



Bethany Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

Reaching out in Worship, Fellowship, Learning, and
Love - We Are God's People.

Thanksgiving Eve

We will be having a Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday,
November 27! Service will be held at Messiah starting at 7:00
p.m.!



Christmas Poinsettia Orders!

It's that time of year again! Yes that is right, it is time for the Poinsettia orders! Poinsettia plants will be \$17.50 including sales tax and delivery and no bows on the plants. I have included an order form in this newsletter for your convenience. Order forms will be in your Sunday bulletins starting on November 10 and very last day for order forms will be on Sunday, December 1. This is to ensure we have all orders in by the ordering deadline of December 5. We will have extra order forms in the office if you misplaced your form. You may also drop off your order to Wendy during office hours if you are unable to on Sunday.



The Chimes



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November 2024: National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month! Lutheran Services in Iowa has served adoptive and foster families for decades, helping to ensure every child has a safe and loving home. For over a year, we joined with Four Oaks Foster and Adoption Services to better serve the families of Iowa. As a subcontractor, we continue to train and support foster, adoptive, and kin families in the western side of the state. Our team has served over 700 families through assistance during the licensing process and by providing on-going support and development in the past fiscal year.

To learn more about our Foster Care and Adoption services, please visit www.lsiowa.org/foster-care-adoption.

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at LSIowa.org and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.





You belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God. -- 1 Corinthians 3:23

November is upon us! It is a time of remembrance as we celebrate All Saints Sunday. It is a time for giving thanks as we gather with family and loved ones for Thanksgiving. It is a time of preparation as we end the month with Christ the King Sunday. Before you know it, we will enter the season of Advent. Time is flying by!

I have been busy visiting members in their homes, in care homes, and in the hospital. We have had baptisms, affirmation of baptism (confirmation), and funerals. I have been installed as the pastor of Messiah Lutheran and Bethany Lutheran churches. We have blessed animals, and I have begun leading worship services on Sunday afternoons from time to time at Addington Place.

I will be away two Sundays in November. On the 10th I will be with Bruce at his internship site to spend some time with him and to hear him preach. On the 24th I will be in California for the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Last year I presented a paper at this conference. This year I am attending as part of continuing education.

There are a lot of worship services that will occur over the course of the next two months and I hope to see you there! Sunday, November 3rd we remember those who have died within the last year. Please contact the church office with any name you would like us to include. The church year ends on Sunday, November 24th with Christ the King Sunday which is the Sunday we celebrate the truth of the authority of Jesus the Christ. We will have a Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 27th at 7pm. It will be a lovely time to take a pause from the busyness of holiday preparation and give thanks to God for all that God has done for us.

The very first day of December is the start of Advent, which is the beginning of the church year! We will decorate the churches and wait in anticipation for the coming Christ child. This year we will have joint midweek Advent services held at Bethany. A meal will be served at 6pm and a vesper service will begin at 7pm. Our Christmas Eve services will occur at 5pm at Bethany and at 7pm and 11pm at Messiah.

As the leaves continue to change and then fall from the trees, as the temperatures begin to cool, as the daylight fades earlier and earlier, we hold fast to the hope found in Jesus Christ. An election will occur on November 5th. No matter the outcome we know Christ is the solid rock on which we stand. We hold fast to the love shown to humanity in the death and resurrection of Jesus. We prepare ourselves for the anticipation of Advent and the birth of Jesus who loves each and every one of us deeply.

Pastor Misha

Meetings

The meetings for November, 2024 that have been scheduled as of the publishing of this newsletter are listed below. Watch your bulletins for any date and time changes, or additional meetings that may be scheduled.

Finance Committee
Thursday, Nov. 7 @ 6:30 p.m.

Executive Committee
Thursday, Nov. 7 @ 6:00 p.m.

Joint Executive Committee @ Messiah
Wednesday, Nov. 6 @ 6:30 p.m.

Church Life Committee
Sunday, Nov. 10 @ 10:15 a.m.

Property Committee
Monday, Nov. 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

Church Council
Wednesday, Nov. 20 @ 6:30 p.m.

Joint Church Council mtg.@ Messiah
Wednesday, Nov. 13 @ 6:30 p.m.

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, Nov. 16 @ 8:00 a.m.

Church Outreach
Sunday, Nov. 3 @ 10:15 a.m.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

October ATTENDANCE

October 6	54
October 13	50
October 20	66
October 27	112

October GIVING

October 6	\$1,270.00
October 13	\$4,030.48
October 20	\$2,211.40
October 27	<u>\$2,718.90</u>
Total	\$10,230.70

September VANCO total: \$1,530.00



PLEASE NOTE

Because of Federal Privacy laws, if you or a member of your family are hospitalized and would like the Pastor to visit, you must contact the church and let us know.

LAY LEADERS

November

November Usher: Susan Swanson

Communion Assistants

3 - Jessica King; Bill Mundt
10 - Scott & Jan Creighton
17 - Mike Hopp; Julie Wischmeier
24 - Jim & Saron Martindale

Lector

3 - Michelle Huppenbauer
10 - Pam Taylor
17 - Bill Mundt
24 - Judy Craven

Greeters

3 - Dan & Julie Wischmeier
10 - Lynda Johnson
17 - Sharon Martindale
24 - Ginny Mesecher

Flowers

3 - Bill Mundt
10 - Deb Hoxie
17 - Scott & Jan Creighton
24 - Lynda Johnson

Missionary Support

3 - Open
10 - Open
17 - Open
24 - Open

Altar Guild

Sharon Martindale
Laurie Chelf
Jessica King





Poinsettia plants with 4-6 blooms will cost \$17.50 each this year.

