



HERALD

November 19, 2017
Twenty-fourth 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.

Out of the Depths: When Churches Become Crime Scenes by Chad Bird

Out of the depths have we cried unto Thee, O Lord. Out of the morgue, the hospital, the cemetery soil baptized with a thousand tears. Out of the rubble of our shattered lives, our dead children, our bitter grief and lacerated hearts. Out of the grave into which we have plummeted, alive yet dead, the dirt of a thousand decimated hopes spilling down into that black, hopeless pit. Out of these depths have we cried unto Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear our voice. Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications.

But even though every prayer thrown toward heaven lands within our Lord's open ears, *that is not enough*. It is not enough to have a God way-up-there who hangs on our every word. It is not enough that he hears or even that he pities our predicament. We need something more. Out of the depths have we cried unto Thee, O Lord.

And below us a Voice resounds, "Out of the depths have I answered you, my child. *Hear my voice*. Out of the depths of Joseph's pit, cast there for you by my brothers in the flesh. Out of the depths of Jonah's fish, cast there for you by the hands of Gentile men.

Out of the depths of:

- the mocking and the stripping
- the whipping and the nailing
- the bleeding and the dying

Out of the depths of the grave, have I cried unto you. *Hear my voice*. Let your ears be attentive to the voice of My love. For since it was not enough that the Lord of heaven and earth hung on our every word, the Word came down from heaven and hung upon the cross. Out of the depths of his humiliation, out of the depths of his suffering, out of the fathomless depths of his love for you, he cries: "**I am enough.**"

Where is God in tragedy? Where is he when houses of worship become crime scenes? Where he always is: in the crucified Christ, where he displays his cosmic love that enfolds all humanity; makes our griefs and sorrows and sins his own; and brings us through death to the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. For no matter how deep you go, out of the farther depths the crucified God of love speaks forth a word of life and hope and healing for you.

Chad Bird is a former seminary professor, author, and speaker within the LCMS. For more information and more of his writings, visit www.chadbird.com.

Bethany's Festival Choir

Are you interested in singing in the choir, but don't have time to commit to singing regularly? The Festival Choir sings a few times per year for special services such as the Christmas Eve and Easter services. We welcome you to join us for the Christmas Eve 5 p.m. and/or 11 p.m. services! The commitment is attendance at the following rehearsals: November 29 from 7-8 p.m. and December 6, 13 and 20 from 8-9 p.m. (following the midweek Advent service). Please contact Cantor Giuliani at mgjuliani@bethanylcs.org if you are interested in joining us.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, November 19

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am—Worship w/communion
 10:00 am—Bible Class/Sunday School
 11:00 am—Worship w/communion
 4:30 pm—Confirmation Mentor Night

Monday, November 20

9:30 am—LWML
 7:00 pm—Voters Board

Tuesday, November 21

Wednesday, November 22

No School—Thanksgiving Break/School Office Closed

No Woman's LifeLight

7:15 am—Thanksgiving Eve Evening Prayer

Thursday, November 23

No School—Thanksgiving Break/School & Church Offices Closed

9:00 am—Thanksgiving Day Matins

Friday, November 24

No School—Thanksgiving Break/School & Church Offices Closed

Saturday, November 25

7:30 am—Saturday AM Men's Basketball
 5:00 pm—Worship w/communion

Sunday, November 26

Last Sunday of the Church Year/Christ the King Sunday

8:30 am—Worship w/communion
 10:00 am— Bible Class/Sunday School
 11:00 am—Worship w/communion
 No Youth

Prayers

In Our Prayers.....

All of Our Members, especially: Joann Sislow, rehab. *(please renew after four weeks).*

All of our Family Members & Friends, especially: Spencer Bacus, (friend of Drew Bollinger) unconscious due to neurological issues; **Lara Barault**, (granddaughter of Joel/Mary Burke) lupus difficulties; **Sharon Galen**, (mother of Sally Wilson) health issues; **Valerie Kincaid**, (friend of Sally Wilson) for improvement after stem cell transplant; **Lois Oppenheimer**, (friend of the Gutzwiller family) healing from infection. *(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 **Landon Barnickel** on his 11th birthday and for **Harold Downs** on his 16th birthday.

For the **family of Claudia Scarpine** who passed away on Wednesday morning.

Chancel Flowers

Chancel flowers for this weekend were placed by **Al and Jennifer Barnickel** for son Landon's 11th birthday and by the **Downs family** for son Harold's 16th birthday.

Theology on Tap

For the month of November only, Theology on Tap will meet on **Thursday, November 30, 6:30 to 8 p.m.** at Hopvine Brewing. The reading assignment is available on the website.

Stewardship

Weekly Contributions - Week of 11/12/2017

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$15,414	\$23,375	(\$7,961)

Year to Date Contributions 07/1/17 - 11/15/2017

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$364,589	\$367,650	(\$3,062)

Attendance

Nov 17

Nov 16

Avg Weekly Attendance - Nov	461	439
YTD Attendance July - Nov	7,976	7,970

Poinsettia's for Christmas

If you would like to order a red or white poinsettia to decorate the chancel area this Christmas, please sign your name to the sheet at the flower chart in the Narthex. The cost is \$11 for each poinsettia and envelopes are available for payment. You may take your poinsettia home after church on Christmas Day.

