



HERALD

October 1, 2017
Seventeenth 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.

Luther on Baptism and the Sacrament of the Altar by Pastor Schumacher

Now the month of the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation has begun. On October 31st, we celebrate the start of the Reformation, which was October 31, 1517. For your benefit I would like to highlight important aspects of Luther's theology for your benefit. Last week, I wrote about Martin Luther and Prayer. This week I want to write to you about Martin Luther and **Baptism and the Sacrament of the Altar**.

What I love about Luther is that he is so clear from Scripture on what Baptism and the Sacrament of the Altar are and what are the benefits: *What is Baptism?* Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word. *What benefits does Baptism give?* It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

What is the Sacrament of the Altar? It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. *What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?* These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament for-

giveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

Luther knows from Scripture that Baptism and the Sacrament of the Altar are gifts given by Christ for our salvation. They are means of grace—means by which Christ's salvation is brought to us. Martin Luther clearly shows us that Baptism and the Sacrament of the Altar are totally gifts of Christ for forgiveness of sins and salvation. Neither are dependent on our work; they are dependent on Christ's promise. Therefore they are sure. Therefore they are the greatest treasures.

Luther knew that Sacraments were gifts given for our salvation. So Luther clearly confessed the gift nature of Baptism and the Sacrament of the Altar in the Catechism. This month as the 500th anniversary of the Reformation approaches, it would be great if you read through the entire Small Catechism. There you will see how clearly Baptism and the Sacrament of the Altar are taught, as well as the other chief parts of the faith. Luther's teaching on these gifts is excellent. The gifts are priceless. Praise God for salvation given through baptism and the Sacrament of the Altar.

Sarah Schumacher Wedding October 20th

Pastor and Amy Schumacher invite the entire congregation to the wedding of Tim Lieb and Sarah Schumacher on October 20 at 4:30 p.m. While it is not possible to invite everyone to the reception, Pastor and Amy would be honored for you to witness Sarah and Tim's wedding on that date.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, October 1

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am—Worship w/communion

10:00 am—Bible Class/Sunday School

11:00 am—Worship w/communion

Monday, October 2

7:00 pm—Telecare

7:15 pm—Men's Basketball

Tuesday, October 3

7:00 pm—Day School Policy Board

Wednesday, October 4

8:50 am—BLS Chapel

9:00 am—Woman's LifeLight

3:30 pm—Schola Cantorum

5:30 pm—Praises Ring

7:00 pm—Proclaim

Thursday, October 5

12:30 pm—Bethany Ladies Guild

Friday, October 6

No School—School Office Closed—NID Conference

Saturday, October 7

7:30 am—Saturday AM Men's Basketball

7:30 am—Saturday AM Men's Bible Study

5:00 pm—Worship w/communion

Sunday, October 8

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am—Worship w/communion

10:00 am—Bible Class/Sunday School

11:00 am—Worship w/communion

Prayers

In Our Prayers.....

All of Our Members, especially: **Claudia Scarpine**, chemo treatments. *(please renew after four weeks).*

All of our Family Members & Friends, especially:

Ben Blanchard, (uncle of Beth Hahn) cancer; **Charlotte Gjerde**, (aunt of Pastor Schumacher) hospitalized; **Debbie**, (friend of Maria Simpson) comfort/peace as she undergoes tests/surgery; **Valerie Kincaid**, (friend of Sally Wilson) continued improvement/stability after bone marrow transplant; **Jim McKnight**, (friend of Sally Wilson) radiation treatments; **Carol Rutti**, (mother of Jennifer Staffeldt) recovery from hip replacement surgery on September 29; **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. Prayers for **Shalyn Martinek** as she continues to serve in the Marines.

Prayers for **Courtney and Jimmy**.

Prayers of thanksgiving for **Jim and Mindy Francis** on their anniversary and for **Bob and Cheryl Airhart** on their anniversary.

Chancel Flowers

Chancel flowers for this weekend were placed by **Brockton Francis** for his parents, Jim and Mindy Francis' wedding anniversary and by **Bob and Cheryl Airhart** for their wedding anniversary.

Baptism

Rose Elizabeth Krock, daughter of Matthew and Jennifer (Callan) Krock will be baptized at the 8:30 a.m. service this weekend.

Stewardship

Weekly Contributions - Week of 9/24/2017

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$14,475	\$18,750	(\$4,275)

Year to Date Contributions 07/1/16 - 9/27/2017

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$232,310	\$230,500	\$1,810

Attendance

Aug 2017

Aug 2016

	Aug 2017	Aug 2016
Avg Weekly Attendance - Sept	425	402
YTD Attendance July - Sept	4,917	5,014

Derek Roberts Eagle Scout Project

On Saturday, October 7 Bethany alum Derek Roberts will be constructing picnic tables for his Eagle Scout Project to benefit Bethany Lutheran School's playground. Anyone age 11 or older who would like to assist Derek in his project is welcome. Please contact Derek at 630-210-5792 or derekroberts0092@gmail.com.

Love to Count Money?

We are looking for additional counters to help count offerings once a month. There are openings on both the Sunday and Monday teams. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Sheri Walsh at ssmdw@wideopenwest.com.

