

April

# Bethany News

2024

**FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF BETHANY LUTHERAN**

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## 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

## Message From Pastor

As we enter the Easter season, new life is springing up all around Bethany. This year we have seen the return of numerous well-loved programs: VBS, the Christmas Pageant, Soup Suppers, and Fastnacht to name a few. It has been a joy to celebrate and fellowship together in ways that have been difficult or impossible for several years and I am so looking forward to seeing what the future holds here.

This month, we have a sort of unofficial focus, looking at new and renewed opportunities to grow in discipleship. We will have all our regularly scheduled events: Quilting, Choir, WELCA, Bible Study, Men's Breakfast, and so on. In addition, we will have a few special events.

On April 7th, a representative from Crossroads Summer Camp will be with us to worship and share about outdoor ministry. Camp is a great place to grow closer to God for people of all ages and there are ways to be involved with this good work for everyone and every ability.

For four weeks beginning on April 14th, we will be having Temple Talks focusing on Stewardship. We will explore the many gifts that God gives us and the ways we are called to use these gifts in ways that glorify God. We look forward to hearing and sharing these stories with one another every Sunday.

On April 17th, WELCA will be taking a trip to Urban Promise main campus in Pennsauken. They will tour the facilities and meet some of the faculty and students. Urban Promise is a ministry which we support and with whom we are growing closer.

Easter is not only a single day in the Church Calendar, but a whole season, extending for 50 days. And so, while Easter Sunday was March 31st, remember that resurrection and new life is taking place today and every day. Remember that God who called Christ out of the grave is calling us into new life, to find hope and joy in ordinary moments, and to see our gifts and possessions as the answer to a world in need.

**Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

**Pastor Bre**



### **WELCA**

**Martha April 9th 11AM - 1PM**

**Eve April 10th 11AM-1PM**

**Project:** Urban Promise

**Topic;** Dandylions

WELCA Sunday will be April 21st. We will sponsor a Coffee Hour.

Urban Promise visit will be April 17th

# Worship Committee

Happy Spring!

Looking back at Bethany News April 2023, the first day of Spring was a warm, balmy and beautiful day. I guess Mother Nature changed her mind this year. The first day of Spring 2024 was gray, cold, blustery, windy. When out walking you had to be all bundled up, heavy coat, gloves and hat. Oh well, she just keeps us guessing and each day is always a new and different day. Hopefully, when you receive this April issue we will be enjoying some beautiful Spring like weather.

There is so much happening at Bethany this April, which is wonderful.

**April 7 Easter 2** We will welcome a representative from Camp Cross Roads who will enlighten us about what will be happening there and how we as a congregation might get involved. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth and parents to come and learn more about the camp and ask questions they might have.

**April 14 Easter 3** Stewardship Committee First Temple Talk

**April 21 Easter 4** Today is WELCA Sunday, but if you think about it, every Sunday could be WELCA Sunday. They are always participating in many ways; greeters, head usher, singing in the choir, reader, communion assistant, etc. Stephanie Staudenmayer (WELCA President) will deliver a Stewardship Temple talk. After the worship service, WELCA will host a coffee hour. Come and enjoy the goodies the ladies have prepared.

**April 28 Easter 5** Walt and Eleanor Mauroschatd will be received as new members. Welcome Walt & Eleanor, so nice to have you join us. The Third Temple talk will also be given today.

Just a heads up, don't forget our Annual Congregational meeting will be on May 19, after the worship service.

Enjoy the longer and warmer days.

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## Happy April,

Spring is upon us and as weather gets warmer and the trees and flowers Bloom we will all feel better. The soup supper was a success and the Council would like to thank those that prepared the soups and other food that went with it. We hope everyone enjoyed the coffee hour before the Easter service. We are fast approaching our annual meeting which will be held on May 19 immediately following the 10:15 service in Gibson Hall. There are 4 Council seats open, anyone interested should contact Brad Young. There are other committees that need to be filled as well.

We have seen an increase in attendance which warms our hearts and hopefully this will continue as we grow under the leadership of Pastor Tessitore.