If you would like to help us decorate the church for Christmas with one or more of these Poinsettia plants, fill out the information below and return it to the church office (or drop it in the offering plate) before December 1st.

Given by: _____

_____ Number of Poinsettia plants @ \$17.50 each

Amount enclosed _____

Envelope # _____

Plants purchased in memory/honor (circle one) of:

Midweek Advent Services

This year Bethany and Messiah are having joint mid-week Advent services! Mid-week Advent services will be held at Bethany on Wednesdays during Advent (12/4, 12/11, 12/18). There will be a meal before each service, starting at 6:00pm with the Vesper Service "Bless This Night" starting at 7:00pm. We have invited Unity to join us!



Annual Bicycle Drive!

You may have noticed some red envelopes in the pews the past couple of Sundays. That is because our Annual Bicycle Drive has started! If you are unfamiliar with our Bike drive, we collect donations til the end of November. Those donations go to purchase bicycles ranging from training wheels to full size. Those bicycles are put together and then taken to Toys for Tots to be distributed at Christmas time for families that are not able to afford new bicycles for their children! This is a great way to give back to our community! If you would like to donate, please place your donation in one of the red envelopes with the bicycle on it and place in Sunday's offering. If you are unable to make it to Sunday Worship and would like to donate, you may also mail in your donation. Just make sure you specify that it is a donation for the bike drive! Donations will be collected until November 24! Thank you for your generosity!



Announcements



The office will be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be a joint service that will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 27

Pastor Misha will be gone on November 10 and November 24. Todd Chelf will be preaching those Sundays with Father Walker presiding.

The Annual Bike Drive is currently running from now until November 24! More information included above.

Poinsettia orders start November 10 and run through December 1. An order form is included. See front page for more information.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5. Bethany is a polling place and will be open for voting 7:00am-8:00pm.

November 11th is Veteran's Day. Thank you to all that have served or is still serving for our country.



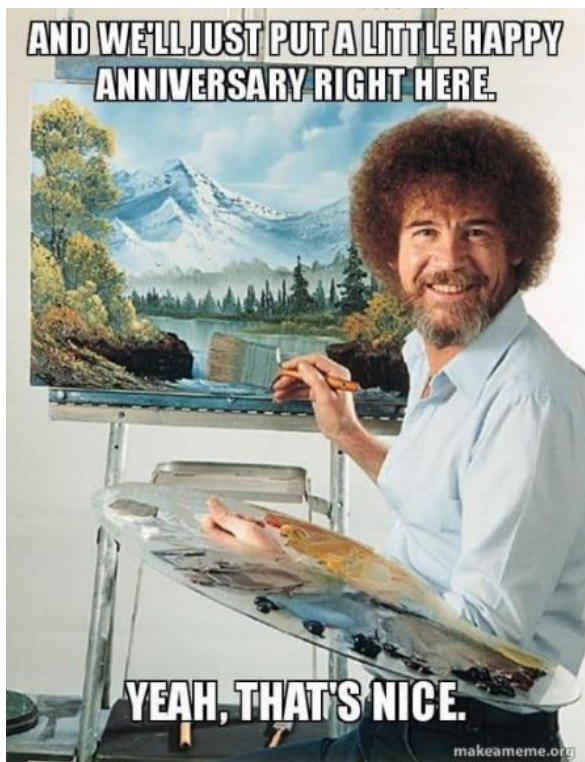
November Anniversaries

- 7 - Jeffrey & Annette Peterson
- 17 - Pat & Kelli Reichelt
- 21 - Emmerich Jr. & Sharon Adam
- 24 - Warren & Valerie Sanford
- 26 - Kenneth & Ellen Shepherd



November BIRTHDAYS


- 2 - Amanda Shepherd
- 3 - Mark Rosenberg
- 6 - Warren Sanford
- 7 - Ronald Mower
- 11 - Deana Lawson; Mary Ann Schoof-Schleif
- 13 - Rex Zaiser
- 14 - Julie Chubb; Ginny Mesecher
- 15 - Madison McClurg
- 16 - Chris Morris
- 17 - Mark Morris
- 18 - Jan Creighton; Jordan Howell
- 23 - Valerie Burgus; Brian Peterson
- 25 - Carlean Hogaboom
- 26 - Donna Miller
- 27 - Nathan Taylor
- 30 - Rosalind Peterson





November 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Paraments: Green: 10,17 White: 3, 24					1 Nurses mtg @ Noon	2
3 All Saint's Day 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Church Outreach 10:55 am Hope Service	4 Retired School Personnel mtg @ Noon	5 Polls open 7am-8pm 	6 Joint Exec. Committee mtg. @ Messiah @ 6:30pm	7 Bible Study @ 9:30am @ Messiah Exec. Comm. Mtg @ 6:00 pm Finance mtg @ 6:30pm	8 	9
10 25th Sunday after Pentecost Todd Chelf preaching; Father Walker presiding 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Church Life 10:55 am Hope Service	11 Property mtg @ 6:30pm 	12	13 Joint Council Mtg @ 6:30 pm	14 Bible Study @ 9:30am @ Messiah Lutheran	15	16 8am Men's Breakfast
17 26th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Worship 10:55 am Hope Service 	18 Chimes Deadline	19	20 Council Mtg @ 6:30 pm	21 Bible Study @ 9:30am @ Messiah Lutheran	22 Pastor Misha @ SBL in California for Cont'd Ed.	23 
24 Christ the King Todd Chelf preaching; Father Walker presiding 9:00 am Worship 10:55 am Hope Service	25	26 Pastor Misha Returns to the area	27 Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Messiah @ 7:00pm	28 	29 Office Closed	30