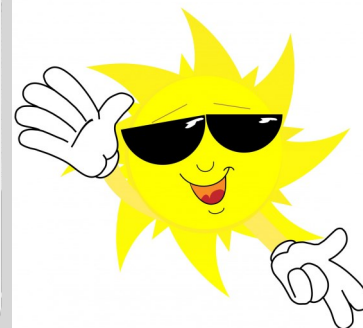


August

August 2023 Newsletter



*The sun rises and
the sun sets, then
hurries around to
rise again.*

*Ecclesiastes 1:5
(NLT)*

Bethany Lutheran Church

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1:30 pm

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Sunday Morning Worship Time

9:30 Worship

10:30 Coffee Hour



There is a right time for everything. Everything on earth has its special season. Ecclesiastes 3:1

(International Children's Bible)

Dear Bethany,

We move into August, marking the end of a lovely summer. For me, with a professor husband, and still school-aged children, the month of September is a beginning and August is an ending. Our family calendars revolve around the start of school, just as our liturgical calendars bring us to start the year at the end of November when Advent starts. And our regular calendar starts in January. There are other calendars, such as the moon and tide schedules, the Chinese calendar, the Jewish calendar etc.

We do tend to mark our new beginnings with a turn of a calendar page, but we also mark time in various other ways: the day of a significant death, or a significant birthday, you know, ones that have a 0 or a 5 in them. How do you mark your life? How do you mark the year? Which calendar rules your life?

I think it is amazing how God has given us all these ways to mark time, and yet God is eternal and our life with Christ is eternal. Time has no bearing on God, and yet time marked in some way rules our existence.

I pray that whatever calendar is marking time for you now that this life season is a good one filled with joy and happiness, summer days, and peace within.

Warmly, Pastor Susan

August Emergency Fund: ELCA WORLD HUNGER

Second-Mile Giving

The world is facing an unprecedented food crisis. Your gift could be the difference between a child going to bed hungry or eating a nutritious meal. A donation to World Food Program USA, a top-rated charity, helps deliver lifesaving food to children and families most in need. Your gift will help the ELCA distribute emergency food in conflict areas and natural disaster zones, provide school meals and conduct farmer training programs in local communities. Did you know that frequently the ELCA team is one of the first emergency assistance into areas of conflict? Did you know that Bethany's three-year grant for Hungry Kids Weekend "Go" Bags came from this fund?

No gift is too small when someone has nothing to eat. \$75 can provide a family with an emergency box – which contains enough food for an entire month. Please make a lifesaving difference today. Please mark your check memo "Emergency Fund" and 80% will go to the charity and 20% will go to pastor's discretionary fund. (Last month from this fund, pastor was able to help a disparate family who needed fuel for their transportation.)

August Ministry of the Month:

Education, Bible Study, & Evangelism

Bible Study: Studying and reading opens the door to knowledge, but each of us must walk through it! If you have participated in Pastor Susan's study of the book of John or Kathy Newton's Women's Bible Study from the *Gather* magazine, you have opened your mind to new insights about life today as well as a deeper understanding of biblical times. There's no better way to grow in the word of the Lord! Growing closer to your fellow Christians by sharing experiences and stories, also, provides witness to others and strengthens your own faith.

Education: If you participate in observing Small Seeds and Sprouts with Pastor Susan and the Bob & Pat Reistroffer, you know the blessings the children bring to us as the light of the Lord shines through in their understanding of His Word. The many helpers for Vacation Bible Study, a part of our education program, were privileged to see the joy children brought to us as well.

Evangelism: We are known by our actions and our word. We can evangelize in simple ways. So next Sunday when you drive out of the driveway early Sunday morning, you too are being a witness to the Lord with your neighbors.

Thank you everyone for being a part of our Education, our Bible Study, and our Evangelism ministries!



Joke of the day:

What did one pencil say to the other on the first day of school?

