

April

# Bethany News

2023

**FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF BETHANY LUTHERAN**

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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

## Easter message from Pastor Peggy

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

Many years ago we purchased our stockings in plastic egg shaped containers! Ladies do you remember that? And those containers we the source of so many craft activities in Sunday School and in Scout troops!!!

One particular story is about a little boy whose Sunday School teacher gave them each an egg to fill to remind them about Jesus being raised from the dead on Easter Sunday. The children came back in with eggs filled with so many signs of new life—flowers and butterflies but his was empty and when the teacher asked why he answered because Jesus is raised from the dead. He is no longer in the tomb. He is out in the world. From the mouth of a child to the ears of an adult!!!

May you have a most blessed Easter as we celebrate new life at Bethany.  
He is Risen, He is Risen indeed Alleluia

In Christ's love  
Pastor Peggy

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### WELCA

**Dates Martha April 4th 11 AM - 1 PM**  
**Eve April 5th 11 AM - 1 PM**

April is the last month for our Health Kit donations. Let's end with a "bang". We plan on having our WELCA Sunday on April 23rd. We will have a guest speaker, Beth Gebhart, with her husband as our Supply Pastor. It will be a great morning. . Coffee hour to follow.

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### 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.

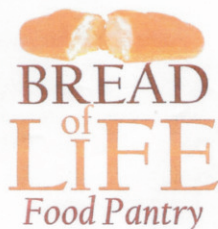
Please note the following list and **only purchase** those items:

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

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

A marked basket is in the Narthex for collections.

**Thank you.**



**We recently had 145 families receiving help.**

**For the month of March**

**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

Good Day everyone. *Happy Spring!*

The first day of Spring was lovely, it was a pleasure to be walking not all bundled up. I realized change was all around me, ready or not. The clumps of daffodils I was so happy to see, the flowering trees, the birds singing, and the longer daylight hours. I do love each changing season, which can be hard, especially no snow, but change is good, it just takes a little time to readjust.

April brings so many wonderful worship opportunities, beginning with Palm Sunday.

**April 2nd Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday.** Depending on the weather, the 10:15 AM worship service will begin outside with the blessing of the Palms and the reading of the Palm Sunday story according to Matthew. We will then proceed into the Sanctuary.

**April 6th Maunday Thursday.** We have been invited to Asbury United Methodist Church, 2492 Andover Rd., Cinnaminson, to participate in their Holy Communion Service at 7:00 PM

**April 7th Good Friday.** Asbury United Methodist Church will have devotion readings beginning at 12:00 PM – 3 PM of the last 7 words of Jesus. You may come and leave according to your schedule.

**April 9th Easter Sunrise Service** at Lakeview Memorial Cemetery, Rt. 130, Cinnaminson, beginning at 6:30 AM Easter Worship Service at Bethany will begin at 10:15 AM with Holy Communion by intinction. Pastor George will joyfully announce “Christ is Risen!”, the congregation will joyfully respond “He is Risen Indeed!”

**April 16th 2 Easter Service** of the Word.

**April 23rd 3 Easter.** WELCA Sunday. We will welcome Pastor Michael Gebhart, who will lead us in worship, including Holy Communion. His wife Beth Gebhart, who works with Lutheran Social Ministeries, will deliver the message entitled “Astounding Women”. The Stewardship Committee’s first Temple Talk will be given by Martha Schweiger. There will be a coffee hour hosted by WELCA.

**April 30th 4 Easter** Service of the Word. Tracy Foedisch will give the second Temple Talk.

**Circle May 21st** on your calendar. That will be our annual Congregational Meeting, beginning after the 10:15 worship service.

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## Bethany Family,

As Palm Sunday and Easter are right around the corner, I look forward to seeing you at Church. Easter is always a beautiful time of the year as we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection. He is in our lives everyday and we should always remember that he died for us. Easter is the celebration of the miracle and the hope for believers of their life in Christ, which includes the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life.

**In prayer,**

Rick Dreby  
**President**

## Stewardship Letter – April 2023



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

Here is an update on our February 2023 Financials:

<u>Balance 2/1/23</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance 2/28/23</u>
\$39,851.04	+\$8,580.56	(-\$8,181.56)	<b>\$40,250.04</b>

As you can see above, our balance in our Parish increased by **+\$399.00** over the month of January. Thank you all for your generous contributions each month.

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!

The Lenten Season & Easter Celebration are rapidly approaching as we begin to enjoy the Springlike weather and daylight savings time this month. It is such a wonderful time of year with the re-birth of the flowers, tree leaves coming back, and Jesus Christ taking the cross to redeem us all from our sins forever! Let us all prepare ourselves for the upcoming celebration of the resurrection of our Lord!

Meanwhile, we are also beginning our 2023-24 Stewardship Drive and you should be receiving a letter in the mail soon with Easter Holiday scheduled events, and the "Count Me In" form to complete and mail back to Bethany Church office no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, so we can plan our budget for the new Church year. Please take time to consider your gifts and ask yourself "**Can I do more?**" . We all know how much more expensive everything is now and staff salaries are going up due to inflation which is driving price increases for everything we buy.

**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

## 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.



# April

- 03 Erna Bauer
- 03 Angelina Fago
- 07 Jeffrey Kolarovic
- 07 Eric Stahl
- 10 Linda Lippincott
- 10 Mary Ann Young
- 12 Ronald Kolarovic
- 13 Bradford Young
- 16 Sandra Armstrong
- 16 Samuel Wence
- 16 Kim Williams
- 18 David Bauer
- 18 Richard Dreby
- 19 Shannon DeForest
- 19 Lois Gerkens
- 23 Nancy Grimes
- 24 Gary Grimes
- 25 Kristopher Wilson
- 26 Travis Kolarovic
- 26 James Wence

April

# What's Happening...



04/01

04/02

04/03

## **Palm Sunday/Service of The Word**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Troop Comm. Meet)

04/04

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/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Scouts)

04/05

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Miller House (Eve Circle)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Church 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Pack Comm. Meet)

04/06

## **Maundy Thursday**

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Asbury United Methodist Church, Cinnaminson

04/07

## **Good Friday**

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM: Asbury United Methodist Church, Cinnaminson

04/08

04/09

## **Easter/Communion**

6:30 AM - 7:00 AM: Lakeview Memorial Park, Cinnaminson  
10:15 AM - 11:30 AM: Sanctuary (Intinction Communion)

04/10

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

04/11

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/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Scouts)

04/12

04/13

04/14

04/15

04/16

## **Service of the Word**

04/17

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

04/18

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Scouts)

04/19

04/20

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

04/21

04/22

04/23

## **Communion**

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Gibson Hall (WELCA Coffee Hour)

04/24

## **Bethany News Articles are due**

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

04/25

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Scouts)

04/26

04/27

04/28

04/29

04/30

## **Service of the Word**