

October

The Messenger

2023

FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF BETHANY LUTHERAN

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*Bethany Lutheran Church
Palmyra, NJ*

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**U.S. NAVY
BIRTHDAY**
October 13



October 20 12-pm to 5 pm



October 31

Monthly Meetings

Church Council &
Finance Committee
Worship Committee
Men's Breakfast
WELCA Circles
WELCA Exec. Board

2nd Tuesday
1st Monday
1st & 3rd Saturday
1st full week
3rd Thursday

Pack 9 BSA
Crew 9 BSA
Troop 9 BSA
Girl Scouts

every Monday & Tuesday
and 3rd Friday Night
every Monday Night
every Tuesday Night
Wednesday Night



Can't you feel the change in the air? Fall has arrived, and with it the opportunity to reflect and hunker down. September always feels hectic to me, a sudden shifting into routines and programs and trying to catch up on anything I've let slip over the summer. But while summer pulls us away from our routines and homes to spend time further north or at the shore, fall invites us to come home. And after the business of September, October invites us to settle into new routines and find comfort in community.

As we enter October, there is much to do here at Bethany. We have opportunities for service, generosity, learning, and fellowship. You will find them throughout this newsletter, so I will not reiterate them here. Rather, I will invite you to try one of them that may be new to you. If you have never participated in a Bible Study or are out of the habit, reach out to me and attend our Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. If you haven't been involved in worship leadership and want to try it, reach out to Lois Gerkens. If you haven't been in touch with someone from the congregation in a while, reach out.

There are countless ways for us to grow our faith. I invite you to pick one or two that may have slipped from your daily life or that you haven't tried before and give it a chance this fall and winter. Just as animals store up food and prepare for the winter, we have the opportunity to build up our routines and faith as we enter the cooler and darker times of the year.

Hebrews 10:24-25 says "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Being in community together and spurring one another forth in our faith is part of our call as Christians. We are called to encourage one another, to seek greater faith and knowledge, to bear one another's joys and burdens alike. We are called to serve those around us, to open our doors and care for the world outside them, to constantly seek Christ in the midst of those on the margins.

May you find ways to love God and love one another ever more deeply this fall.

Pastor Bre



Worship Committee

WELCOME FALL

Wasn't the last week of summer absolutely beautiful? Mother Nature was easing us into Fall like weather. I hope everyone was able to get out and enjoy those lovely days.

Let's look at our October calendar, Of course the highlight of this month is on October 22nd, We will be celebrating the 85th Anniversary of Bethany. The committee has worked very hard and has a wonderful program planned. Don't forget to purchase your tickets soon.

October 1st 18th Sunday of Pentecost

October 8th You will notice the Fall display in the narthex. Worship Committee will be collecting cash donations for the Bread of Life Food Pantry. This donation will aid the pantry to purchase any food items to make complete Thanksgiving dinners for each family.

October 15th 20th Sunday of Pentecost

October 22nd The 85th Anniversary of Bethany. 10:15 AM worship service followed by the celebration at Palmyra Harbour Club.

October 29th Reformation Sunday.

Fall has officially arrived. The days and weeks go by so quickly, we must make the most of each day. A nice way to spend a beautiful Sunday afternoon is to attend Rival music groups concert October 1st. It will be held outside at Calvary Presbyterian Church, 300 4th Street, Riverton. The concert lasts about 1 hour.

Follow Members of Bethany

Fall is upon us, the church picnic was once again a success even with the weather being questionable, thanks to Bill Isard and Tom Willard for cooking and Maryann Middleton organizing the additional foods. We are looking forward to October 22 for Bethany's 85th Anniversary to be held at the Palmyra Harbour Club House, The Committee has been working hard to make this a memorable occasion, Please RSVP and purchase your tickets as soon as possible.

We also have a blood drive coming up, sponsored by Bethany on Friday, **October 20th** in Gibson Hall starting at **12 Noon until 5 PM.** see Stephany Staudemayer for details.

The Church is thriving under Pastor Tessitore with new programs and ideas. We look forward to everyone's attendance each week.

In Prayer,

Rick Dreby
President

WELCA

Martha Circle October 3rd 11 AM

Eve Circle October 4th, 11 AM

Topic Story Behind The Story

Looking forward to a great morning with friends.

The Nurturing Committee has planned the Ladies Luncheon on October 12th at 11 AM at Maritsas Restaurant, Maple Shade.. There will be a sign-up sheet at circle meetings.

