

June  
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# Bethany News

2023

**FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF BETHANY LUTHERAN**

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Pastor -Breanna Tessitore  
Secretary, Michelle Ieradi - Music Director, Debra Schoen  
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*Bethany Lutheran Church  
Palmyra, NJ*

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*Sunday, June 18*



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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

## Greetings from Pastor Bre

Bethany Lutheran, I am so glad to be here with you all! I have been praying for each of you over the past six weeks as I have finished school and prepared to engage in ministry with you.

As we enter into this season of ministry together, there is much to learn about one another. Because of this, I would love to meet with each and every one of you over the next few months. It would be my joy to meet with as many of you as possible over a meal and/or in your homes. If either of these don't work we can also meet at a coffee shop or in the Miller House. To schedule a meeting with me, either go to the following link <https://calendly.com/pastorbreanna/30min> or call either the church office or myself.

My office hours may be subject to change but, for now, I will intend to be in the office Monday through Thursday 9:30 to 2:30 unless I am out on a visit with someone in the community. I would be happy for you to drop by and say hello but always feel free to schedule an appointment if you have something specific to discuss. These office hours are, of course, not the only times during which I am available and working however, so please reach out if you would like to meet outside of these hours.

One additional point is that I will be taking Friday as my day off. You can feel free to email me or text me on Fridays and I will respond after the weekend. Regardless of my days off, please reach out to me if someone passes away, is hospitalized, or any other urgent pastoral concerns arise. I want to hear from you and be involved in your lives but I do not know what is going on if I am not told.

**Peace and Blessings be with each of you!**

**Pastor Bre**

**[pastorbreanna@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbreanna@gmail.com)**

**301-491-4018**

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## WELCA

**Mark your calendar: June 6th, General Meeting 11-AM -1 PM**

We have a menu change, but lunch will be provided. Let's all gather until the Fall.  
See you on the 6th.

### **WELCA Executive Board Committee Meeting April 27, 2023**

Attendance: Joan Kelly, Ann Deats, Dot Isard, Peggy Schock, & Stephanie Staudenmayer

Last meeting 03/16/2023. Only two in attendance.

Treasurer: Balance \$806.00. Project \$177.00 Gebharts were guest speakers for WELCA Sunday. No monies used from WELCA Fund, as donation made from Bethany.

Project Donations: \$170.00 donated to Bread of Life Food Pantry January 2023.

Will discuss where to send 2nd donation at next meeting. Will send to Seeds of Hope or LSM.

Health Care Kits: Collection completed 4/30/2023. Peggy Schock has collected items. Will discuss when and where to assemble at next meeting. Will send to Seeds of Hope or LSM Re: Beth Gebhart.

General Meeting: Martha and Eve Circles to meet Tuesday, June 6th 11 am – 1 pm in Gibson Hall. Will host pizza party. Peggy Schock will bring C.D.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 10:30 AM. Will review WELCA Booklet for 2023-2024

By Stephanie Staudenmayer

# Worship Committee

In the Worship Committee article for May, I couldn't figure out what season Mother Nature was putting us in, well guess what, I still can not figure out what season we are in. Maybe by June 21st, the first full day of Summer, we will know what season we are in. Whatever the weather is, let's just enjoy each day and always thank the Lord for our many Blessings.

Let's look at our June calendar. A very exciting time, Pastor Bre will begin her ministry at Bethany on June 1st

**June 4th** The Holy Trinity Holy Communion and Pastor Bre will be leading us in worship.

**June 11th** Pentecost 2, Service of the Word. Our summer worship service schedule begins at 9:30 AM

**June 18th** Pentecost 3. Holy Communion, Father's Day.

**June 25th** Pentecost 4. Service of the Word

**REMEMBER JUNE 11TH OUR 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BEGIN. ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
**The Worship Committee wishes everyone a relaxing, happy and safe summer.**

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**Fellow members,**

I would like to welcome Pastor Breanna Tessitore to our church and wish her much success.

The summer months are approaching and I hope you each have the opportunity to get a vacation and enjoy your family.

The Council reorganized after the congregational annual meeting and elected their offices: president is yours truly, **Vice President Stephanie Staudenmayer**, and **Secretary Joan Kelly**. The other members will have their committee responsibilities soon. Thank you to all of the members who attended the meeting and your input. The budget and constitutional changes and amendments were approved.

I urge each of you to make a concerted effort to attend Pastor Tessitore first service on June 4, 2023. It will be communion service and we would like to give her a great welcome. Name badges for our members will be available to wear that day and for a month or so after to give Pastor Bre a chance to get to know you.

*Enjoy the summer!*

**Rick Dreby**

## 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 Letter – May-August 2023



### Summer Season is now upon us enjoy the outdoors

Here is an update on our April 2023 Financials:

<u>Balance 4/1/23</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance 4/30/23</u>
\$39,355.06	+\$16,396.60	(-\$8,424.01)	<b>\$47,327.65</b>

As you can see above, our balance in our Parish increased by **+\$7,972.59** over the month of April. Thank you all for your generous contributions each month. It is great to end our fiscal year in the black with a healthy Parish balance!

