

April

Bethany News

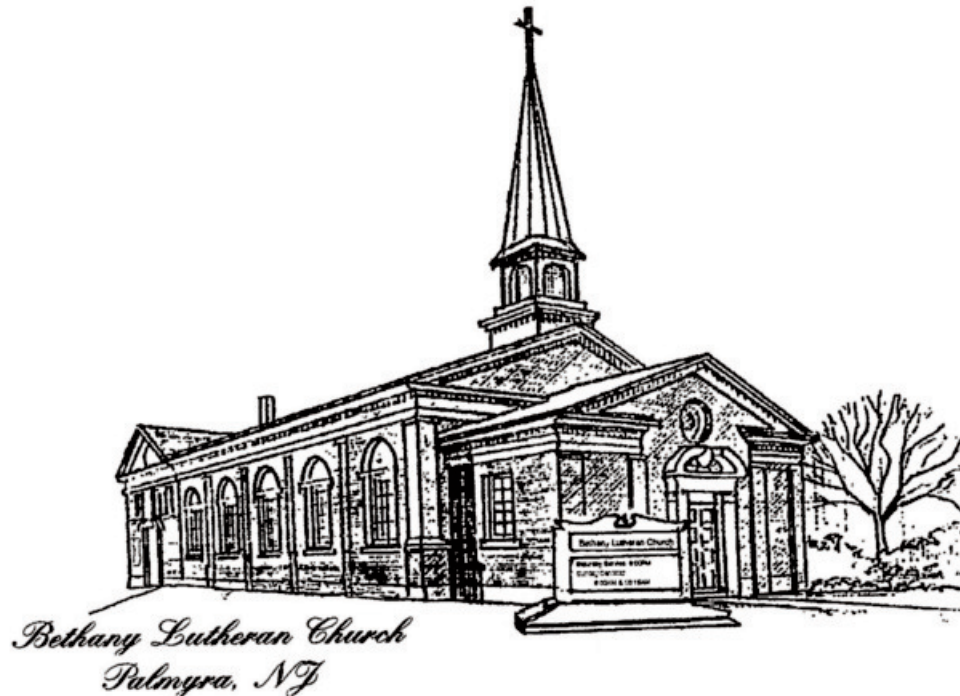
2022

FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF BETHANY LUTHERAN

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April

Sunday 10th Palm Sunday

Sunday 17th Easter Sunday

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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

As I write my message this month, it is still Lent. Reminders of our Lords suffering and death are all around us in the colors and music and scripture readings. But soon that will change and we will be singing "Jesus Christ is Risen Today Alleluia." As COVID continues to lose its clutch on us, it looks like Easter Sunday will truly be one of joy and maybe even no masks!!!

It has been a long two years for all of us. At times we really wondered where God was in all of the sickness and deaths surrounding us. I can guarantee you God was walking with us the entire way and crying tears of sorrow at each and every death.

So this Easter we have so much to be thankful for including the fact that the Call Committee along with the council have revised our Ministry Site Profile and have submitted it to the ELCA. The major change is that after receiving financial information from our financial leaders here at Bethany, we are now looking for a full time pastor which will make the search much easier for the Bishop.

So please keep praying that God will lift up the right candidate for Bethany and keep the Call Committee in your prayers---they have a big job.

In Christ

Pastor Peggy

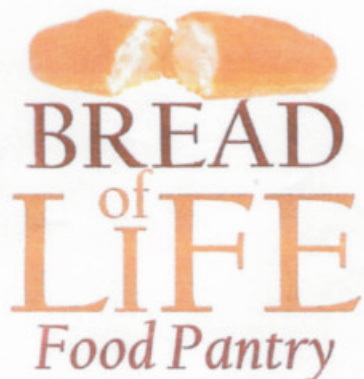
WELCA

Dates: Martha Tuesday April 5th 11 AM
Eve Wednesday April 6th 11AM - 1 PM

Topic Women of the Bible Rahab

Project: Providence House

It is good to be together again.



