



# HERALD

November 5, 2017  
All Saints Day

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.

## **The Blessing of Bethany's Day School** by Pastor Schumacher

“What is a child?” Every parent who brings a precious bundle from a hospital needs to answer this question. So also every parent who is helping their toddler go up a stair. So also the parent who envisions their child growing up, working, marrying, and also having children. “What is a child?” It is a question that so few parents really know the answer to. The answer is found in Scripture. A child is a sinner who needs Jesus.

So we bring children to the waters of baptism that they might have forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Once their children are baptized, parents then raise their children in their baptismal faith. Parents know that their children are both saints and sinners, and need to return to their baptism continually. In the catechism we read: *What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.*

To raise children in their baptismal faith was a concern of Luther and Lutherans throughout the centuries. They realized that children need to grow in the Word and be strengthened in it. They also knew that God desires that the baptized serve Him and their neighbor by being faithful in their vocations. For Luther and Lutherans there is not a separation of our faith from day to day life. So Luther urged the rulers

and parents to establish Lutheran schools. This is why the Missouri Synod has had such an extensive parochial school system—so that the baptized would grow in their appreciation of what Christ has done for them, and so that they would grow in service to their neighbor.

Out of concern for the baptized in Christ, Bethany has a Day School. And ours is a Day School that all in our area should take advantage of. Bethany has been blessed with a wonderful and dedicated faculty who teach of Christ, and weave Christ into the fabric of the entire school day, and not just religion class. It is a Day School where students can thrive. In a society that is rebelling against even the most basic of biblical beliefs, young, vulnerable children learn the truth of who they are and the truth of the world around them. Our Day School grounds children in the Word of Christ, as well as teaching them in a disciplined, caring environment.

We look to the promises of God given in baptism. We also look at how to educate children in the best possible way so that they are well equipped to serve God and their neighbor as faithful Christians. We also look at a world that is thoroughly mixed up and confusing for young Christian minds. Seeing all this, we can truly see the blessing of our Day School, and why we know it is a great place for our children to be.

## This Week's Calendar

### Sunday, November 5

**All Saints' Day** (observed)  
 Daylight Savings Time Ends  
 8:30 am—Worship w/communion  
 10:00 am—Bible Class/Sunday School  
 11:00 am—Worship w/communion  
 12:00 pm—Lieb/Schumacher Wedding Reception

### Monday, November 6

7:00 pm—Telecare  
 7:00 pm—Voters Board Meeting

### Tuesday, November 7

7:00 pm—Day School Policy Board

### Wednesday, November 8

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, November 9

### Friday, November 10

8:30 am—BLS Grandparents/Veterans Day Celebration  
 3:00 pm—Crafters Paradise Set-up

### Saturday, November 11

9:00 am—Crafters Paradise  
 10:00 am—Sunday School Teachers Meeting  
 5:00 pm—Worship w/communion

### Sunday, November 12

#### Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am—Worship w/communion  
 10:00 am— Bible Class/Sunday School  
 11:00 am—Worship w/communion  
 12:30 pm—Social Event Planning offsite  
 5:00 pm—LWML Days for Girls Sewing

## Prayers

### *In Our Prayers.....*

**All of Our Members, especially:** **Claudia Scarpine**, health issues; **Kathy Schmidt**, health issues; **Joann Sislow**, health issues. *(please renew after four weeks).*

**All of our Family Members & Friends, especially:** **David Hildahl**, (brother of Amy Schumacher) eye issues; **Myah**, (granddaughter of Ron/Martha Stark) recovery from surgery. *(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 and **Matthew Hinze** and **Michael Hinze** as they continue to serve in the US Army.

For **Esther Gehrs** on her 105th birthday November 7.

### Chancel Flowers

Chancel flowers for this weekend were placed by **Jean Martinek** for Esther Gehrs on her 105th birthday and by **Jim and Mindy Francis** in memory of Malinda Foster.

### Bethany's Prayer Chain

We have a prayer chain! Please contact Ina Johnson (630-369-6074) or email at [muttiina@gmail.com](mailto:muttiina@gmail.com) with your prayer requests and if you would like to be part of the prayer chain.

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
 Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
 Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

Virginia Senkpeil	Lynn Fujii
Grace Hinze	Noel Hogberg
Dwight Groth	Robert Holt
George McKissick	Frederick Berg

### Stewardship

#### Weekly Contributions - Week of 10/29/2017

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$14,383	\$18,080	(\$3,697)

#### Year to Date Contributions 07/1/17 - 10/31/2017

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$320,157	\$320,900	(\$744)

### Attendance

	Oct 2017	Oct 2016
Avg Weekly Attendance - Oct	428	416
YTD Attendance July - Oct	7,055	7,092

### Making the Most of Our Narthex

Next to the Sanctuary, our Narthex is an important part of our church life. Here we meet and mix with our fellow members and here we give our visitors their first impression of our church. Plans are underway to make this space as welcoming, comfortable and useful as possible. Watch for more communication tools and a smaller, more visible welcome center. In the meantime, we need to move out some outdated furniture. If you would like to be part of the old welcome center removal team, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

