

March

Bethany News

2022

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Special Events

WEDNESDAY MARCH 2ND ASH WEDNESDAY

SUNDAY MARCH 13TH DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

MARCH 17TH ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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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 and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ Amen
So this month's article is a little of this and a little of that.

Do you know who your council members are and what area of ministry they are involved in here at Bethany? Everyone is involved in some way to help share the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Emily is making it very easy for you to know...all you have to do is watch the video she has made for Faustnacht! We have all been interviews and also share with you what we will be doing for Fat Tuesday. Will you be eating pancakes and sausage and eating donuts?

Your Call Committee has been hard at work revising our Ministry Site Profile which will be shared at the March Council meeting. On Saturday March 12th the Council and I will be having a retreat to go over it and formulate plans for our next steps. At that point we plan on resubmitting the MSP to the Synod. Please keep us in your prayers as we work and plan for the future God has for Bethany.

Lastly, I encourage you to attend the Ash Wednesday Service with your friends and neighbors at the Methodist Church.

God's peace and love surround you during this Lenten season.

In Christ
Pastor Peggy

WELCA

Welcome back

Dates: Martha Tuesday March 8th 11 AM
Eve Wednesday March 9th 11AM - 1 PM

Project: Bread of Life Food Pantry - Cash donationP
It is good to be together again.

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.

Worship Committee

Thank you snow shoveling crew, you did an awesome job on all the walks, there was not one little snowflake on any of them. I think Mother Nature can't decide if we should have winter or spring. No matter what she gives us, we need to enjoy and make the most of each day.

Our March calendar Lent

As of this date there are no soup supper plans for Lent. Several of the churches have their own plans for midweek studies during Lent.

March 2nd Ash Wednesday Asbury and Epworth United Methodist will be doing a joint worship service. The service will be held at Epworth at 501 Morgn Ave, Palmyra at 7:00 P.M

ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE

March 6th 1 Lent worship service with Holy Communion

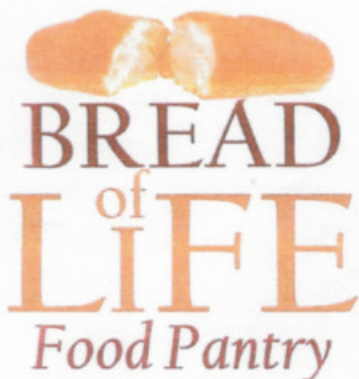
March 13th 2 Lent Service of The Word

March 20th 3 Lent Worship service with Holy Communion

March 27th 4 Lent Pastor Michael McKillip will be leading the worship service with Holy Communion

If the Worship Committee receives any further information concerning Lent, we will share it with the congregation. The TriBoro Clergy Association will meet again March 8th. We will wait to hear.

In a few weeks Spring will arrive, but let's just have one more snow storm, it was so beautiful. I have 2 more batches of cinnamon dough and I can't make cinnamon buns to share without snow. Let's Hope.



THANK! YOU!

**for your generous February
soup bowl donations**

**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**

Stewardship – March 2022 Letter

Happy St. Patrick's Day – Erin go Bragh!



I would like to update everyone on our January 2022 Financials:

<u>Balance 1/1/22</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance 1/31/22</u>
\$15,655.52	+\$8,732.21	(-\$8,113.60)	\$16,274.13

As you can see above, our balance in our Parish increased by \$618.61 in January. Thanks to our Visitor Donations who offered a \$1,600.00 in January 2022.

Please note our expenditures are much lower since we are not providing a full-time pastoral salary & benefits currently, and we also received \$219.02 from the Solar Panels proceeds in January 2022. We are still in need of your best financial support as we search for a Pastor, please pray that we will find one soon!

As I sit here writing this letter, I am mourning the loss of my younger brother, Patrick Frank Willard, who passed away at his home on February 3, 2022. He suffered a massive heart attack at 53 years old! It took me and my entire family by surprise, especially his two children Trish, and Michael. He left behind three granddaughters, mother, three brothers, and two sisters. Please pray for our family. On February 20th, 2022 my youngest grandson, Brayden Anthony Willard, will be baptized by Pastor Peggy Marks, this makes the second one in less than twelve months. I am proud of Jaden Mills who also was baptized October 3, 2021!

