

May

Bethany News

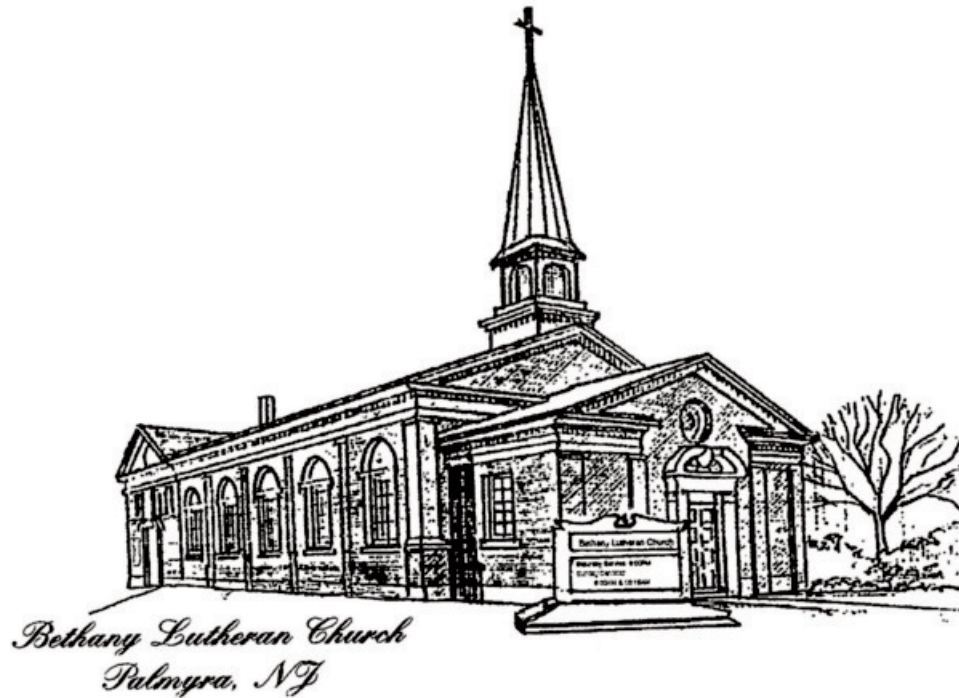
2022

FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF BETHANY LUTHERAN

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May 15th Congregation Meeting

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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
Girl Scouts

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

March Musings from Pastor Peggy

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

The Merry Month of May is just around the corner as I write this brief note. Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! We were able to worship together for the first time in two years on Easter Sunday which so warmed our hearts.

On May 15th we will have our Annual Meeting and a dedication of Gibson Hall. So many have been working so hard to get rid of the mold and to paint and shine up the hall!!! So we will don our Sun Glasses after our Annual meeting and go downstairs for a brief dedication and coffee hour/fellowship time. It will be a joyous day for everyone.

We continue to keep our Call Committee in our prayers as we wait eagerly for a new called and settled pastor. In the meantime we continue to share the Good News of our Risen Savior through Word and Deed

In the joy of our Risen Savior
Pastor Peggy Marks

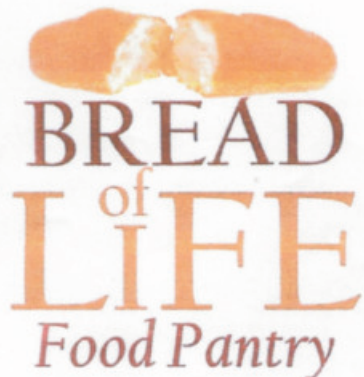
WELCA

Dates: Martha Tuesday May 10th 11 AM
Eve Wednesday May 11th 11AM - 1 PM
Meetings are in second week this month.

Topic Women of the Bible

Project: Tri-Boro Ministry Fund

Mark your calendar: June 8th, General Meeting 11-AM
More information will follow.



We recently had 80 families receiving help.

**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

Thank you congregation, for braving the chilly, windy weather on Palm Sunday. Thank you, Pastor George for blessing the Palms and leading the procession into the sanctuary. What a moving way to begin our Palm Sunday worship service. Bethany, you are truly a strong and resilient congregation.

The atmosphere at the Easter worship service was very joyful. Wasn't it nice to see so many friends and families that we haven't seen for so many months. Thank you, Pastor George for leading us and delivering a very inspirational message.

