



HERALD

February 4, 2018
Septuagesima Sunday

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 Living Word by Pastor Schumacher

What would a cancer patient say if a drug company invented a drug guaranteed to adhere to any cancer cell and kill it, although it might be painful? And the same drug was able to repair any organ damaged by the cancer cells? And the drug was inexpensive and completely reliable? Would the cancer patient take such a drug? Of course the patient would. Who wants cancer cells in their body? Who does not want damaged organs restored?

Hebrews 4:12 says, *“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”* The Word of God is unique. The Word of God is living and active. The Holy Spirit uses the Word to cut the heart and convict of sin. The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to create and sustain faith. The Word of God is living and active.

It was by the Word that the heavens and the earth were created. Look at Genesis 1. Over and over again, you see “And God said...” God spoke and the creation was made. Since the Fall, God wants a new creation. He wants us to be saved. So the Holy Spirit works through the Word to create and sustain faith. Romans 10:17 says, *“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”* God desires that we be His. He makes us His own through the Word, the living and active Word. Look at the

Catechism. We confess that it is the Word that gives both Baptism and the Lord’s Supper the power to bring us forgiveness of sins.

We often think that because we know some Bible passages and know the basic outline of some Bible stories that we do not need to read the Bible. That comes from a false view of the Word that treats the Bible the way we treat a textbook or a newspaper story. No, the Word of God is living and active. The Word of God is necessary for our daily life as a Christian.

Often the Word is painful. The Word of Law is painful as our old sinful self does not want to fear, love, and trust in God above all things. Living in a pagan world, it is easy to look at aspects of life as the world does, and to fall into sin. The Word of Law is necessary to convict us of our sin, or that sin would cause us to lose salvation. The Word can be painful as it convicts us of sin so that the sin could be repented of and forgiven just as it is painful for the cancer to be identified and removed.

More than pain, though, the Word of God brings pure joy. The Word creates and sustains faith in Jesus Christ. The Word brings salvation and healing to our souls. The Word creates and sustains hope. The Word is living and active and gives us eternal life. Rejoice in the Word. Know that the Word is living and that you need the Word for your life and for the life of your children and family.

Make Note of These Bethany Music Events

The Trinity International University Choir will be singing at both services on Sunday, February 18. Their director is an associate of Cantor Giuliani’s and they are looking forward to participating in our liturgical services. The following week, on February 25 we will be having a Chamber Ensemble from the Bach Academy’s Naperville Youth Symphony Orchestra (NYSO) join us for the 8:30 a.m. service. On Sunday, March 4, the Cornerstone University Chorale will be here for both services and will also do a concert at 3 p.m. that Sunday.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, February 4

Sexagesima (Pre-Lent)

8:30 am—Worship w/communion
 10:00 am—Bible Class/Sunday School
 11:00 am—Worship w/communion
 3:15 pm—BLS Women's Volleyball—offsite
 5:00 pm—No Youth

Monday, February 5

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

Tuesday, February 6

Wednesday, February 7

8:50 am—BLS Chapel
 9:00 am—Women's LifeLight
 3:30 pm—Schola Cantorum
 5:30 pm—Praises Ring
 7:00 pm—Proclaim
 7:00 pm—Day School Policy Board

Thursday, February 8

6:30 pm—Board of Elders
 7:00 pm—Evening Lighthouse

Friday, February 9

6:00 pm—Sweetheart Dance

Saturday, February 10

7:30 am—Saturday AM Men's Basketball
 10:00 am—Youth Amore Set-up
 4:30 pm—Youth Amore Italian Dinner
 5:00 pm—Worship w/communion

Sunday, February 11

Quinquagesima (Pre-Lent)

8:30 am—Worship w/communion
 10:00 am—Bible Class/Sunday School
 11:00 am—Worship w/communion
 2:00 pm—BLS Women's Volleyball
 4:30 pm—Jr. High Mentor Night

Prayers

In Our Prayers.....

All of Our Members, especially: Cheryl Airhart, recovery at home from broken hip; Jennifer Barnickel, recovery from surgery; Shirley Grudzien, recovery from fractured wrist. *(please renew after four weeks).*

All of our Family Members & Friends, especially: Sara Dumford, (daughter of Dave/Sue Dumford) for favorable test results; Valerie Kincaid, (friend of Sally Wilson) continued improvement after stem cell transplant; Geoff Lyden, (friend of Al Barnickel) cancer diagnosis; Merle Steva, (brother of Denise Bruno) recovery from heart 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 Deanne Lieb and family at the death of her father, Richard Kuehn last week.

Lenten Worship Schedule 2018

Wednesday, February 14—9 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, Divine Service

Wednesday, February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21
 9 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.

Lenten Matins and Vespers

***Lenten Soup Suppers Begin on Ash Wednesday
 at 6:15 p.m.***

Stewardship

Weekly Contributions - Week of 1/28/2018

| Actual | Budget | Surplus/Deficit |
|----------|----------|-----------------|
| \$17,475 | \$22,625 | (\$5,150) |

Year to Date Contributions 07/1/17 - 1/31/2018

| Actual | Budget | Surplus/Deficit |
|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| \$611,912 | \$626,900 | (\$14,988) |

Attendance

Jan 2018

Jan 2017

| | Jan 2018 | Jan 2017 |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Avg Weekly Attendance - Jan | 423 | 425 |
| YTD Attendance July - Jan | 13,023 | 12,953 |

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 or Pam Kolzow at pkolzow@bethanylcs.org.

