

May

# Bethany News

2023

**FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF BETHANY LUTHERAN**

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*May 14*



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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

## Thank you from Pastor Peggy

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

It was on June 1, 2021 that I arrived at Bethany---still very much in the midst of COVID pandemic. Little did any of us know that it would take two more years to call your new Pastor.

We have had our challenges and joys—ups and downs!!! But our God is so good. I am so excited for all of you as you begin this new chapter in the life of Bethany with Pastor Bre Tessitore on June 1st. She is so excited to begin her time as your pastor.

My prayer for all of you is that you will continue to be open to the work of the Spirit as Pr. Bre brings fresh ideas and ways to do ministry in the name of Jesus.

Thank you for sharing yourself with me the past two years.

**In Christ's love**

**Pastor Margaret (Peggy) Marks**

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## WELCA

**Dates Martha May 9th 11AM - 1 PM**

**EVE May 10th 11AM - 1 PM**

We sent \$150.00 each to Bread of Life Food Bank and Seeds of Hope for our projects this year. Thank you everyone.

Mark your calendars. Our General Meeting will be on June 6th in Gibson Hall. This will include both Circles and we will have a Pizza Party. Let's all try to get together to finish the season..

On April 25th , 26 ladies enjoyed a delightful Spring Luncheon at Maritsas. The food was good and the social time was great.



*May 29th*

# Worship Committee

Mother Nature is really keeping us guessing is it Winter, Spring or Summer? We humans are not only confused, but the trees, flowers and little animals are just as confused. We can't complain, the sun has been great and in walking, the flowering trees and flowers have been beautiful. Let's just enjoy whatever weather we get.

Shall we look at the calendar for the month of May? We don't want to miss anything.

**May 7th** 5 Easter. Worship service with Holy Communion. Stewardship the third Temple talk by Lois Gerkens.

**May 14th** 6 Easter. Service of the Word, and Mother's Day. Sewardship Temple Talk, the fourth and last one will be by Jack Flynn.

**May 21st** 7 Easter. Worship Service with Holy Communion.

Our Annual Congregational meeting will be held immediately following the worship service. The meeting will be in Gibson Hall with a luncheon provided by the Church Council and the Worship Committee.

This will also be the last worship service Pastor George will be leading us. Thank you Pastor George, it has been a joy having you and working with you. We wish you and Esther well as you move on in your life journey

**May 28th** Day of Pentecost. We will be welcoming Pastor Michael Gebhart, who will be leading us in the worship service.

Welcome Bre, this is a very exciting time for you and Bethany. How appropriate it is with the season of Spring and all the new beginnings that come with it. Count each day as a Blessing and enjoy our beautiful world.

I have some exciting news hot off the e-mail express.

Bre Testitorre will be Ordained **May 20th, 2023 at 10:00 AM** at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Hagerstown, MD. The church is a little over a 3 hour drive from Bethany, Everyone is welcome. **CONGRATULATIONS PASTOR BRE!**

There will be a reception afterwards for all to attend. It will be a combination graduation/ordination picnic that afternoon.

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## Fellow Members of Bethany

I hope each of you are enjoying the spring and some very beautiful weather.

By the time you are reading this we have a new pastor and will be looking forward to Breanna starting with us on June 1, with her first service on June 4. The process went very smoothly, and the Call Committee deserves recognition in the whole process, they faithfully worked to bring forth the future pastor.

We have finally after 5 years with interim Pastor Van Orden and Pastor George Richmond who both did an outstanding job have a full time Pastor. Thank you to both Pastors for your care of our church and the members during this time.

The annual meeting is May 21 after the worship service in Gibson Hall. Lunch will be provided. The Church Council is looking for interested members to serve. Please see Brad Young if you would like to be on Council. God Bless each of you.

**Rick Dreby**  
**President**



## Stewardship Letter – May 2023

### Alleluia, Christ Is Risen!! He is Risen Indeed!!



Here is an update on our March 2023 Financials:

<u>Balance 3/1/23</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance 3/31/23</u>
\$40,250.04	+\$7,032.60	<b>(-\$7,927.58)</b>	<b>\$39,355.06</b>

As you can see above, our balance in our Parish decreased by **(-\$894.98)** over the month of March. Thank you all for your generous contributions each month.

As we enter into our Annual Congregational Meeting on May 21, 2023 we are very excited to know that we have called a Full-Time Pastor Breanne Testatore who will start officially on June 1, 2023! Bri as we call her by her nickname was unanimously elected by the Congregation and will serve as our Pastor for many years to come. Please support Bri by attending Bethany Lutheran Church weekly, or as often as possible. We are honored to finally have found a suitable candidate to lead our Church into the future.

Remember, as I have pointed out in the past, our current expenses will increase as we now have a Full-Time Pastor on our payroll each month. We must consider our gifts of support as we close out our Stewardship Drive and move forward into the next few years of sharing with God! All gifts come from above, so consider if you can do more to help support our ministry and our new Pastor!

Looking forward to the future and it is bright with Faith, Hope, and Love! The greatest of all being Love.

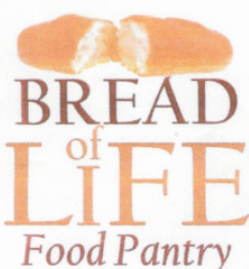
**Thank you all for your gracious and generous giving as always!**

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



**We recently had 120 families receiving help for the month of April. 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**



# May

- 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 Gerkens
- 26 Don Lamon
- 26 Thelma Lamon
- 27 Jim Francis
- 31 Reilly Ogberg
- 31 Jennifer Smith



May

# What's Happening...

05/01

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)  
7:00 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)

05/02

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)  
7:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Scouts)

05/03

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

05/04

05/05

05/06

8:00 AM: Cinnaminson Diner (Men's Breakfast)

05/07

**Communion**

05/08

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)

05/09

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Miller House (Martha Circle)  
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)  
7:00 PM: Miller House (Council Meeting)  
7:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Scouts)

05/10

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

05/11

05/12

05/13

05/14

**Service of the Word/Mother's Day**

05/15

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)

05/16

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)  
7:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Scouts)

05/17

05/18

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

05/19

05/20

8:00 AM: Cinnaminson Diner (Men's Breakfast)  
10:00 AM: St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Hagerstown, MD  
(Pastor Breanna Tessitore's Ordination)

05/21

**Communion**

11:15 AM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Congregational Meet. & Lunch)

05/22

**Bethany News Articles are due**

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)

05/23

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)  
7:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Scouts)

05/24

05/25

05/26

05/27

05/28

**Service of the Word**

05/29

**Memorial Day**

05/30

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)  
7:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Scouts)

05/31

Happy Mother's Day

*Breanna Tessitore*

*Ordination*

*May 20, 2023*

*10:00 am*

*St. Mark's Lutheran Church*

*Hagerstown, MD*



# Animal Supply Donation Drive

My name is Sean Kunz, a Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 170 and Venture Crew 9. I am working to earn my Eagle Scout Rank. Part of my Eagle Project is collecting donations to support Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge. Requested items are listed below. Drop off all donations into the Church Narthex Bin or contact me by emailing:

**[seankunz751@gmail.com](mailto:seankunz751@gmail.com)** or texting **856-701-1508**  
to arrange a pick up of donations.

All donations must be made by **May 19, 2023**.

- Dish Soap
- Paper Towels
- Hand Sanitizer
- Wipes
- 39 Gal. Trash Bags
- Spray Bottles
- Zip Ties
- Ziploc Bags
- Tissues
- Vegetable Baby Food
- Bleach
- Vinyl/Nitrile Gloves
- Dog Pee Pad