As we look forward to Lent and **Easter celebration** on April 17th, 2022. We should begin to prepare our hearts for the crucifixion & resurrection of our Lord Jesus!

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 REPORT

February 2022

1. An actual committee has been formed, with hopes of others joining! We are not a *women's only* committee! Please join us and spread the word as more hands means more outreach! Our first meeting for the year was held on January 25th by Zoom to discuss the items below and possible upcoming items.
2. Trex Plastic Recycling
 - Goal was met and exceeded! We received our bench, unassembled, which is being kept at Karin's home until the weather is appropriate for installing.
 - Currently, there is no collecting of plastic. The plastic that is in the containers has been picked up and taken to Temple Lutheran Church for their ongoing collection. We hope to do this again at another time - in the meantime, keep recycling your plastic at the grocery stores! **Job well done everyone!!**
3. Christmas Sharing Tree
 - We were given a list of 26 children to shop for, by Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ. 13 of those children's wishes were fulfilled by the Congregation and the Committee fulfilled the other 14. Karin met Beth from LSMNJ at Bethany on December 13 to hand off the gifts. *Thank you to everyone that participated!!*
4. Souper Sunday
 - As done in years past, Social Ministry is collected cans of soup on Super Bowl Sunday. This was just a quick collection for one day to benefit The Bread of Life Pantry. Peggy Schock took the cans to the Pantry. Thank you to everyone that donated soup - **84 cans** of soup were donated!