Debbie, Thank you for all the beautiful music especially the Prelude, sung by the Chaney sisters, Emily and Ellen, and also for them to continue leading us throughout the service.

Thank you to all the behind the scene volunteers, giving of their time and many diversified talents. Also making sure the beautiful cross was placed outside to be enjoyed by the community. Last but not least, the Butler girls for filling the outside cross with the extra carnations, Thank you ladies.

April 24th 2 Easter Pastor Lou Dunkle will be leading us in Service of the Word. Many of us will remember him as our guest Pastor on April 7th, 2019, Welcome Pastor Dunkle. Also, Emily Cooney will be representing the Stewardship Committee, delivering the first Temple talk.

May 1st 3 Easter Holy Communion. Kim Salton will present the second Temple talk.

May 8th 4 Easter. Service of the Word. Tom Willard, chair person of the Stewardship Committee, will present the 3rd Temple talk.

May 15th 5 Easter Holy Communion. Congregational meeting following the 10:15 worship service.

May 22nd 6 Easter Service of the Word

May 29th 7 Easter Pastor David Oppold will be our guest Pastor with Holy Communion.

In the April Bethany News, I commented on how kind Mother Nature was being to us BIG MISTAKE. She has certainly changed her mind. Sorry about that. My flowers and trees are confused and so is the writer of this article. I hope by the June article, I can truly say that summer is just around the corner. But whatever the weather is, each day is truly a blessing and we must enjoy each day.

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 – May 2022 Letter



Alleluia – Christ is Risen!!

Here is an update on our February 2022 Financials:

<u>Balance 3/1/22</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance 3/31/22</u>
\$17,340.05	+\$8,395.29	(-\$7,858.34)	\$17,877.00

As you can see above, our balance in our Parish increased by \$536.50 in March. Thank you all for your generous contributions each month. Please keep in mind that our expenses are lower than normal since we are not supporting a full-time Pastor at Bethany Lutheran Church.

We look forward to the Spring & Summer Seasons with warmer weather, lots of outdoor activities, and possibly vacations to many delightful destinations. Always keep **Bethany Lutheran Church** in mind even if you are out of town you can watch our weekly services on our website as we are recording them and post it on-line. Our Church continues to seek a full-time Pastor which will require more financial support from our congregation in the future please reflect on this over the next few months and pray that our **Call Committee** will be successful in our search.

Our “**Annual Stewardship Drive**” has begun, please remember to complete your “**Count Me In**” form to complete and return by **May 1st**. We will have blank forms in the **Church Narthex** just in case you should forget to mail or bring it with 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



Social Ministry - May Newsletter

Hello Bethany! Can you believe that it's almost May already? This year is flying by!

I want to thank everyone for participating in the ELCA 40 Days of Giving this past Lent season. It was nice to spend time together, although there were only a few of us that were able to come together on our Wednesday Zoom evenings. I hope that those were as meaningful to you as it was to me!

As many as *811 million* people around the world are undernourished. Your gifts matter - in Indonesia, the United States, Tanzania, and other countries all around the world. As church, our calling is not merely to minister to our neighbors but to bear witness to the "new thing" God is doing in our world, a new community God is making possible. This is not easy work, but we are not alone.

God is with us along the way, inspiring hope and courage and revealing Godself in the neighbors we encounter. We know that this Lenten journey is not the end. The season's fasting, praying and self-reflecting spiritual disciplines prepare us for the road ahead, the road that leads to the cross - and beyond, to a new community that God makes possible. This is not an easy road to travel. But we know that, even amid the challenges ahead, the "new thing" God is doing "Springs forth", that God is even now working to "make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert". (Isaiah 43:19)

Thank you for journeying with ELCA World Hunger this Lent. Now is the time to take stock of all that we have collected - \$342.20 - that will make a difference in the work to end hunger!!

Blessings and peace,

Karin Kane
Social Ministry Chair



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- 05 Susan Vetrecin
- 09 Suzanne Bohus
- 09 Diane Groeber
- 13 Susan Kolarovic
- 13 Elaine Stinnett
- 15 Katie Stein
- 18 Denise Gatti
- 18 Fred Shaffer
- 23 Christine Hightower
- 26 David Gerken
- 26 Don Lamon
- 26 Thelma Lamon
- 27 Jim Francis
- 31 Reilly Ogberg
- 31 Jennifer Smith