

February

Bethany News

2023

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Palmyra, NJ*

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HAPPY VALENTINES 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

every Monday & Tuesday
and 3rd Friday Night
every Monday Night
every Tuesday Night

February message from Pastor Peggy

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

Is it time to start singing “Rain, rain, go away. Come back another day?” Oh how I wish it was snow!!!But I know most of you do not agree with me!!! Smile
So a few things this month.

Christmas gift:

Thank you thank you all for the very generous and loving gift you gave me for Christmas this past year. Bethany is such a generous giving congregation. Thank you.

Emails from me:

This past Sunday, a member came up to me to show me an email that supposedly was from me asking for help. It was NOT. This is a scam that comes and goes on a regular basis. Please be so careful. If in doubt do NOT open it and certainly do NOT respond to it. Please call me if you have any questions.

Congregational meeting:

It was so good to see so many out for our meeting this past Sunday. Whenever money is involved there are many viewpoints as to how the congregation should use it. By agreeing to use some of our funds to support a full time pastor for up to 5 years you are giving the church a chance to grow. Thank you for your faith and trust in God to lead the way.

Worship leader

I loved leading worship and seeing all of you on Sunday. Every congregation does some things a little differently—so sorry for the glitches!!!

In Christ’s love

Pastor Peggy+

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WELCA

Dates Martha February 7th 11 AM – 1 PM
Eve February 8th 11 AM – 1 PM

The project from September to December has been completed. We collected \$170.00 for the Bread of Life Food Pantry. Thanks to all for your support on this important project.

Our next project is the Health Kits which will run from January until April. This will be with the help of the congregation. We look forward to another successful project.

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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

A marked basket is in the Narthex for collections.

Thank you

Worship Committee

Happy New Year! Do you think Mother Nature is confused, she just can't make up her mind? There are 6 hyacinths poking their little sprouts out of the ground on the sunny side, and a couple of daffodils sprouting up on the shady side of my house. Whatever the weather is, we will make the most of each day and enjoy our beautiful world.

Let's take a look at our February calendar. Lent begins early this year. Ash Wednesday is February 22nd, The Triboro Clergy Association has planned a large service at Epworth United Methodist church, 5th and Morgan Ave. Palmyra. The service will begin at 7:00 PM with 5 churches participating.

February 5th 5 Epiphany, Holy Communion

February 12th 6 Epiphany Service of the Word, Scout Sunday.

February 19th Transfiguration of Our Lord Holy Communion.

February 22nd Ash Wednesday

February 26th 1st Sunday of Lent, We will welcome Rev. Erin Kinahan as our guest Pastor.

Let's just enjoy February with maybe some more winter like weather and hopefully some snow.

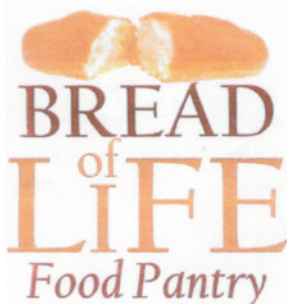
Bethany Family,

On behalf of Council, we would like to thank those that attended Church and the special meeting held on January 22, 2023. Those in attendance voted to allow endowment funds to support if necessary a Pastor's salary, benefits, and housing and not to exceed 5 years. The Synod is looking diligently for a Pastor for us. This will show a good faith effort on our part and it also shows we do have funds to support a full time Pastor. Information provided to the Council and passed onto the attendees yesterday was that there are 40 churches looking for a Pastor in our Synod and 2 recently closed. We must continue our stewardship and weekly/monthly giving in order to sustain our Parish funds as well.

As we continue to pray for the Synod to send us a Pastor we are asking for everyone that is able to come out to Church and enjoy the fellowship. If you need assistance we have folks that are willing to pick you up and take you to and from the service.

Sincerely,

Rick Dreby
President



**We recently had 152 families receiving help.
For the month of January
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**

Stewardship Letter – 2023



Happy New Year 2023!