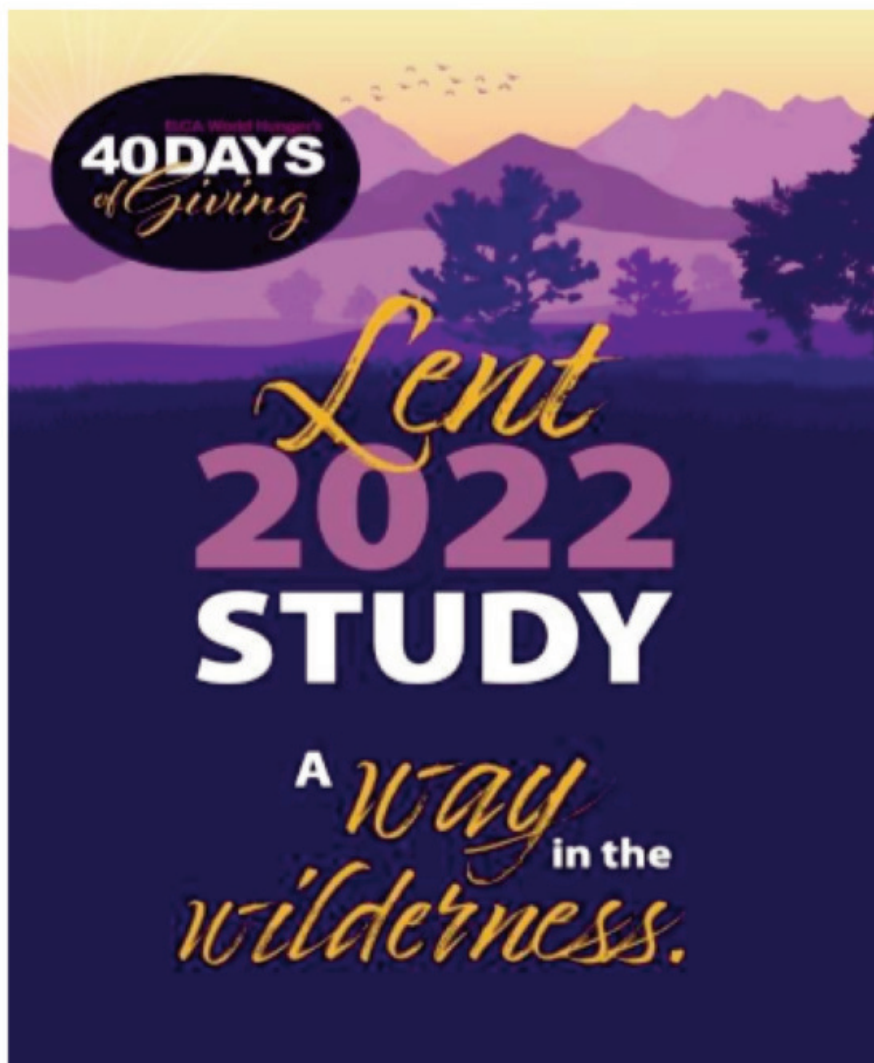
Property

Gibson Hall projects are almost complete.

We will begin to paint the walls shortly.

Any help will be appreciated

Contact Bill Isard 856-829-3834



This Lent - you're invited to journey into the wilderness with us and with God. Together with fellow supporters, we'll pledge to work to end hunger during **ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving**. More than ever, your generosity is critical as we accompany people around the world who face hunger and poverty.

Please join Social Ministry, along with Worship Committee, Evangelism and Religious Education in our journey through a weekly prayer during our Services, and a **Lenten Study on Wednesday nights beginning March 9th**, together on Zoom beginning at 6:00 PM (bring your dinner!). The Zoom link will be mailed out to everyone by Monday, March 7th.

Any questions, please call Karin Kane - (856) 308-6735



Ash Wednesday Service

March 2, 2022

7:00 PM

A joint service will be held with both
the

Epworth and Asbury
United Methodist Church

At

Epworth United Methodist Church

501 Morgan Avenue

Palmyra, NJ



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



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Thank you for all
you do!
Dean

February 2022

Dear Pastor, Congregational Leaders, Members and Friends,

I give thanks to God for you! This has been a challenging year in so many ways. And yet God's Spirit shared with God's church through faith in Christ –*this Spirit shines forth through you and in the mission and ministry we hold together!* Thank you for your faithfulness in tending to the needs of your congregations; of casting a vision reminding people that God is leading us into God's new day; and of modeling/practicing care and concern for one another and our neighbors. The warmth of God's grace continues to be known and experienced through you.

To that end your Bishop and NJ Synod Council especially thanks you for your Mission Support offerings. *This year we exceeded our estimated Mission Support offerings by 8%! Now, we know that as a synod, our size and gross annual giving is less than what it was ten or even five years ago. And yet as a synod, our commitment to generous financial giving is as strong as it has ever been.* I pray this puts a smile on your face and that you may find a moment to pause and thank God for this encouraging sign, and to remember how God's Spirit flows among us. As our Bishop shared in her recent meetings with pastors, deacons and chief lay officers, our mission to be connected to one another for support and ministry "...has continued unabated." Here are just five examples:

- During 2021, 14 congregations called pastors; 14 installations were observed; and 5 new pastors were ordained!
- We have surpassed our ambitious goal to raise \$50,000 as part of the Bishop's 'Jehu Jones' Challenge which will be used to support emerging leaders of African descent.
- As a synod, we have been accompanying congregations living into new shapes, sizes and staffing configurations.
- Offerings to ELCA World Hunger grew by 10%.
- *Lutherans Engaging in Advocacy Ministry of NJ* holds topical weekly meetings, and a new 'Go, and...!' evangelism and discipleship learning lab was launched in the last week of January 2022!

Enclosed you may find a 'Thank You' certificate that we hope you'll use to affirm your members generosity while celebrating the good works these offerings accomplish. Finally, if you have not already replied, **please have your congregation share your 2022 Mission Support Intent with the Bishop's Office** by going to the stewardship homepage on the NJ synod website: www.njsynod.org/stewardship or by emailing me (dbrown@njsynod.org).

Together in Christ, we are blessed to participate in God's creative ministry to, for and with God's beloved world.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dean R. Brown

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Assistant to the Bishop



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THANK YOU

Bethany Lutheran Church,
Palmyra

In grateful appreciation for giving
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for 2021 Mission Support.