As we begin this Summer Season, we will be ushering in our new Pastor Breanna Tessitore as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. What an exciting time for Bethany Lutheran Church. Our long-awaited members prayers are now answered after 5 years of seeking a Pastor! Let us all be prepared to support our ministry in every way possible with our time, talents, spiritual, and financial gifts. As the former Vice President of our Church Council, I pledge to do all in my power to make Pastor Breanna feel welcome and will offer all assistance as she will need time to get to know our Church. We will miss Pastor George, and Pastor Peggy. We thank both for everything they have done to keep our worship services alive and inspirational. Their support has led us to where we are now. Let us give thanks to God and our Lord Jesus Christ! Amen! Praise God and continue to pray for our Church, as Pastor George has said the “The Church is the people” we are the Church! Pastor Breanna will lead us into our future and guide us closer to God, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen!!!

I am looking forward to the future with Hope, Faith, Joy, and Love!!! Amen!!!

**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



## Come One, Come All!

Guess What?! We are calling a new Pastor! Let's get to know her and each other a bit better.

Your Staff Support Committee is sponsoring monthly *GET TOGETHERS* for just this reason. The events will begin in June. Each month a new group of Bethany members will be invited to socialize with a small group of their fellow parishioners and pastor at someone's home. The Staff Support Committee will make sure that over the course of several months everyone in the latest directory is invited to one of these events.

We need you to help us grow together with our new Pastor, Bre Tessitore. Please join us when you receive your event invite.

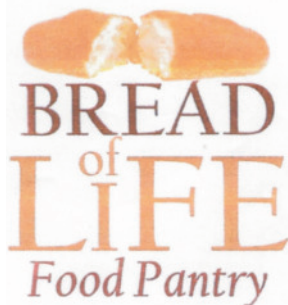
Looking forward to seeing you soon,

*Lois Gerkens, Chair,*

*Tracy Foedisch, Annette Brown, & Steve Groeber*

The Bethany Staff Support Committee

P.S. If you would like to host a get together at your home, please contact one of the committee members listed above.



**We recently had 168 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**

June

# What's Happening...

06/01

06/02

06/03

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

06/04

**Communion**

06/05

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)

06/06

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

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

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

06/07

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)

06/08

06/09

10:00 - 12:00 AM: Sanctuary (Little Friends Graduation)

06/10

**Service of the Word**

06/12

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

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

06/13

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)

06/14

**Flag Day**

06/15

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

06/16

06/17

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

06/18

**Communion/Father's Day**

06/19

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

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

06/20

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

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

06/21

06/22

06/23

06/24

06/25

**Service of the Word**

06/26

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

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

06/27

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

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

06/28

06/29

06/30





# JUNE

04 Stephanie Staudenmayer

05 Michael Wolan

12 Gary Lamon

15 Taylor Docherty

15 Lisa Eckhardt

15 Philip Evans

22 Diane Dreby

22 Betty Slojewski

23 Meghan Dalesio

24 Alyson Butler

24 Joan Stein

25 Tessa Grimes

25 Dennis Strauss

27 Christina Knowles

29 William Knowles, III

30 Alyssa DeForest

30 Elizabeth Marandola

# What's Happening...

July

HAPPY  
4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY

- 07/01 8:00 AM: Cinnaminson Diner (Men's Breakfast)
- 07/02 **Communion**
- 07/03 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
- 07/04 **Independence Day**
- 07/05 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Church 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Pack Comm. Meet)
- 07/06
- 07/07
- 07/08
- 07/09 **Service Of The Word**
- 07/10 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
- 07/11 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Scouts)
- 07/12
- 07/13
- 07/14
- 07/15 8:00 AM: Cinnaminson Diner (Men's Breakfast)
- 07/16 **Communion**
- 07/17 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
- 07/18 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)  
7:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Scouts)
- 07/19
- 07/20
- 07/21
- 07/22
- 07/23 **Service Of The Word**
- 07/24 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
- 07/25 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)  
7:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Scouts)
- 07/26
- 07/27
- 07/28
- 07/29
- 07/30 **Service Of The Word**
- 07/31 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)





# JULY

- 01 Paul Slojewski
- 07 Steve Stein
- 08 Isabella Garson
- 10 Sandy Stein
- 11 Logan Collins
- 12 Thomas Quinn
- 13 Daniel Schoen
- 23 Kristin Hightower
- 25 Robert Hozier
- 25 David Stahl
- 26 Jean Willard