Here is an update on our December 2022 Financials:

<u>Balance 10/1/22</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance 10/31/22</u>
\$38,931.57	+\$12,232.00	(-\$9,762.55)	\$41,401.02

As you can see above, our balance in our Parish increased by \$2,469.45 over the month of November. Thank you all for your generous contributions each month.

Here we are just starting a brand-new year and what can we expect in the future?

As we look forward, we have much to think about, mostly finding a full-time Pastor. How can we support Bethany Lutheran's Mission in our congregation, in our community, in our nation, and around the whole world? Pastor George has been an inspirational leader with such awesome sermons, and great stories that he tells us that relate to the scriptures and readings. We are so blessed to have him with us as we search for a Pastor. Please let him know how much we appreciate him as often as possible. Our Stewardship Drive will begin in a few weeks and you will be receiving a letter for "Count Me In" to complete and return to the Church ATTN: Tom Willard (a self-stamped addressed envelope provided).

We hope to see everyone in Church this year if you feel safe please join us at worship or you can watch the service on our website each week. Looking forward to another jubilant and happy Holiday Season with all of you!

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

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.



February

- 01 Megan Brennan
- 01 Jonathan Clifton
- 01 Mason Docherty
- 03 Dana Foedisch
- 04 Brian Williams
- 05 Casey Lee Foedisch
- 09 Rebecca Grimes
- 12 Karl Schweiger
- 18 Christina Garson
- 18 Daniel Stein
- 20 Hannah Strauss
- 22 George Saylor
- 23 Lily Bauer
- 24 Traci Schock

Thank You

The following people helped decorate our church for the holidays.
Thank You for Bethany's Christmas Beauty:

Dot and Bill Isard
Dan Schoen
Mike Wilson
Tracy Foedisch
Marie Carlin
Lois Gerkens

Bob Deats
Brad Young
Jim Francis
Stephanie Staudenmayer
Annette Brown
Peg Schock

Diane & Rick Dreby
Bill Knowles
Elisa Schoen & Rob Fields
Joan Kelly
Mary Ann Middleton

Quilters

The quilters have been busy since starting again after COVID. They have donated 40 quilts to Catholic Charities, 10 quilts to Cathedral Kitchen and just recently, 17 quilts to the Veterans Home in Vineland area. Any one who needs a quilt, speak to any of the women.

Bonnie Higgins, Ann Deats, Maryanne Middletown, Dot Isard, Diane Groeber and Dot Kolarvic. Betty Slojewski was also a worker before she moved.

This is a very social group and we have many more quilts ready to finish. We are always open to ideas for donations.



February

What's Happening...

HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY

- 02/01 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Church 2nd Floor (Pack Comm. Meet)
- 02/02 **Groundhog Day**
- 02/03
- 02/04 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Youth Group (Miller House)
- 02/05 **Communion**
- 02/06 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: Church 2nd Floor (Troop Comm. Meet)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
- 02/07 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/Undercroft (Scouts)
- 02/08 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Miller House (Eve Circle)
- 02/09
- 02/10
- 02/11
- 02/12 **Service Of the Word/Scout Sunday**
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Gibson Hall (Scout Sunday/Coffee Hour)
- 02/13 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
- 02/14 **Valentine's Day**
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
- 02/15 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Miller House (Council Meeting)
- 02/16 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Miller House (WELCA Exec. Board Meet)
- 02/17 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
- 02/18
- 02/19 **Communion**
- 02/20 **President's Day**
Bethany News Articles are due
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
- 02/21 3:00 PM - 7:00: PM Sanctuary (Choir Practice)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
- 02/22 **Ash Wednesday**
- 02/23
- 02/24
- 02/25
- 02/26 **Service Of The Word**
- 02/27 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Miller House (Quilters)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)
- 02/28 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Sanctuary (Choir Practice)
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Gibson Hall/Undercroft (Scouts)





Sharing the Love

We will be making

Valentine's Day Cards

on February 4, 2023

2:00 pm

In the Miller House

Contact Emily for more Information

emilycheney85@gmail.com

Scout Sunday

February 12, 2023

Calling ALL SCOUTS to
come in uniform to

honor the

113th Anniversary of Scouting

Following the church
service, the Scouts are
inviting everyone to
attend a coffee hour in

Gibson Hall



It's

SOUPER-BOWL

Sunday, February 12th, 2023

Before we prepare for the
"BIG GAME",

Let's do OUR part and
CAN hunger
in our own neighborhoods!

