

December
January

Bethany News

2022
2023

FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF BETHANY LUTHERAN

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Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

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Monthly Meetings When Possible

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

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

Pack 9 BSA
Crew 9 BSA
Troop 9 BSA

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

Dear Members and friends of Bethany

Blessings and joy as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ and yes enter into a New Year.

As I write my article, we will have just celebrated Christ the King Sunday which is the last Sunday of the church year. So appropriate to think about what that means for us as we light the first candle of Advent and ultimately the first moments of the New Year

Jesus didn't come to replace our leaders—rather Jesus came to usher in a new way of living. A way of living which includes love and forgiveness and acceptance for all and of all. The wonderful folks at Bethany show that love and acceptance every day in so many ways. The Shoe Boxes and contributions to so many organizations in our community and of course the Food Pantry. You wrapped our veterans in love and filled their tummies as a way of saying Thank you for your service.

My hope for you this Christmas season and as we enter into the New Year is that your hearts will be filled with the peace and joy that only God can give.

In Christ's love and peace

Pastor Peggy Marks

WELCA

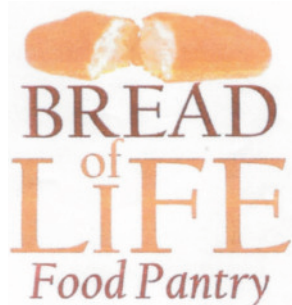
Dates	Martha	December 6th	11 AM – 1 PM
	Eve	December 7th	11 AM – 1 PM

Thank you to everyone in WELCA and the Congregation for the successful Samaritan Shoe Box Drive. We filled 32 boxes this year. Have a great meeting and a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

Congregational Christian Service Project

Beginning January through April, WELCA is asking the congregation to help them donate Health Items. These will be donated to "Seeds of Hope". Items needed are: Bath size bar of soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, large comb (wide tooth preferred), deodorant, face cloth and hand towel.

There will be a box in the Narthex. Any item of your choice as often as you wish. I know Bethany will make this a good project. Thank you.



**We recently had 152 families receiving help.
For the month of November
As food prices have risen recently,
ongoing donations are especially needed.**

**Drop off in the Narthax
or
Call Or Text Judy at 609-670-4916 for pickup
at your home**

Worship Committee

I am sitting here watching the leaves swirling down on to my newly raked lawn. Looking at the beautiful colored leaves still on the trees, I will have plenty more raking to do. I am not complaining because it is a pleasure to be outside in this beautiful world. Wouldn't it have been nice if it were snow flurries instead of leaves swirling down?

Advent will begin November 27th. Mark your calendar, you do not want to miss any important dates.

December 3rd Saturday, Pastor Peggy will be leading a First Holy Communion class beginning at 10:00 A. M.

December 4th 2 Advent Holy Communion. Mitchell and Morgan Dalesio will be doing the reading and lighting the second candle of the Advent Wreath,

December 5th The Christmas tree will be up in the Sanctuary, thanks to Jim Francis.

December 6th, 7th, and 8th, decorating the Sanctuary and outside of the church beginning at 9:30 AM. All are welcome to come and help.

December 11th 3 Advent Service of the Word. The reading and lighting of the third Advent candle will be Martha Schweiger and Linda Richardson.

December 18th 4 Advent We will welcome Li Wing Yin, seminarian, who will lead us in worship. Stephanie and Joe Staudenmayer will be lighting the candle on the Advent wreath and doing the reading.

December 24th Christmas Eve worship service will be a candle light service at 7:00 PM. Holy Communion will be by intinction. The individual communion kits will also be available.

The Worship Committee wishes everyone a Blessed Christmas.

January 2023 Can you believe it.

January 1st 1 Christmas New Years Day with Holy Communion

January 8th Baptism of Our Lord Service of the Word.

January 15th 2 Epiphany, Holy Communion

January 22nd 3 Epiphany, waiting for information from Synod.

January 29th 4 Epiphany Service of the Word

We wish everyone a Healthy, Safe, and Happy New Year.

Fellow Members of Bethany,

The Bethany Council sponsored activities held in November were very successful. The Blood Drive did well, thanks to Stephanie taking on this very important activity. The Veterans Breakfast went well as we had approximately 22 people in attendance and of the number about 15 were veterans. Stories were told by everyone. Senator Singleton and Mayor Gina Tait were in attendance, and both thanked the Veterans for their service. Thank you to those that helped that day.

The Council is working with Pastor Marks, the Call Committee, and the Synod on ways to move the process forward on obtaining a full-time minister, this is no reflection on Pastor George as he is doing a fabulous job. I think we can all agree on that! We must continue our search for a full-time pastor at the same time.

A special Congregational meeting will be held in January to discuss the financial means to support a full time Pastor. A letter will be sent announcing the date and time of the meeting.

As we now approach Advent, the Council wants to wish each one of you and your families a blessed Christmas Season and hope expressions of the birth of our Savior reflect His love as you gather with family and friends. We would also like to wish all of you a Happy, Healthy, and successful New Year.

Please be safe and stay healthy.

In Prayer,

Rick Dreby
President

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year*

Prayer Chain

**If you have a need for prayer, or thanksgiving, for yourself, family or friends please call
Joan Kelly 856-303-1367**

**Our prayer chain prays each day in their home for the prayer concerns of all who call us.
We hope to give you comfort and strength. All calls are kept in confidence.**

Stewardship Letter – December 2022

Merry Christmas 2022!



Here is an update on our October 2022
Financials:

<u>Balance 10/1/22</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance 10/31/22</u>
\$33,683.14	+\$11,289.96	(-\$9,379.18)	\$35,593.92

As you can see above, our balance in our Parish increased by \$1,910.78 over the month of October. Thank you all for your generous contributions each month.

