



Bethany Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

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

The
Chimes

SEPTEMBER - A MONTH OF SERVING

Several months ago I had a big bin put out for us to bring toiletries for people in need. Your response was a great blessing! Now in September we are doing something new. Below is a list of items you can bring to help young families in need. There is also a list of five items to bring to help less fortunate families be able to have birthday parties for their children. All of these items will be brought to our September 7 God's Work - Our Hands event at Peace Lutheran starting at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast.

The first week in September (the 3rd through the 6th) is also Paint-A-Thon week. Mark Rosenberg has once again graciously volunteered to coordinate this event. The address of our house is 1837 Osborn. Mark knows the actual time when people will meet to do the work. On Saturday there will be an appreciation lunch at the Eagles. We will be painting with other groups.

Diapers, pull-ups, little swimmers
Wipes and throw away bags
Diaper Genies and bags
Baby powder, lotion, oil, shampoo, conditioners and hair detanglers
Baby cotton swabs, toothpaste and brushes, soap and body wash
Child wash rags, towels, bath safety tub and safety sink mats
Child hair brushes, combs and nail clippers
Child bubble bath and gel oil
Cloth diapers, safety pins, diaper wraps and diaper rash ointment
Baby bottles, cleaners, liners, nipples, drying rack, bottle warmers and bottle coolers
Teethers and pacifiers

CELEBRATION BAGS - Cake mix, frosting, candles, napkins, party favors



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Scott Teater, Custodian



BURLINGTON ORGAN CRAWL

The Burlington Organists' Network 4th Annual Organ Crawl will be on September 22, starting at 1:00 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church downtown. There will be a light luncheon served downstairs at noon. Roxy Riessen and Randy Webster will play; then we will head up Snake Alley to First United Church of Christ where Carl Moehlman, organ professor from Iowa Wesleyan, will play. From there we go to Messiah Lutheran to hear Roger Hatteberg and Hal Morton. The Organ Crawl will conclude at Bethany with Cory. A reception will follow in Bethany's fellowship hall. Admission is free with donations going to support BON's program to provide organ lessons to area students.

STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE

I recently received the good news that Kim Engle, after prayers and reflection, has accepted God's call to experience training to become our Stephen Ministry leader. In the meantime Kim shared information about another orientation event scheduled for October 26 that she plans to attend and would love to have anyone else interested to go with her. The actual training that Kim and Pastor will participate in is scheduled for late April of next year.



SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS

As we continue our search for a new youth director we are, nevertheless, moving forward with Sunday School. Carlene Woodside is coordinating this ministry which will start on September 8. Teaching our children about Jesus is one of the most important functions of a church. We are always looking for more people to serve in this way. If you feel God's calling on your heart to serve, please call the office or contact Carlene directly. Don't forget to include our Sunday school in your prayers.

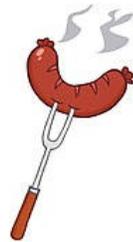
CONFIRMATION

There will be a parent/student introduction to confirmation on Wednesday, September 11, at 6:15 p.m., at Bethany. We will go over the schedule expectations, fill out paperwork, and set a time for confirmation class for the year. Confirmation is open to any student in junior high/high school who has not previously completed the program. Immediately following, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a mentor/mentee meeting for those who have completed the classroom portion of the program and their chosen mentors. Questions? Ask Pastor Paul for more information.

FOUR MINISTRIES: WHICH ONE(S) IS/ARE FOR YOU?

Bethany's four main ministries have been identified and assigned to council leaders: Finance-Dan Harken; Church Life-Bill Mundt; Outreach-Kim Engle; and Property-Joe Gerdes. All of these committees need your participation. Let the leaders know which ones you are willing to participate in.

WIENER ROAST AND POTLUCK



An event we look forward to every year is our annual wiener roast at the Janssens. The date for this year's fellowship is September 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert and lawn chairs.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

The Retired Nurses are meeting on Friday, September 6, at 11:30 a.m., for a luncheon.

The Des Moines County Retired School Personnel will be having a tea on September 9 at 1:00 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop #25 has its regular weekly meetings on Tuesdays.



With God all things are possible.

CONFIRMATION CAMP WEEK - 2019

Earlier in the year I learned that I would be taking our five confirmands to confirmation camp week in August. Pastor Ryan has been our chaperone on all the previous trips. I am a strong supporter of such an experience and will do everything I can to make sure our youth get to go. I also know how physically challenging these adventures are and could not help but wonder how well I would hold up. It did not take long for me to realize that my survival depended on God! Activities of all kinds were scheduled from 8 a.m. until 10:00 at night. Bible studies, gospel plays, campfires, worship, prayer sessions, campouts, crafts, games, skill tests, swimming, canoeing, and hiking were just some of the activities that all ages were invited to take part in. The quality of the program and the people who ran it were absolute tops! The passion of the camp counselors and directors was the best ever. Our youth were fully engaged at all times. The goal of having our confirmands deepen their connection with Christ exceeded all expectations.

On one of the evenings the entire group sat around a campfire while two incredible guitarists played and sang very moving songs that released God's Spirit in our hearts. People were praying for each other and people were crying tears of joy as they felt the love of Christ lift them up.