Please bring a can
or two, or three or four
of your favorite soups!

These soups will be donated to the

Bread of Life Pantry!




Fastnacht 2023

*Will be virtual this year.
Emily Cheney is looking
for volunteers to help with:
jokes, memories, readings,
skits, and songs*

*Please contact Emily at:
emilycheney85@gmail.com*

*Viewing party to be released
February 21, 2023*



Thank you for all
your support. I would
love to visit on a
Sandy Beth

January 12, 2023



Dear Members of Bethany,

Thank you so much for your generous gifts. Your gifts allowed Lutheran Social Ministries to provide Christmas gifts for the children and seniors living in our affordable housing. We did things a bit different this year. We had the parents come and pick up the gifts. This allowed parents to wrap the gifts and have them under the tree for their children on Christmas. The smiles on the parents' faces tell you they appreciate the gifts. Our seniors loved the gift cards and all the teenagers in LSMNJ received books in addition to gifts. At LSMNJ we strive to create a home for all our residents. Being remembered at Christmas gives a true feeling of home. We could not do it without you.



I am happy to visit and share stories of the difference your gifts make.

Happy New Year

Beth Gebhart, bgebhart@lsmnj.org 609-760-6073



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January 15, 2023

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church
617 Morgan Ave.
Palmyra, NJ 08065

Dear Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church:

Thank you for making a difference!

Camp No Worries is a place of happiness, friendship, and new adventures. **Your thoughtful 2022 donation of \$1,000.00** helped provide one week of "In Person" camp to children with cancer, their siblings, and families with none of the financial burden. Camp No Worries is a camp run solely by volunteers and is free to all families to attend and participate. This would not be possible without supporters like you.

Over the past 27 years, we have served over 2100 children. Planning for summer camp 2023 has already begun and we are looking forward to making camp an experience that will ensure the kids a true week of "No Worries".

The experiences, friendships, fun and memories that happen at Camp No Worries last far-longer than just the week of camp, they truly last a lifetime!

Sincerely

Mary Jo Mazza
Camp No Worries Board of Director

2022 YEAR-END TAX STATEMENT OF CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Federal Tax Identification number 82-3793545

No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution

If you feel this letter contain any errors, please contact.

Mary Jo Mazza maryjomazza@hotmail.com



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December 16, 2022

Rev. George Richmond
Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church
617 Morgan Avenue
Palmyra, NJ 08065-1633

Dear Pastor Richmond,

Thank you for the generous gift of \$500 designated to Lutheran Social Ministries of NJ for Christmas those we serve.

Your gift helps LSMNJ continue to provide hospitality, healing and hope for those in need. On behalf of LSMNJ and those we serve, please accept my appreciation for your commitment and gift to sustain the mission. Together we provide that helping hand and the support of compassionate care.

We thank you for your partnership in our mission of serving those who hurt, who are in need, or who have limited choices. May your gift of compassion and concern bless you and your loved ones. LSMNJ can only continue our work with the generosity of donors like you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alison Lauck".

Alison Lauck
Vice President, Philanthropy

A handwritten note in blue ink that reads "Thank you. Merry Christmas!".

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This letter will serve as your receipt in accordance with the 1993 Tax Act. We verify no goods, services, or benefits were received by you as a result of your gift. Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey Foundation is a registered charity with the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs - CH-3176900



**ORCHARD
FRIENDS
SCHOOL**

December 21, 2022

Rev. Jeffrey Van Orden
Bethany Lutheran Church
617 Morgan Avenue
Palmyra, NJ 08065

Dear Rev. Van Orden,,

For this year's Giving Tuesday campaign, we chose the theme "turning point." To me, "turning point" embodies a sense of bravery; transformation; new perspectives, and a renewed sense of purpose. From seemingly subtle shifts to dramatic leaps, our turning points are the moments we gather our courage to take the first step. They are the moments we begin to transition from who we've been to who we will be. They are the moments we become something new. We see turning points happen every day at Orchard Friends.