It's hard to believe that another year has come to pass. It seems as if the years go by faster as we all grow older, time flies as they say!

As we begin to prepare for the Advent Season which begins on Sunday, November 27th. Let us remember all the wonderful gifts that we have been given from our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ. We must be thankful that God the Father has been so loving to us, giving us his only Son to redeem us from our transgressions. We must always be mindful of the poor in spirit, the hungry, and the lonely people in the world today. This past year has been very tough on everyone and we need to remember to "Love One Another" as Jesus has loved us and keep the faith!

We hope to see everyone in Church this year if you feel safe please join us at worship. Looking forward to another jubilant and happy Holiday Season with all of you!

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's 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



December

02 Caron Dalesio

03 Frank Brennan

03 Judith Koehler

06 Bonnie Higgins

06 Michael Wilson

08 Taylor Arcaini

09 Miles Wence

14 Cindy Strauss

15 Marli Butler

17 Jennifer Paszkiewicz

17 Ronald Penska

17 Nicholas Wilson

18 Annette Brown

21 Leigh Ann Penska

27 Sylvia Downs

28 Howard Lippincott

December

What's Happening...

12/01

12/02

12/03

12/04

12/05

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Miller House (1st Holy Communion Class)

2nd Sunday Advent/Communion

9:30 AM: **Christmas Tree Assembly**

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)

7:00 PM - 9:00 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)

12/06

9:30 AM: **Christmas Decorating**

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Miller House (Martha Circle)

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2nd Floor (Scouts)

12/07

9:30 AM: **Christmas Decorating**

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Miller House (Eve Circle)

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Church 2nd Floor (Pack Comm. Meet)

12/08

9:30 AM: **Christmas Decorating**

12/09

12/10

12/11

3rd Sunday Advent/Service of the Word

12/12

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)

12/13

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)

7:00 PM: Miller House (Council Meeting)

7:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2nd Floor (Scouts)

12/14

12/15

12/16

10:30 AM: Nurturing Committee @ Sylvia's

12/17

12/18

4th Sunday Advent/Service of the Word

12/19

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)

12/20

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)

7:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2nd Floor (Scouts)

12/21

12/22

12/23

12/24

Christmas Eve Service/Communion

12/25

No Church Service

12/26

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)

12/27

12/28

12/29

12/30

12/31



January

- 01 Charles Bohus
- 03 Patrick Kane
- 07 Elise Bohus
- 09 Lucas Cooney
- 10 Robert Hayes, III
- 10 Betty Mills
- 11 Joseph Staudenmayer
- 12 Joyce Forrest
- 12 Anna Paszkiewicz
- 17 Robert Deats
- 18 Mitchell Dalesio
- 18 Alexandra Mankowski
- 19 Charles Dorworth
- 20 Debra Schoen
- 24 Jeanie Francis
- 27 Steven Groeber
- 31 Joan Kelly



Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

Endowment Committee

Bethany has been blessed with a substantial endowment fund which has enabled us to reach out and support programs in the community as well as new congregational programs. The following is a listing of our outreach and support contributions for 2021 and 2022 to date.

PHS Class of 70 reunion (ad book)	\$25
Palmyra Post Prom	\$300
Shriners Hospital Philadelphia - memory of Carol Riley	\$500
Crossroads Camp and Retreat Center	\$500
iPad Pro for church service broadcast	\$1,209
Bread of Life Christmas Program	\$750
Seeds of Hope - Camden	\$500
Smile Train	\$500
Cathedral Kitchen (Camden)	\$500
On Eagles Wings Ministries	\$500
Camp Firefly	\$500
Orchard Friends School	\$500
Samaritan's Purse (WELCA Shoe Box)	\$954
ELCA Disaster Relief (tornados)	\$1,000
Pastoral Gifts	\$750
Good Neighbor Program (local homeless aid)	\$4,000
Camp No Worries	\$1,000
ELCA Disaster Response - Ukraine	\$1,000
New Jersey Shares - Utility Relief	\$1,000
Cub Scout Pack 279	\$1,000
Nurture Committee - Ladies Luncheon	\$257
Troop 9 BSA - 75th anniversary	\$500
Bread of Life Christmas Program	\$500
Good Neighbor Program (local homeless aid)	\$1,000
Samaritan's Purse (WELCA Shoe Box)	\$800
Orchard Friends School	\$1,000
Smile Train	\$1,000
Hearth Lutheran Church - Orlando start up	\$500
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If there are any programs that you would like to see Bethany support, please contact any member of the Endowment Committee with your suggestions.

Bob Middleton
Treasurer, Endowment Committee

Bethany Lutheran Church
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October 25, 2022

To whom it may concern,

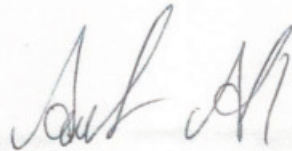
I would like to thank your Endowment fund for paying \$215.00 towards my son Joshua's summer camp payment.

He loved going to Trexler Camp with the Troop. Josh had fun with the other scouts and earned some badges and rank advancements. He learned a lot and is excited to go again next year.

Thank you, again for your generous donation, your help was very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ahmet AK



JOSH AK

Thank you!!!



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

October 10, 2022

Thank You

Bethany Lutheran Church
617 Morgan Ave
Palmyra, NJ 08065-1929

Dear Bethany Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift(s) given to your synod, received by Lutheran Disaster Response in August 2022.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, you are sharing this amazing grace with others. You are helping people near and far feel the transformational power of God's love.

Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping families and communities reeling from disasters here in the United States and around the world. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God is shining through you.

With you in the Spirit,

Daniel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, Mission Funding, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response

P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for gift detail.

Scouting For Food



Members of Troop 9 Crew 9 Pack 9