## News

### Interested in Helping with Disaster Relief?

The East Texas area was devastated by Hurricane Harvey in August 2017, causing many people to experience severe flooding which made their homes uninhabitable. Ever since, the LCMS Texas District has conducted a disaster relief effort providing money for supplies and coordinating volunteer work efforts. To assist our Brothers in Christ, the Board of Elders has authorized a mission for assisting in this relief effort. We plan to send a team of volunteers from Bethany to the area near Port Arthur, Texas on a work trip departing Saturday **December 30** and returning Saturday **January 6**. We will drive to Texas in rented vans, stay on cots in LCMS church facilities, and perform remediation work. We are told the biggest need is for hanging new drywall in homes where flood damaged drywall was quickly removed. Participants should be sophomore in high school or older, and experience in performing construction activities is not required. Please indicate your interest on the sign-up form at the Welcome Center. We hope to raise \$20,000 to help fund the materials we will use in reconstruction and the trip expenses. More information regarding donating to this effort will follow in coming weeks.

### College Parent Care Group Wine and Cheese Party

All parents of college students are invited to the home of Brad and Karen Perry for a wine and cheese party this coming Thursday, November 9 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. We will write Christmas cards for our college students and enjoy ourselves.

RSVP to Karen ([ksperry62@gmail.com](mailto:ksperry62@gmail.com), 630-904-1043) by this Tuesday, November 7.

### Join the OWLS on November 9

The Owls will next meet on Thursday, November 9 at 11:30 a.m. at Juicy-O, located at 844 S. Rt. 59 Naperville (in front of Sam's Club). Our guest speaker is Officer Martin Franken. He will alert us to the many scams targeting us today and how we can be "more aware" during this upcoming holiday season. Please call Xandria Balcer at 630-527-0779 by Tuesday, November 7 with your RSVP. We are looking forward to seeing you!

### Crafter's Paradise is Next Saturday!

Be sure to come and spend some time at Bethany's 28th Annual Crafters Paradise on November 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Many crafters from the area will exhibit and sell their hand-crafted items. Ladies Guild member Gertrude Bartha will be making her famous pumpkin pies again this year! We hope you will join us for this Bethany Ladies Guild sponsored event.

### BLS Grandparents Day/Veterans Day Celebration

Bethany Lutheran School will be celebrating Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day on Friday, November 10 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Special programs are planned for the morning. If you have a grandchild at Bethany, please be sure to join us!

### Come See What Bethany Lutheran School is all About—Open Houses Set!

Join us for our upcoming Open Houses to see what Bethany has to offer you and your family. Child care will be provided.

Preschool: November 17 and January 17 from 12-1 p.m.

Kindergarten: December 5 from 5:30-7 p.m.

1st Grade: November 7 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

If these dates and times don't work for you, please email Linda Fox ([lfox@bethanylcs.org](mailto:lfox@bethanylcs.org)) to set up a private tour. Enrollment for the 2018-19 Preschool-Kindergarten begins December 1 at 8:45 a.m. in the Multi-purpose room.

### Do You Like to Plan Social Events?

Let's plan more events for adults. Bring your ideas to our first planning meeting on **Sunday, November 12 at 12:30 p.m.** at Wings and Rings on 75th St. Let's get social! Interested, but can't attend? Sign up at the narthex tower.

### Days for Girls

Every girl in the world should know God loves them and takes care of their daily needs. Girls, Moms, and Grandmothers are invited to join us Sunday, November 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Be a part of sharing the Gospel through the Days for Girls program! Learn more about DfG at [daysforgirls.org](http://daysforgirls.org).

### Youth News

November 5—No Youth.

November 11—Crafters Paradise Clean Up/Apple Party 2:30-4:30 p.m.

November 12—after 11:00 service in the Youth Room

All interested Parent & Youth (current 8th grade - High School Senior) Information meeting for 2018 Higher Things Conference - SANCTIFIED

November 19—Jr. High Mentor Night 4:30-6 p.m.

## 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 Sonlitter.....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 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  
 To e-mail any staff member: First initial of first name last name  
 @bethanylcs.org (ex. sschumacher@bethanylcs.org)

## Day School Policy Board

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

### Readings for November 12

#### Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:18-24, Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

**The deadline for the November 12 Herald is Tuesday, November 7.**

## 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](mailto:sschumacher@bethanylcs.org) or Pastor Clemmer at [scllemmer@bethanylcs.org](mailto:scllemmer@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 [ksperry62@gmail.com](mailto:ksperry62@gmail.com)) with any questions.

### Evening Lifelight

The Thursday Evening Lifelight Bible Study meets with Pastor at church 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.

**Theology on Tap** has been moved to November 30 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Hopvine Brewing. Please check Bethany’s website for the reading assignment and to register.

### Bethany Lutheran Church & School

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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.