These moments are powered by donors like you—people and organizations who, year after year, continue to express their support of and belief in who we are and what we do. In our mission and work; in our faculty and staff; and in our students. Your generous donation of \$1000.00 is what enables us to continue creating these turning points. As a donor, you are creating these turning points with us.

Thanks to our community's generosity, we raised \$17,500 this Giving Tuesday! As the kick-off to our annual giving campaign each year, Giving Tuesday is a tremendously important event to us, and I am so grateful to each and every one of you for your support.

Students like Gabe and Harper, whose stories we featured this year, are the driving force behind everything we do. In sharing their stories, we not only celebrate their individual successes, but also represent the many students who have discovered their own turning points at Orchard Friends since we first opened our doors. We exist for students like these - students who, with the right support, understanding, and empathy, can unlock their learning potential. And we continue to exist because of donors like you. Your support changes lives, and it means everything to us.

Thank you for making a difference by supporting differences, this year and every year.

With gratitude this holiday season,

Beth DiPerna, MA, EdS, LAC
Head of School

*I can't express how much we appreciate the continued, generous support you give to our students.
Beth*

Orchard Friends is a 501c3, non-profit corporation and our Tax ID number is #22-3589582.

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December 28, 2022

Mr. Robert Middleton
Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church
Broad & Morgan St.
Palmyra, NJ 08065

Dear Robert,

I am writing to thank you and the Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church for the generous \$1,000 donation, dated December 16, 2022, to Cathedral Kitchen. I appreciate the congregation's support this year more than ever due to the record setting demand for meals and services we are seeing at the same time as record high costs for everything from food to supplies.

We are as busy as ever at Cathedral Kitchen. After a year of effort, we were finally able to get the "Pavilion" installed in the parking lot. It is a very large shed with windows where we are housing services, such as free groceries and hygiene items, that are provided during the weekday meal. Because of the more hospitable way we set up the tables and chairs in the dining room, we no longer have enough space inside for partner organizations that provide services, such as medical and behavioral health care, to the meal guests. The Pavilion expands our "indoor" space so that guests that come to CK for 300 to 600 free, hot and nutritious meals per day can access services in an area protected from the elements.

In addition, two weeks ago we graduated our 28th Culinary Arts Training Program class, with 20 students. We enjoyed watching the students learn and grow over the 15 weeks of the class. All of them passed the ServSafe exam, which enables them to be certified in safe food handling and makes graduates more marketable to employers in the culinary field. Already, a number of the graduates have jobs, and we are working with the rest to help them obtain employment.

Thank you and the congregation so much for supporting Cathedral Kitchen in our mission to help people out of food insecurity and champion their pursuit of stability and prosperity.

Happy New Year,

Carrie Kitchen-Santiago
Executive Director

Thank you!

*No goods or services, express or implied, were provided
by the Cathedral Kitchen in return for this donation.*



*Your generosity truly helps us
to bring care and comfort to our community.*

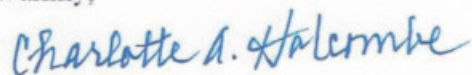
December 29, 2022

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church
617 Morgan Avenue
Palmyra, NJ 08065

Dear Sir,

On behalf of our patients and their loved ones, our staff, and Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your generous donation in support of Camp Firefly for bereaved children. Your gift of \$1000.00 (check 1252, dated 12/16/2022) enables us to provide grief support services at no cost for young people who are coping with the loss of a loved one. Please know that your caring is greatly appreciated by the children and families who rely on our services throughout the year.

Warmly,



Charlotte A. Holcombe, RN, MSN
President/CEO

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Dear Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church,
We are so grateful for your donation
to The Hearth (Castle Church). Please forgive
us for not responding sooner. We are still
in the process of changing our name
which caused a delay in banking.

As you know we have been
through some hardships but we
believe in our mission and feel
God is with us.

Once again, thank you for your
support. We wish you all the

blessings and love that come
with Christmas!

Love and Peace,
The Hearth Church