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap will meet on **Tuesday, February 20, 6:30-8 p.m.** at Hopvine Brewing Co, (4030 Fox Valley Center Dr.). We are studying Luther's Large Catechism. Please see Bethany's website for the reading assignment and to register. We hope you will join us.

News

Amore's Italian Dinner

Saturday, February 10

\$25.00 per person

Bethany's Youth invite you to enjoy a night out and a delicious Italian meal in the gym.

Dinner includes:

Salad and Bread, choice of entrée, dessert, water or soda, red or white wine.

Serving times are 4:30-6 p.m., 6:30-8 p.m. or 8:30-10 p.m.

Register online at www/Bethanylcs.org/amores or see the display in the narthex.

Free babysitting is available!

“Dignity for Girls” Makes Hygiene Kits

We love because He first loved us 1 John 4:19. This February plan to share His Love with girls in Kenya. We have two dates scheduled this month, Sunday, February 18 (5-7 p.m.) and Monday, February 19 (9 a.m.-noon). Side by side girls and ladies share the love of Jesus as we sew, iron, and pray together. Please bring an ironing board or sewing machine if you have one. We will be working on drawstring bags. Learn more about the mission at www.dignityforgirls.org.

CareNet Baby Bottles Due Next Sunday!

There's still time to take a baby bottle from the pack 'n play as we celebrate life and support CareNet, an agency that helps mothers with unplanned pregnancies. Please take a bottle and fill it over the next several weeks with coins, bills or checks and return it to the pack 'n play in the narthex by February 11. We thank you!

We're Going to be in the Parade!

Save the date for Saturday, March 10!

Who Has a Flatbed Truck!

Picture this—The Naperville St. Patrick's Day Parade, 2018: The sound of the Bethany band playing a spirited song from atop a flatbed truck that is totally decked out in full décor, surrounded by Bethany students and church members marching alongside, wearing matching green Bethany tee-shirts and handing out Bethany Lutheran Church and School pencils to all the parade-goers. What a great way to get out into the community! **If you would like to partner with us in this event, call or email Linda Fox (630-355-6607 or lfox@bethanylcs.org).** We still need a sponsor for the tee shirts and flatbed truck. Plan on walking with us!

We Desperately Need Card Tables!

We are in desperate need of card tables for the *Amore's Italian Dinner* night. If you have a card table and would be willing to loan it to the youth group, you can drop off and pick up in the narthex or church office. Drop off at church anytime before February 8. Pick up after church on February 17/18 or February 24/25. For more information call Michelle Holtan (630-788-9193) and make sure your name is on the bottom of the table for easy pick up.

Bethany OWL's to Meet February 8!

The Owls will meet for lunch and fellowship at Braconi's (796 Royal St. George Dr. Naperville) on **Thursday, February 8 at 11:30 a.m.** Please call Marilyn Miller at 815-524-7499 or email her at door-co99@aol.com by Tuesday, February 6 if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there!

Come to the Sweetheart Dance!

Bethany's congregation is invited to our Sweetheart Dance on February 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the gym. Dads, daughters, moms, sons, grandparents, aunt, uncles and special friends are all invited to this special evening. The cost is \$15 per family with music by DJ Buena Beats and light refreshments. It's a tropical theme, but come fancy or casual. Grab your special someone and join us on Friday, February 9!

February Youth

February 4—No Youth (Super Bowl Sunday)

February 10—Amore's Dinner Youth Fundraiser

February 11—Jr High Mentor Night (Sr Youth Invited), 4:30 p.m.

February 18—No Youth

February 25—Sr High Youth (5 to 6 p.m.)

Board Members

Program Staff

Vacant.....Pastor (Team Leader, Administration)
 Rev. Stephen Schumacher.....Pastor (Mercy)
 Rev. Seth ClemmerPastor (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 Diriltten.....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
 Melanie Colt.....School Secretary
 Agnes Giuliani.....Confirmation/Sunday School Coordinator
 Vacant.....Worship Secretary
 Jean Martinek.....Youth/Evangelism/Membership Secretary/Printer
 Jake Mathley.....Facilities Manager
 Pam Splitt.....Herald Editor
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Day School Policy Board

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| Grant Baganz | David Brouch | Scott Collins |
| Molly D'Amico | Sully Diriltten | Harold Downs |
| Beth Hahn | Sue Jablonsky | Joyce Lohrentz |
| Kierste Schafer | | Jerry Schuh |

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

Bible Studies at Bethany

Our Feature Bible Study in the Gym

Our feature Bible Class, taught by Pastor Clemmer is the Study of Psalms. This class meets in the gym 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.

Adult Instruction Class

Adult Information Class continues at 10 a.m. in the Harris Wing Board Room. 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.

Ladies Wednesday Morning LifeLight

The Ladies LifeLight Bible Study is studying Ezra and Nehemiah. 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.

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.

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 available as a cry room during worship services.

**The deadline for the February 11 Herald
 is Tuesday, February 6.**