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**

Worship Committee

My Mother Nature has been very kind to us by allowing us to enjoy so many Spring like days in early March. When you are reading this worship article, Spring will have arrived. Isn't it so nice to hear the birds singing and to see all the spring bulbs blooming. I hope that you can get out and enjoy this beautiful world that God has given us to take care of

Let's take a look at March/April Calendar.

March 27th 4 Lent We will welcome Li Wing Yin, a seminarian. She will lead us in worship. Service of the Word

March 30th Wednesday mid-week Lenten study. Transformed in the Wilderness, via Zoom

April 3rd 5 Lent Worship service with Holy Communion

April 6th Wednesday mid-week Lenten study A Way in the Wilderness, via Zoom

April 10th Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday 10:15 AM Worship Service. We will begin outside with the reading of the Palm Sunday story from Luke Chapter 19. The Palms will be blessed, then we will proceed into the sanctuary.

April 14th We have been invited to both Asbury United Methodist Church, 2492 Andover Rd, Cinnaminson, Holy Communion service at 7:00 PM, also Epworth United Methodist Church, 5th and Morgan Ave, Palmyra, Holy Communion Service at 7:00 PM. That was very kind of both Pastor Doll and Pastor Soper to invite Bethany.

April 15th Good Friday. Asbury United Methodist Church will have devotion readings of the 3 hours 12:00 PM-3:00PM of the last 7 words of Jesus You may come and leave according to your schedule.

April 17th Easter Sunrise service at Lakeview Memorial Cemetery beginning at 6:30 AM.

Easter Worship service at Bethany will begin at 10:15 AM with Holy Communion. Our own Easter morning worship service will begin by Pastor George joyfully announcing "Christ is Risen! And the congregation will joyfully respond "He is Risen Indeed".

April 24th 2 Easter Service of the Word. Stewardship Committee will begin their first Temple talk which will be given by Emily Cooney. We will also have a guest Pastor/Seminarian to lead us in worship.

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

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 – April 2022 Letter



Our Lenten Journey has Begun!

The Journey will end with our Easter Celebration!

Here is an update on our February 2022 Financials:

<u>Balance 2/1/22</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance 2/28/22</u>
\$16,274.13	+\$10,364.00	(-\$9,298.08)	\$17,340.05

As you can see above, our balance in our Parish increased by \$1,065.92 in February. Thank you all for your generous contributions each month.

As we walk through this Lenten Season and prepare for the **Easter Celebration** on **April 17th, 2022**. We should contemplate all the blessings we receive from **God the Father**. We should be thankful for the promise of salvation that was spoken in the scriptures of the disciples of **Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ**. We must do the absolute best that we can to support the ministry of Bethany Lutheran Church.

We are now in search of a Full-Time Pastor for Bethany Lutheran Church as we have updated our Ministry Site Profile to reflect our current situation. We have support from our Finance Committee for the additional expenses which will add a substantial increase to our annual budget when we find a new Pastor. Everyone must reflect on ways to change the past and embrace the future for our Church!

We will begin our **Annual Stewardship Drive** in April and you should receive in the mail a letter with the **“Count Me In”** form to complete and return by May 1st.

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

Property Committee

The painting in Gibson Hall is almost finished. Thanks to Bob Deats, Rich Dreby, Steve Groeber, Bob Hayes, & Dan Schoen for their help. We always need more help for upkeep in the Church.

Please give me a call to help these guys out. **Thanks.** Bill Isard 829-3834



03	Erna	Bauer
07	Eric	Stahl
10	Mary Ann	Young
13	Bradford	Young
16	Samuel	Wence
16	Kim	Williams
16	Sandra	Armstrong
18	Richard	Dreby
18	David	Bauer
19	Lois	Gerkens
23	Nancy	Grimes
24	Gary	Grimes
25	Kristopher	Wilson
26	James	Wence
27	Michael	Brennan