturgy more accessible. After some tweaking, a recommendation was made to the Elders, and they approved a two-week trial of the new format that you will see today and next weekend. In your bulletin is a pink sheet with an anonymous survey that we ask you to complete and leave on your way out of the sanctuary. We value your feedback!

So, what are the benefits of this new bulletin format? I'm glad you asked! While there are many, space is limited, so here are three of the big ones:

Teaching Notes on the Liturgy: This expanded format allows us to better teach on the liturgy. Lutherans have a rich liturgical tradition, and we would do well to know *why* we do the things that we do. It is also a good way for us to give our non-Lutheran visitors a clue as to what is going on in the service. As you follow along in the bulletin, you will find notes and quotes in the margins: What is the Kyrie? Why does the Pastor lift his hands and say "we lift up our hearts" during the Preface? The new format allows us to communi-

cate information like this to you without disrupting the flow of the liturgy. It is our desire that the people of Bethany are well catechized in the liturgy, and this is an excellent way for us to accomplish this.

Ease of Use: Everything that you need, except for the hymns, is included in the new bulletin--simply follow along. No more turning to the Small Catechism, trying to find the text that the choir is singing, or flipping back and forth between the Introit in the propers sheet and the liturgy in the service book. It's all right in front of you! This allows the liturgy to flow more naturally, and eliminates the frustration that has caused some people to "give up" trying to find where we are in the service--this has especially been a problem for our visitors, young mothers holding children, and elderly. Additionally, it also allows us to prominently display our Communion Statement, our policy on flash photography during baptisms, etc. which are often times overlooked in our current format.

So what about the hymnal? Are we ever going to use that? Let me be clear: we are committed to the regular use of our hymnal. The proposed bulletin will include the liturgy, but will only reference the hymns in the *Lutheran Service Book*. It is important to us that we continue to encourage four-part hymn singing, and the value of passing on a physical hymnal from generation to generation.

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This Week's Calendar

Sunday, September 10

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am—Worship w/communion
10:00 am—Bible Class/Sunday School
11:00 am—Worship w/communion

Monday, September 11

7:15 pm—Men's Basketball

Tuesday, September 12

7:00 pm—Voters Assembly Meeting

Wednesday, September 13

9:00 am—Woman's LifeLight
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 14

6:30 p.m. Board of Elder Meeting

Friday, September 15

Boys Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, September 16

Boys Volleyball Tournament
No Men's Basketball
7:30 am—Saturday AM Men's Bible Study
9:00 am—Board of Trustees
5:00 pm—Worship w/communion

Sunday, September 17

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am—Worship w/communion
10:00 am— Bible Class/Sunday School Classes
11:00 am—Worship w/communion
3:00 pm—Sewing Workshop
4:30 pm—Confirmation Mentor Night
5:00 pm—Dignity for Girls Sewing

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Musical Creativity: The new format will allow us to recapture the musical creativity that has been stifled with our current format. Perhaps in our hymn singing the women will sing stanza 2 and the men, stanza 4. Or, perhaps the choir will sing a Hymn of the Day concertato (these usually involved various designations as to who sings which stanza). What about all of that beautiful service music in the back of *Lutheran Service Book* that we never get to use? While it's not *impossible* to accomplish these things with our current bulletin format, limited space on the side tab is an issue and we often get complaints when there is "too much flipping around."

So there you have it! Please let us know what you think of the proposed format with the aforementioned survey. If you have any further questions, feel free to ask me or one of the pastors; we always enjoy talking with you!

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.

Chancel Flowers

Chancel flowers for this weekend were placed by **Jack and Barb Christensen** in thanksgiving for God's Precious Gifts and by **Cheryl Groth and Family** in memory of Dwight Groth on his birthday.

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.

Quarterly Voters Assembly Meeting Next 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 on Affirming Martin Franken and Matthew Krock as Elders. The agenda for the meeting is available on the Welcome Center.

News

Oktoberfest Volunteer Sign Up Continues!

Our third annual Oktoberfest will take place on Saturday, September 23 from 1 to 10 p.m. Thanks to all of the folks who have signed up to volunteer! We still have some slots open—mostly in the evening so please take a look at the sign up board or 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 This Sunday

This Sunday, September 10 at 10 a.m. is the first day of our combined New Member and Sunday Morning Bible Study class. Pastor Schumacher will teach this new class 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*".

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.

Next Theology on Tap is on September 19

Theology on Tap will meet on Tuesday, September 19 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Hopvine Brewing Co. We'll be covering pages 21 to 44 of the Large Catechism. See Bethany's website for information and the readings.

Music Apprentice 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 Apprentice 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

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

Sewing Lesson 101 for Days for Girls

Who? Girls who want to work a sewing machine

When? 3:00-4:30 on 9/17

Where? 7th Grade Classroom

With? Kate Millar, sewing instructor

Why? To learn the basics of running a sewing machine confidently and do your own troubleshooting, so more girls can help make quality hygiene kits efficiently for Days for Girls

Cost? Free--Kate Millar is donating her time at Bethany, but is going to offer more sewing classes at her shop. Visit classicsewing.com for more information

Bring? Your own sewing machine if possible (there will be extras)

RSVP: to Gretchen Brouch by 9/13 @ 630-520-1691 or gbrouch@sbcglobal.net

Let me know if you plan to bring a machine or not.

It's Time for a New Pictorial Directory!

Bethany Lutheran Church & School will be updating our Member Pictorial Directory and we're currently scheduling appointments for the portrait sittings. Photographers will be at Bethany on Wednesday, October 4th through Saturday, October 7th and again on Wednesday, October 18th, Thursday, October 19th, and Saturday, October 21st. Weekday times are 2:00 – 9:00 pm and Saturday times are 10 am to 4 pm. An on-line scheduling site has been created for appointments, so please check the Bethany website banner to connect to the link. Sign-up tables will be in the Narthex before and after church services in the coming weeks if you need assistance. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to receive a free 8 x 10 portrait when you have your photo taken. We can't wait to see your smiling faces in the Directory!

Youth News

Youth

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 17

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gen. 50:15-21, Psalm 103:1-12, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

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 begins this Sunday, September 10 at 10 a.m. in the gym This Bible study will be taught by Pastor Schumacher.

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. New Member Classes will be taught in conjunction with the *Luther’s Essentials class in the gym, beginning this Sunday, September 10 at 10 a.m.*

Sunday School

All classes meet each week at 10 a.m. in our school wing and grade levels are marked on the doorways. Classes begin this 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 17 Herald is Tuesday, September 12.