News

Rev. James May Here Next Weekend

Since 2010 Bethany members have been supporting Lutherans in Africa and their efforts to “form African Lutherans to be teachers of the faith.” There is a great need to train pastors to minister to the new Lutherans all over the continent. It is now especially exciting to hear of the progress they are making on The Lutheran School of Theology in Kenya and, next weekend, Rev. James May will be at Bethany to preach at all worship services and lead our Bible Study on Sunday. We will take a door offering and all donations up to \$15,000 will be matched. Rev. May will also share his message with the Day School children in chapel. To learn more and see photos of the progress there, go to lutheran-sinafrica.com/home.

Bethany’s Owls Celebrate the Reformation!

Bethany’s Owls will meet on Thursday, October 12 at 11:30 a.m. in the youth room. Please bring a sack lunch (dessert/coffee will be served). To help us celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Cantor Giuliani will be our guest. He will lead us in singing a number of hymns written by Martin Luther and give a little background on each of these hymns (this will give us practice for the Reformation Hymn Sing on October 29!). Please call Alice and Mel Holtan at 630-299-3740 by Tuesday, October 10 to let us know if you will be joining us for lunch, conversation and song!

Discount Available on Reformation Books

Concordia Publishing House is offering a special price on their newly available book “The Reformation” when ordered through Bethany. A sampler from the book, posted on the message tower, will give you a look at what to expect from this premier book. To place an order, complete a line on the posted order form by October 15.

Need Help Raking Your Leaves?

If you’re over 65 years old and need assistance raking your leaves, our Sr. High Youth will be offering this service Saturday, November 4. If you would like to sign up or have any questions, please contact Michelle Holtan at 630-788-9193. Scheduling will be on a first come first serve basis and we will get to as many houses as possible.

LWML Sunday Celebrated at Bethany this Weekend

This weekend we focus on the LWML and their spreading of the good news of our Lord Jesus along with meeting the physical needs of people in need around the world. Stop by the display in the narthex and take a look at the mission grant descriptions. Twenty-five percent of “Mites” go to these international grants, while seventy-five percent stay in the NID. LWML encourages projects like quilt making and, as at Bethany, their Days for Girls Project. “Mite” contributions as well as checks (made out to Bethany, but noted for LWML) in the offering plate, used eyeglasses and stamps are always a good way to help. Please keep the LWML and the work they do in your prayers.

CareNet’s Diaper Derby Continues

We are collecting wipes and diapers only (smaller sizes—newborn to 3) this year. Items can be dropped off in the pack ‘n play in the narthex which runs through October 22. CareNet supports 3 area baby banks including the Bridges parenting program which provide material goods as well as helpful support. Thank you as always for helping CareNet Pregnancy Services.

Annual CareNet Banquet

Join us on October 26 at 5:45 p.m. at Drury Lane Oak Brook to hear keynote speaker Dr. Jim Garlow, pastor, author and voice of the national radio feature “The Garlow Perspective”. Bethany is sponsoring a table of 12 and we would love to fill it this year. The banquet includes dinner and is complimentary; adults only please. Contact Kierste Schafer at kiersteschafer@gmail.com for more information or contact CareNet directly at <http://carenetdupage.com/>.

Youth News

October 1—Sr. High Youth from 5 to 6 p.m. in the youth room.
 October 8—Sr. High Reformation Party, 4:30 to 6 p.m.
 October 17—Jr. High Youth Mentor Night.
 October 22—No Youth.
 October 29—No Youth.
 November 4—Sr. High Leaf Raking Service Project 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pictorial Directory Sign Up

We are updating our Member Pictorial Directory and currently scheduling appointments. Photographers will be at Bethany Wed. Oct. 4—Sat. Oct. 7 and again on Wed. Oct. 18, Thurs. Oct. 19 and Sat. Oct. 21. Weekday times are 2 to 9 p.m. and Saturday times are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please make your appointment through Bethany’s website or between services in the narthex this weekend. **We are in need of volunteers to assist with check-in for each photo session. Please sign up on the board in the narthex.**

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 Sonlitzer.....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

Day School Policy Board

Kirk Bolt	David Brouch	Scott Collins, chair
Sully Diriltzen	Harold Downs	Malinda Francis
Beth Hahn	Sue Jablonsky	Joyce Lohrentz
	Kierste Schafer	

Readings for October 8

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-19, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

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 meets on Sundays at 10 a.m. in the gym. This Bible study is 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 are taught in conjunction with the *Luther’s Essentials class in the gym*.

Sunday School

All classes meet each week at 10 a.m. in our school wing and grade levels are marked on the doorways.

Ladies Wednesday Morning LifeLight

The Ladies LifeLight Bible Study is studying the LifeLight Foundations study of Prophecy. 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 a.m. in the boardroom. Lifelight books are available in the church office. Contact Karen Perry (630-904-1043 or ksper-ry62@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 the book of Genesis. 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. We are studying Luther’s Large Catechism. **Please note**—in October we will only meet October 7.

Bethany Lutheran Church & School

1550 Modaff Road Naperville, IL 60565
 Church: (630) 355-2198 School: (630) 355-6607
www.bethanylcs.org

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 October 8 Herald is Tuesday, October 3.