Big Thanks for Roof Gifts!!

At their meeting last Tuesday the Board of Finance noted that we are only \$3,950 away from paying for the entire roof replacement project this past summer. Financial Administrator Pam Kolzow noted that gifts are still coming in. The Board of Finance hopes that the coming month will bring in additional gifts so that the entire project can be covered through the one-time fundraiser. Many, many thanks to those who generously contributed to this effort.

News

East Texas Work Group Mission News!

Planning continues for the mission trip to Hope Lutheran Church in Winnie, Texas to rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey. The trip is planned for Saturday, December 30—Saturday, January 6. **We still have a few slots open for volunteers to sign-up in the narthex.** Meanwhile, fundraising continues to raise money to pay for the construction materials and trip expenses. **Envelopes for donations are available in the back of the sanctuary and in the narthex.** This Sunday morning we are holding a sale of **frozen apple and cranberry/apple pancake coupons from Pancake Café**, located nearby at the intersection of 75th St. and Rickert/Naperville-Plainfield Rd. They cost \$11, and each pancake sold will enable the purchase of a sheet of drywall for our mission. Also, **mark your calendars for the DuPage Children's Museum (DCM) Adult Social, to be held on Sunday, December 3 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** We invite all members and the public age 21+ to come and enjoy fellowship and wine, cheese, soft drinks, and coffee. All of the Museum exhibits will be open for guests to experience. Silent auction items will also be offered. Parents can drop off children at Bethany before the event (with pick up after) where the Youth Group will host a free cheese and cracker party for children. **Tickets for the DCM event are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple and will go on sale in the narthex this Sunday.** Contact Rich Tatara rmtatara428@gmail.com or call the church office with questions.

A Thank You from 8th Grade

The eighth grade class would like to thank all Bethany members who supported their class trip by purchasing Butter Braids. Because of your generous support, we were able to raise \$1,000 for our trip to St. Louis. Please remember to pick up your Butter Braids on **Tuesday, November 21 from 3:15-5:15 p.m.** Please email Jennifer Gutzwiller at jgutzwiller@bethanylcs.org if other arrangements need to be made.

We're Still Collecting Campbell Soup Labels!

We are able to continue the Campbell Soup label program until December 31, 2017. Be sure to place your labels in the box across from the multi-purpose room.

Youth News

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

November 26—No Youth

December 3—No Youth

December 10—Youth Christmas Caroling and Party (details TBA)

December 17—Jr. High Mentor Night, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Additional Director Photograph Sessions Needed

For those members who need to schedule a portrait sitting, we need to determine the number of spots we need to have available for sessions. Please be sure to sign your name on the list posted in the Narthex or call the church office to have your name added to the lists. This will enable us to determine how many additional date(s) we need to have available for sessions. The sooner we have the list compiled, the sooner we can confirm the date(s). We need to confirm additional dates next week.

8 x 10 Portraits Are Here!

If you already had your photograph taken and your "free" 8 x 10 was being shipped to the church office, please stop by the church office to pick it up. You'll see a delivery sheet list near the stack of photos, so please find your name on the list and sign that you have received your photo.

Where Everybody Knows Your Name

Last Sunday seven members sat down and started planning some fun events that will allow our adult members to get to know one another better. We want to be known as the Cheers Club because we eventually hope that, through these activities, all Bethany members will get more familiar with each other, knowing more people by name. Eventually we see this familiarity growing naturally into care, concern and support for all of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Our first fun event will be on Saturday, January 20 so mark your calendars now. Watch for details!

Another Successful Crafters Paradise

Thank you to all who came to Bethany Guild's Crafters Paradise. Faculty and youth were helpful in set-up and take-down. Special thanks to member crafters Amy Darcy, Lynn Hart and Londa Luehrsen and also to productive baker Gertrude Bartha. A limited supply of this year's Chrismons is still available by calling 630-961-0628.

Leaf Raking Thank You!

On Saturday, November 11 the Sr. High Youth had 19 youth and adults rake leaves at 5 homes of our senior members. Our seniors were very grateful and wish the youth to know how much they appreciate their hard work. Thanks also to the adults who participated, especially Michelle Holtan for organizing the day!

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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 November 26

Last Sunday of the Church Year/Christ the King Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, Matthew 25:31-46

Bible Studies at Bethany

Our Feature Bible Study in the Gym

Our feature Bible Class, taught by Pastor Schumacher, is called “*Luther’s Essentials...Insights into the Christian Faith by Dr. Martin Luther*”. These classes meet in the gym at 10 a.m.

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 sclammer@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 will begin the study of Ezra and Nehemiah on November 29. Join us to see how God brought His people Israel back from exile in Babylon and renewed His covenant with them. 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) with any questions. **There is no Lifelight on November 22.**

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. In December we will go back to our regular schedule. Please check Bethany’s website for the reading assignment and to register.

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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 November 26 Herald is Tuesday, November 21.