

October

Bethany News

2022

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October

October 9th 84th Anniversary (coffee hour after church)

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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

October musings from Pastor Peggy

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

I wonder----have you ever felt rejected? Have things ever not gone your way? No doubt, we've all experienced the sting of rejection in various ways and to varying degrees. It's not news to anyone that it can be excruciating. Interestingly, scientific research finds that social rejection hurts us by mimicking physical pain in our brains,

So what do we do to recover more quickly and in a healthy way?

We remind ourselves that we are created in the image of God. We have value and worth because we are, as the psalmist writes in Psalm 39, "fearfully and wonderfully made." It might help to remember and perhaps even write down our better qualities or attributes or list some of our accomplishments of which we are proud. Sometimes we can't manage to recover on our own. At these times, it is good to connect with those who help us feel like we are wanted and precious.

Rejection happens to all of us, and it is always awful. It does not, however, define us. Our inherent value comes from God. Are you struggling with this? Please call me and we can chat.

Pastor Peggy: 856-520-5696

In Christ,

Pastor Peggy

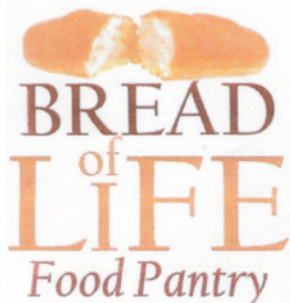
P.S. If you wish to serve our homebound by being a Eucharistic visitor please call me or **email me. Peggy_marks@comcast.net**. The 2-2 ½ training will be on a Saturday morning.

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WELCA

Dates: Martha, October 4th, 11AM - 1 PM
Eve October 5th 11 AM-1 PM

We will have a topic and fellowship. ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME.



**We recently had 126 families receiving help.
For the month of September
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

I am certainly happy to welcome the arrival of Fall. My rake has made an early appearance because the leaves began falling so early. The lawnmower enjoyed the lazy days of summer, due to the hot days and lack of rain. Those 2 garden tools have had a role reversal, that is ok, we all need a change once in a while. Let's just take the time to enjoy this beautiful world we were given to take care of and be thankful we live where we live.

October Calendar

October 2nd Service of the Word. Pastor George will be out of town. A request was submitted to Synod for a supply Pastor/Seminarian for this date. As I am writing this article, Synod has not been able to fill this request, therefore plan "B" has been put in place. We will just wait and see what happens.

October 9th Service of the Word. We will be remembering our 84th Anniversary with a coffee hour after the Worship Service.

October 16th Holy Communion

October 23rd Service of the Word

October 30th Service of the Word Reformation Sunday.

October 16th you will notice a Fall display in the Narthex. The Worship Committee will be collecting cash donations for Bread of Life Food Pantry. This will aid the pantry in purchasing any food items they need to make up complete Thanksgiving dinners for each family.
Enjoy this beautiful Fall weather.

Hello Church Family,

On September 11 at the 10:15 service we paid tribute to those lives lost on 9/11/2001. We should never forget and always pray for their surviving families.

As we enter the fall season, we as a congregation have a lot to be proud of with our birthday coming in October. We will have a small celebration on the October 9 after our service of the word. The Church Council will be providing the coffee hour snacks and hopefully all those that come to church will join us in the Gibson Hall.

The Council will be discussing hosting a Veterans Day Breakfast as we have in the past and more information will be forthcoming.

We should continue to hope that our prayers will be answered that we find a full-time pastor soon. In the interim we have a gem in Pastor George who will continue to lead us and keep us focused on our faith.

See you in church!

Rick Dreby
Church Council President

Stewardship – October 2022 Letter



Autumn Season Has Arrived!

Here is an update on our August 2022 Financials:

<u>Balance 8/1/22</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance 8/31/22</u>
\$32,208.68	+\$8,361.34	(-\$8,681.98)	\$31,888.04

As you can see above, our balance in our Parish decreased by \$320.64 over the July/August period. Thank you all for your generous contributions each month.

Our Church picnic was well attended even though it rained, and we moved the event indoors to our newly renovated Gibson Hall, thanks to all who attended and helped put this together for our Church Family!

Summer fun, vacations, trips to the beach are ending and now we are entering the beautiful Autumn Season. I love the way the trees change their color to vibrant hues of red, yellow, and brown. God's artwork is simply amazing to see each year as we transition into this season. Take time to just take a drive and see the beauty of nature as God intended, the paradise we live in day to day! It will calm your soul and make you smile as you enjoy the creation that God has given to us to live our lives in his glory. Come to Church each week and praise God thanking him for our many blessings. I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

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.



October

- 01 Carmen Knowles
- 02 Raymond Paszkiewicz, III
- 03 Raymond Brown
- 04 Scott Vetrecin
- 05 William Isard, Sr.
- 06 Marlene Conover
- 09 Megan William
- 10 Ruthanne Arcaini
- 12 Dominick Marandola
- 13 Kayla Edge
- 14 Dorothy Kolarovic
- 21 Jacquelyn Dorworth
- 21 Nicole Lumley
- 22 Martha Rimathe Schweiger
- 24 Robert Fields
- 25 Wendi Wence
- 27 Chelsea Butler

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August 26, 2022

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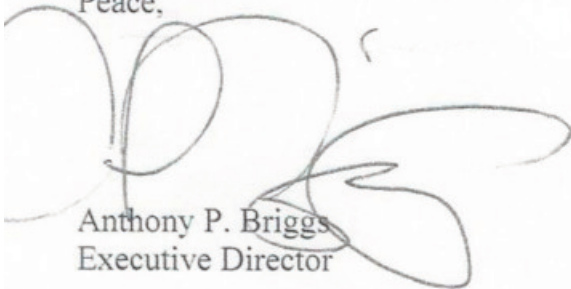
Dear Lay Leaders and Congregation,

Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center provides life-changing and sacred adventures for renewal, growth, and joy. This has only been possible through the generous support of countless people and organizations, including you. Thank you so much for the generous gift of \$1,000 on August 26, 2022.

Partners like Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church support our entire ministry, including summer camp, our year-round programs for all ages, and hosted retreat groups from all over the tristate area. In recent years, support from our community has helped us grow in our year-round usage and grow the impact our ministry has on families. As a Partner, you are ensuring that our ministry can continue to thrive in the years to come.

We are grateful for you and the many ways you continue to support our ministry. We look forward to another year of ministry with you. Please continue to keep Cross Roads in your heart and in your prayers. And thank you once again for your partnership.

Peace,



Anthony P. Briggs
Executive Director