August

# What's Happening...

- 08/01 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Scouts)
- 08/02 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Church 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Pack Comm. Meet)
- 08/03
- 08/04
- 08/05 8:00 AM: Cinnaminson Diner (Men's Breakfast)
- 08/06 **Communion**
- 08/07 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)
- 08/08 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)
- 08/09
- 08/10
- 08/11
- 08/12
- 08/13 **Service Of The Word**
- 08/14 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
- 08/15 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Scouts)
- 08/16
- 08/17 10:30 AM: Miller House (WELCA Exec Board. Meeting)
- 08/18
- 08/19 8:00 AM: Cinnaminson Diner (Men's Breakfast)
- 08/20 **Communion**
- 08/21 **Bethany News Articles are due**  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
- 08/22 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Scouts)
- 08/23
- 08/24
- 08/25
- 08/26
- 08/27 **Service Of The Word**
- 08/28 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)
- 08/29 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Scouts)
- 08/30
- 08/31



# AUGUST

- 01 Linda Strauss
- 02 Isabella Fago
- 03 Ethan Blackman
- 04 Robert Middleton
- 04 Paula Stahl
- 04 Betty Sundermier
- 05 Ellen Cheney
- 05 Emily Cheney Cooney
- 05 Elliot Wence
- 07 Sara Knowles
- 10 Rita Greenfield
- 11 Ethan Mankowski
- 11 Mary Ann Middleton
- 12 Margaret Schock
- 15 Sandra Torres Cintron
- 16 Lindsay Eckhardt
- 16 Jocelyn Gray
- 16 Jacob Straus
- 17 Caden Lumley
- 25 Judy Evans
- 25 Phyllis Hess
- 26 Jeanine Fackler
- 26 Elsie Hoffman
- 26 William Knowles
- 26 Dana Young
- 27 Riley Blackman



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John W. Doll, Pastor

***Sharing the love of Jesus. We love because He first loved us.  
1 John 4:19***

April 10, 2023

Dear Friends,

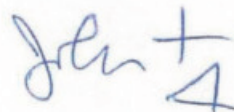
Thank you for your gift to help Asbury's homeless ministry!

Just recently, I placed the following paragraph in our Asbury Easter letter – "Our Good Neighbor Outreach continues to minister to our homeless neighbors. Recently, we helped a homeless veteran get into an assisted living facility. Most of the homeless neighbors we help are elderly. Just yesterday, we assisted a 72-year-old woman who desperately needed our help. She is a retired social worker! It is a privilege from God to be able to provide helpful assistance!"

This ministry continues to be awesome, and yet overwhelming at times. Since the beginning of April, we have given over 50 days/nights of housing – housed two families with very young children – and continue to help people who come to us in their desperate need. And it's only the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month!

Thank you for your support!

In God's Amazing Grace and Love,

Pastor John 

April 12, 2023

Rev. George Richmond, Pastor  
Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church  
617 Morgan Avenue  
Palmyra, NJ 08065

Dear Rev. George,

Thank you for your recent donation to Joseph's House! It is through your generosity we can continue the necessary work of ensuring the vulnerable of South Jersey are given food, shelter, and access to the resources they need to transform their lives. I gratefully acknowledge receipt of your parish appeal donation of check #10717, in the amount of \$200.00, dated 4.6.2023.

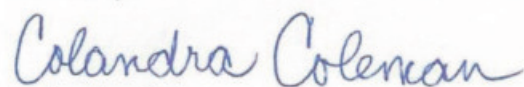
Without supporters like you, Joseph's House could not continue the work we have been called to do. Together, we can fulfill the mission of Joseph's House by 'holistically and individually engaging people experiencing homelessness in gaining stability and control of their lives.'

Joseph's House averages 4,500 meals served per month (breakfast and dinner), in addition to bagged lunches and snacks throughout the day. Not only does Joseph's House provide food as nourishment, but we also strive to provide nourishment for the physical and mental well-being of our guests.

On behalf of our staff, Board, volunteers, and most especially our guests, please know of our deepest and most sincere appreciation.

Thank you for sharing our mission. We appreciate your continued support, generosity, & thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

  
Colandra Coleman  
Executive Director

Your generosity allows us to continue providing opportunities to change lives! Thank you



Joseph's House of Camden, LLC is a 501 (c) (3) organization and no goods or services were provided in consideration for your gift.



Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America

April 25, 2023

*Thank You*

Bethany Lutheran Church  
617 Morgan Ave  
Palmyra, NJ 08065-1929

Dear Bethany Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift(s) given to your synod, received by Lutheran Disaster Response in February 2023.

*Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;  
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.  
—ELW 328*

This is a season of reflection and sacrifice but also a season of hope. As we walk the 40-day journey of Lent, we know that we are walking toward Easter and the promise of renewal. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA are bringing that promise and hope to your neighbors around the world.

Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

You are creating new beginnings. Thank you for sharing the hope of new life and the fullness of Christ's joy.

In Christ,

*Amanda White*

Amanda White  
Director, Congregational Generosity

*P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for gift detail.*