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

Rick Dreby

## Stewardship Letter – April 2024



### Spring has Arrived Let us Enjoy the Great Outdoors !

Here is an update on our February 2024 Financials:

<u>Balance 2/1/24</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance 2/29/24.</u>
\$20,062.08	+\$9,692.42	<b>(-\$12,682.70)</b>	<b>\$17,071.80</b>

As you can see above, our balance in our Parish decreased by **(-\$2,990.28)** over the month of February. Thank you all for your generous contributions each month. Expenses are trending higher than our receipts this past month.

### **Alleluia! Christ has Risen!**

Now that we have celebrated Easter and our risen Savior Jesus Christ let us prepare ourselves for another beautiful Spring Season with all the flowering plants, green trees and shrubs coming back to life. This is one of my most favorite seasons of the year as we see new life all around us in vibrant colors! I also see new life being born, in my back yard there is a nest with tiny little baby rabbits. They are so adorable and helpless, but nature will send them out to be on their own in just 3-4 weeks. It is amazing to witness the wonder of God's creation.

We must now focus on the tasks at hand such as Spring cleaning both indoors and outdoors to spruce up our homes and Church property. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with property maintenance at Bethany Lutheran Church or should need help with any projects at home, please let us know. Bill Iszard is always on the hunt for help with many projects and improvements to our Church properties. Please contact the Church office or Bill directly to volunteer your time and your talents as we can certainly use your help! See you at Church soon!

### **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**

April


# What's Happening...

- 04/01 April Fool's Day**  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Quilters (Miller House)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Worship Meeting (Miller House)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Scouts (Gibson Hall/Undercroft)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Troop Comm. Meet (Church 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)
- 04/02**  
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Choir Practice (Sanctuary)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Scouts (Gibson Hall/Undercroft)
- 04/03**  
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM: Pack Comm. Meet (Church 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Bible Study (Miller House)
- 04/04**  
**04/05**
- 04/06**  
8:00 AM: Men's Breakfast (Cinnaminson Diner)  
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Piano/Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
- 04/07** Communion/Crossroad Camp Sunday
- 04/08**  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Quilters (Miller House)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Scouts (Gibson Hall/Undercroft)
- 04/09**  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Martha Circle (Miller House)  
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Choir Practice (Sanctuary)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Council Meeting (Miller House)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Scouts (Gibson Hall/Undercroft)
- 04/10**  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Eve Circle (Miller House)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Bible Study (Miller House)
- 04/11**  
**04/12**
- 04/13** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Piano/Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
- 04/14** Communion
- 04/15**  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Quilters (Miller House)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Scouts (Gibson Hall/Undercroft)
- 04/16**  
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Choir Practice (Sanctuary)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Scouts (Gibson Hall/Undercroft)
- 04/17**  
10:20 AM - 2:20 PM WELCA/UrbanPromise (Pennsauken)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Bible Study (Miller House)
- 04/18** 10:30 AM: WELCA Exec Board Meeting (Miller House)
- 04/19** 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Scouts (Gibson Hall/Undercroft)
- 04/20**  
8:00 AM: Men's Breakfast (Cinnaminson Diner)  
8:00 AM - 8:00 PM: Private Event (Gibson Hall)  
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Piano/Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
- 04/21** Communion/WELCA Sunday  
11:15 AM: WELCA Coffee Hour  
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Crew Open House (outside/Gibson-if rain)
- 04/22 Earth Day**  
Bethany News Articles are due  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Quilters (Miller House)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Scouts (Gibson Hall/Undercroft)
- 04/23**  
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Choir Practice (Sanctuary)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Scouts (Gibson Hall/Undercroft)
- 04/24** 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Bible Study (Miller House)
- 04/25**  
**04/26**
- 04/27** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Piano/Organ Practice (Sanctuary)
- 04/28** Communion
- 04/29**  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Quilters (Miller House)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Scouts (Gibson Hall/Undercroft)
- 04/30**  
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Choir Practice (Sanctuary)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Scouts (Gibson Hall/Undercroft)