There will be a blood drive in Gibson Hall on Friday. October 20th, 12-5 PM

Bible Study

JOIN US IN PERSON OR ON ZOOM

Contact Pr. Bre with questions



WEDNESDAYS AT
7PM IN MILLER
HOUSE STARTING
OCT 4



Stewardship Letter – October 2023

Fall/Harvest Season Has Arrived How Beautiful!!!



Here is an update on our August 2023 Financials:

<u>Balance 8/1/23</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance 8/31/23.</u>
\$48,418.79	+\$8,361.35	(-\$16,671.72)	\$40,108.42

As you can see above, our balance in our Parish decreased by **(-\$8,310.37)** over the month of August. Thank you all for your generous contributions each month. I am looking forward to the future with Hope, Faith, Joy, and Love!!! Amen!!

As we enter the Fall/Harvest Season let us all remember to be grateful for all our blessings that we receive each day from our God's Grace. The weather will soon be changing, the leaves will be beautiful colors and falling, as we prepare for less daylight be mindful as you travel around town. Pastor Breanna has been doing a wonderful job leading our Church Services and her Sermons are excellent. It is my opinion that she is doing a fantastic job as our Full-Time Pastor. Please join us on Sunday at 10:15 AM to see for yourself, if you need a ride or help give the office a call and we can find help to bring you to Church. Also, I want to remind everyone about the Bethany Lutheran Church's 85th Anniversary Celebration this month on October 22, 2023. Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible as it will help us with planning the food, drinks, desserts, and fun for everyone to enjoy! We hope to see you there, if you have any questions or issues, please contact us. There is help available for rides, financial, and assistance. We want all our members to participate in this momentous occasion to celebrate our history. We look forward to 85 more years of service to our community!

Thank you all for your gracious and generous giving as always!

May God Bless you all and keep you safe, healthy, and happy! Remember God loves you and wants you to love him too! So, let us spread the love as Jesus has taught us as we go through our daily lives. **Amen!**

"For God so loveth a Cheerful Giver" 2 Corinthians 9:7

Thanks be to God!!



Tom Willard - Chairperson



October

What's Happening...