All in all, the week was very exhausting and very ambitious. On more than one occasion I would sit down in a chair to rest and conk out in seconds. I even slept through the ringing of the dinner bell! That is how physically demanding the week was. But it was a good exhaustion. Even though I knew it would not be easy keeping up with 31 teenagers, it was sure fun trying. And the youth were great! At all times these young people were attentive, alert, respectful, and fully engaged in conversations with each other as well as with adults. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute I spent with our five from Burlington. They are truly fine people who reflect a Godly home life. The precious hours we shared together has me excited about the start of confirmation in the fall.

I cannot speak highly enough about Ewalu as a Christ-centered camp ministry. I had heard good things, but my actual experience there surpassed my anticipation. The entire staff all express in words and actions lives devoted to Christ. The pastors I worked with were also wonderful to be with. One of the pastors comes back every year.

So would I do this again next year? As far as what our youth and I, personally, received in His blessings, the answer is a resounding "YES!" As far as holding up physically, I might be somewhat less enthusiastic. But that is where God steps in. "With God all things are possible!" God reminded me that I was not just there for me, I was at Confirmation Camp 2019 for five very wonderful confirmands. And during this week God reminded me that He is here for us as well!

In Christ,

Pastor Paul



September 2019 Lay Leaders

Head Ushers:

Dan & Julie Wischmeier

September Lead

Usher: Steven Rogers

Ushers

1 - Mark & Bonnie Rosenberg; Todd & Sam Morehead
8 - Steven & Susan Rogers; Roberto & Erin Mafra
15 - Steven & Susan Rogers; Dan & Julie Wischmeier
22 - Steven & Susan Rogers; Scott & Jan Creighton
29 - Steven & Susan Rogers; Marlys McClurg; Vanette Wooldridge

Communion Assistants

1 - Mark Rosenberg; Amy Unglaub; Sharon Martindale
8 - Bob Sogard; Teresa Morehead; Todd Chelf
15 - Mike Hopp; Sue Swanson; Dan Harken
22 - Julie Chubb; Jeff & Kim Engle
29 - Scott & Jan Creighton; Sue Hermansen

Children's Sermons

1 - Amy Unglaub
8 - Todd Chelf
15 -
22 - Teresa Morehead
29 -

Acolytes

1 - David King
8 - Jonathan Chelf
15 - Aaron Morehead; Eli Wallace
22 - Benjamin Chelf
29 - Mason Fritz

Lector

1 - Sue Hermansen
8 - Todd Chelf
15 - Shelley Wallace
22 - Pam Taylor
29 - Bob Sogard

Greeters

1 - Susanne Adam; Donna Miller
8 - Marlys McClurg; Vanette Wooldridge
15 - Dan & Ruth Harken
22 - Lynda Johnson
29 - Sharon Martindale

Missionary Support

1 -
8 -
15 -
22 -
29 -

Flowers

1 - Bill Mundt
8 - Pam Taylor
15 -
22 - Dan Wischmeier
29 - Brantley Bergman

Altar Guild

Marlys McClurg; Mary Ann Schoof-Schleif; Debbie Hoxie; Carol Dodge

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

2 - Elaine Loots; Matthew Miller; Jennifer Ward
4 - Tyler Burch
7 - Mark Loots
10 - Malissa Schoof
11 - Erin Taylor
12 - Myrna Zabloudil
13 - Carol Gard; Austin Timberlake
19 - Robert Staub
20 - Donald Ruppert
22 - Lynda Johnson
24 - Lucas Chelf; Jessica Tharp
25 - Emmerich Adam, Jr.; Dan Harken; re; Sam Morehead; Elizabeth Roy; Sue Swanson
26 - Pat Chacey; Ruth Harken
27 - Julie Etchison
29 - Abbey Coleman; Ken Shepherd
30 - Marilyn Huth; Jeff McClurg



11 - Gerald & Lila Janssen
19 - Brian & Lori Rosenberg
26 - Darrin & Christine Timberlake

Meetings

The meetings for September that have been scheduled as of the publishing of this newsletter are listed below. Watch the bulletins for any date and time changes or additional meetings scheduled.

WELCA
TBA

Church Outreach Committee
Tuesday, September 3, 5:30 p.m.

Finance Committee
Thursday, September 19, 6:30 p.m.

Outreach Committee
Tuesday, September 10, 5:30 p.m.

Property Committee
Monday, September 9, 6:30 p.m.

Executive Committee
Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.

Church Council
Sunday, September 22, 10:15 a.m.

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, September 21, 8:00 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE

The deadline to submit information for the monthly Chimes is the 25th of the month. You're welcome to email your submissions, leave a note on the desk in the office, or call the church office.

ALSO!

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

AUGUST ATTENDANCE

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| August 4 | 70 |
| August 11 | 60 |
| August 18 | 78 |
| August 25 | 80 |

AUGUST GIVING

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| August 4 | \$ 2,848.00 |
| August 11 | 2,724.40 |
| August 18 | 2,081.31 |
| August 25 | <u>12,034.55*</u> |
| Total | <u>\$19,688.26</u> |

*Includes \$10,000.00 borrowed from the Endowment Fund



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faithful trust in God to provide your
needs! God believes in you and has a
great future planned for Bethany.

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