# April

- 03 Erna Bauer
- 03 Angelina Fago
- 07 Jeffrey Kolarovic
- 07 Eric Stahl
- 10 Linda Lippincott
- 10 Mary Ann Young
- 12 Ronald Kolarovic
- 13 Bradford Young
- 16 Sandra Armstrong
- 16 Samuel Wence
- 16 Kim Williams
- 18 David Bauer
- 18 Richard Dreby
- 19 Shannon DeForest
- 19 Lois Gerkens
- 23 Nancy Grimes
- 24 Gary Grimes
- 25 Kristopher Wilson
- 26 Travis Kolarovic
- 26 James Wence




For the first time  
since **2019**

Easter Morning  
Coffee Hour  
Sponsored by the Council

March 31, 2024  
9:15 AM

If you are coming, please  
sign up in the Narthex or  
call the office so we are well  
stocked with all the goodies.



**856-829-2373**

# *Women's Circle Luncheon and Tour of*



**UrbanPromise**

Academy, Pennsauken  
April 17, 2024

We will be carpooling from the church at  
10:20 am  
and we will return by 2:30 pm

If you cannot make this date we can setup a second tour.

\*Must sign up by April 10, 2024 to attend\*



**Welcome to**  
**Women** of the **ELCA**   
**Sunday**

**Greeters: Ann Deats & Joan Stein**

**Readers: Martha Rimathe**

**Ushers: Joan Kelly**

**Communion Assistant: Lois Gerkins**

**Coffee Hour Sponsored by:**

**Bethany Lutheran Church WELCA Organization**

**All are welcome to learn what work**

**WELCA**

**does for our community.**



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*"The Earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalm 24:1*

*Christy Moore*

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February 2024

Date



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# Global Refuge

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February 29, 2024

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*God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Psalm 46*

Dear Friends of Global Refuge,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$1,000.00 to Global Refuge. Your gift sparks innovation and fresh perspectives, enabling us to magnify our impact. With more than 100 million people around the world displaced from their homes, we have seen tremendous growth in the need for our essential and innovative services, and I cannot thank you enough.

As we shared earlier this year, we have changed our name from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) to Global Refuge. We believe this change will build a bigger table of supporters to help us in our mission to serve even more immigrants and refugees.

On behalf of Global Refuge and those whose lives you have touched, I extend my heartfelt gratitude. Let us continue this remarkable journey together, united by compassion and inspired by the limitless potential of every human being.

With gratitude,

Andrew G. Steele  
Chief Development and Mobilization Officer

P.S. To learn more about our new brand name, visit: [www.globalrefuge.org/identity](http://www.globalrefuge.org/identity).

P.P.S. Make a lasting impact through legacy planning by contacting [legacy@globalrefuge.org](mailto:legacy@globalrefuge.org).

This letter confirms your tax-deductible gift of \$1,000.00 to Global Refuge, deposited on 2/22/2024, and assures that no goods or services were received in response to your contribution.

## March 12, 2024 Church Council Abridged Minutes

Lois Gerkens announced retirement as worship committee leader effective May, 2024 after more than 50 years of service.

Council approved Staff Support's suggested salary increase of 3 % for staff members.

Albert Strauss & Eliene Ferreira DeSouza and son, Noah would like to become members of Bethany. Baptism of Noah planned for May 19th .

Dana Hozier's son, Lane to be baptized May 26th .

Eleanor & Walt Mauroschadt are requesting to return to Bethany as members and will be received on April 28th .

A blood drive will be held on June 19th (Wednesday) from 11:00am – 6:00PM in Gibson Hall.

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper was attended by 49 people from various local churches. A total of \$305 given at the service was donated to the Triboro Association.

A request was approved to donate \$250 towards a heater replacement be made by WELCA and matched by Endowment to Urban Promise.

Stewardship: A mailing will be going out soon to encourage giving. Temple talks will be given every Sunday from April 14th through May 5th .

WELCA will sponsor a coffee hour on April 21 after the church service

Boy Scouts Troop is currently selling mulch for \$5 per bag. See Bill Isard

A Memorial service was held for Betty and Jim Mills. They were interred in Bethany's Memorial Garden