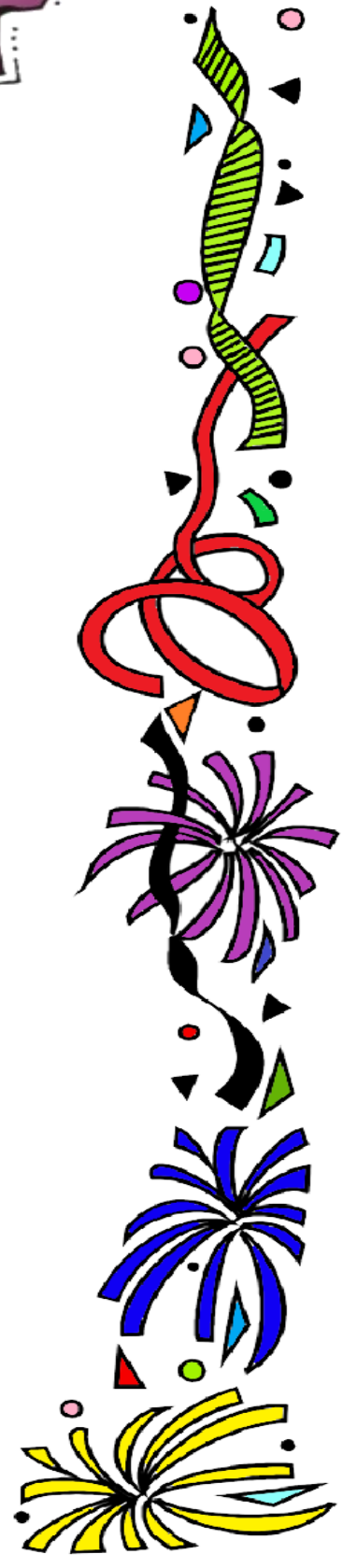


- 10/01** Communion
 - 10/02** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)
7:00 PM: Miller House (Worship Meeting)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Church 2nd Floor (Troop Comm. Meet)
 - 10/03** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Miller House (Martha Circle)
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)
7:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2nd Floor (Scouts)
 - 10/04** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Miller House (Eve Circle)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Church 2nd Floor (Pack Comm. Meet)
 - 10/05**
 - 10/06**
 - 10/07** 8:00 AM: Cinnaminson Diner (Men's Breakfast)
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Piano/Organ Practice)
 - 10/08** Communion
 - 10/09** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
 - 10/10** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)
7:00 PM: Miller House (Council Meeting)
7:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2nd Floor (Scouts)
 - 10/11**
 - 10/12** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM: Miller House (85th Anniversary Meeting)
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Maritsa's (Ladies Luncheon)
 - 10/13**
 - 10/14** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Piano/Organ Practice)
 - 10/15** Communion
 - 10/16** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
 - 10/17** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)
7:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2nd Floor (Scouts)
 - 10/18**
 - 10/19** 10:30 AM: Miller House (WELCA Exec Board. Meeting)
 - 10/20** 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Gibson Hall (Blood Drive)
7:00 PM: Gibson Hall (Scouts)
 - 10/21** 8:00 AM: Cinnaminson Diner (Men's Breakfast)
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Piano/Organ Practice)
 - 10/22** Communion
12:00 PM: 85th Anniversary Celebration (Palmyra Harbour Club)
 - 10/23** **Bethany News Articles are due**
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
 - 10/24** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)
7:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2nd Floor (Scouts)
 - 10/25**
 - 10/26**
 - 10/27**
 - 10/28** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Piano/Organ Practice)
 - 10/29** Communion
 - 10/30** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
 - 10/31** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)
7:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2nd Floor (Scouts)
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October

- 01 Carmen Knowles
- 02 Raymond Paszkiewicz, III
- 03 Raymond Brown
- 04 Scott Vetrecin
- 05 William Isard, Sr.
- 06 Marlene Conover
- 09 Megan William
- 10 Ruthanne Arcaini
- 11 Tom Tessitore
- 12 Dominick Marandola
- 13 Kayla Edge
- 14 Dorothy Kolarovic
- 21 Jacquelyn Dorworth
- 21 Nicole Lumley
- 22 Martha Rimathe Schweiger
- 24 Robert Fields
- 25 Wendi Wence
- 27 Chelsea Butler





IF WE DONATE 500 FOOD
ITEMS, WE QUALIFY
FOR \$500.00 TO GO TO
BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY
FROM THE
THRIVENT
ACTION TEAM



FROM
OCTOBER 1st
TO
OCTOBER 31st

All food collected will be given to
Bread Of Life Food Pantry
to be used during their
Thanksgiving
Distribution.





**BETHANY
LUTHERAN CHURCH
BLOOD DRIVE**

OCTOBER 28TH

12:00 PM

TO

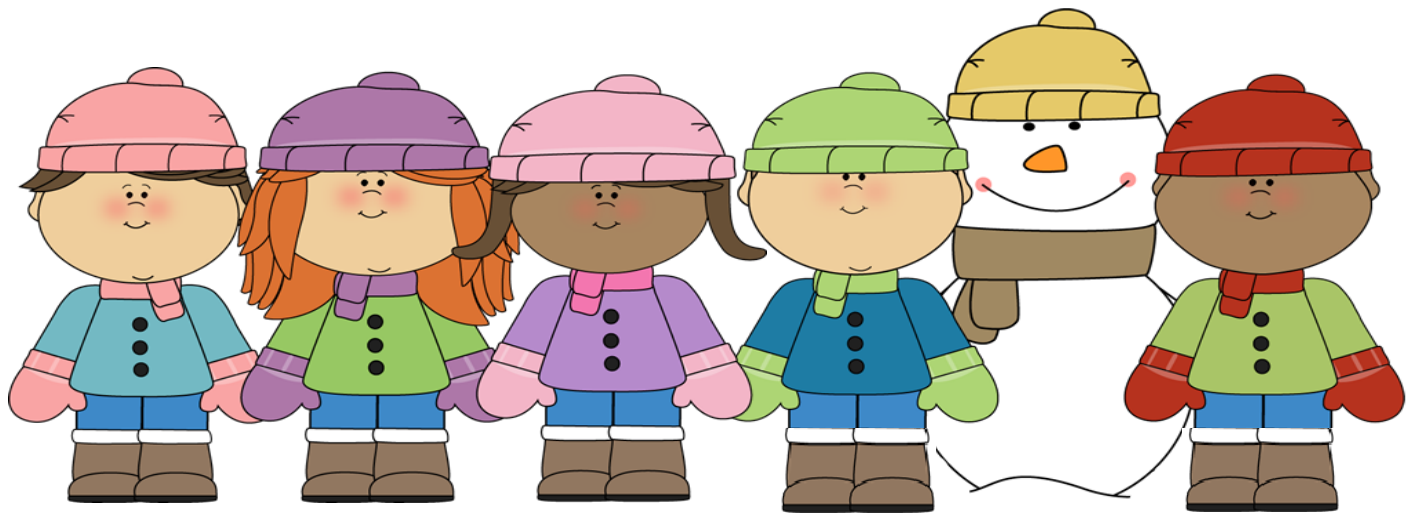
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GIBSON HALL

More information to follow

Epworth United Methodist Church

Youth Group Coat Drive



Its time to do your fall cleaning and what better way than to clean out your closets.