"Looking sharp"

August

04 Bob Reistroffer

05 Rick Loewen

06 Bob Baldwin

10 Phyllis Cavens

13 Olivia Engebo

13 Xander Gireth

26 Jayden Murphy

29 DiAnn Foslien



02 Butch and Pam Alexander

03 Glenn and Beth Milhiser

05 Gene and Debra Zandi

08 Ivan and Betty Olson

14 George and Gail Obermeyer

06 Aiden Marshall Baptism



Worship Ministry Schedule

AUGUST 13, 2023

Greeter: Barb Clausen
Ushers: Bob and Pat Reistroffer
Reader: Beth Grambo
Communion Asst: Shelly Limpach
Communion Setup: Shelly Limpach
PowerPoint: Lee Limpach
Financial Sec: Susan Shiu
Live Stream: John Pelster
Coffee Hour: Cavens/Clausen

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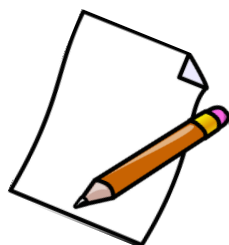
Greeter: Susan Shiu
Ushers:
Reader: Karen Langworthy
Communion Asst: Karen Langworthy
Communion Setup: Shelly Limpach
PowerPoint: Carol Thompson
Financial Sec.
Live Stream:
Coffee Hour: Thompsons/

AUGUST 27, 2023

Greeter: Barb Clausen
Ushers:
Reader: Nancy Skora
Communion Asst: Nancy Skora
Communion Setup: Shelly Limpach
Power Point:
Financial Sec: Pam van den Driessche
Live Stream: John Pelster
Coffee Hour:

Please let Pastor Susan know if you can help in the places that are missing worship volunteers.
Worshipping the Lord every Sunday is the core of our community and the volunteer help is needed and appreciated.
If you need to change dates please try and get a replacement. Thank you.

Please sign up for September worship ministries
 located in the hallway on the bulletin board



Youth & Service: School Supply Collection

We will finish our school supply collection on the **week of August 20th**, so please make sure you have your sale purchases to us by Tuesday, August 22nd, as we will be sorting and deliver- ing to our partner schools on Wednesday, August 23rd. Thank you for your generosity!



Save the Dates!

Exciting plans were made for this fall! Plans are being made to participate in:

God's Work: Our Hands with United Way Day of Caring on Sept. 14th

Outdoor Service & Rally Day Picnic Sept. 17th

Pet Blessing Oct. 1st

WELCA Conference @ Bethany Oct. 14

Octoberfest Dinner (raffle, fun trivia) Oct. 28 5:30

Family Advent & Christmas Decorating Nov 29th 4:00

Smorgasbard Dec. 3rd 5:00



THANK YOU

Audrey Schauer!

Audrey has agreed to be our Volunteer Coordinator!





There were many prayer requests this month. Please lift up the community of Bethany in prayer. Know that we pray for each other and know you are held in God's hands.



Council was off for the month of July

No report this month

Bethany Lutheran Church August 2023

Sunday	Mon.	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:00 Breakfast Group 10:30 Women's Bible Study 1:30 Moment's @ Lake 6:00 Boy Scouts	2	3 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape	4	5
6 <i>Sunday Service</i> Pastor Susan Dollinger <i>Communion/ER</i> <i>Baptism of Aiden Marshall</i> 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Hour	7	8 8:00 Breakfast Group 10:30 Women's Bible Study 1:30 Moment's @ Lake 6:00 Boy Scouts	9 12:00 Executive Council Mtg (Zoom)	10 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape	11	12 Ruth Sieler Celebration of Life 10:30 
13 <i>Sunday Service</i> Pastor Susan Dollinger <i>Communion</i> 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Hour	14	15 5:30 Council Meeting (moved) 8:00 Breakfast Group 10:30 Women's Bible Study 1:30 Moment's @ Lake 6:00 Boy Scouts	16	17 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape <i>Newsletter items due</i>	18	19
20 <i>Sunday Service</i> Pastor Susan Dollinger <i>Communion</i> 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Hour <i>School supplies Due</i>	21	22 Pastor out ELCA training 8:00 Breakfast Group 10:30 Women's Bible Study at Barb Clausen's home 1:30 Moment's @ Lake 6:00 Boy Scouts	23 Pastor out ELCA training	24 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape	25	26 Private Event Facility Use
27 <i>Sunday Service</i> <i>Hymn Sing</i> Pastor Susan Dollinger <i>Communion</i> 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Coffee Hour 11:15 Worship & Music	28	29 8:00 Breakfast Group 10:30 Women's Bible Study 1:30 Moment's @ Lake 6:00 Boy Scouts	30	31 9:00 Duct Tape 10:00 Coffee w/ Duct Tape		