

March

Bethany News

2023

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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

Message from Pastor Peggy for March 2023

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ Amen

Your Father who sees you in secret will reward you. Matt: 6:18

Regardless of whether we have a little or a lot, are old or young, sick or well, or have come to terms with our own fragility like former President Jimmy Carter, when we come to worship In the season of Lent we are marked with the cross of Christ and on Ash Wednesday we heard these words spoken: Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return. These words remind us of our human frailty; that sin, failure, struggle and death are a part of life for all of us; and that it's not our praying or our giving that saves us.

The Season of Lent, beginning with the mark of the cross on our head reminds us that we are loved and created by God, who made heaven and earth. Most importantly the ashes remind us that in our living and our dying we belong to God.

May all of you experience the peace and love of God this Lenten season.

In Christ's peace
Pastor Peggy

WELCA

Dates Martha March 7th 11 AM - 1 PM

Eve March 8th 11 AM - 1 PM

Our project of Health Kits will run until April. We plan on having our WELCA Sunday in April. More information will follow.

Congregation Christian Service Project

Donations of items collected for health kits will be accepted until April. Health care supplies will be assembled in May, to be distributed to area needs.

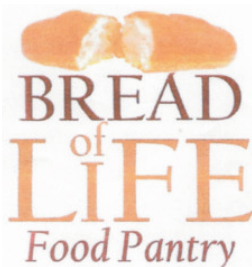
Please note the following list and **only purchase** those items:

Bath Bar soap Comb (wide tooth/large) Deodorant
Toothbrush Toothpaste Face Cloth Hand towel

At this time, we need more of Comb (wide tooth/large), Deodorant and Toothbrush.

A marked basket is in the Narthex for collections.

Thank you.



We recently had 145 families receiving help.
For the month of February
As food prices have risen recently,
ongoing donations are especially needed.

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

Worship Committee

I have been thinking about the word **DEADLINE**. There are deadlines at work, school, church and home. It is good we have deadlines. It is not only we humans that have deadlines, but also the little animals. One morning, it was still very dark, I opened my back door and there was a large, healthy looking raccoon looking back at me. I watched him for a while. A little while later just beginning to get a little light, I saw movement in my neighbors yard and I assumed it was the raccoon. As I watched, it was a skunk and he was running as fast as his little legs could go and I thought he has a deadline. He knew if he didn't get home before daylight, he would be in big trouble. He ran across the street, down along the side of the house, into the backyard, where his house was. I think he made his deadline. Do you think the Lord had deadlines? I think he did because he knew he only had so much time on this earth and he needed to accomplish certain things. Think about it. I think I better stop thinking about deadlines or I will not make mine.

Our March calendar will also include a bit of April.

March 5th 2 Lent Holy Communion

March 12th 3 Lent Service of the Word

March 19th 4 Lent Holy Communion

March 26th 5 Lent We welcome back Pastor Dunkle, who will lead us in Service of the Word

April 2nd Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday 10:15 AM Worship Service.
Depending on the weather, we will begin outside.

More information concerning Holy Week and Easter will be in the April Bethany News.

Just enjoy the month of March, and who knows, maybe snow.

Bethany Family,

This weather is crazy but I personally am loving it. Some beautiful days, warmer than normal February and hopefully a very nice March is coming. The Council continues to work to make our Church the place people want to come to for their religious needs. As we patiently wait for a new pastor we are blessed to be led by Pastor George and the Supply Pastors' messages. We have seen an increase in our attendance which is very heart warming.

During the 40 days of Lent and the upcoming Easter celebration we should continue to pray for our leaders, the Bishop and all others on our hearts.

Sincerely,

Rick Dreby
President

Stewardship Letter – March 2023



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Here is an update on our January 2023 Financials:

<u>Balance 1/1/23</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance 1/31/23</u>
\$41,401.02	+\$8,387.60	(-\$9,937.58)	\$39,851.04

As you can see above, our balance in our Parish decreased by **(\$1,549.98)** over the month of December. Thank you all for your generous contributions each month.

Here we are at the doorstep to Spring Season and Easter Celebration just several weeks from now. It's time to start thinking about how we can offer support to Bethany Lutheran Church as our Stewardship Campaign starts this month. Our expenses are still very much less than they would be if we had a full-time Pastor and the benefits package we provide as part of the compensation. When we do call a Pastor, we will need for more support financially even though we have funds available from the Endowment Fund. When you receive your letter next month for our "Count Me In" Stewardship Drive please consider raising your offering amount so that we will not need to rely solely on the monies that we have in the Endowment Fund. We should be in a mind-frame to support our Church with our time, talents, and monetary offerings every month. So please take time to make your decision based on the knowledge that we will need help!

Also, we are currently two Church Council Members short, and we need to fill the vacancies soon, contact Rick Dreby, myself, or any council member if interested!

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

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.



March

- 01 Briella Hatcher
- 02 Morgan Dalesio
- 06 Ryan Arcaini
- 06 Colin Lumley
- 10 Ruth Ellen Cheney
- 17 Elisa Schoen
- 20 Chloe Vetrecin
- 22 Kimberly Salton
- 23 Dorothy Isard
- 23 Linda Richardson
- 29 Ann Deats
- 31 Ben Cheney

What's Happening...

March

03/01

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

03/02

03/03

2:00 PM Miller House (Stewardship Meeting)

03/04

03/05

Communion

03/06

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

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

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

03/07

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/Undercroft/2nd Floor (Scouts)

03/08

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

03/09

03/10

03/11

03/12

Service Of The Word/Daylight Savings

Coffee Hour-Council Committee

03/13

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

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

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Miller House (Worship Meeting)

03/14

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

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Miller House (Council Meeting)

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

03/15

03/16

10:30 AM: Miller House (WELCA Exec Board. Meeting)

03/17

03/18

03/19

Communion

03/20

Bethany News Articles are due

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

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

03/21

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

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

03/22

03/23

03/24

03/25

03/26

Service Of The Word

03/27

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

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

03/28

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

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

03/29

03/30

03/31



SOUPER-BOWL

Sunday, February 12th, 2023

"BIG GAME WINNER"

We did OUR part to
CAN hunger

198 Soup Cans

will be donated to the

Bread of Life Pantry!



New Jersey Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

THANK YOU

Bethany Lutheran Church,
Palmyra

In grateful appreciation for giving
\$14,000.00
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