Epworth United Methodist Church's Youth Group is running a Coat Drive. All coats collected will be given to the Bread Of Life Food Pantry to assist their clients.

Place your new and gently used winter coats of all sizes for boys, girls, men and women in the tub. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Bre, call the office or call Michelle's Cell (856-297-3799) for clarification.

All donations are accepted here at Bethany until October 12th so we may get them to Epworth by their distribution date.



ORCHARD
FRIENDS
SCHOOL

August 14, 2023

Bethany Lutheran Church
617 Morgan Avenue
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Dear Friends at Bethany Lutheran Church,

We truly believe that there is no one way to learn, to live, or to be. That our differences can be our strengths. And that it is by helping our students to discover, understand, and actualize their unique, inimitable selves that we can best support their success.

As we get ready to begin a new year, I've been reflecting on the idea of making a mark: the way the legacies we leave shape not just our own lives, but also the communities we are a part of. Our families, faculty, volunteers, and donors often say Orchard Friends is a place that changes lives—but our school is the life-changing place it is *because* of them: their expertise, their can-do attitudes; their hard work and unfailing generosity. Watching the community we create together deepen in connection and grow in size is one of the most gratifying aspects of my job. Every year as new families join Orchard Friends, students graduate or go back to their public school districts. But their families always remain connected in some way. They don't just carry what they learned at Orchard Friends wherever they go—they also return to visit; make donations; and volunteer their time and talents.

These students are why we exist; they are the driving force behind everything that we do, and everything that we are—and contributions like yours are what make everything that we do, and everything that we are, possible. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generous gift of \$1000 towards our 2023-2024 Annual Giving Campaign. Your support means the world to us.

With best wishes,

Beth DiPerna, MA, EdS, LAC
Head of Orchard Friends School

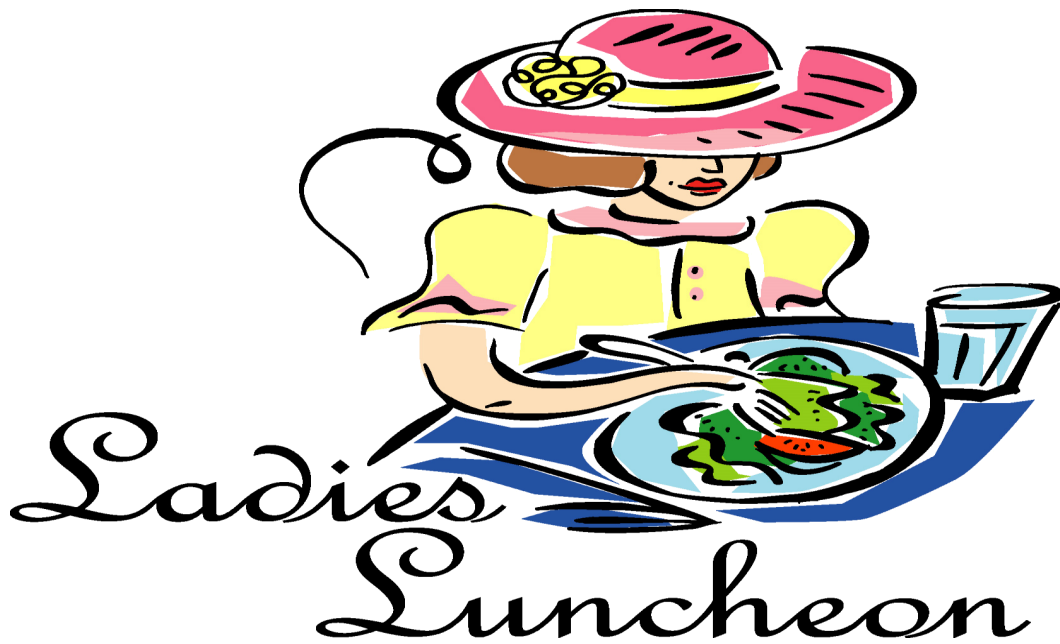
Orchard Friends School did not provide goods or services to the donor in consideration of this gift. Orchard Friends is a 501c3, non-profit corporation and our Tax ID number is #22-3589582.

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ACCREDITED BY MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

October 12, 2023



11:00am

Maritsa's 106 East Main Street, Maple Shade

To make your reservation

contact the office 856-829-2373

by October 9, 2023